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*at South End*

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OVERFLOW  
SOUTH END

*New...*

- ✓ Year
- ✓ Season
- ✓ Overflow  
Rhythm

**JANUARY** 9th - 30th  
5:05 PM

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## **Rev. Bobby Morrow**

### **Pastor**

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Our Theme for 2021 as a church is One. Ephesians 4:4-6 reads this way: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all." We want to concentrate on being one in 2021. We want to be united for one purpose. We want to be the place where people come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. We want to be the place where people learn what it means to follow Jesus in their daily living. We want people to experience the joy of serving a God who loves them and has provided everything they need for successful living! Scripture tells us there is only one way to find salvation and that is through faith in Jesus Christ. We have found that salvation and we want the world to experience what we have!

2020 has been unlike any year we have experienced in our lifetime. We want 2021 to be unlike any we have experienced in our church lifetime. We want to see more people come to Christ in faith than ever before. And that is what God wants to happen even more than we do. I believe this pandemic has left many people empty and looking for something to bring fulfillment. I believe more than at any time in our recent history people are going to be looking to see if God can provide that fulfillment. We need to be ready to say to them He can and He will because He has done it for us.

On Saturday evenings at Overflow we are seeing people who are searching for what Jesus has to offer. We have seen many new faces that have never been on our campus before. It is exactly why Overflow exists. We want to reach those that we have not been reaching. We want them to hear who Jesus is and what He offers them. Many of these individuals would not feel comfortable attending church in the traditional setting, but are totally comfortable in the Overflow Center. They are getting a chance to hear that Jesus loves them and wants a relationship with them. God is using this service to bring people to faith in Christ.

We have seen a steady influx of new faces worshipping with us on Sunday mornings. People who are hungry to reconnect with what they have lost or connect with what they have never had. I talked to one young man last week who had not been in church in ten years, but he said he was so glad to be there and would be back. God is opening doors for us that we have prayed He would. Our part of the responsibility comes now to love, support and embrace as family those who come!

We are one body, serving one Lord and Savior, with one purpose, to bring people to faith in Christ. Join us this year as we unite to add people to the Kingdom of God one person at a time!

In His Love,  
Bobby Morrow



**Rev. Stan Heiser**  
**Associate Pastor,**  
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Happy New Year!!! We all have so many great hopes for 2021. The year 2020 was a difficult one! Many experienced sickness, loss, loneliness, isolation, fear, etc. A friend of mine, Jim Edminson, Assistant to Dr. Michael Blackwell of the NC Baptist Children's Homes, wrote a very meaningful and encouraging devotion for NCBAM, in our **One Hope 30 Daily Devotions Book** for overcoming Loneliness. I share it with you now as we enter 2021...

#### **Blessed Assurance**

By Jim Edminson

***"Jesus knew what it was like to be alone –  
even in a crowd."***

There are few realities as traumatic as feeling completely alone. It can be horrifying – feeling that you cannot reach out and no one can reach in – isolated, trapped, like you are in a box with the lid closed over your head. How well Daniel knew those very feelings. He faced a devastating reality.

The Biblical hero, Daniel, was more than 80 years old when he was placed in the lions' den. He had been faithful to God. People knew him as a person of character. He was a good guy, and yet as an older person, perhaps even frail, he was cast alone into a most perilous situation. All those around him felt his fate was sealed. Fear could easily have gripped Daniel. Anxiety could easily have washed over him. The danger he faced was real.

There are many perilous situations that we face in this life. The world we have built, the life we have cultivated over many years, can change drastically. The loss of a loved one, a close friend, the diagnosis of an illness, or financial woes can make us feel that our world is crashing down around us.

But scripture tells us that God is with us. The morning after Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, his captors were amazed to find him untouched by the lions. Daniel professed, *"My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths."* (Daniel 6:22). Daniel had not been alone, and God was glorified by all who witnessed his saga.

The writer of Hebrews reminded the early Jews who followed Jesus that God was there (31:6). This was the assurance they needed as they were isolated and viewed with skepticism for their new faith. The person Jesus, who they now followed, was a Jewish heretic. Family members and friends turned their backs and closed doors that previously had been open. In many ways, they were alone.

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Jesus understood what His followers would face. He knew what it was like to be alone – even in a crowd. He understood facing fears. Jesus said, *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). He is the lifeline to all those who call upon Him. He is our hope. In His final words spoken on this earth, He offered assurance that He would be with His believers always, *"even to the very end of the world"* (Matthew 28:20).

