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Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 25
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Following the worship service, we invite everyone to join us for our

Fellowship Lunch

\$7 Adult, \$5 Child (under age 12)

Please RSVP for lunch by calling the church office.

MENU: Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Corn, Side Salad, Ice Cream Bar



Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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I cannot believe that I am writing an article for August already. I feel like just yesterday I was putting all the Christmas decorations in the garage. Time is moving on and we all feel it (if you are over 30 you really feel it, before 30 - I thought time crept by at a snail's pace). We need to maximize each day we are given. We need to do the same thing as a church.

In a very recent Vision Committee meeting there were some probing questions asked about our current status here at Pritchard. They caused each of us to begin to evaluate our church's ability to grow and continue to be viable in the years ahead. We began to analyze whether the consulting process we undertook two years ago was paying the dividends we had intended. It also motivated each of us to evaluate our own responsibility for the progress or for the failure. Have we become complacent, settling for the mediocre instead of the excellent? This exercise, although sometimes painful, is necessary if we are to give our very best effort to the Lord.

The staff, along with the Vision Committee and those involved in the Consulting process, are going to look again at the things we said we needed to do in order to be successful in providing the atmosphere for growth. If we have dropped the ball in some of those areas, we are going to make sure we revisit them and correct that oversight. We want to strive for excellence in every area....we know we are missing the target in some areas.

No matter what we find, I can tell you right now what is going to make the biggest difference going forward. It is each of us saying, *"This is not about me, this is about finding God's will and making the sacrifices personally needed to join Him in accomplishing what He wants to do here at Pritchard."* Please hear me when I say that it will take sacrifice on our part to make it work. We can't use phrases like, *"I don't like that"*, or *"that's not my preference"*, or *"I wish we would do it like we used to."* Many a dying church has uttered those words and failed to exist. It is about being willing to think differently in order to improve our reach to children, youth, young adults and those who don't currently have a relationship with Jesus. I know that is what you want, as much as I do.

Because we love every age group in this church, we are going to consider all of you in every decision. But we are all concerned about the number of children and youth we are reaching. We must be willing to change to reach more. This is going to happen. Worship is not what it used to be, but if it was, many of the people we have now attracted would not be here. I promise that every now and then, we will follow a service of all choruses with all hymns. David Bailes does an incredible job of trying to meet a wide range of musical tastes and desires. It is impossible to please us all every week. But singing is not about pleasing us, it is about pleasing God. Our singing praises Him and he inhabits the praise of His people.

I have a great deal of improvements that I can make to help us do a better job of reaching more for His kingdom here at Pritchard. I want to be open to God's leadership and to your suggestions for improvement. It's not about me. It's about pleasing Him. I hope you will join me in making that your goal in the months ahead!

In His Love,
Bobby Morrow



Rev. David Bailes
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Music and Worship

You are probably familiar with most of the Biblical references for music and singing. Of course, most of these references are in the Psalms, along with other references contained in the old and new testaments.

You are also keenly aware that God is the creator of all things, which certainly includes the creation of music. As the creator of music, God is the master musician, composer, conductor, instrumentalist and singer.

You may understand the power of music. We understand the power of music married to a Biblically-centered text to reach and penetrate the heart and soul and mind and spirit like nothing else can do.

We don't have to speculate or imagine that God sings because there is an amazing verse that tells us so.

Zephaniah 3:17 NLT

"For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

I recently heard someone propose that God's voice, that God's singing continues to echo, to reverberate throughout the universe. What an awesome thought! The song continues. God continues to sing. God continues His creative process in each of us. God gives us a song.

Of course, we believe that God speaks to us in various ways, through His word, through His spirit, etc. But consider the possibility or reality that God continues to sing, that God's singing echoes into our hearts, into the hearts of all those who will listen.

So may we listen for God's voice. May we listen to His song, and may we join in the singing.



August 23 from 7:30-9:00 AM

Contact David Bailes to let him know you'll volunteer to help with this outreach ministry to our community!



