



PRITCHARD
at South End

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OCTOBER
19
4:00 TO
6:00 PM

Games • Inflatables • Trunk-or-Treat • Popcorn • Cotton Candy

JOIN THE FUN!

12 TRUNKS
NEEDED!

Email Lauren Sykes to reserve your spot!
There will be a contest for the best decorated trunk.

OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Email Melissa Wisor if you are available to help.



Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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On Sunday September 22nd Kristen preached a sermon called "A Life-Giving Yes". She shared her heart's desire to reach the unchristian and the unchurched in South End. She revealed she believes it is the heart of what she was called to Pritchard to do, connect with the people of our community and share God's love with them. It could just have easily been entitled, "A Life-Altering Yes".

Many of us are currently studying "Experiencing God" together. It is a Bible study designed to help us develop a closer relationship with the God who loves us and wants to use us to accomplish His will. Henry Blackaby is teaching us that God speaks to His people. When God speaks to us, He is inviting us to join Him in the work He is doing. God has spoken to Kristen and she is responding to His voice. His will is that everyone might know of His love and the saving message of Jesus Christ. He wants to work through us to accomplish His will. When we say yes to joining Him in His work, He refuses to leave us where we are. We are all called to adjust our life to obey Him. When we are willing to make those adjustments, we can then find the joy associated with joining Him where He is at work.

This opportunity to join Him in His work is not limited to Kristen. We all have a purpose. God wants to issue an invitation to all of us to join Him. We must all be open to hearing Him speak and directing our path. He can speak to us through the Bible, prayer, circumstances and the church. He may have used Kristen to speak to you about your involvement in this new evangelistic opportunity. He may have been preparing you in your quiet time for just such a time as this. Your personal Bible study time may have led you to believe that something was coming for you that would allow you to be used by God to reach others with your testimony of faith. This new worship experience may be just what you have been waiting for.

There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer to help with this service. A team has already been put together to plan and implement this exciting new undertaking. Very soon they will be sharing the ways that others can become involved in making this new worship a reality.

Every church is called to do two primary things: evangelize and disciple. Yes, we also share in fellowship and compassionate ministry, but our primary purposes are evangelism and discipleship. We have admittedly done a pretty good job of discipleship, but we have fallen short in our evangelism. This service is meant to address that deficiency. Who of us doesn't want to see more people baptized here at Pritchard? Who doesn't want to see us reach more of the young adults that literally are the heart of our neighborhood? I know that nothing would thrill the people of Pritchard more than seeing our effect on South End grow dramatically.

Please begin to pray now for the results that God intends from this endeavor. We must have faith that He can do a great work among us in the days ahead. If we don't believe it, who will?

In His Love,
Bobby Morrow



October is Pastor & Staff APPRECIATION MONTH

"But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another."
(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

We appreciate our Pastors and Staff all year long! Sometimes, life gets in the way of us letting them know that as often as we should. October is the perfect month to do exactly that, though! It is Pastoral Staff Appreciation Month all 31 days long! Put it on your to-do list, right there next to "take the dog to the vet," or "get cousin Bill birthday card," or "don't forget Macy's one-day sale this week." You get the idea. There are plenty of things on all our to-do lists that can go below letting our pastors and staff know how much we appreciate them!

Drop them a note thanking them for what they mean to us. Bake them some cookies, with non-fat, sugar free, non-GMO, gluten free, preservative free ingredients, of course. Send them an email or card letting them know they are appreciated. And of course, as you do all year long, pray for our pastors and staff as they help Pritchard run smoothly and guide us on our Christian walks of faith!

Our Wonderful Staff.....

Bobby, Stan, David, Kristen, Sherry, James,
Doug, Lynn, Katrina, Cindy,
Linda, Qunita "Q" and Dewight

We Love You!

Women on Mission

WOM will meet Tuesday, October 1 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have Bible study, mission news, prayer time, and write cards to those who cannot be with us. Our mission project for the month is the "Red Box Ministry". Please bring individually wrapped hard candy to be sent to the state WMU. This candy, along with toiletry items from all over the state, will be put in boxes to be given to incarcerated women in NC prisons for Christmas. This may be the only Christmas gift some of them will receive. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share for lunch after the meeting. Our time together is always a blessing. Bring someone with you. See you there!

Afternoon Bible Study Group

The Afternoon Bible Study Group will meet Tuesday, October 1 in the home of Peggy Spence at 3:00 PM. Kristen Tucker will lead our Bible Study time.

