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Rev. Bobby Morrow Pastor

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It is during November that we turn our thoughts toward Thankfulness. We will celebrate Thanksgiving Day on November 28th. I know that the retailers skip right over Thanksgiving and go straight to Christmas, but we are not going to do that here at Pritchard. We want to take time to share our gratitude with God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us here. And we have many blessings.

I am so grateful for the way you have supported our church budget in 2019. You have given sacrificially and it has shown. With your generosity and the great management of the Stewardship Committee, we have had the most stress-free year that I can remember. The staff has never had to wonder whether they needed to cut back on their programming because giving was lagging. That is a tremendous blessing and you and your faithful commitment to tithe is the reason we can celebrate. I thank you for the obvious love of God through your giving.

Pritchard continues to be the most mission minded church that I have ever had the pleasure to serve. Virtually every week there is ministry taking place outside the walls of Pritchard to share Christ's love with our community. There are people volunteering in local nonprofits on a weekly basis. There is a ramp being built or a home repair project taking place somewhere in our community every week. Our Baptist Men along with our Helping Hands Ministry are filling needs inside and outside our church fellowship. It does my heart so much good to see the physical results of love put in action. Our budget includes financial support for many of these local ministries as well as our state and global ministries. Many of you may not know that Pritchard contributed close to \$80,000 to North American Missions, International Missions and Global Missions through the SBC and CBF in 2019. This is over and above budget giving. A large portion of that was contributed through the Solomon Mission Fund that is managed by our Endowment Committee. We have much to be thankful for!

I am also grateful for your support of new initiatives that we believe will help us reach more people with the love of Christ. New programming for children has been received with such enthusiasm. We believe a new Minister to Youth and College Age Students will bring total new opportunities for our youth. Your wholehearted support of the new worship experience envisioned by Kristen Tucker has made all of us so thankful to be at Pritchard. The unity of spirit shows in our worship experiences and it will pay great dividends in the weeks and months to come. We are experiencing God more intimately these days. I am so grateful that that experience is showing itself in so many ways here at Pritchard. To God be the Glory for the great things He has done in our midst. Please take time today to thank God for the many blessings in your life and in the life of our Church!

In His Love, Bobby Morrow



Welcome!

Have you noticed areas on campus that are extra clean? Thanks to Dewight Little, our new Grounds Keeper, also known as the "Pressure Washing King!" Dewight joined our team on September 9. His favorite color is blue and he's a huge sports fan. Dewight also has a sweet tooth and can't

resist a Krispy Kreme donut! When you see him on campus, make sure to say hello and introduce yourself. We are happy to have Dewight on board!

Upcoming BAM Pick-Up

Blanket America Ministries will be here for a pick-up on Wednesday, November 13. If you have any donations you would like to go on this trip, please get them to us by Sunday, November 3 so we have time to process them. Donations after that date will go on a future pick-up in the Spring. Thank you all for the donations that you make throughout the year to this worthy ministry.

> Brenda & Nancy, WMU Blanket America Ministries and Thrift Store Coordinators

Women on Mission

Women on Mission will meet Tuesday, November 5 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. After our Bible Study, we will pray for our missionaries who have birthdays. We will also pray for those who are homebound, those who have special needs, and will send cards to those we want to encourage. For our November project, please bring items for Room In The Inn which begins in December. Only bring the travel size of toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body lotion and soap. Bring a friend! We look forward to our time of fellowship.

Afternoon Bible Study Group

The Afternoon Bible Study Group will meet Tuesday, November 5 in the home of Peggy Spence at 3:00 PM. Kristen Tucker will lead the Bible Study.

New U

The New U will be meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 PM in the home of Angela Livingston. Bring a salad to share as we enjoy good fellowship.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes are available in the Gathering Place. Please turn them in by Sunday, November 24. These boxes are distributed to children around the world, sharing with each God's love for them.



Happy "HOLLY DAYS" at Pritchard

Saturday, November 16 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Ladies, this is a spin on our Ornament Swap from years past. Instead of ornaments, you are asked to bring a small stuffed animal. We will give these to the children's ward at Novant Health. Stuffed animals must be NEW and store tags

MUST be attached. Do NOT wrap your gift. Bring a covered dish for lunch (chicken will be provided). The Fellowship Hall will be open Friday prior to the event, so that you can decorate your tables anytime between 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. We'll have special musical guests and Marcus Hamilton, Cartoonist on the daily "Dennis the Menace" panels, will be our guest speaker. There is no charge to attend this event, but you must register by calling the church office or sign up online. Questions? Contact Maxine Drake.



