

# MESSENGER

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## **Sunday Mornings at Pritchard**

<u>CORPORATE PRAYER TIME CHANGE</u> - Due to Adult Sunday School starting back Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> Corporate Prayer will in-person at 8:00 AM in the Overflow Center

**PHASE 1: In-Person Sunday School Returns -** Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in-person Adult Sunday School, Pritchard Kids & Youth Sunday School will begin. We will run the following guidelines below through Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. The staff will meet in December to discuss 2021 guidelines for the New Year.

#### **Assigned Areas for Sunday School -**

- Overflow Center (Gym): Professionals (Tanya Mazingo), Cowboys (Don Royer and John Austin), Free Spirits (Marion Harris)
- **Fellowship Hall:** Food for Thought (Don Taft), Seekers & Doers (Watt Smith and Virginia Wallace), H.I.S. (Tony Canupp, Ken Edahl and Sandy Childers)
- **Williams 306-310:** Happy Hearts (Peggy Spence), Hope (Frances Knell and Edith Parker), Max Moyle (Will Burch)

#### **Guidelines:**

- 1. It is up to each individual (teacher and class attendee) of when they would like to return to in-person class. This, of course, is not mandatory for anyone to return and if a teacher would like to continue to teach via phone or online, please feel free to do so! EVERYONES SAFETY IS KEY!!
- 2. Teachers that are ok returning to teach can rotate with teachers in their assigned areas.
- 3. If someone does not have a class, or they would like to visit another class, they can attend the classes in the Fellowship Hall or Overflow Center.
- 4. We ask everyone to wear masks when indoors and practice social distancing.
  - All assigned areas will have chairs set-up 6 feet apart.
  - There will be NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES offered during this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.
  - Teachers if your class members are ok with you removing your mask when teaching, please feel free to do so for this abbreviated time.
- 5. All areas, including bathrooms and elevators, will be cleaned thoroughly each week in prep for the next week.
- 6. In children and youth classes, temperatures will be taken upon entry and masks will be worn by all children K-12<sup>th</sup> grade.



# Rev. Bobby Morrow Pastor

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Plagiarism has gotten a lot of people in trouble through the years. I remember a classmate of mine who turned in an incredibly well written term paper. He would have gotten an A if the professor had not discovered it was the same paper a former student had turned in three years earlier. I have known a few Pastor's who preached sermons that weren't theirs and ended up losing their jobs over it. It might come as a surprise then that I am telling you that I am going to preach sermons that are not mine at times over the next few months. I do have the author's permission to do so.

A few years before my father's death, he gave me two boxes of his sermons. They were sermons he preached between 1975 and 1995. My Dad was meticulous in his record keeping and he did a much better job of cataloging his sermons than his son. He frankly would have been embarrassed with my nonexistent system. I recently began to pull some of those sermons out and read them and I discovered something I have know for a long time: God's Word is timeless. It is just as relevant today as it was when my Dad wrote his sermons. I have always known my Dad was a better preacher than me, but his material confirms it.

I will not be using his sermons every week, but I will intersperse them with my own. I'm sure before long I will hear things like, "I can always tell when you are sharing one of your Dad's sermons, they are so much better." My Dad never considered himself a great orator. He just told the truth of the Gospel the way he saw it. He gathered his material by studying God's Word and observing people. My Dad loved people. He would rather spend time with his congregation than behind a desk studying. He often told me he knew he could have shared a more deeply theological sermon if he had spent more time studying. He also knew that the time he spent ministering to people in person ultimately meant more to people than the depth of his sermons. They listened better on Sundays when they knew their Pastor loved them during the week.

I'm sure I will have to make some modifications to the examples, since many of his references will be from the headlines in the year he was delivering the sermon. The thing I won't have to change is the truth of the scripture he shares. That never changes. I recognize how fortunate I am to have this material available. My Dad has always been my hero. He was five feet five inches tall, but no one I have ever known was bigger in my eyes. The opportunity to share some of his wisdom from the pulpit is a privilege and an honor. I hope you will find it beneficial to you in your walk with Christ.

In His Love, Bobby Morrow



# Rev. Stan Heiser Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

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For the past 4 ½ years it has been my privilege to serve as Chairman of **NCBAM/AAIM** (North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry/Aging Adults Innovating Ministry). Let me share some information about this unique ministry......

