



PRITCHARD
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BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4
6:00 – 7:30 PM

FUN FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Contact Sherry Shaw

Popcorn
Cotton Candy
Infiatables
Games
Dunking Booth



Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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September is always an exciting month in the life of our church. Summer is over and the children are back in school. Vacations are behind us and we are ready for a more normal routine. New classes and programs are introduced. Wednesday evenings return after a short break to brighten our midweek. And we have a couple of things happening this September that should increase our excitement.

On September 4th we will have our annual Back to School Bash. We have a special meal planned and a ton of fun activities for all age groups. Those activities include a dunking booth where our staff will be the featured dunkers! We will introduce on that evening all the Pritchard Connect Classes and roll out our brand-new Children's Program. Pritchard Kids Clubhouse will begin on September 11th. It is designed to excite, disciple, encourage and influence our children. Sherry Shaw and her volunteer staff have put together a combination of music, crafts, games, Bible study and kid-friendly fun that is sure to appeal to our children. We want ALL our children and their friends to participate. We are also reintroducing a kid-friendly menu on Wednesday nights. All their favorites will be served on a rotating basis. (Hands off adults. It's for the children!) You don't want to miss the excitement! Come hear all about it on the 4th.

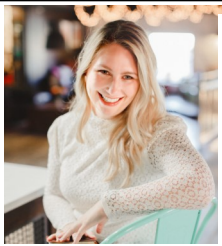
I am also very excited about the opportunity to facilitate the "Experiencing God" study with our adults. Stan, Kristen and I led an overview of the material this summer. We will be beginning the full study on September 11th. This is a thirteen-week course that is designed to change your life spiritually. It has been instrumental in my life in the past and I anticipate God using it to reignite my passion for doing God's will now and in the future. I promise you that if you will invest your time, effort and energies to "Experiencing God" He will make Himself known to you as never before.

Our group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. There is a daily devotional that will require your attention for about 30 minutes each day. Our meetings will be an opportunity to review what we have learned and share what God is teaching us about experiencing Him. It is in daily interaction with Him that we find our relationship being enhanced. The more we spend time with Him the better we know Him. The better we know Him the easier it becomes to determine His will. When we determine His will, we will know where He wants us to join Him in getting His will accomplished.

I pray you will make your plans to join me for this great study. There are a couple of other great Pritchard Connect Classes taking place that I also believe can be extremely beneficial to your spiritual journey. We believe there is a place for everyone, and we want maximum participation. I hope you will make plans to put Wednesday nights on your calendar for the Fall.

Even though we do not currently have a Student Minister, volunteers are working hard to make sure there are exciting opportunities for our youth beginning in September also. We love our youth and will continue to invest in their future. We know God is preparing a great person to come lead our Student Ministry!

In His Love,
Bobby Morrow



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Fall Pritchard Connect Classes for Adults



Registration Details:

Fall Pritchard Connect Adult Classes will begin Wednesday September 11 (one class will begin Sunday, September 8) and end in November. All classes are FREE. **Registration IS REQUIRED and can be found on our events page:** pritchardchurch.com. Registration will close September 9. Dinner and prayer meeting will take place from 5:00-6:00 PM (kids menu will be available). Dinner reservations are \$7.00 adult/\$5.00 child; family living under one roof \$30. If you have any questions, please contact our office at: 704-376-1571.

Class Schedule & Details:

Bible and the Public Forum

Begins Sunday, September 8 at 5:30 PM

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

Begins Wednesday, September 11 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

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

Begins Wednesday, September 11 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

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. During our time together there will be life application, conversation and discernment for God's will as individuals and for the church!



Women's Beach Retreat

We now have a waitlist for those who want to attend the Women's Fall Beach Retreat October 4-6. If you would like to be added, please email Kristen Tucker at kristentucker@pritchardmemorial.com

Blanket America Ministries Update

We have been very blessed this summer with donations for Blanket America Ministries. Wednesday, August 21, approximately 263 boxes and bags of your donations of clothes, shoes, linens, toiletries, toys, household items, tools, electronics, books, kitchen items, holiday items and more were loaded on the trucks for the Appalachian area. With all the furniture, rugs, pictures, mirrors and vacuum cleaners, etc. that were also sent, the value of your donations would easily be over \$7,000.00.

Seventeen volunteers were there to help us load. Some were there as early as 7:30 AM since one trailer was dropped off the night before. This pick-up required two trucks that were half-filled and we finished filling both 36-foot trailers with your donations.

There would not be a ministry without the donations, the volunteers who process the donations and those who come to help load the trucks. Thank you all so much for the love you put into serving others in Jesus' name.

