



PRITCHARD
at South End

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Pritchard Connect offers classes to enhance your spiritual journey!

Starting Tuesday, January 21 and Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday, January 8: Class overview and registration



Tuesdays (bi-weekly) 6:00-8:00 PM

The Enneagram Journey



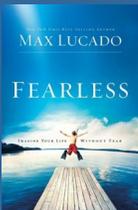
Personal Growth Class • Led by Stephanie Cote

Cost: Possible fee (TBA)

A 12-session curriculum designed to help participants learn about the Enneagram. It is a powerful ancient tool for understanding motivation, behavior, and experience.

Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 PM

Fearless

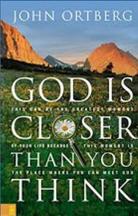


Spiritual Discipline Class • Led by Susan Rose

Cost: FREE

Every sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. They're talking about layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, Isis attacks worldwide, and upswings in global warming. What if faith, not fear, was the default reaction to threats? Can you imagine your life without fear? Through this study, Max Lucado gives an honest and hopeful look at what can happen when fear meets faith.

"God is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortberg



Spiritual Discipline Class • Led by Stan Heiser

Cost: FREE (Book is optional)

Now is the time! This is the moment! Today...you CAN see God in action...you CAN hear God speaking to you...you CAN connect with God heart-to-heart. We hope you will come join us as we read and discuss John Ortberg's book "God is closer than you think!"

The Gospel of John



Biblical Book Study • Led by Kristen Tucker

Cost: FREE (Please bring your Bible)

If anyone asks, "What book should I start with to learn more about Jesus?" most would answer, "START WITH JOHN!" This book has truly been on my heart to do an in-depth study like we did two years ago on the Book of Revelation. We will explore many things in this book and have a great discussion on how it STILL relates to tell others the GOOD NEWS!



Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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There is always something great about starting a new year. With each new year comes new possibilities. We have an opportunity to improve upon the year before or look forward to things we have never experienced before. It is also a chance to renew commitments and get a fresh start. That is what we hope to do as a church this year.

Our theme for 2020 is New....that's right, just New. It is based on Isaiah 43:19, *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."* God is going to do something new in our midst this year. I believe He has been preparing Pritchard for such a time as this. It is now time to act.

We had an amazing 2019. The generosity of the church has never been more evident. Our budget contributions were extraordinary. We gave more to missions this year than at any time in our history, over \$200,000. The nonprofit ministries within our city benefitted greatly from the incredible number of volunteer hours of Pritchard members. Barringer Academic Center was again blessed by the efforts of many to minister to students and teachers. Our property has never been in better shape. The addition of air conditioning to the gym and a remodel of the gym kitchen and Room In the Inn space completed the final phase of our Properties Committee's vision. New signage continues to improve our visibility in the community. By so many accounts, it was a fantastic year.

But there is one very critical area of our church that we must be honest about and share that it is not where it needs to be. We are not growing in number. In fact, we currently are not able to keep up with the loss that we suffer when there is a death in the church. The truth is we are shrinking in membership and attendance. This reality has everything to do with our theme for 2020. There is going to be a new emphasis on growth: Growing as disciples and growing in number. One cannot happen without the other.

You have heard that we are starting a new Saturday service that is intended to reach those in our community who don't know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is also intended to reach those who may know Jesus, but are not currently attending church. The service will be led by Kristen Tucker and the style will be different than our Sunday morning worship. We will continue to provide a quality, celebrative worship on Sunday morning intended to minister to all age groups. We are going to be praying that the combination of both services will lead to the discipleship and numerical growth we need!

Kristen and I will be sharing much more of this vision from the pulpit beginning January 5th. I want you to begin to pray now for our growth in these two critical areas. Please also pray that God will reveal to you what part He wants you to play in this growth. It will take every single one of us praying together, growing together and working together to make this happen. Growth is not easy. If it was, we wouldn't need God's power to make it happen. It is going to be an exciting 2020. Your personal excitement level will be directly proportionate to the investment you make in your church this year!

In His Love,
Bobby Morrow

New U

The New U will meet Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 PM in the home of Angela Livingston (2101 Ferncliff Road, Charlotte, NC 28210). Bring a salad to share with others. We'll enjoy a time of fellowship. For more information, please contact Angela at 704-651-9721.

Campus Security

Should you need access to a building for any reason, please come by the church office and one of the staff will be happy to assist you. Also, with colder temps arriving, there is a chance of some folks looking for a warm place to sleep. Please make a concerted effort to **check the doors to close securely** behind you. **DO NOT at ANY time prop doors open.** We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Afternoon Bible Study Group

The Afternoon Bible Study Group will meet Tuesday, January 7 in the home of Peggy Spence at 3:00 PM. Kristen Tucker will lead the Bible Study.