The **Mission of NCBAM** is to provide "help for the journey" to individuals 65+ in ways that help them maintain their independence and enjoy quality of life.

**NCBAM'S Call Center** provides information and referrals to callers and makes connections with volunteers from Baptist Churches, other denominations and faiths, and civic groups. Over 350 calls a week come into the Call Center.

**NCBAM'S Regional Directors** serve throughout the state – assessing needs of individuals and offer training at churches, congregate meal sites, and senior centers. Training focuses on topics that help aging adults maintain their independence, such as medication management, fall prevention, and healthy living. NCBAM serves the entire state of NC and has met needs in all 100 counties.

NCBAM'S newest ministry is One Hope. This is a dedicated outreach that provides a spiritual response to social isolation and loneliness among older North Carolinians. Developed in 2018 and launched in 2019, the outreach features the NCBAM HOPE LINE, available 9:00 AM-9:00 PM. We have over 75 trained phone counselors to receive calls from all over the state. NCBAM is seeking additional folk to train for this much needed ministry. You can do this from your home. A new Devotional Book, 30 Daily Devotions to Deal with Isolation and **Loneliness** has just been written and is being produced now. We hope these will be available by the end of the year. Also, an audio version will be available the first of 2021. I had the privilege of recording the 20 male written devotions and Tina from NCBAM recorded the 10 female written devotions. The **VISION OF ONE HOPE:** "A world in which frail older adults are not isolated or lonely; where elders are connected, valued in their communities, and have a relationship with Christ".

NCBAM is here to serve all 65+ citizens of NC. Callers, or caregivers, usually seek help for respite care, wheelchair ramp construction, friendly visits, and transportation assistance. Callers are provided information as/or connected with existing community services or caring volunteers. NCBAM provides opportunities for well-aging 65+ to stay active and engaged by serving others. Over the past 10 years, NCBAM/ AAIM has had over 17,000 volunteers serving across our state. In the past six months of 2020, we have had 650 active volunteers completing 188 projects. Many from Pritchard

are a part of these numbers. **VOLUNTEERS** may not have the time, but they have the heart!!!!

NCBAM is supported by the Baptist State Convention of NC and is administered through the BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF NC (BCH). "NCBAM thrives through its partnership with NC Baptist" said BCH President/CEO and Founder of NCBAM, Michael C. Blackwell. "We are helping to meet the many needs of aging by working together in Jesus' name."

If you have an opportunity to attend one of their special programs, know of someone 65+ who has a need that no one else has been able to solve, or volunteer to help in one of Pritchard's work projects for them, under the leadership of Buck Boyd, please do so. You will not regret it!

Blessings, Stan



# Operation Christmas Child

WMU is sponsoring Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child this year.

Empty boxes are located in the Gathering Place.

The cost to ship a shoebox is \$9. If you would rather make a donation in lieu of filling a box, make your check payable to Pritchard and in the memo please write WMU/shoebox.

A donation will be made directly to

Operation Christmas Child on behalf of Pritchard.

If you have questions,

please contact Virginia Wallace or Millie Creech.

Remember, shoeboxes and/or money
is due to the church office by **Sunday, November 10**.

Thank you in advance for what you will do to share the love of Jesus Christ around the world.

"Let Your glory be over all the earth!"

Psalm 108:5 (ESV)



# Rev. Brack Ballard Minister to Youth and College-Aged Students

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Pritchard youth has enjoyed meeting together every Wednesday evening for Youth Group from 7-8:15 PM! We may not have started off the Fall semester the way we want with face-to-face, but we have made many fun memories together and have grown in discipleship as we study scripture in our series called **Break it Down**. We are excited to know that our Sunday School will start back on Sunday, October 4 and our face-to-face youth group will start back on Saturday, November 7 from 4:45-6:00 PM! We look forward to meeting together face-to-face really soon! The Youth Council is meeting to discuss the details on the events in October, now that we have a concrete date for returning! Pritchard Youth appreciates everyone's flexibility when it comes to scheduling, as we know that this year has certainly been a year of "New" and "Change."