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"A Wohlfahrt Haus Christmas" - Saturday, November 23 Come join us for our annual trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, Virginia! We'll leave at 8:30 AM from behind our Music Building and return by 8:30 PM that evening. We'll ride in comfort on a Christian Tours motor coach to the mountains of Virginia, arriving in picturesque Wytheville at the Wohlfahrt Haus Theatre. A delicious fourcourse Christmas meal will be served to us in the beautiful tiered theatre. The actors who are in the program will be our servers.

Following our meal, "A Wohlfahrt Haus Christmas" is stuffed with all the Christmas songs you know and love, as well as dazzling dance numbers and beautiful costumes. At intermission, the actors will serve us desserts and drinks. The program resumes and at the end of this fun-filled holiday production, a breathtaking Nativity is acted out. This is sure to put everyone in the Christmas spirit! Don't miss Virginia's favorite Christmas tradition!

The cost for the trip is still the same....only \$75 per person. This is a wonderful trip for the ENTIRE family. As always, this trip is open to everyone - individuals, families, friends and neighbors. Please sign up online or call the church office by Wednesday, November 13.



2020 Budget Proposal Dates

PRESENTATION: Sunday, November 10 after the Morning Worship Service DISCUSSION: Wednesday, November 20

at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall **VOTE:**

Sunday, November 24 after the Morning Worship Service



Sherry Shaw Minister to Children & Families sherryshaw@pritchardmemorial.com

Upcoming Events.....



PRITCHARD KIDS CLUBHOUSE

ASSEMBLE THANKSGIVING BOXES

November 20, 6:30 PM





Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of communitybased preventative health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventative health event at Pritchard on Friday, November 22. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$130 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To register and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441.

Room In The Inn

We are in need of men's socks and underwear. Our collection bins are out now for you to drop off your contributions. Thank you in advance for your help in this important ministry!





Thursday, November 28 at 7:30 AM

Join us for breakfast and a service of Thanksgiving. Invite your family and friends! Cost: \$5/adult, \$2/child (12 & under)

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

The Metrolina WMU Leadership Team will host a Day of Prayer at Eastern Hills Baptist Church on Saturday, November 2. Featured speaker will be Jennifer Foster ("Jungle Jen") who is a missionary to the Amazon. She will spend time with us before embarking for a women's conference in India. Refreshments served at 10:00 AM and "Jungle Jen" will speak at 10:30 AM. An offering will be received for the Baptist Women of North America Continental Union. Eastern Hills Baptist Church is located at 4855 Albemarle Road, Charlotte, NC 28205. For more information, please call Lisa Borror at 828-838-4854.

Find Some Bargains!

Shop our Thrift Store this month on Wednesday, November 6 and 20 in room F201 between 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. Remember our store will be **closed the month of December**, so come out and find some bargains - while you can. All proceeds go to Pritchard's Helping Hands ministry. This is a group of Pritchard men who do local mission work.

Stewardship Committee Update

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church Revenues & Expenses – Summary SEPTEMBER 2019

	MTD	MTD	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Revenues Total Expenses Net Total	\$116,505 \$114,825 \$ 1,680	\$152,645 \$125,088 \$ 27,557	\$1,047,891 \$958,987 \$88,904	\$1,032,653 \$1,062,469 (\$29,816)

Pritchard Memorial showed a profit of \$1,680 for the month of September. Our year-to-date Net Total is a positive \$88,904.

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3: TAILGATE SERVICE

SERMON: NOW STREAMING...."THE BONES" SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 7:24-27 REV. BOBBY MORROW & REV. KRISTEN TUCKER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Sermon: Now Streaming...."In My Blood" Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-21 Rev. Bobby Morrow

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

SERMON: NOW STREAMING....."BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE" REV. KRISTEN TUCKER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Sermon: Now Streaming....."Millionaire" Scripture: 1 John 4:7-10 Rev. Bobby Morrow

From the Media Center

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, November 10

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Talmadge Price on his birthday. Also, in honor and memory of all the men and women who have and are serving in our military to secure our freedom. We thank you for your service and sacrifice. They are placed by his wife Geraldine Price and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sunday, November 17

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim and Darlene McDuffie in honor of their birthdays, November 17 and November 11 respectively. They are placed by David and Donna McDuffie.