None of us desire to feel the pangs of loneliness. But it is at these times that the promises of the Living Word can comfort us. Just as it was with Daniel, even as it was with the first New Testament believers, the Spirit of the almighty God is with us to deliver us. We can stand, even alone, victoriously in this assurance!

Blessings, Stan Heiser

If you, a family member or a friend is experiencing loneliness and isolation, contact the NCBAM HOPE Line at 866-578-4673. They would love to hear from you!

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### **Blanket America Ministries and WMU Mission Shoppe/Thrift Store Report 2020**

We all know that 2020 was indeed a different year for each of us. We did manage to have one pick-up for Blanket America Ministries in August. We were so pleased to have 15 volunteers that day to help us pack the trailer that was dropped off at 7:30 AM for us to load at our pace. You donated over 323 large boxes/bags and containers filled with your generous donations for the people in the Appalachian Area. In addition to clothes, handbags, shoes, linens, toiletries, kitchen and household items, jewelry, books, CD's, DVD's, games, puzzles, toys, electronics, tools, crafts, holidays items - all of these items boxed; you donated over 21 pieces of furniture, lamps, large rugs, pictures and other non-boxed items. These items are all greatly appreciated by the people in the Appalachian Region that Blanket America Ministries serves. God's love is shown to these people each time you choose to donate to this ministry. Our WMU Mission Shoppe had to close in March due to the virus, but your purchases still helped us raise \$1,588.90 for the Baptist Men Local Project Fund (Helping Hands) for supplies and tools needed for the work they do. We still do not have a date when the Thrift Store will re-open. When the time is right, we will open. If you have donations for Blanket America Ministries or the Thrift Store, we ask that you mark your donations with the date you drop them off at the church to help us know when we can process them. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Farson or Nancy Elder (WMU Coordinators for Blanket America Ministries).



# From the Media Center

by Katrina Gore



## Winter Wonderland

Celebrate the Winter season! Enjoy the hot chocolate, cooler temps...and maybe the snow?

I know some like the Summer more, but at least enjoy the change of season. I have relatives in Florida that do not even really have a winter. They have the air conditioner on about 11 months out of the year!

## **Love Blooms in Winter** by Lori Copeland

Mae Wilkey's elderly neighbor, Pauline, needs family to come and help. But she does not remember if she has anybody. Mae finds a name in Pauline's desk and contacts Tom Curtis. He does not recall an Aunt Pauline but decides to pay a visit in response to Mae's desperate letters. Will the journey bring more than Tom expects?

## **Thin Ice (Men of Valor series-2)** by Irene Hannon

Christy Reed has endured such grief after losing her parents to a car accident and her sister in a house fire. Just as her life begins to feel slightly normal, she receives a letter addressed to her in her sister's handwriting with a note that states she is still alive. While working with Lance the FBI agent, to reopen the case, he questions who the woman is they buried.

## **Blizzard** by Al Lacy

When three murderers escape from the Colorado Territorial Prison, Marshal Holloway and the mysterious stranger track them down. A thrilling tale of faith, soul-stirring love, and a violent family vendetta.

**ENJOY A WINTER-THEMED BOOK!**



**Rev. Brack Ballard**  
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Happy New Year! We have some exciting things in store for both Pritchard Youth and Agape Ministry! Our Youth Group will kick off the Spring semester on Saturday, January 9 with Overflow! On January 16 we will be walking to uptown to go ice skating! After Overflow, parents can drive through uptown to pick up their child to allow maximum skating time! This was my very first "Youth Outing" back in November 2014, so it holds a special place in my heart!



In Agape Ministry, we are excited to share that we will continue with our schedule of meeting up twice a month. On Saturday, January 9 we will go out to eat for dinner together after Overflow. On Sunday, January 24 we will meet together on Zoom for our Bible Study! I am looking forward to an exciting, safe, and hopefully a time soon when we can come and see each other on our respected campuses!

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Brack Ballard

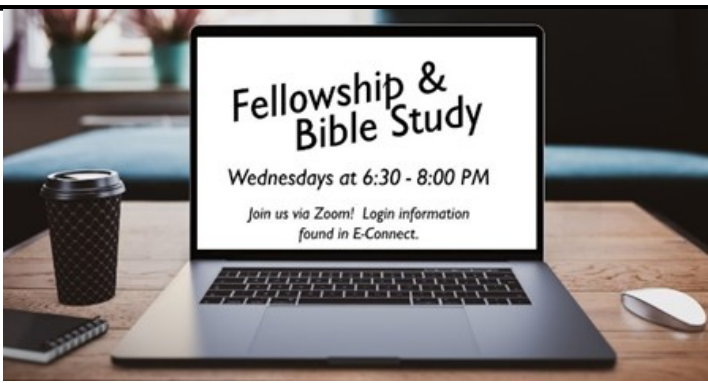
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## Services Streamed LIVE Online!