The college-aged students are meeting together on a regular basis as well. We are meeting once per month on Zoom and once per month in-person together. We are SUPER excited that one of our own, Meagan Crowell is about to start her new job working at Novant in uptown! We rejoice and share the excitement for Meagan's accomplishments and where God is planting her for her new place of ministry!

Blessings, Rev. Brack Ballard



# Hike to Honor David Withrow

Saturday, October 24 9:00 AM South Mountain

Saturday, October 24 we will hike South Mountain to honor David Withrow's memory. Upon arrival, go to the Visitor's Center and someone will direct you to where we are meeting. Our hike begins at 9:00 AM and will take 4-5 hours. South Mountain is about an hour and a half from Charlotte. You can find more info about their location at south.mountains@ncparks.gov or by calling 828-433-4772. We look forward to seeing you there as we remember this very special man.



# Sherry Shaw Minister to Children & Families

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#### **Pritchard Kids Clubhouse**

For right now we will continue to have clubhouse virtually. My prayer is by November we will be able to meet in person. We did kick off virtually September 9 via the Pritchard Kids South End Page. On this page I have created units for each weeks lesson. Within the units are the Bible Story Videos, Music Lesson, and the support activities. We provide a mailer each week that provides hard copies of a craft as well as Bible Memory verse card for the month, a review of the Bible story along with tips for parents to help reinforce the lesson. Melissa Wisor is preparing a video each week that leads our kids through a music activity as well as teaches them a song that we are working on.

#### **Pritchard Kids Blog**

We have a blog now!! On our blog will be articles and updates as well as developmental tools and insights for babies through 5<sup>th</sup> graders to equip and assist parents as they parent not only their child's physical, emotional, and mental lives but also them spiritually.

www.pritchardkids.blogspot.com

#### **Sunday Bible Study**

We begin in person Sunday Bible Study October 4<sup>th</sup>. What does this mean for those bringing children?

- You will need to send only 1 parent/guardian to drop off. Parent will not be allowed into the classroom. Sign in will be done by us.
  - Babies through 2's will be on the first floor.
  - 3's through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in room 204.
- Temperatures will be taken upon entry. *If temp is above* 100.4 they will not be allowed to stay.
- Children will need to wash hands when they enter the building.
- $\bullet$  Masks are required for children Kindergarten through  $\mathbf{5}^{\text{th}}$  grade.
- Only 1 parent/guardian allowed to pick up.

Worship Care will begin again as well. There is a new twist to this...keep reading! This Fall we are starting Kids Worship!!

One new twist to Worship Care.....Children's Worship!! After Sunday morning Bible Study kids will transition to Children's Worship. Children's Worship will be every Sunday 10:30-11:30. Parents join us at the end for review and sing it out!



## **OVERFLOW**

SOUTH END

**OCTOBER UPDATE** 

Pritchard Church Family:

WE HAVE A START DATE!!!

Saturday, November 7, 2020 Overflow will officially begin!

We cannot thank you enough for your prayers as the Overflow Planning Team planned and the Legacy Teams got ready. We also want to say thank you for attending the trial run we had on August 29, 2020. The feedback was great and has helped us tremendously as we prepare for November.

Overflow is a ministry to connect with our community and provide experiences for all ages. We will have Overflow Kids (birth–5<sup>th</sup> grade), our youth will meet on Saturday evenings (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) and then Overflow service is for college-aged students and adults. Please invite friends and family.

Overflow is also PART OF PRITCHARD, so we want to invite Overflow attendees to join us for churchwide worship services as planned. Below you will see dates to note of our plans as we get started. Please mark your calendars so you will know about the churchwide services and experiences!

#### **Save the Dates:**

- \*\*Please Note Overflow Kids will always start at 4:45 PM; Overflow Service & Youth will always start 5:05 PM. Everything will end by 6:15 PM\*\*
- Overflow: Saturdays, November 7, 14, 21, 2020
  - NO SERVICE: Saturday, November 28 (Thanksgiving weekend) – CHURCHWIDE WORSHIP Sunday, November 29 at 10:30 AM
- Overflow: Saturdays, December 5, 12, 19, 2020
  - ° Thursday, December 24 CHURCHWIDE Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM
  - ° OFF December 26 and January 2 (Christmas & New Year's) CHURCHWIDE WORSHIP Sunday, December 27 and Sunday, January 3 at 10:30 AM
- Overflow starts back for 2021: Saturday, January 9
  - Saturday, January 23 after the service there will be a big CHURCHWIDE Overflow/Pritchard Celebration with food trucks to kick-off the new year!