Rev. Kristen Tucker
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As we gear up for fall programming, the Christian Education Committee would like to inform you of some of our class options for adults starting in September. More information will come in the days ahead, as well as any changes that would be made for Wednesday night programming. There will also be more information about the fall Women's Retreat in the September MESSENGER and Pritchard's weekly E-Connect (registration will go live August 4th).

Bible and the Public Forum – led by Wayne Ballard & Tom Creech. Registration will be required.

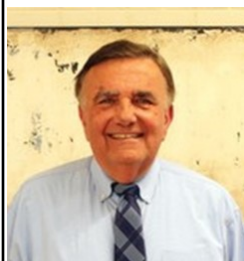
This class will focus on contemporary social issues and the church. The goal is simply to provide a safe laboratory for discussion (respecting voices and dialogue) and thought with room to really delve into what the Scripture offers for our culture today. Topics that will be covered: *An Introduction to Hermeneutics; Right to Life & Right to Choose; Gay Rights/Activism & Free Speech; Immigration: Open Borders & Building Walls; Environmental Concerns: What does the word "caretaker" really mean?; Living a Kingdom Ethic in a Twenty First Century World.*

The List – led by Rick Kisiah

An exciting picture of the most important event in our history, Buck Storm paints a marvelous and inspiring story that allows us to not only read the text, but inhale the smells, savor the tastes, and hear the words of our King in context. THE LIST makes Bible history come to life...it's not a story; it's an event. You will be on the ground with the characters - immersed in their lives. THE LIST is a new perspective of the Christ story, taking the reader through the three years of Jesus' miraculous ministry *from a Jewish perspective*...through the eyes of two rich and powerful Sanhedrin members--Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea.

Experiencing God - (This class will be 90 minutes and registration will be required).

Do you desire to know God's will for your life? Do you want to hear God's voice over all the other voices that clamor for your attention? **"Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God"** has been a life-changing study for many. This summer Bobby, Stan & Kristen did a brief overview of each unit, but no depth and conversation was able to take place. During our time together, there will be more application, conversation and discernment for God's will as individuals and for our church!



Rev. Stan Heiser
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From the devotional writings of Ellie Claire, I came across this little mini devotion entitled *"Healing Hugs"* (Psalm 22:10 NLT) -

I was thrust into your arms at my birth. You have been my God from the moment I was born. It started when you were a baby, the comfort of bundled blankets wrapped around you for warmth. Instinctively, you sensed your mother's arms, your father's voice, relaxing in the security of their embrace. From then on, every bump and bruise simply felt better if you could just feel that encouraging hug, the closeness of a loved one lending strength into your world.

But how does God hug His kids? If you reach your arms up, you only feel the seemingly empty air. I wish God could just give me a squeeze; you think to yourself.

And then you feel it. That sudden, encouraging text from a friend. That kind smile from your spouse. A clasp around your legs by your little one. God's hugs are coming to you from every direction. From the checkbook that miraculously balanced to the neighbor who stopped by to drop off garden vegetables. God has wrapped your life tightly with His love to bundle you close to His heart. Realize His presence all around you and hug Him right back with a heart full of thanks and hands that reach out to help others feel the warmth of God's hugs, too.

SummerFest 2019 Week 2

It's time to start packing your bags to get ready to go to SUMMERFEST WEEK 2, August 12-16, at Fort Caswell on Oak Island, NC!!!! SummerFest has grown to become North Carolina's Premier Conference for semi-retired and retired adults. This event provides you with exciting opportunities for growth through worship, creative workshops, award winning classes put on by NCBAM to help us all on our journey for healthy living and ministry, free time to meet new folk, tour the coastline and fantastic evening entertainment! Oh, yes....did I mention delicious food, too?!?!

By now, all final payments for the week should be made. You should have also received a detailed letter from me, explaining everything you need to know to make your week the best it can be.

We will be taking both of our coaches again. Just let me know if you will be riding down with us. Our schedule is -
*Load up Baggage on Monday, August 12 on the two coaches between 8:00-8:45 AM, behind the Shoemaker Music Building.

