



PRITCHARD  
*at South End*

CHARLOTTE, NC

# MESSENGER

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**Pritchard  
POPS  
DINNER  
Show**  
**Featuring Song Favorites**  
**February 29 at 6:00 PM**  
Fellowship Hall

**Register** online through Realm or call the Church Office at 704.376.1571. Wednesday dinner rates apply and payable at the door.

Donations will be accepted for the Youth Choir Tour this summer.

Reservations Required by **February 23**



## **Rev. Bobby Morrow**

### **Pastor**

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By the time you receive this I hope two things will have happened: You will have received a book called *"21 Days of Breakthrough Prayer"* and you will have heard my January 29<sup>th</sup> sermon on the importance of prayer for Pritchard's future. We are pledging to pray together for 21 days beginning on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We will experience the power of agreement as we follow the outline of prayer shared in *"21 Days of Breakthrough Prayer"*. God will hear and answer the prayers of His people when we are unified in our requests. I believe this can be the key to the successful growth we are asking God for in 2020.

Intimacy with God can only be obtained when we take the time to get to know Him better. How do we do that? Two ways: Studying His Word and talking with Him in prayer. There is no substitute for prayer. God wants us to spend time with Him sharing our hearts and listening to His. Prayer unlocks the door to Heaven. Prayer provides a power that nothing else in the world can provide. Prayer can accomplish what we only dream of being able to do. We can carefully craft a plan that we believe will reach our community with the love of Christ, but without prayer it is destined to fail.

We have depended way too long on our own wisdom. I have tried to substitute human wisdom, careful planning and hard work for prayer. It is time to rely on the only thing that will assure we will meet God's goals for Pritchard. We need to depend on Him and know that He wants the very best for His church. He can do all things and we must believe that is the truth!

By joining for 21 days of prayer, we are going to be seeking God's wisdom, power and guidance. We are going to develop a dependence upon Him for accomplishing His goals for His church. We will know Him more intimately and be able to discern what part He wants us to play in fleshing out our vision. The next 21 days can change our lives and change our church.

One thing I want us to keep in mind is that God has the power to do all that we ask Him to do. We must believe that God is going to answer our prayers. We must believe that the God of the universe wants to work through us. We must believe that the supernatural power that comes from God will be on display among us. We are about to tap into the most powerful entity on earth. If we will truly believe that, there is no limit to what He can do.

As you use the *"21 Days of Breakthrough Prayer"* guide, add to your daily prayers your church and its desire to grow. We want to grow in wisdom and knowledge of God and in number. We want to affect God's Kingdom in a positive way. We don't want our greatest days of influence to be behind us. We want those days to be ahead of us. Please join us in seriously considering what God can do if we are all praying in unity for His power to descend upon us!

In His Love,  
Bobby Morrow





**Drop-In**  
**for Linda Robinson**  
**Sunday, February 16**  
**8:45-10:15 AM in the Media Center**

**Shower Linda with hugs, kisses and best wishes on her retirement! She has faithfully served as our Director of the Media Center for 11 years.**  
**We love you, Linda!**



**Sherry Shaw**  
**Minister to Children & Families**  
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**Parent Info Lunch:** Sunday, February 2 at 11:45 AM in P200. This meeting is for expectant parents as well as parents of infants through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Kristen Tucker will also join us as we discuss our upcoming Summer programming and share exciting changes to Fall programming. Lunch and childcare is provided for babies through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. RSVP to Sherry at [sherryshaw@pritchardmemorial.com](mailto:sherryshaw@pritchardmemorial.com)

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

**Vacation Bible School:** "Concrete & Cranes" (Philippians 1:6) takes place June 22-25 from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon.

**Pritchard Kids Clubhouse:** Every Wednesday evening in February we'll be looking at how God planned to rescue us from our sin. Memory verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

## Have You Seen the Newly Renovated Kitchen in the Gym?

If you haven't, you need to. A very big thank you goes to our Baptist Men. Their resources paid for the improvements. The labor was done by some of our most faithful volunteers. We are so thankful for David Withrow, Buck Boyd and Ron Sigmon who painted, sanded, cleaned, installed lights and everything else needed to transform the space. Many of the appliances were donated by Amanda Beatty and Atrium Health. We are also grateful to James Phillips and Dewight Little. They moved appliances and cleaned in order to prepare the space for final use. Hope Riggins and Marilyn Withrow were also instrumental in choosing the tile and other aspects. It has already been used for a special meal and the report on its functionality was outstanding. This is just another example of the incredible things our volunteers do on a regular basis to serve Pritchard. Thanks so much everyone for all your hard work!

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





**Rev. Stan Heiser**  
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A few years ago, a friend gave me a devotional book by Charles Swindoll that I have really enjoyed reading over the years. In one devotion, he talks about the season of Winter. Here is what he had to say....