Brenda and Nancy

Blanket America Ministries Coordinators for WOM



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Sunago Singers Begin a New Year!

An exciting New Year is ahead for our Sunago Singers as they begin practicing every Thursday morning starting this month through May 2020. This Fall, they will prepare for six performances of their Christmas musical/drama and then in January they will prepare for six performances of their Spring musical concerts. Not only do the members of the Sunago Singers sing beautifully, but they see their concert series as a special ministry to those in our retirement communities throughout our city. After they perform their concert, they go out into the audience to visit and hear the stories of the residents. So many of the residents share with Pastor Bobby and myself that our Sunago Singers are the BEST! Not only for their singing, but "because they are coming to see and visit with us, and we can tell they really care to hear what we are sharing with them."

Beginning this month, our choir practices will be spent on a beautiful new Christmas musical by Stan Pethel, who has written, arranged, orchestrated and produced music for church choirs for over 40 years. His writings reflect Stan himself as it's not about him, but the music for the worship of our Lord and for whom he's writing - the local choir and it's congregation. Thus, we are in for a special treat this Christmas!

"*There's A Song in the Air*" is a Christmas musical that epitomizes the signature Stan Pethel style that has made him a staple in choral libraries around the world. It's fresh, yet familiar. It's easy, yet never dull. This musical will give our Sunago Singers and congregation a simple slice of Christmas and while doing so with refreshing new songs, beloved carols, and theologically sound lyrics, narration and drama.

We are hoping several new members will join our Sunago Singers as we celebrate the profound message of Christmas...simply and wonderfully...with "*There's A Song in the Air*".

Upcoming Dates -

Friday, September 27—**Day at Fletcher Lodge** from 9:30 AM-4:30 PM. Stan will fix the chicken on our big grill, and for those of you who can, bring the fixins'. This is always a fun day for all who come! Sometimes we have pontoon boat rides and some bring their fishing rods and pull in fish from the bank. Contact the church office to sign up.

Friday, October 11—**Friendship Supper Club**. This will be a special evening with a delicious meal, fellowship for all adults, and a unique program that those who attended SummerFest this May and August are still talking about. From Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington, NC, Cliff Harris, Minister of

Music and his drama cast/vocalist Melody Bryan, Carolyn Creech and Allan Nicosia will present "The Gray Stage of Life" on our stage. Come experience some of your favorite Old Testament Bible stories that are told and acted out in a lighthearted meaningful manner which really brings the stories to life. Between each story you will hear beautiful Broadway songs like "Sunrise, Sunset" from Fiddler on the Roof and "You'll Never Walk Alone" from Carousel. More information to come. Make plans to attend early! Call the church office to sign up. Cost for the meal and show will be \$15.00 per person.

Saturday, November 23—"Christmas at Wohlfahrt Haus". Come join us for our annual trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, Virginia. We will travel on a Christian Tour Coach and enjoy a delicious four course meal and an award winning Broadway style musical/drama. The cost for this trip is still the same which is \$75.00 per person. We will leave Pritchard at 8:45 AM and return home by 8:30 PM. Please call the church office to sign up. More info to come next month.

Youth Fall Programming for Wednesday Nights!

September 4: **Back to School Bash** (see front cover of this newsletter for details).

September 11-December 18: **Wednesday Night Schedule**
 5:45-6:15 PM: Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers meet in the Loft for snacks and hangout (once a month we will have dinner).

6:20-6:50 PM: Games and recreation

7:00-7:25 PM: Bible study/interactive sermon/study

7:25-7:30 PM: Prayer requests and close in prayer



Youth Choir will start back on SUNDAY, September 8! Meet in the Music Building every SUNDAY at 11:45 AM (right after worship).

Christian Music Day at Carowinds
 featuring Hillsong Young & Free, Danny Gokey, Skillet, Comedian John Crist and more! Saturday, September 21 afternoon and evening (times will be announced at a later date). Email [kristentuck-](mailto:kristentuck@pritchardmemorial.com)

[er@pritchardmemorial.com](mailto:kristentuck@pritchardmemorial.com) or call Kristen 704-376-1571 ext. 106 to RSVP by September 8!





Rev. David Bailes
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Worship is vitally important for those who follow Christ. Worship is much more than when we gather to worship on Sunday. It is something we do on a continual basis.