Sunday, November 24

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean R. Hilton on her birthday, November 25. The flowers are given with love by Larry and Linda Robinson.

Our church has a long and distinguished history. As we celebrate our 118th year on November 17th, it is a good time to remember our past and look forward to the future. During our 118 years, we have had three sanctuaries and have been led by 10 pastors. Two of our pastors, Dr. Williams and Dr. Potter, served a combined total of 53 years. In 1981 we suffered a great loss when our second sanctuary was lost to fire. In 2014 the Williams Building was completely renovated and renamed the Williams Center. It became home to our Child Development Center, as well as Sunday School classes.

Our church has always been mission minded and many of our members have gone on numerous mission trips, both at home and abroad. On the local scene, mission work is done through our sewing and knitting groups, as well as our Helping Hands Ministry. Many of our members work at Crisis Assistance one day a month and many volunteer at Barringer in many different capacities.

One of our greatest assets is Fletcher Lodge. In 1963 we had the option to lease a lot on Lake Norman. The lot was leased and much work was done to the site. In 1991 lease holders had the opportunity to purchase the property and the decision was made to do so. Over the years many improvements have been made and today it is used as a recreation facility for church groups, as well as a place for church families to gather.

For the past 50-plus years we have taken our children and youth to Ridgecrest for a week of Bible study, recreation and other fun activities, as well as good food. As a result of this week, many of them have received Christ as their Savior. For the past 30 years, our senior adults have gone to Caswell for Conference by the Sea. During the five days there, they participate in Bible study, music, crafts and sight-seeing around the area. The highlight of the week is vespers on the fort at sunset. As we remember our past, let us look to the future. It will take all of us working together to ensure our future is as great as our past.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE...When Marion McGaha retired as the Media Center Director at the end of 2008, I accepted the role. During my eleven years there have been many changes to the church, as well as media center work. While I have enjoyed serving as Media Center Director, I feel it is now time to turn the job over to someone new. Effective December 31, 2019, I will retire; however, I will continue to work in the Media Center on Sunday mornings and will retain responsibility for the History Room.

Effective January 1, 2020, Katrina Gore will assume the duties of the Media Center Director. She will be open on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to help you with all your selections. Please stop by and meet Katrina and offer her your support. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Media Center Director.



Friday, November 1 Saturday, November 2 Sunday, November 3...DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 10:30 AM—Outdoor Tailgate Service Monday, November 4 6:00 PM—Personnel Meeting **Tuesday, November 5** 10:30 AM—Women on Mission 3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (Spence home) 6:00-7:30 PM—Ridgecrest Meeting Wednesday, November 6 *see Weekly Wednesday Activities 6:30-7:30 AM-Men's Prayer Breakfast at Tryon House 11:00 AM-5:00 PM—Thrift Store open **Thursday, November 7** 6:30 AM-Men's Prayer Breakfast at Americana 10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers Friday, November 8 Saturday, November 9 Sunday, November 10 *see Weekly Sunday Activities 11:45 AM—2:00 PM—Enneagram Class Monday, November 11 6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting **Tuesday, November 12** 6:30 PM—New U (Livingston home) Wednesday, November 13 *see Weekly Wednesday Activities 6:30-7:30 AM-Men's Prayer Breakfast at Tryon House Thursday, November 14 6:30 AM-Men's Prayer Breakfast at Americana 10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers Friday, November 15 9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Tables decorated for Happy "Holly Days" Saturday, November 16 11:00 AM—Happy "Holly Days" at Pritchard Sunday, November 17 *see Weekly Sunday Activities Monday, November 18 **Tuesday, November 19** Pritchard's Day of Prayer for the City Wednesday, November 20 *see Weekly Wednesday Activities 6:30-7:30 AM-Men's Prayer Breakfast at Tryon House 11:00 AM-5:00 PM—Thrift Store open Thursday, November 21 6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast at Americana 10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, November 22 7:30-9:00 AM—Free Coffee Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM—Life Line Screening Saturday, November 23 8:30 AM-8:30 PM—Day Trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre Sunday, November 24 *see Weekly Sunday Activities Monday, November 25 5:00 PM—Sanctuary decorated for Christmas **Tuesday, November 26** 9:30 AM-12:30 PM—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance Wednesday, November 27 6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast at Tryon House NO DINNER OR ACTIVITIES Thursday, November 28....THANKSGIVING 7:30 AM—Breakfast and Service of Thanksgiving CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Friday, November 29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Saturday, November 30