WINTER, just the sound of the word whistling through our lips puts a mental chill up our spines. Winter seems to speak of barrenness, frigid feelings of discomfort, short days and long nights. Winter....the ideal occasion to slow down. To invest a few extra hours in quiet reverence. Is it Winter right now in the season of your life? Are you feeling depressed, alone, overlooked, spiritually on hold, cold, barren? But remember, behind those thick, gray clouds there exists a personal, caring God who loves you and wants to bring back His warmth into your life. God is with you through all the seasons of your life.

#### **SummerFest 2020**

It's time to start making plans to attend one of our two weeks this summer. Or, do as some and go both weeks!

The cost for each week is \$340.00 per person. The dates are May 25-29 and August 10-14. You may be asking yourself *"What is SummerFest?"* SummerFest is a 5-day 4-night retreat for adults 55 and above that takes place twice a year at Fort Caswell on Oak Island, NC. Retreats include entertainment, times of worship, classes that are of interest to adults, meeting new friends, sharing laughs, visiting special places in the Southport Community, a ferry ride to Carolina Beach and Fort Fisher, and more! Both weeks include lodging, conference fees, delicious meals served right on campus, the sights and sounds of being at the mouth of the Cape Fear River and the Atlantic Ocean, just across from Bald Head Island and Southport on the mainland. Oak Island is the longest island in the southern part of our state.

Maybe you have been thinking about joining us for the past couple of years? I hope this year is when you will!!!! Contact the church office or sign up on Realm. If you have any questions, please contact me. Next month, I will share all the information, entertainers, speakers, special classes, etc. with you.

#### **A Special Evening with John Leon Lewis**

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, June 13! John Lewis has served as Minister of Music for 52 years at several churches in our area. He is currently the Minister of Music at River Hills Community Church and the Conductor for "Magnify" Choir and Orchestra. His music ministry is not  
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confined to the four walls of a church. Every day John is singing and spreading the joy of the Lord all over Charlotte. John has recorded 11 albums and his most recent one was recorded in Nashville, Tennessee. Each song was arranged and orchestrated for John by David T. Clydesdale. The new album is called GRACE. Over the past 50 years, John has truly experienced the GRACE of God over and over again. Come hear him as he shares songs from his new album and other familiar songs you have heard him sing in the past.

The evening is open to ALL members of our church and neighbors as well. A delicious dinner will be served at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall followed by John's performance at 7:00 PM. The cost for the evening is \$15.00 per person. Sign up by calling the church office or on Realm.

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## **21 Days of Prayer**

We hope you will join us as we read TOGETHER the devotional book *"21 Days of Breakthrough Prayer."* We'll start Saturday, February 1 and read through Friday, February 21. Pick up your FREE book today!

## **Men's Retreat**

Our men will head to Cheraw, SC Friday, February 7 - Sunday, February 9. Final payment was due January 31. Details of this special weekend are available through David Withrow.

## **Life Line Screening**

Life Line Screening will take place in our Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 28. Pink fliers are available on campus with details. Screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you would like a FREE complimentary screening voucher, please come by the church office. Limited number available.

## **2020 Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes are available in the Gathering Place, the lobby near Solomon Chapel and the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Williams Center. Boxes are not numbered nor do they have individuals printed names. Please discard any old boxes you may have that includes that information. You may also come by the office during office hours to pick a new box up.

## **Volunteers to Crisis Assistance**

Our volunteers will head to Crisis Assistance on Tuesday, February 25 from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM. If you haven't volunteered and would like to invest your time helping others, please consider joining us! Contact Sarah Ferguson to let her know of your interest.



**Rev. Kristen Tucker**  
**Associate Pastor,**  
**Spiritual Development**  
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At the end of January, I had to quickly change my schedule and lead a women's retreat in the mountains of Virginia. **"Wise Ignorance: The Art of Living Well"** was the focus and as session one began, the women leaned in ready to listen. I smiled as I spoke, and to be honest, I was overwhelmed at times.

Here sat women in front of me (the youngest in the room) and they wanted to hear what I had to say. But as I was speaking, I was reminded that they were actually leaning in to hear what God would say to them through me. Book of choice? Proverbs: Wisdom Literature of the Bible. The Hebrew sages would say this book is not a very spiritual book of the Bible and would encourage one to read it in small nuggets (of wisdom). Savor the instructions. Ponder. Hold onto the wisdom learned tightly.

Most of my notes came from Dr. Ellen Davis' book, "Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament." Dr Davis is an Old Testament professor at Duke Divinity School, and she has a wealth of knowledge on the Old Testament. I even had one friend sit in her class on Ecclesiastes and sob during the class because of her profound knowledge and eloquence of speaking about God's Word. What does Dr. Davis say to do today in relation to our own ignorance and our own knowledge vs. godly wisdom?