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*Leave around 8:45 AM for Caswell...SummerFest "Faith In Uncertain Times."

*Friday, August 16 - load up coaches at 8:30 AM in front of the Smith Conference Center at Caswell. We should leave by 9:00 AM. As we travel home, we will stop for lunch, ice cream, and bathroom breaks along the way.

*Arrive at PMBC by 4:30 PM behind the Shoemaker Music Building.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 704-995-7828. I am so happy that you are going this year. We will have a wonderful time together. I look forward to celebrating with you and all who attend from across the state for this very special week, "Faith In Uncertain Times," as we will be brought closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and each other!!!

Blessings, Stan



During worship on Sunday, August 25 we will pray for all our students, teachers, administrators, and school personnel asking God to bless them during the new school year. Barringer Academic Center, our ministry partner, will join us. Pritchard is collecting school supplies, backpacks and other items for Barringer to present to them on August 25. Collection bins are available on our campus for you to drop off supplies -

Primary composition books, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, No. 2 pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners, erasers, spiral notebooks, highlighters, washable markers, three-ring binders, loose-leaf paper, folders, pencil pouch, markers, Clorox wipes, paper towels, socks, underwear

**Be the presence of Christ
at Barringer Academic Center
VOLUNTEER, DONATE, PRAY**



Check Out Our New Website!

If you haven't taken a look at our new website, make sure you check it out soon!

pritchardchurch.com

You can also use: pritchard.church

Don't forget to like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram!

Afternoon Bible Study Group

The Afternoon Bible Study Group will meet Tuesday, August 13 (notice date change due to Camp Ridgecrest) in the home of Peggy Spence at 3:00 PM. Kristen Tucker will lead our Bible Study time.

Blanket America Ministries Pick-Up

Blanket America Ministries has been rescheduled to pick-up donations on Wednesday, August 21 at 9:00 AM. We should fill their large truck again, thanks to all who have donated items. We are still accepting donations. Contact Brenda or Nancy if you have questions.



Pray for our campers and volunteers who will be on top of the mountain Monday, August 5-Friday, August 9.

If you'd like to mail a card to a camper, please send it to:

CAMPER'S NAME
C/O Camp Ridgecrest
PO Box 279
Ridgecrest, NC 28770



Rev. Brack Ballard Minister to Students

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Dear Pritchard Family,

One newsletter article is not sufficient to express my memories and love that I have for the congregation of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church. Serving in ministry here over the past five years has been such an honor and blessing to my family. I joined Pritchard in November 2014 as a 23-year-old Divinity School Student and I depart as a graduate, father of a precious daughter, and a heart of gratitude as I reflect on cherished memories and friendships that God has blessed me with at Pritchard. Upon entering Divinity School, I had expressed that, "I will never work in a church." God had other plans for my life, and I sure am thankful he did. You all have graciously helped me grow as I have served the youth and their families here. My experiences at Pritchard have allowed me to develop and live out my passion for ministering to the next generation. Our Pritchard youth are truly remarkable and I cannot wait to see the amazing things they do as they live out their God-given gifts and talents to impact our world for Christ. Pritchard will always hold a special place in my heart and has been instrumental in my life. God is calling me to be the "presence of Christ" as a Youth Director in the community in which I live. My family will continue to live in Huntersville and we are only one phone call away - please reach out if you are in the area! We will always consider Pritchard part of our family and we love you more than a few words can express. May God continue to bless the ministry here at Pritchard!

Ridgecrest is right around the corner and everyone is excited about camp! The theme this year is "Identity." Please pray that God will be actively at work transforming the lives of our children, youth and adults on the mountain!

Camp Ridgecrest LAST CALL

If you have **fresh fruits or vegetables** (especially cucumbers and tomatoes), please consider donating them to the campers who are going to Ridgecrest. You may bring your 'goodies' to the church office no later than Sunday, August 4 as the campers leave by 9:00 AM Monday, August 5.