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 11:45 AM—Youth Choir

Wednesday Night Activities

3:00-6:30 PM—Pritchard Media Center open 5:00 PM—Fellowship Dinner 5:00-6:00 PM—Williams Center Children's Library open 5:45-7:30 PM— Youth Activities 6:00-7:00 PM—Pritchard Connect Class "The List" 6:00-7:30 PM—Pritchard Connect Class "Experiencing God" 6:00-7:30 PM—Pritchard Kids Clubhouse 6:00-8:30 PM—Childcare 7:00-8:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal





Don't forget the time change takes place Sunday, November 3

Notes of Thanks

Dear Buck, Baptist Men and Pritchard Friends,

Words cannot fully express our gratitude for providing a dumpster and cleaning out our basement. God truly watches over us and always sends just the right help when we need it. The selfless service that all of you did for us is one of the most special gifts we have ever been given. And too, the cards, prayers and calls have meant so much to us. Please continue to pray for us as we go through health challenges. We are truly happy to be a part of a special church family.

Love and blessings, Paul and Anne Roberson

To My Friends at Pritchard,

Just a little update on how I am doing. First, thanks to the Pritchard men, headed up by Buck Boyd, for the front door ramp. It makes everyday life easier. I am now in the fourteenth month of my new life. My liver seems to like it's new home. I pray for the donor and his family...for without him, I would not be here. I have developed neuropathy in both feet and hands. It makes getting around just a bit harder. But, with God's help I have gotten this far and I trust He will be with me the rest of the way. I am hoping to be back in church in the next few weeks. Until then, I will pray for Pritchard and ask God to send His blessings to everyone. Mike King

To My Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards and prayers. I just spent three weeks in the hospital in St. Louis. There were many dark days being so far from home. Some days it was hard to pray and hope that I would survive. I knew deep down in me that there were prayers from my church family. Thank you again for everything.

Much love, Carol Taylor

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Bobby Morrow
Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care & Senior Adults	Rev. Stan Heiser
Minister of Music & Outreach	Rev. David Bailes
Associate Pastor, Spiritual Development & Communication.	Rev. Kristen Tucker
Minister to Children & Families	Sherry Shaw
Administrator	Doug Burkhart
Executive Assistant for Administration & Education	Lynn Plyler
Media Center Director	Linda Robinson
Office Assistant	Katrina Gore
Accounting Clerk	Cindy Gamwell
Maintenance	James Phillips
Grounds Keeper	Dewight Little
Chef	-

We Express Our Love & Sympathy to:

~ Vernon and Neva Sykes in the passing of their son, Jordan Sykes in the passing of his brother, and extended family in the passing of Setlar Sykes.

 \sim Ann Teague and family in the passing of her brother, Jay Ross Kistler, Jr.

 \sim Sue McLendon and family in the passing of her sister, Mildred Bowman.

 \sim Ray Goble and family in the passing of his son-in-law, Rick Hill.

what's cooking in Q's Kitchen

November 6: Beef tips, rice, gravy, okra, rolls, salad, fruit, lemonade cake

November 13: Chicken pot pie, salad, fruit, cheesecake **November 20:** Ham, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, salad, fruit, rolls, sweet potato pie

November 27: NO DINNER OR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday night meal rates apply. Please call the church office to make your reservation no later than Monday at Noon.

Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to Stan Heiser, our Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care and Senior Adults, who is celebrating 31 years on Pritchard's staff. He came aboard on November 1, 1988.

Doug Burkhart, our Administrator and Financial Manager, is celebrating his first year on our staff. He joined us November 5, 2018.

Qunita "Q" Dashiell is also celebrating her first year on Pritchard's staff as our Chef. She started whipping up delicious meals each Wednesday night on November 7, 2018.

Stan, Doug and Q....we thank you for your talents and gifts you have brought to Pritchard. We love and appreciate you!

> "We give thanks to God always for you...." (1 Thessalonians 1:2)



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