Women on Mission

The next meeting for WOM will be Tuesday, January 7 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have Bible study, mission news and prayer time. Please be sure to take the time to sign the cards for those who cannot be with us. It is such a blessing to them to receive the cards. Our mission project in December/January is to support our foreign missionaries. Our options are the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the International Mission Board (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) and the Pioneers (we support the JT Kisiah family). Please bring your favorite covered dish to share for lunch after the meeting. It will be great to start the new year in fellowship with one another!

Birth Announcement

Pritchard celebrates the birth of Magnolia Ruth Chang, daughter of Dan and Sarah Chang, born December 24. She weighed 9 lbs. 4 ounces and was 22" long. Big sister is Annabelle and big brother is Everett. Grandparents are Mario and Melody Chang. Great grandmother is Lib Brand.



Blanket America Ministries Update

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 was an awesome day. We had 20 volunteers to help with the pick-up for the people in the Appalachian area. Lou Stables, our driver and founder of Blanket America Ministries, had broken his leg and arranged for another driver to pick up our donations. This driver was so committed to being on time that he came before 6:00 AM to be in our parking lot. He didn't want to be concerned about the cars that would be parked in the lot as he maneuvered his 36 foot trailer into position. We had donations in the gym, on the first floor of the Fletcher building, as well as 200 plus boxes of your donations, multiple furniture items (sofa, desk, TV table, porch swing, outdoor furniture, bed frames, corner cabinets, and chairs), a guitar, golf clubs, garden tools and much more. We usually start loading at 9:00 AM and finish around 10:30 AM. Tuesday we were finished loading by 9:30 AM and the driver was on his way. He was very pleased with the help he received. Your donations along with those that came from the church would easily total over \$10,000.00. The volunteers packed this 36 foot trailer tightly and had it 99.5% full. The driver said he had just enough room to stuff a few bags of clothes from their church in it before it headed to the mountains.

We often wonder if our donations mean very much to the recipients. Just so you will know how important your donations are, we have been told that God knows who needs the donations and all items are put to good use. This time, our new driver stated that he has seen tears in the eyes of the workers when they are unloading the truck as they realize what some of the items will mean to those in the area who will receive them.

You lovingly sent toys in time for Christmas, warm coats, clothes, shoes, linens, books, jewelry, kitchen items, holiday decorations, furniture, kitchen appliances, and so much more. The love of God reaches far beyond us as these items travel to the "desperately needy" (as Lou Stables refers to the recipients in the Appalachian areas that Blanket America Ministries, Inc. helps).

We will open the Thrift Store on January 15th and start processing more donations at that time. Thank you again for supporting this wonderful ministry. To God be the glory!

Love, Brenda & Nancy

Committee Orientation Night

If you are serving on a committee in 2020, please plan to attend a very special meeting Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 PM. You will have the opportunity to meet with others who are serving on your committee alongside you and enjoy a delicious meal! There is no charge for dinner. Make your reservation online or call the church office.

Quarterly Business Conference

Our next Quarterly Business Conference will take place Wednesday, January 15. 2019 chairpersons will report on the 2019 October/November/December quarter. At our April Quarterly Business Conference, the new 2020 chairpersons will report on January/February/March of 2020.



Calling All Men!

Mark Your Calendars!

February 7-9

Cheraw State Park

Contact David Withrow for details and/or to register.

Last Chance to Retrieve Your Cards

Many thanks to those of you who used the Pritchard Kids Mission's Post Office. All money collected to 'mail' your Christmas cards went directly to Parkview Ministries. The post office will be removed from the Gathering Place soon, so please make sure you check it for holiday wishes addressed to you!

Note of Thanks

It is difficult to express in words our family's appreciation of the love and care from Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church during the illness and death of Jerry Rogers. He truly loved this church for a long time and will be missed by many. So many messages, cards, visits and especially prayers for us will always be remembered. Please continue praying for us in the coming year.

Love, Elaine Rogers



Sherry Shaw Minister to Children & Families

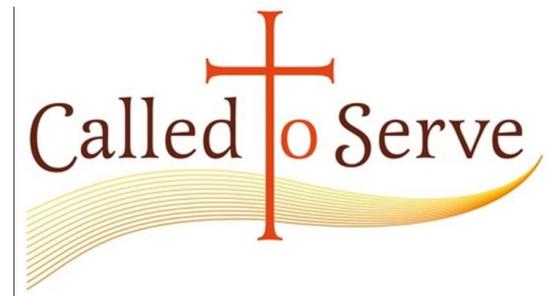
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Pritchard Kids Clubhouse

We kick off our Wednesday nights for the Spring semester on January 8 at 6:00 PM. We'll continue our Experiencing God study. We'll focus on 'God Loves Me' and wants a personal relationship with me (John 3:16). Our memory verse for the month of January is Ephesians 6:10-11. Our Mission study will be One More Child/Florida Baptist Children's Homes/Encouraging Others: Go for it.