***To find someone further along than you, a mother or a father in faith. And when you find someone whose guidance you can accept for at least this stage of your journey towards God – then lean forward, listen acutely, obey. (pg. 102)***

I am seeking godly wisdom. I want to live a life where that is my number one desire. So, to help me on my journey, I look for those that are further along than me.

In the Fall, when we start the Saturday night service, we will have sons and daughters LOOKING for a mother and father in faith. They will be new to the faith. They will need godly wisdom and guidance. They will be hungry and ready to "lean in and acutely listen" to your experiences and what you have learned from God. So I request you not only join me in praying for these precious souls who will be coming to our campus, but also begin jotting down the godly

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wisdom you continue to learn. Hold on tightly to the wisdom you have gained, no matter your age, and prepare. We will have ALL AGES ready to learn. YOU will be a blessing to even one! I KNOW IT and I cannot wait to see who all comes seeking and ready to meet Jesus!

PS: I am happy to report the retreat went well 😊

## Women on Mission

The WOM will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will sign cards for those who can't join us, have Bible study, prayer and hear about missions. Our mission project for the month will be collecting money to send to New Life Children's Home in Honduras. It will go to support their community outreach project which Virginia Wallace presented in January. Please bring a covered dish for lunch after the meeting. Invite a friend for fun and fellowship!

## Afternoon Bible Study Group

The Afternoon Bible Study Group will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 3:00 PM in the home of Peggy Spence. Kristen Tucker will lead our Bible study time. Bring a friend with you!

## New U Change of Date

The New U will meet Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 PM in the home of Angela Livingston. Please bring a salad to share with everyone. If you have questions, contact Lisia Shaw.

## Spiritual Gifts

Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? We would love to hear from you! Please send them to Lynn at [lynnplyler@pritchardmemorial.com](mailto:lynnplyler@pritchardmemorial.com). Lifeway has a great, free resource to find out your spiritual gifts. If you would like to explore more about your gifts, contact Don Taft at [dtaft05@bellsouth.net](mailto:dtaft05@bellsouth.net)

## Stewardship Committee Update

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church  
 Revenues & Expenses – Summary  
 DECEMBER 2019

	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$188,500	\$183,434	\$1,481,653	\$1,440,844
Total Expenses	\$164,631	\$144,150	\$1,326,165	\$1,420,195
Net Total	\$23,869	\$39,284	\$155,488	\$20,649

Our Actual YTD Revenue is ahead of our YTD Expenses by \$155,488.



# PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**SERMON:** "A MEAL TO REMEMBER"

**SCRIPTURE:** LUKE 22:7-20

REV. BOBBY MORROW

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**SERMON:** "DESIRABLE WISDOM"

**SCRIPTURE:** PROVERBS 3:13-18

REV. KRISTEN TUCKER

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**SERMON:** "IT'S NOT OUR PLACE TO JUDGE"

**SCRIPTURE:** LUKE 13:10-17

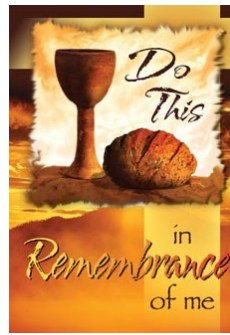
REV. BOBBY MORROW

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**SERMON:** "THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM"

**SCRIPTURE:** ROMANS 12:1-2, 9-21

REV. BOBBY MORROW



*Lord's Supper*

Sunday, February 2

## Sanctuary Flowers

**Sunday, February 16**

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Katherine Mills. They are placed by her daughter, Kathy and Buddy Goforth.

**Sunday, February 23**

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean Ferguson, James & Eula Ferguson on their birthdays. They are placed by Reggie & Sarah Ferguson, and Susan Brown.

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## Remembering Someone Special

We only have a few dates remaining to place flowers in the Sanctuary. Please contact Lynn in the church office if you'd like to sign up for one of the following dates:

*March 29; June 7; July 5, 26; August 16, 23; September 6, 13; November 22.*

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## From the Media Center

### SHOW YOUR LOVE

Seems the air is filled with talk of LOVE in February. But there are many types of love, not just romantic love. Show your children you love them by reading to them. Reading can promote many benefits. Benefits may include enhancing concentration, teaching them about different topics, helping them to develop empathy, imagination and creativity, and even creating a bond between parent and child.

**Below are two examples of NEW children's books in our Media Center:**

### **Roxy the Ritzy Camel** *by Anthony DeStefano*

This book teaches children that possessions are only things - and definitely not the most important things. This storybook follows Roxy's journey from her waterless home in the desert to a great city of beauty she's heard about but never seen. Along the way she learns that the only way to attain true happiness is to share, or even give away, what she possesses.