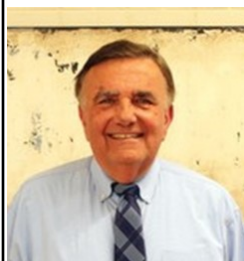
Mission Projects for October

The Missions Committee is sponsoring two collections for October. The first is our traditional Operation Christmas Child collection. The shoe boxes will be available in the Gathering Place for you to pick up and fill during the month. We hope by beginning earlier this year we will increase the number of boxes we are able to fill for children around the world. This is an excellent way for us to impact the lives of children with the love of Jesus Christ. Pritchard is always faithful to support this great ministry.

The second collection for the month is socks and underwear for men. We are going to make these items available to our neighbors who will be spending each Wednesday night with us December through March. We will only be keeping men this year. Urban Ministry has told us that socks and underwear are the two most requested items from the neighbors. We plan to make these available each week to those who are our guests. Our Room in the Inn designated space has undergone a transformation under the leadership of Grace Ratliff and Carla Hopper. The neighbors should feel more welcome than ever before. The addition of these items should also help to make their stay even more beneficial. Jesus reminded us that whatever we do in love for the least of these we do for Him. That should motivate us to have a large collection!

Deacon Recommendations

If you wish to nominate someone to be considered as a deacon, please list their name(s) on a Deacon Recommendation form (available in the Sanctuary and church office). Completed forms can be placed in the offering plate this morning or you may drop them off in the church office.



Rev. Stan Heiser
Associate Pastor,
Pastoral Care & Senior Adults
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Fall has arrived and here is an opportunity for our Pritchard family that I hope you will consider attending!

"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 8:45 AM from behind our Music Building and return by 8:30 PM that evening. Enjoy the comfort of a Christian Tours motor coach as we travel up I-77 to the mountains of Virginia, arriving in picturesque Wytheville at the Wohlfahrt Haus Theatre. As we enter the beautiful tiered theatre, a delicious holiday feast, a four course Christmas meal, will be served to us, featuring all of your Christmas favorites. The actors for the program that follows will be our servers.

Following our meal, "A Wohlfahrt Haus Christmas" an original production 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 come back to serve us our Christmas desserts and drinks. The program resumes and at the end of this fun-filled holiday production, a breathtaking Nativity is acted out, which is sure to put the whole family 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 call the church office to sign up.

Friendship Supper Club POSTPONED

This event that was scheduled for Friday, October 11 has been postponed. Another date will be announced later.

Crisis Assistance Volunteers

We continue to volunteer the fourth Tuesday of each month at Crisis Assistance from 9:30 AM to 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 joining us!

Committee Work for 2020

Our Nominating Committee is beginning its work on filling the 2020 Committee openings. If you are interested in serving on one of our Committees (Campus Connect, Christian Education, Community Connect, Endowment, Facilities and Properties, Missions, Nominating, Personnel, Stewardship, Vision, Weekday Early Education or Worship) please contact a member of the current Nominating Committee. Those members are Ginger Thompson, chairperson, Christie Thomas, Rondo McIntosh, Cynthia Brown, Tiffany Elder, Peggy Spence, Virginia Wallace, Charlene Washburn, Bill Farson. They would love to know of your interest in serving on any of our very important committees here at Pritchard.

Surprise for James

Some of you may know that James Phillips has been at PMBC for so many years that I have lost count. He's been here longer than some of us have been born. Well, James' birthday is coming up on October 9, you ask why would I be interested in this? Well stop and think of all the things that James does for PMBC. The little behind the scenes that he does just making something a little bit better. Things that we take for granted and don't really know who to thank, well it's James. So if we can fill his mailbox in the office with birthday cards just to let him know how much we care for him. You can give the cards to Lisia Shaw or Beverly Santora. I will make sure that he gets them the day of his birthday. Remember, this is a surprise, so please do not let James know about this!