Parent Info Lunch: Sunday, February 2 at 11:30 in P200. We'll be rolling out 2020's plans, upcoming summer camps and events.

Mother/Daughter Retreat: May 1-2 at Fletcher Lake Lodge. Cost is \$75/family which includes dinner on Friday through lunch on Saturday.



Deacon Ordination Service

Sunday, January 5 at 6:00 PM

Our new Deacons will be ordained in the Sanctuary. This is a very important service and a great way to support them.

Please plan to attend.

Karen Allred*
Stephanie Cote*
Susan Davis
Kevin Hennessey*
Carol Hewitt*
Brent Mazingo
Jill McCarn*
Ralph Milford*
Bob Morgan
Jean Patterson*
Tara Rogers
Lisia Shaw*
Simon Zimmerman*

(* denotes those to be ordained)



Rev. Kristen Tucker
Associate Pastor,
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STORYTELLING

This past year we have seen the power of people telling their stories. We have heard stories at the men's retreat, the women's retreat, and throughout the different classes offered in Bible study. In a recent devotional I read how riveting it can be to hear a dynamic storyteller. There's just something about spoken words being shared with passion and purpose that inspires us and awakens our hearts.

The devotion stated, *"Storytelling has been around for as long as people have existed. It's easy to forget that before God's word was ever written down, it was spoken! It's how we learn where we came from, where we're going, and how we gain the wisdom we need along the way. If you ever find yourself in a faith slump, one thing that can help lift your heart is to hear someone else talk about how God has worked in their life. It's good to be reminded of his faithfulness, especially when we feel doubtful and discouraged."*

As we continue to plan our Saturday evening service, I want to encourage you to jot down how God is working in your life. We would love for stories to be told during our journey in connecting with the community. When people hear about God and how He has shown up for them in a powerful way, faith can grow, and for believers that have left the faith, their faith can be restored!

Your story is important. Your story is valuable. Never let someone tell you otherwise. I cannot wait to hear your stories!

Volunteers to Crisis Assistance

Our volunteers will head to Crisis Assistance on Tuesday, January 28 from 9:30 AM until 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 leave your donations 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!

Remembering Someone Special

Have you ever considered placing flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one? Call Lynn in the church office to let her know of your interest. The following dates are available in 2020: *March 22, 29; May 3, 10, 17; June 7, 28; July 5, 19, 26; August 16, 23, 30; September 6, 13; October 18, 25; November 15, 22, 29.*

The two florists who have access to our Sanctuary are Starclaire House of Flowers (704-553-2435) and Elizabeth House of Flowers (704-342-3919). They can deliver the flowers on Saturday for Sunday morning's service. As an alternative, you may do an arrangement of your own and bring it to the Sanctuary on Sunday morning.

Many thanks to those of you who have already signed up!

Do You Know the Warning Signs of a Stroke?

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 2/28/2020 at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

Stewardship Committee Update

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church
Revenues & Expenses – Summary
NOVEMBER 2019

	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$121,066	\$114,701	\$1,293,153	\$1,257,410
Total Expenses	\$102,728	\$106,076	\$1,161,533	\$1,276,045
Net Total	\$18,338	\$8,625	\$131,620	(\$18,635)

Pritchard Memorial showed a profit of \$18,338 for the month of November. Our Year-To-Date Net Total is a positive \$131,620.

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

SERMON: "NEW"

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 43:19

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

SERMON: "WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE?"

SCRIPTURE: ECCLESIASTES 3:1

REV. KRISTEN TUCKER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

SERMON: "WHO'S YOUR ONE?"

SCRIPTURE: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

SERMON: "PRAYER: THE KEY TO GROWTH"

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 11:1-13

REV. BOBBY MORROW

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, January 5

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Hendrick on the anniversary of her birthday, January 5. They are placed by her mother, Elinor Hendrick.

Sunday, January 12

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J.H. & Cordelia Tucker and Lonnie & Carolyn Holt from their granddaughter Kristen Tucker. You loved and committed yourselves to Jesus, which saved my life. Thank you for now serving as my cloud of witnesses. I love you and miss you so much.

Sunday, January 19

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Childers on his birthday. They are placed by Allen & Sandy Childers and Reggie & Sarah Ferguson.

Sunday, January 26

"Because of God's peace and comfort, cherished memories of Larry and Danny Kiser fill my heart. I celebrate their birthday with flowers in our church today giving glory to the majestic love of our heavenly Father."