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

SERMON: "LORD'S SUPPER"

SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-34

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

SERMON: RIDGECREST REPORT "IDENTIFY YOURSELF"

SCRIPTURE: 1 PETER 2:9, 1 JOHN 3:1-3

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

CASWELL SUMMERFEST REPORT

"FAITH IN UNCERTAIN TIMES"

REV. STAN HEISER AND CASWELL PARTICIPANTS

SERMON: "GETTING MORE THAN EXPECTED"

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 3:1-10

REV. BOBBY MORROW

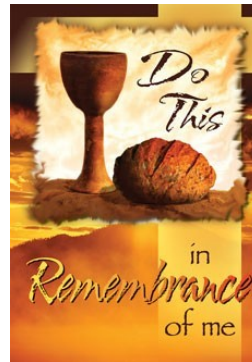
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SERMON: "ACQUIRE WISDOM"

SCRIPTURE: PROVERBS 4:1-9

REV. BOBBY MORROW



Lord's Supper

Sunday, August 4

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, August 11

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob and Lib Gore, Sr. and Bob Gore, Jr. Forever present in our hearts! They are placed by their family - Kathy, Sarah, Mary, Michael, Luca and Leo.

Sunday, August 18

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Susan Rose's beloved father, Ted Thompson, and in honor of her beloved niece, Charity Thompson, to celebrate their shared birthdays on August 18.

Sunday, August 25

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Tony and Faye Canupp. They are placed with much love by Bob, Lisa, Emily and Abby Guy.



In the Media Center

Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest and The Music That Made A Nation

Jon Meachan, Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, and Tim McGraw, country music star, have teamed up to celebrate the music that defines the American way. From *God Bless America* to *Born in the USA*, readers will be taken on a moving journey through eras in American history and the songs and performers who inspired us. This book was given in memory of Muriel Brigman by Elinor Hendrick.

Skinnytaste Air Fryer Cookbook by Gina Homolka

One of the latest kitchen gadgets available is the air fryer. There are several options of air fryers on the market and the recipes in this book will work with any of them. There are 75 healthy recipes and each one includes nutrition information. If you are ready to get on the air fryer bandwagon, you will want to check out this book. The book was a gift from Susan Rose.

Weird Carolinas – Your Travel Guide to North and South Carolina's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets by Roger Manley

We are all familiar with the legends of the Lost Colony and the Brown Mountain Lights, as well as the Grey Man of Pawley's Island, who warns people of danger before hurricanes. But do you know about the witches' keyhole on the outside sign of Trinity United Methodist Church in Lenoir or that the Church of God of Prophecy was founded in western North Carolina in 1903? These are just a few of the many weird people and places in North and South Carolina, as well as numerous ghost stories across both states.

August

Thursday, August 1

Friday, August 2

Saturday, August 3

Sunday, August 4

9:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, August 5

9:00 AM—Campers leave for Ridgecrest

Tuesday, August 6

Wednesday, August 7

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast at Tryon House

Thursday, August 8

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast at Americana

Friday, August 9

12:00 PM—Campers return from Ridgecrest

Saturday, August 10

Sunday, August 11

9:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Service

11:30 AM—Reception for Brack Ballard and family

Monday, August 12

8:00-8:45 AM—Load up for SeniorFest at Caswell

8:45 AM—Depart for SummerFest at Caswell

6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, August 13

3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (Spence home)

Wednesday, August 14

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast at Tryon House

6:00 PM—Scholarship Team Meeting

Thursday, August 15

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast at Americana

Friday, August 16

4:30 PM—SummerFest participants return

Saturday, August 17

Sunday, August 18

9:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Service

11:45 AM-2:00 PM—Enneagram Study

Monday, August 19

Tuesday, August 20

Wednesday, August 21

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast at Tryon House

9:00 AM—Blanket America Ministries pick-up

Thursday, August 22

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast at Americana

Friday, August 23

7:30-9:00 AM—Free Coffee Friday

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

9:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Service

11:30 AM—"Blessing of the Backpacks" Fellowship Lunch

Monday, August 26

Tuesday, August 27

9:30 AM-12:30 PM—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance

Wednesday, August 28

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast at Tryon House

Thursday, August 29

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast at Americana

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

Weekly Sunday Activities

8:30-9:15 AM—Orchestra

8:45-10:15 AM—Media Center open

9:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Service

11:45 AM—Handbells

Media Center Summer Hours

The Media Center is closed on Wednesday nights through the end of August. Please visit us on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10:15 AM.