A well-known theologian on the topic of worship, Dr. Bruce Leafblad, has given this definition of worship: *"Worship is communion with God in which believers, by grace, center their mind's attention and their heart's affection on the Lord, humbly glorifying God in response to His greatness and His word."*

Although worship is much more than our Sunday gathering, our worship together should be one of the most significant times of our week as we celebrate who God is and all He has done for us, and we are encouraged, challenged and convicted by His word.

An important part of our corporate worship is joining together to sing our worship and praise. When we sing, we not only offer our praise and worship to the Lord, but we also bear witness to our belief in, and devotion to the Lord, thereby potentially drawing non-believers to the Lord.

Psalm 40:3 (NLT) says, *"He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what He has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord."* When we sing, when we praise, non-believers not only hear, but they also see our praise. Our fellow believers are encouraged when they hear and see our praise.

When we join together for worship on Sunday, be encouraged to sing so that all may hear and see!

Welcome Cindy Gamwell

We are excited to have Cindy join our team at Pritchard as the Accounting Clerk. Over the last 35 years, she has had the privilege of serving in the accounting capacity for an International Mission organization and a local church. She has also worked in various bookkeeping capacities while home-schooling her 3 children. Cindy loves spending time with her family – husband Richard, and children Taylor, Kyle and Lizzie; sewing and doing Bible studies with the ladies at her church. Her favorite color is blue and she has a weakness for dark chocolate. You can welcome Cindy to Pritchard by emailing her at cindygamwell@pritchardmemorial.com or call her in the office at 704-376-1571 ext. 110.



Sherry Shaw
Minister to Children & Families
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Promotion Sunday: Sunday, September 8. All kiddos will be moving to their new classes. Parents - be on the lookout for an email about your child's new class.

First Grade Bible Presentation: Sunday, September 8.

Welcome Our Newest Kids in the Pew: Sunday, September 8.

Kids Worship: Sunday, September 15 on the second floor of the Williams Center.

STARTING SEPTEMBER 11



Pritchard Kids CLUBHOUSE

Bible Study
Music
Missions
Crafts & Science
Recreation

JOIN US!

WEDNESDAYS
6:00 - 7:30 PM
CHILDREN OF AGES 3 - 5TH GRADE

1117 South Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28203
WILLIAMS CENTER, 2ND FLOOR

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Barringer Academic Center, our ministry partner, has invited Pritchard to join the "Barringer Stingers" for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. The team would appreciate support from Pritchard individuals or groups on Saturday, October 5. The team goal is \$5,000 with the funds going to Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. Info is available at charlotte.info-komen.org. Should you choose not to walk, you can make a donation at the website above.

Stewardship Committee Update

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church
Revenues & Expenses – Summary
JULY 2019

	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$117,955	\$123,886	\$826,876	\$771,970
Total Expenses	\$105,400	\$103,931	\$743,882	\$795,329
Net Total	\$12, 555	\$19,955	\$82,994	(\$23,359)

Pritchard Memorial showed a profit of \$12,555 for the month of July. Our year-to-date Net Total is a positive \$82,994.

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

SERMON: "WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK"

SCRIPTURE: ECCLESIASTES 5:18-20

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

SERMON: "EXPERIENCING GOD: FIND OUT WHERE GOD IS
AT WORK AND JOIN HIM"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15:1-5

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

SERMON: "THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY"

SCRIPTURE: GALATIANS 5:22-23

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

SERMON: "A LIFE GIVING YES"

SCRIPTURE: 2 TIMOTHY 4:5 (NLT), JOHN 3:16-17 (NLT)

REV. KRISTEN TUCKER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

SERMON: "NOBODY, EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY"

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 1:16-17

REV. BOBBY MORROW

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, September 8

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of those who have passed on in the Wall and Truckley families. They are placed with love by John and Debbie Wall.

Sunday, September 15

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Geraldine Price's 97th birthday. They are placed by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sunday, September 22

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sylvia Childers and Jackie Pettit on their birthdays. They are placed by Allen and Sandy Childers.

Sunday, September 29

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Watt E. Smith, II. Known as "Pops", he was the father of Watt Smith, grandfather of Paula Enwall and Talley Smith, and great grandfather of Sammie and Holden Smith. We miss him but know that he is at peace in a better place. The flowers are given by Watt and Debbie Smith.

From the Media Center

How long has it been since you visited the Media Center? We have books covering a large array of topics: fiction, biography, religion, cookbooks and craft books, as well as history books just to name a few. We also have a large selection of children and juvenile books. But, we have more than books; we also have DVDs, CDs, Bible studies, reference books and magazines. Below are samples of each of these:

Magazines: Home Life, Mature Living, Biblical Illustrator, Good Housekeeping

CDs: *Beautiful Star* by the Centurymen, *Hymns from the Heart* by John Troutman, *Hymns* by Jacob Kluttz

DVDs: *The Life of Christ* (3 volumes), *Facing the Giants*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*

Bible Studies from John Ortburg, Max Lucado, Philip Yancey, Beth Moore and many more

Reference Books: Bible Dictionaries, Encyclopedia of the Bible, Commentaries

Stop by soon and check out our large selection of materials. We have something for the whole family!