- Willena Kiser

From the Media Center



Most everyone wants to make resolutions for the New Year. Lose weight, exercise more....sound familiar? Why not make a resolution to **read more** this year? Reading can be very relaxing and can take you away from your everyday life. We have a wide variety of books in the Media Center and we often get new books. Check out our latest book below -

The Oracle by Jonathan Cahn (*Given in memory of Jasper Bridges by the Max Moyle Sunday School Class*).

In this book, you will embark on a journey to meet Oracle and unlock the seven doors of revelations. A stream of mysteries will be open at each door which will enable you to discover the secret of the ages and the mystery behind current happenings in the world, as well as what must happen in the future. These mysteries and revelations are totally real.

Stop by the Media Center soon and check out our large selection of books!



Wednesday, January 1.....NEW YEAR'S DAY

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

Thursday, January 2

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

Friday, January 3

6:00-8:30 AM—Open Gym

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

*see Weekly Sunday Activities

6:00 PM—Deacon Ordination Service

Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 7

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

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

6:00 PM—Committee Orientation

Wednesday, January 8

*see Weekly Wednesday Activities

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

Thursday, January 9

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, January 10

6:00-8:30 AM—Open Gym

Saturday, January 11

Sunday, January 12

*see Weekly Sunday Activities

Monday, January 13

6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, January 14

10:00 AM—See & Sew

6:00 PM—Ridgecrest Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

*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

6:00 PM—Quarterly Business Conference

Thursday, January 16

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, January 17

6:00-8:30 AM—Open Gym

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

Pritchard's Day of Prayer for the City

*see Weekly Sunday Activities

Monday, January 20.....MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

Tuesday, January 21

Wednesday, January 22

*see Weekly Wednesday Activities

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

Thursday, January 23

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, January 24

6:00-8:30 AM—Open Gym

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26

*see Weekly Sunday Activities

Monday, January 27

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

*see Weekly Wednesday Activities

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

Thursday, January 30

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, January 31

6:00-8:30 AM—Open Gym

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

Weekly Wednesday Activities

4:00-5:00 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 Classes

6:00-7:30 PM—Pritchard Kids Clubhouse

6:00-8:30 PM—Childcare

7:00-8:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal



Welcome to Our New Members!



By Baptism:

Riley Self

Congratulations

Congratulations to Paul and Judy Miner on the birth of a great granddaughter, Kensleigh Sipe. She was born December 2 and weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. Her parents are Tiffany and Cody Sipe of Claremont, NC. Congratulations on your 5th great granddaughter!

Congratulations to David and Sarah Foard on the birth of a grandson, Nathaniel Eli. He was born December 4 and weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz and was 21" long. His parents are Marie and Jason Wooley and big brother is Gabe.

Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to Linda Robinson, our Media Center Director, who is celebrating 11 years on Pritchard's staff. She came aboard January 2, 2009. Linda, we thank you for your dedication and knowledge of books that open our minds and imaginations. We will celebrate Linda's retirement with a reception that will be announced soon. We love you, Linda!

Congratulations to Kristen Tucker, who serves as our Associate Pastor, Spiritual Development and Communication. She is celebrating 5 years at Pritchard. She joined our team on January 18, 2015. Kristen, we thank you for your ministry and leadership. We love you!

"We give thanks to God always for you...."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

what's cooking in Q's Kitchen

Wednesday, January 8: Baked chicken, mac 'n cheese, cabbage, dinner rolls, fruit, salad, cheesecake

Wednesday, January 15: Smothered pork chops, rice, asparagus, salad, dinner rolls, fruit, banana pudding

Wednesday, January 22: Chicken pot pie, salad, fruit, chocolate cake

Wednesday, January 29: Beef tips, rice, fried squash, dinner rolls, salad, fruit, carrot cake

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

We Express Our Love & Sympathy to:

- ~ Sherry Shaw and family in the passing of her uncle, Ralph Harold.
- ~ Elaine Rogers in the passing of her husband, Jeff Rogers in the passing of his father, and their extended families in the passing of Jerry Rogers.
- ~ The family and friends in the passing of Thurston St. Clair.
- ~ Stan Heiser and family in the passing of his aunt, Jeanette Tyree.
- ~ Roger Carter, David Carter and their extended families in the passing of their father, Modie Carter.
- ~ Jasper Evans in the passing of his wife, Doug Evans and Jean Patterson in the passing of their stepmother, and their extended families in the passing of Sue Evans.
- ~ The family and friends in the passing of Emma Huggett.
- ~ Barbara Riggins in the passing of her son, David Riggins in the passing of his brother, and their extended families in the passing of Stanley Riggins.

CHURCH STAFF

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 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
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