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

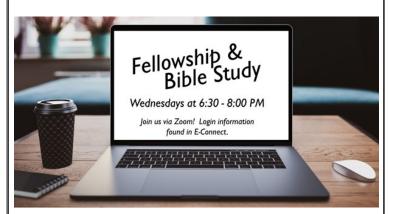
During this start we will be practicing ALL COVID-19 guidelines set by our state North Carolina.

• Due to sharing the space with sports and other activities, the Overflow Center requires masks to be worn AT ALL TIMES in the Overflow Center.

- Please practice social distancing and utilize hand sanitizer stations within the lobby area.
- Chairs will be spaced, and please use the 6 feet distance guidelines when appropriate.
- After each service we will have the Overflow Center cleaned. The Overflow Center will also be cleaned by Friday evening each week in prep for Overflow.
- In children and youth classes, temperatures will be taken upon entry and masks will be worn by all children K-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Thank you and we cannot wait to experience OVEFLOW with you, your family and friends!

Rev. Kristen Tucker



#### Wednesday Night Fellowship/Bible Study

Each Wednesday night for the month of October we will host Fellowship, Bible Study & Prayer Time over Zoom. Fellowship takes place from 6:30-7:00 PM for everyone to catch up. Bible Study and Prayer Time will be from 7:00-8:00 PM led by one of our ministers. A Zoom link will be located each week in Pritchard E-Connect (our weekly announcement email). To receive E-Connect, sign-up at:

#### www.pritchardchurch.com

#### Schedule:

October 7: Grace Grady

October 14: Quarterly Conference October 21: Rev. Bobby Morrow October 28: Rev. Kristen Tucker

#### **Thrift Store Re-opening Date**

The Thrift Store volunteers are waiting and hoping for that day when it is safe to open. We have heard that some of our customers are ready to shop. But, the time is not right for that to happen. We do not want to put the volunteers or their family members at risk nor our customers by opening when we cannot promise proper screening, social distancing and constant cleaning behind the customers in such a small space. Bear with us and just as soon as it is possible, we will open.

Brenda & Nancy

## PRITCHARD PULPIT

#### 10:30 AM WORSHIP

REV. BOBBY MORROW

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

SERMON: "SO MUCH FROM SO LITTLE"
SCRIPTURE: JOHN 6:1-14

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

**SERMON:** "PLAYING DODGEBALL WITH REALITY" **SCRIPTURE:** GENESIS 3:1-13, 4:8-9

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

**SERMON:** "VALUE OF THE SECOND EFFORT" **SCRIPTURE:** MATTHEW 5:38-42, GALATIANS 2:19-21

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

SERMON: "TEACH OR NOT TO TEACH"
SCRIPTURE: DEUTERONOMY 6:6-9

## **Sanctuary Flowers**

#### Sunday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 11 - Lord's Supper

#### **Sunday, October 18**

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 25

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George V. McGaha on his birthday, October 25. They are placed by his family - Marion McGaha, Marsha and Bo Sherrill, Don and Dianne McGaha, Mitzi and Chris Mayhew, Selwyn and Billy Bogdziewicz, and Sarah and Greg Adams.



### From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

AUTUMN IS HERE...

#### Grace In Autumn (Heavenly Daze Series #2) by Lori Copeland

Sacks of undeliverable mail pour in to postmistress, Beatrice Coughlin. The requests are different, but the salutation is the same: "Dear Angel . . . Perplexed, Bea and her sister consider answering them under the moniker "angel assistants". But where will they get the funds to help these folks? As Thanksgiving approaches, will the bickering islanders make peace long enough to break bread? Will they finally see God's hand of provision for their needs?

#### The Winds of Autumn (Seasons of the Heart Series #2) by Janette Oke

On the brink of manhood, Josh's world is filled with studies and life with Aunt Lou and the menfolk, along with an occasional fishing trip thrown in. When a new teacher arrives, Josh thrives under his encouragement, as well as from the attentions of the teacher's pretty daughter. Josh faces important questions about life and love and about himself.