Sunday, September 1

9:15 AM—Bible Study
10:30 AM—Worship Service

1:00-3:00 PM—Ridgecrest Review

Monday, September 2...LABOR DAY

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

Tuesday, September 3

10:30 AM—Women on Mission
3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (Spence home)
6:00 PM—Personnel Meeting

Wednesday, September 4

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
5:00 PM—Fellowship Dinner

6:00-7:30 PM—Back to School Bash

Thursday, September 5

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

Friday, September 6

Saturday, September 7

Sunday, September 8

9:15 AM—Bible Study
10:30 AM—Worship Service
5:30 PM—Bible Forum

Monday, September 9

6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, September 10

6:00-7:30 PM—Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12

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

Friday, September 13

Saturday, September 14

Sunday, September 15

9:15 AM—Bible Study
10:30 AM—Worship Service
11:45 AM-2:00 PM—Enneagram Study
1:45 AM—Campus Connect Meeting

Monday, September 16

Tuesday, September 17

Wednesday, September 18

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, September 19

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

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

TBA—Youth to Christian Music Day at Carowinds

Sunday, September 22

9:15 AM—Bible Study
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, September 23

Tuesday, September 24

9:30 AM-12:30 PM—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance
6:30 PM—New U (Livingston home)

Wednesday, September 25

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

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

7:30-9:00 AM—Free Coffee Friday

9:30 AM-4:30 PM—Senior Adult Day Trip to Fletcher Lodge

Saturday, September 28

Sunday, September 29

11:45 AM-2:00 PM—Enneagram Study

Monday, September 30

6:00 PM—Teacher Appreciation Dinner

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 (begins 9/8)

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" (begins 9/11)
6:00-7:30 PM—Pritchard Connect Class "Experiencing God" (begins 9/11)
6:00-7:30 PM—Pritchard Kids Clubhouse (begins 9/11)
6:00-8:30 PM—Childcare
7:00-8:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal



We Express Our Love & Sympathy to:

- ~ The family and friends in the passing of Jim Seagraves.
- ~ Diane Eaves and family in the passing of her aunt, Connie Criminger Hamilton.
- ~ Modie Carter and family in the passing of his wife, Betty Carter.
- ~ The family and friends in the passing of Jasper Bridges.
- ~ Becky Black, Carolyn Bolin and their families in the passing of their sister, Sandra Low.
- ~ Jonathan Farson and family in the passing of his father-in-law, Alex Barnard.
- ~ Elaine Rogers and family in the passing of her sister, Phyllis Harvel.
- ~ Mary Martin and family in the passing of her son-in-law, Monty Beaver.

Notes of Thanks

Dear Pritchard Friends,

Thank you for your many cards and caring thoughts for me since the death of my sister, Phyllis. You never fail to remember me and my family in these sad times. Such a special church. And thanks to God for His comfort and help.

Elaine Rogers

Thank you so much for your prayers and support during our two recent family tragedies. Our daughter, Kathy, is recovering from a triple health problem (septic infection, lupus and a blood poisoning disease with reported cases of 400 in the entire world). Sonny, a son, is recovering from being robbed and shot as he left his jewelry store in Cramerton, NC. Our Pritchard family is the best. We love you.

Bill and Naomi Reid

SAVE THE DATE!

Ornament Swap

Saturday, November 16 at 11:30 AM

Welcome to Our New Member!



By Baptism:

Sully Hirt
(Grandson of Susan Rose)

New U

The New U will meet Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 in the home of Angela Livingston. Bring a salad to share with others as we fellowship together. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Angela.

what's cooking in Q's Kitchen

September 4: BBQ chicken, green beans, macaroni & cheese, fruit, salad, dinner rolls, carrot cake

September 11: Pork chops, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, salad, dinner rolls, chocolate cake

September 18: Waffles, hash browns, bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits, fruit, salad, cheesecake

September 25: Chicken and dumplings, carrots, fruit, salad, dinner rolls, red velvet cake

Kids menu available starting September 11

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

NO TAKE OUTS

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

Salad & Dessert ONLY: \$3

Family (living under one roof): \$30.00

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

CHURCH STAFF

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