Thank you, Lisia Shaw



Celebrating 41 years in Charlotte, CROP Hunger Walk invites you to participate in our annual walk Sunday, October 20 at Independence Park. This is a family and pet-friendly event that will benefit a number of local charities who work to address hunger including Crisis Assistance Ministry, Loaves & Fishes, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Metroliana, in addition to international hunger relief. Registration for the event is free. The walk starts at 2:30 PM, with participant and sponsor registration beginning at 1:30 PM. Sign up is at the registration tent on the corner of 7th and Hawthorne. To find out more, head to their site at <https://charlottecropwalk.org/>



Rev. Kristen Tucker
Associate Pastor,
Spiritual Development
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Pritchard Family ~

I cannot thank you enough for your kind words, affirmations and your support as we begin this NEW THING God has placed on mine and Bob Riggins (son of David Riggins) heart to reach our surrounding community. Many of you have stated that you are "ALL IN" and have asked, "How can I help?" It is my promise to be very transparent as the team meets and plans and keeping you in the loop on how YOU can help.

On Tuesday, September 24th we held our first team meeting. Bob and I intentionally asked four from Pritchard and four from the community to be a part of this team. After hearing the vision, and the skills around the table, we left the meeting to begin our work by praying. **I invite you to join us in the prayer points that are below.**

Also, if you have not seen the video of the vision I shared with the church, you can view it on YouTube: SEARCH KRISTEN TUCKER, or visit Pritchard's Facebook and Instagram pages. I am so thankful for you all! I love you dearly and I cannot wait to JOIN GOD, doing KINGDOM WORK TOGETHER as the church!

On the journey TOGETHER,
 Kristen Tucker

TEAM PRAYER POINTS

For God's Continued Call and Vision

Clarity
 Faith in us
 Making the impossible...POSSIBLE

For People

Living in South End & Dilworth
 Revival in Charlotte
 Ministries & churches in Charlotte
 People hear and accept the love of Jesus Christ
 Evangelism, Baptism & Discipleship
 People find a church home/community to use their gifts

For Each Team Member

Zac Dean
 Lindsey Hawkins
 Haley Morris
 Bobby Morrow
 Keyona Osborne
 Bob Riggins
 Matthew Rogers
 Avee Runser
 Don Taft
 Kristen Tucker

For Next Steps in Planning and Implementation

Launch Date
 Service Details TBD by team future dates
 Location
 Marketing/PR/Community
 Identifying volunteers using their gifts!

For Our Future Meetings

Our Focal Verse:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Decision America with Franklin Graham

Franklin Graham will hold one-night events across North Carolina to proclaim the Gospel and join believers in praying for our nation, our communities and the lost. He will speak at 4:00 PM at the PNC Arena in Charlotte on Saturday, October 12. Make plans to attend this very special evening!

Stewardship Committee Update

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church
 Revenues & Expenses – Summary
 AUGUST 2019

	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$104,509	\$108,037	\$931,386	\$880,008
Total Expenses	\$100,281	\$142,052	\$844,162	\$937,381
Net Total	\$ 4,228	(\$34,015)	\$87,224	(\$57,393)

Pritchard Memorial showed a profit of \$4,228 for the month of August. Our year-to-date Net Total is a positive \$87,224.

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

SERMON: THE ART OF NEIGHBORING
"TAKING THE GREAT COMMANDMENT LITERALLY"

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 17:26-27, LUKE 10:25-37
REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

SERMON: THE ART OF NEIGHBORING
"THE TIME BARRIER"

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 10:38-42, MARK 5:21-43, LUKE 8:1-15
REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

SERMON: THE ART OF NEIGHBORING
"THE FEAR FACTOR"

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 7:36-37, LUKE 5:27-32
REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

CHILDREN'S DAY

SHERRY SHAW, MINISTER TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, October 6

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Evelyn Wilson and in honor of her precious grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Lord's Supper

Sunday, October 13

Sunday, October 20

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in honor of our ministerial and administrative staff. This month we celebrate and praise God for this amazing team! Happy Staff Appreciation Month!

Sunday, October 27

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruby O. Lindsey on the anniversary of her 109th birthday. Ruby was mother to Beverly L. Santora and the grandmother to Lisia J. Shaw. She is sorely missed.



From the Media Center

New Books

Laurie Bakke's Cookbook by Laurie Bakke

Laurie Bakke lives in Hendersonville and has been a professional chef for 16 years. She was chef at the popular Highland Creek Inn and owner of Café Laurie. From savory meat dishes to luscious desserts, recipes were chosen for their flavors based on a combination of fresh ingredients and clever techniques. Even if you don't cook, you will enjoy the beautiful illustrations and quotes from many famous chefs. This book is given in memory of Becky Smith by Eleanor Hendrick.

