

PRITCHARD CHURCH MESSENGER

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Pritchard Forward

Summer is a great time to take stock, to evaluate, to ask questions, and to retool things for us.

About a year ago we created a team that eventually adopted the name "Facilities Forward". We are closing in on recommendations and suggestions for what we do with our facilities, including development options, rebuilding, etc. In fact, by the time this gets printed we will likely have even more clarity.

However, as many of us have discussed and many of you have pointed out: this is only one piece of the discussion. The Facilities Forward team has not been working on our identity, on our culture, on our rhythms and events and ministries because that is not what they were tasked with. That means that type of work falls to the rest of the church.

People will often ask me what this or that church is "doing" that makes them so "successful." Well, often the answer is much less glamorous and much less profound that you might think. Often it is less about WHAT they are doing and more about the ways their people are being transformed in the process of doing those things.

To that end, our hope is that this coming summer you'll join us at our Cultivate events to discuss and seek to discover how we can simplify our calendar, how we can emphasize the places that will bring the most spiritual growth and, after that, numerical growth, and with these things, to drive our church forward in a great way.

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SUM MER

CULTIVATE

(v):

to foster growth

to improve by labor, care or study

to refine

Join us on June 17, July 22, and August 26 for dinner followed by round table discussions as we talk about our **IDENTITY** as a church + where God is leading us **MOVING FORWARD.**

Dinner: 5:30p

Round Table Talk: 6:30p

LISTEN + SHARE + GROW

A couple things I believe always bear fruit:

Seeking the Holy Spirit in our own lives. We want the gifts of God, but often ignore the person of God. If you want to see God move, first get to know him better.

Seeking to be better to one another. Jesus tells his disciples repeatedly that the world will know who they are and who they belong to by the way they love one another. This becomes contagious. Are we loving one another in contagious way?

So I hope you'll join us at Cultivate as we discuss the best way to move ourselves forward in being a Kingdom outpost here in South End.

Chris Richardson
Lead Pastor

Pritchard's Thrift Store

Shop.....Save.....Support

Wednesday, June 3 / Wednesday, June 17
10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Come by for the best bargains in South End!
All proceeds go to our local Baptist men (Helping Hands) for missions work in and around our community.



Adler Beatty

Lincoln Charter School

Mya Berkman

East Mecklenburg High School

Dakota Elder

Harper Middle College High School

Kendra Elder

Harper Middle College High School

Anna Grady

Highland School of Technology

Elizabeth Mazingo

Palisades High School

Elizabeth Sanderson

East Gaston High School

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)



UPCOMING events

Children/Youth Family Lake Day.....June 6
 Youth Whitewater Rafting.....June 12-14
 Cultivate.....June 17
 Sports Camp (Ages 7-11).....June 22-25
 Youth Overnighter/Lake Lodge.....June 26-27
 Sports Camp (Ages 5-7).....June 29-July 2
 VBS + Extended Session.....July 13-16
 Youth CLT Missions Trip.....July 13-16
 Cultivate.....July 22
 Youth Overnighter/Lake Lodge.....July 24-25
 Camp Ridgecrest.....August 3-7
 Farewell Summer (Ages 7-11).....August 10-13
 SummerFest.....August 17-21
 Cultivate.....August 26
 Women's Retreat.....September 25-27

Prayer Breakfasts

Do you know about our different prayer breakfasts that meet weekly and monthly? Come join us and find out what you've been missing! Enjoy a time of fellowship, a devotion and a delicious breakfast! Bring a friend! No reservations necessary. See you there!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

- Weekly on Wednesdays / Tryon House / 6:30am
- Weekly on Thursdays / Jonathan's / 6:30am

Women's Prayer Breakfast

- Last Wednesday each month / Tryon House / 8:30am

Happy Birthday!

Lori Williams	6/1	Louise Bessinger	6/20
Candance Taylor	6/2	Peggy Cherry	6/20
Jeff Steger	6/2	Ben Franklin	6/24
Savannah Lewis	6/3	James Fisher	6/24
Pat Cunningham-Billets	6/5	Lewis Johnson	6/24
Kathy Evans	6/6	Mike King	6/24
Pam Walters	6/8	Scott Martin	6/25
Scott Holland	6/9	Bret McCormick	6/26
Carolyn McIntosh	6/10	Fifi Green	6/26
Nancy Parris	6/14	Susan Rose	6/26
Joe Thomas	6/16	Tommy Nettles	6/27
Dianne McGaha	6/19	Cindy Zeigler	6/28
Dana Vaden	6/20	Pat Springsteen	6/28
Diane Eaves	6/20	Michelle Taylor	6/29
		Susha Hursey	6/29

A Summary of the Pritchard Church Monthly Generosity Report

APRIL 2026

A copy of the full report is available on request.