#### Fall Is Here! I Love It! by Elaine W Good

This book is part of a series of children's books about the four seasons written by Good and illustrated by Susie Shenk Wenger. Some signs of Fall include falling leaves, cool weather, picking corn, harvesting vegetables, pumpkins, pheasants, apple cider, and Thanksgiving dinner. The book gives a nice glimpse of farm life in the Fall and all of the fun activities the season brings.

#### Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert

This is a children's book about the story of a sugar maple tree and the child who planted it. They are friends, growing up together. Come share in their relationship and see what a good friend a tree can be. Who knows, you might even decide to plant one of your own.

CELEBRATE A NEW SEASON AND READ A NEW BOOK!



#### **Thursday, October 1**

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, October 2 Saturday, October 3 Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM—Corporate Prayer Time

9:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, October 5 Tuesday, October 6

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group

Wednesday, October 7

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)

7:00 PM—Bible Study (ZOOM)

**Thursday, October 8** 

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, October 9 Saturday, October 10 Sunday, October 11

8:00 AM—Corporate Prayer Time

9:15 Am—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

**Monday, October 12** 

6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, October 13 Wednesday, October 14

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)

7:00 PM—Bible Study (ZOOM)

**Thursday, October 15** 

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, October 16 Saturday, October 17 Sunday, October 18

8:00 AM—Corporate Prayer Time (ZOOM)

9:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, October 19 Tuesday, October 20 Wednesday, October 21

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak

7:00 PM—Bible Study (ZOOM)

#### **Thursday, October 22**

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, October 23

8:30 AM—Life Line Screening

Saturday, October 24

9:00 AM—Hike at South Mountain in Memory of David

Withrow

#### **Sunday, October 25**

8:00 AM—Corporate Prayer Time (ZOOM)

9:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

**Monday, October 26** 

**Tuesday, October 27** 

Wednesday, October 28

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)

7:00 PM—Bible Study (ZOOM)

**Thursday, October 29** 

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31.....HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!!!!



Daylight Saving Time ends November 1<sup>st</sup>! Don't forget to set your clock back one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

\*\*\*Due to Covid-19, when Gov. Cooper allows NC to move into the next Phase, or lifts the coronavirus restrictions, our campus schedule may change.

Make sure the Church Office has your email so you'll be up-to-date on the latest news here at Pritchard!

Our mid-weekly announcements are sent out through E-connect.

#### **Services Streamed LIVE Online!**

Pritchard streams our Sunday Service LIVE! It's another way to carry the message of Christ to a wider audience. So, pass the word to former members, those who live in another city, and your friends and neighbors. Links will be posted and go live around 10:25 on Sunday mornings.

You can view the service three different ways:

- 1) YouTube Channel: Search Pritchard South End. (If you have a YouTube account, you can subscribe to our channel and get notifications when the stream is starting.)
- 2) Facebook: https://www.facebook.com//PritchardSouthEnd
- 3) Twitter: https://twitter.com//PritchardChurch

#### **Note of Thanks**

Dear Pritchard.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful concern and encouragement in the homegoing of my only sister, Jimmie Sue Smith. As her preacher said, "She was a living Galatians 5:22-23."

Love you, Peggy Spence

#### **Birth Announcement**

Congratulations to Chris and Dana Fox on the birth of twin girls born September 1. Vivienne King Fox weighed 4 lbs. 15 oz. and Emilia Mayer Fox weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. Proud grandparents are Drew and Vickie Mayer and aunt is Leslie Mayer.



Please make checks **payable to CWS/CROP**and submit one of three ways:

1) Drop it in the offering box in the Sanctuary on Sunday,
2) Give it directly to Carol Hewitt, or
3) Mail it to the Church Office.

## **Stewardship Update**

Revenues & Expenses – Summary **AUGUST 2020** 

	MTD	MTD	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Revenues	\$99,017	\$149,051	\$938,807	\$1,058,900
Total Expenses	\$95,760	\$118,312	\$867,839	\$1,014,024
Net Total	\$3,257	\$30,739	\$70,968	\$44,876

Pritchard Memorial showed a profit of \$3,257 for the month of August. Our year-to-date net total is a positive \$70,968.

# **Life Line Screening**

#### **Returns to Pritchard!**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of communitybased preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church on Friday, October 23.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <a href="http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle">http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle</a>

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