Saving a Sick America by Michael L. Brown

America appears to be in danger of losing her spiritual and moral heritage. Church attendance is on the decline while divorce, suicide, debt and depression are on the rise. Dr. Brown believes our best days could still be ahead and this book reveals how to respond to these issues without compromising biblical truths. The moral and culture transformation is one that needs to start with God's people. This book was given to the Media Center by Randy Duncan.

While we have many new books, we also have some "oldie but goodies." We have a 30-book collection of Agatha Christie mysteries that were donated by Bob Gore. For western fans, there are 36 Zane Grey novels which belonged to Everett Deaton and were donated by his family after his death.

Whether you like old or new books, the Media Center has something for you!



Tuesday, October 1

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

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

Wednesday, October 2

*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

4:00 PM—Knit Wits

Thursday, October 3

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, October 4

Women's Beach Retreat

Saturday, October 5

Women's Beach Retreat

Sunday, October 6

*see Weekly Sunday Activities

Women's Beach Retreat

Monday, October 7

Tuesday, October 8

6:00 PM—Personnel Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

*see Weekly Wednesday Activities

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

6:00 PM—Endowment Meeting

Thursday, October 10

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, October 11

Saturday, October 12

Sunday, October 13

*see Weekly Sunday Activities

11:45 AM—Teacher's Connect

Monday, October 14

6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, October 15

Wednesday, October 16

*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

4:00 PM—Knit Wits

4:00 PM—Flower/Indoor Beautification Meeting

6:00 PM—Quarterly Report

Thursday, October 17

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, October 18

7:30-9:00 AM—Free Coffee Friday

6:00 PM—Youth to Scarowinds

Saturday, October 19...Pritchard's Day of Prayer

4:00-6:00 PM—Fall Festival

Sunday, October 20

*see Weekly Sunday Activities

11:45 AM-2:00 PM—Enneagram Class

2:30 PM—Crop Walk (Independence Park)

Monday, October 21

Tuesday, October 22

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

6:00 PM—Christian Ed Meeting

Wednesday, October 23

*see Weekly Wednesday Activities

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

Thursday, October 24

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, October 25

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, October 27

*see Weekly Sunday Activities

Monday, October 28

Tuesday, October 29

Wednesday, October 30

*see Weekly Wednesday Activities

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

Thursday, October 31....HALLOWEEN

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

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

5:30-7:00 PM—Bible Forum

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

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

We Express Our Love & Sympathy to:

~ Doris Anderson and family in the passing of her sister, Virel Martin.
~ Sherry Shaw and family in the passing of her grandmother, Louise Shaw.

Notes of Thanks

To My Church Family,

I just wanted to write this note to let everyone know how very grateful I am to all of you for keeping me in your prayers and offering such special support through your visits, calls, cards and emails during my time of healing. I feel so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.

God has always been with me and I give Him the praise for my miraculous recovery. I am still not one hundred percent recovered as my feet and hands are still painful from the chemotherapy and my strength has not fully resumed, but all of my scans came back clear so I know God has healed me.

I have not been able to come to church, but hopefully I will be able to return soon.

*May God bless all of you,
Betty Hawkins*

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22 KJV)

Dear Pritchard Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers during the last 20 months for our sister, Sandy Low. She really appreciated knowing that the church where she grew up kept her close in prayer during her illness. We also appreciate all the prayers, cards and calls after her death. The love and care of our church family mean so much at times like this.

Becky Black, Carolyn Bolin and their families

what's cooking in Q's Kitchen

October 2: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli, rolls, salad, fruit, cheesecake

October 9: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, fruit, red velvet cake

October 16: Fried chicken, rice, gravy, biscuits, cabbage, salad, fruit, lemonade cake

October 23: Ribs, macaroni & cheese, green beans, salad, fruit, dump cake

October 30: Pepper chicken, rice, rolls, salad, fruit, carrot cake
~ **KIDS MENU AVAILABLE** ~

Call the church office to make your reservation no later than Monday at Noon.

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

Salad & Dessert ONLY: \$3

Family (living under one roof): \$30.00

NO TAKE OUTS

Please pay the cashier at the entrance of the serving line BEFORE dinner. A ticket is required to get a plate.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jim Bowlin on becoming a great grandfather again! Tatum Rae Thompson was born September 23 to Craig and Chelsea Thompson. Grandparents are Fred and Vickie Thompson.



"A friend is one who strengthens you with prayers, blesses you with love and encourages you with hope."

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
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