Thrift Store Hours

The Thrift Store is closed the month of August. However, we will reopen in September (the first and third Wednesday) from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. All proceeds go towards Pritchard's "Helping Hands" ministry. "Helping Hands" is a group of Pritchard men who do local mission work. Come on out and support a great cause!!!

Crisis Assistance Volunteers

Our volunteers will help at Crisis Assistance on Tuesday, August 27 from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. Donations of Little Debbie Oatmeal Cookies, bottled water and juice pouches are needed for those who are waiting for assistance. You may drop your donations off in the church office (please mark for Crisis Assistance) or give them to Reggie and Sarah Ferguson. If you haven't volunteered and would like to invest your time helping others, please consider join us!



We Express Our Love & Sympathy

to:

- ~ The family and friends in the passing of Katie Bulla
- ~ Susan Davis and family in the passing of her mother, Mary Martin
- ~ Margaret Young and family in the passing of her brother, Pete Young
- ~ Lisa Bailes and family in the passing of her cousin
- ~ Drew Mayer and family in the passing of his mother, Martha Meunier
- ~ Elaine Rogers and family in the passing of her sister, Phyllis Harvel
- ~ Kristen Tucker and family in the passing of her grandfather, Alonzo "Lonnie" Holt



We received the following notes from a partnering group that met at Pritchard -

With Reid Park Live starting back up for the summer after a short break, I wanted

to extend a thank you to Pritchard for allowing the Dream Center to use one of your classrooms for our Teen Bible Study. It was very instrumental in allowing us to meet in a safe space, where the teens felt more comfortable with being themselves and opening up to hear the gospel. So in short, Pritchard's service was not to us or even the teens, but God Himself.

Thanks again, Sam Carson

Just wanted to add that 7 of the kids who had been attending those Bible studies were baptized two weeks ago. As Sam said, Pritchard allowing us to use its space played an instrumental role in helping teach these kids and lead them to the decision for baptism. So THANK YOU for stewarding your space and partnering with us for the Kingdom!

Susanna

Meal Reservations

We are now setting up our master reservation list for Wednesday night meals. Please call Katrina in the church office to get your name on the list. If you would like to be on the permanent list, let her know when you call. You must give us at least 24 hours notice before Wednesday night if you are cancelling, otherwise you will be responsible for paying for your meal. If you choose not to be on the permanent list, you can call each week by Tuesday to let us know you'll be eating.

August Wednesday Night Schedule

Just a reminder that we will not have dinner or activities during the month of August. If your committee needs to meet on a Wednesday night, please call Lynn in the church office to get it scheduled on the master calendar. Our Fall Kick Off is Wednesday, September 4. More details to come!

Services Streamed LIVE Online!

Pritchard streams our Sunday Service LIVE! It's another way to carry the message of Christ to a wider audience. So, pass the word to former members, those who live in another city, and your friends and neighbors. Links will be posted and go live around 10:25 on Sunday mornings.

You can view the service three different ways:

- 1) YouTube Channel: Search Pritchard South End. (If you have a YouTube account, you can subscribe to our channel and get notifications when the stream is starting.)
- 2) Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com//PritchardSouthEnd>
- 3) Twitter: <https://twitter.com//PritchardChurch>

South End Fine Arts Academy

Pritchard is proud to be the home of the South End Fine Arts Academy. The Academy offers private music lessons, group dance classes and intro to music classes. For more information, please contact Melissa Wisor at southendfineartsacademy@gmail.com

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