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Generosity (Tithes & Offerings)	\$ 98,224	\$311,255
Other Income	<u>\$ 25,649</u>	<u>\$112,226</u>
Total Revenue	\$123,873	\$423,481
Expenses	\$116,830	\$504,241
Net Income	\$ 7,042	-\$ 80,760

One of the neat things about God's economy is that the valuation placed on something does not come from the giver, us, but from God. No matter what or how much (the way we view it), we give, the true value of what we offer is assigned by God. This is why, in Luke 21, Jesus said that the poor widow gave more than all the rest, even though what she gave was "two small coins."

Why did Jesus say what He did about this lady? He came to his conclusion because of her heart.

Let's consider the obvious question. What does your heart tell Jesus?

My guess is that if you do not give financially because the amount you could give is, in your estimation, not very much, you feel bad or even guilty. If that's you, let me challenge you to do something. Tell God how you feel. Yes, I know He knows how you feel, but this exercise is not for God; it's for you. Then, tell God you want to be financially generous and give from a thankful heart. (Remember Luke 21. The heart is what God is looking at, not an amount.) And finally, follow the example of the lady in Luke 21: give, and see if God doesn't honor your desire to be obedient to Him.

Saved to Serve,
Rusty Thomaston
 Executive Pastor

JUNE

Monday, June 1**Tuesday, June 2**

10:30am—Women on Mission

2:00pm—Afternoon Bible Study Group

12:30pm-3:00pm—Pickleball

Wednesday, June 3

6:30am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)

10:00am-4:00pm—Thrift Store open

6:30pm—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 4

6:30am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

Friday, June 5

11:00am—CDC Pre-K Graduation

Saturday, June 6

Kids/Youth Family Lake Day

5:00pm—Youth Upper Room

Sunday, June 7

9:00am—Children and Youth Programming

9:00am—Connect Groups

10:30am—Worship/Hawaiian Shirt Sunday + Lunch

11:45am—Personnel Committee Meeting

Monday, June 8**Tuesday, June 9**

10:00am—See 'n Sew

12:30pm-3:00pm—Pickleball

Wednesday, June 10

6:30am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)

Thursday, June 11

6:30am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

Friday, June 12

10:00am—Youth Weekend Rafting Trip

Saturday, June 13

5:00pm-7:00pm—More Than Conquerors

Sunday, June 14

9:00am—Children and Youth Programming

9:00am—Connect Groups

10:30am—Worship

12:00pm—Youth return

Monday, June 15

High School Seniors Trip

6:30pm—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, June 16**Wednesday, June 17**

6:30am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)

10:00am-4:00pm—Thrift Store open

5:30pm—Cultivate

Thursday, June 18

6:30am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

Friday, June 19

7:30am—CDC Donuts with Dad

Saturday, June 20

5:00pm-7:00pm—More Than Conquerors

Sunday, June 21...FATHER'S DAY

9:00am—Children and Youth Programming

9:00am—Connect Groups

10:30am—Worship

Monday, June 22

9:00am-4:00pm—Sports Camp (Ages 7-11)

Tuesday, June 23

9:00am-12:00pm—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance

9:00am-4:00pm—Sports Camp (Ages 7-11)

Wednesday, June 24

6:30am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)

8:30am—Women's Monthly Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)

9:00am-4:00pm—Sports Camp (Ages 7-11)

6:30pm—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 25

6:30am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

9:00am-4:00pm—Sports Camp (Ages 7-11)

Friday, June 26

Youth Overnight at the Lake Lodge

Saturday, June 27

4:00pm-7:30pm—Conquerors Year End Celebration

Sunday, June 28

9:00am—Children and Youth Programming

9:00am—Connect Groups

10:30am—Worship

12:00pm—VBS Training

Monday, June 29

9:00am-4:00pm—Sports Camp (Ages 5-7)

Tuesday, June 30

9:00am-4:00pm—Sports Camp (Ages 5-7)