### **The Berenstain Bears Faith Gets Us Through** *by Stan and Jan Berenstain*

When a storm hits Bear Country, everyone steps up to help with clean-up and more. The Bear Scouts hope to earn their Cave Adventure Merit Badges with Scoutmaster Papa's help. While learning all about caves from Papa, the cubs also learn a lesson about counting on God to guide them too.

***Come by and check out our selection of Children's Books!***



**Saturday, February 1**

**Sunday, February 2**

\*see Weekly Sunday Activities

11:45 AM—Parent Info Meeting/Lunch

**Monday, February 3**

6:00 PM—Christian Education Meeting

**Tuesday, February 4**

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

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

6:00 PM—Personnel Meeting

**Wednesday, February 5**

\*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, February 6**

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

**Friday, February 7**

6:00-8:00 AM—Open Gym

Men's Retreat

**Saturday, February 8**

Men's Retreat

**Sunday, February 9**

\*see Weekly Sunday Activities

Men's Retreat

**Monday, February 10**

5:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, February 11**

10:00 AM—See & Sew

6:00 PM—Vision Meeting

**Wednesday, February 12**

\*see Weekly Wednesday Activities

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

**Thursday, February 13**

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

**Friday, February 14....VALENTINE'S DAY**

6:00-8:00 AM—Open Gym

**Saturday, February 15**

**Sunday, February 16**

\*see Weekly Sunday Activities

8:45-10:15 AM—Drop In for Linda Robinson

**Monday, February 17**

**Tuesday, February 18**

**Wednesday, February 19**

\*see Weekly Wednesday Activities

Pritchard's Day of Prayer for the City

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, February 20**

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

**Friday, February 21**

6:00-8:00 AM—Open Gym

**Saturday, February 22**

**Sunday, February 23**

\*see Weekly Sunday Activities

**Monday, February 24**

**Tuesday, February 25**

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

**Wednesday, February 26**

\*see Weekly Wednesday Activities

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

**Thursday, February 27**

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

10:00-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

**Friday, February 28**

6:00-8:00 AM—Open Gym

8:00 AM-6:00 PM—Life Line Screening

**Saturday, February 29**

6:00 PM—Pritchard Pops Dinner Show

## 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—Youth Choir

12:20 PM—Handbells

## Weekly Wednesday Activities

4:00-5:30 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 Classes

6:00-7:30 PM—Pritchard Kids Clubhouse

6:00-8:30 PM—Childcare

7:00-8:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal



Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to David Bailes, who serves as our Minister of Music and Outreach. He is celebrating 14 years! David has been filling our lives with music here at Pritchard since February 1, 2006. We thank you for your ministry and we love you, David!

Congratulations to James Phillips, our Maintenance man and "Jack of All Trades". James is celebrating 58 years...yes, that's right...58 years on Pritchard's staff! He came aboard February 22, 1962. If you ever need anything, James is your go-to guy. He knows every nook and cranny on campus. James, we love you and thank you for your many, many years of dedicated service!

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

OUR VISION

The Pritchard family of faith desires to be the presence of Christ in South End, Dilworth and wherever the Lord opens doors of opportunity to share His love. Our ministry seeks to:

CREATE

Loving relationships and partnerships with individuals, families and organizations

WORSHIP

God through inspired music, prayer and Bible-based teaching, welcoming all seekers to come and worship the risen Christ

NURTURE

And make disciples through transformative studies and spiritual formation

ENGAGE

In hands-on missions, changing lives while benefiting our community and the world

what's cooking in Q's Kitchen

Wednesday, February 5: Pot roast, carrots, rice, salad, rolls, dump cake, fruit

Wednesday, February 12: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, fruit, red velvet cake

Wednesday, February 19: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, rolls, fruit, cheesecake

Wednesday, February 26: BBQ chicken, herb rice, green beans, rolls, salad, fruit, lemonade 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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Watt and Debbie Smith on the birth of a grandson! Ethan Connor Smith ("Connor") was born January 17 to Talley and Ginny Smith. He was 7 lbs. 9 oz. and 21" long.

We Express Our Love & Sympathy to:

~ Anne Medearis and family in the passing of her sister-in-law, Marjorie Kale.

~ Jane Harris and family in the passing of her brother, Bill McCurry.

Note of Thanks

To My Dear Pritchard Family,

I struggle to find the appropriate words of thanks to all of you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and words of encouragement following my recent heart attack. Pritchard is a loving, caring, devoted and genuine extended family who truly cares for one another daily and lives the vision of "Being the presence of Christ" daily. It is a blessing to be a member of that family.

Bob Morgan

CHURCH STAFF

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