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>



**Sherry Shaw**  
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For January, we will continue hosting Wednesday Night Fellowship, Bible Study and Prayer Time over Zoom. Fellowship from 6:30–7:00 PM; Bible Study and Prayer Time is from 7:00–8:00 PM. 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](http://www.pritchardchurch.com)

**SCHEDULE:** January 6: No Meeting  
 January 13: Quarterly Conference  
 January 20: David Bailes  
 January 27: Bobby Morrow

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Sleepover - Friday, January 8 at 6 PM until Saturday, January 9 at 10 AM. Cost: \$10 (covers meals, materials and snacks). Overnight slumber party to discuss purity, caring for our bodies and how to deal with mean girls. RSVP by January 2.

Saturday Nights and Sunday Mornings - We will continue our quest to be Bible Discoverers. In January, we will look at the events after Jesus' birth and His ministry (specifically the book of Matthew). Come join us on Saturdays at 4:45 PM or Sundays at 9:15 AM.

Prayer Walk Charlotte - Thursday, January 7: Training  
 Sunday, January 10: Prayer Walk immediately following the morning worship service. A light lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall before our walk. RSVP by January 3.

Daddy/Daughter Valentine Waltz - Friday, February 5

## Sunday Mornings at Pritchard

**PHASE 1: In-Person Sunday School WILL CONTINUE in 2021 until further notice**

The staff has met to discuss how Sunday school has gone in Fall 2020, and it is agreed that Phase I is the safest and best option for our Sunday School time together. As a reminder, Phase I guidelines are as follows:

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! EVERYONE'S 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 mask will be worn by all children K-12th grade.

### Assigned Areas

- Overflow Center (Gym): Professionals (Tanya Mazingo), Cowboys (Don Royer & John Austin) & Free Spirits (Marion Harris)
- P200: College Students (Brack Ballard)
- Fellowship Hall: Food for Thought (Don Taft), Seekers & Doers (Virginia Wallace & Debra Huhnerkoch), HIS Class (Tony Canupp, Ken Edahl & Sandy Childers)
- Williams 306-310: Happy Hearts (Peggy Spence), Hope (Frances Knell & Edith Parker) & Max Moyle (Will Burch)

# PRITCHARD PULPIT

## 10:30 AM WORSHIP

REV. BOBBY MORROW

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

**SERMON:** "ONE....."

**SCRIPTURE:** EPHESIANS 4:4-6

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

**SERMON:** "RISE UP"

**SCRIPTURE:** 2<sup>ND</sup> CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

**SERMON:** "TEMPTATION: IT'S NOT RANDOM"

**SCRIPTURE:** MATTHEW 4:1-11

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

**SERMON:** "THE AUDIENCE FOR PRAYER"

**SCRIPTURE:** MATTHEW 6:5-13

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

**SERMON:** "FORGIVENESS: IT'S NOT A SUGGESTION,  
IT'S A COMMANDMENT"

**SCRIPTURE:** MATTHEW 6:14-15

# Sanctuary Flowers

## Sunday, January 24

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 and Sandy Childers, and Reggie and Sarah Ferguson.

## Sunday, January 31

"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

## Remembering Someone Special

Is there a particular month or day that's a special time for you or your family? Maybe a milestone birthday or anniversary? Maybe you want to honor someone special? Or remember a loved one? If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary on one of the following open dates in 2021, please contact Lynn or Katrina in the Church Office.

*January 3, 10, 17; February 7, 21; March 7, 14; April 18, 25;  
May 2, 9, 23; June 27; July 4, 18, 25; August 15, 29;  
September 5, 12; October 10, 17, 24, 31; November 21.*



# MEN'S RETREAT

**WHEN:** Friday, February 19 - Sunday, February 21

**WHERE:** Cheraw State Park, SC (100 State Park Road, Cheraw, SC 29520)

**WHAT TO BRING:** Bible, toiletries, hiking shoes, golf clubs, fishing pole, guns and ammo. For golf information, please contact Cy Elder at 704-819-9796. Canoes and kayaks will be available to rent.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Comfort casual.

**FOOD:** Friday night dinner is on your own. Reservations have been made for 42 at the Rivers Edge at 6:00 PM.

Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner - provided. Sunday continental breakfast - provided. Sunday lunch - leftovers.

**SNACKS:** Bring your favorite snack, desert and drinks to share.

**ACCOMODATIONS:** Cabins that sleep 4 (3 twin beds, 1 queen). All towels/linens included. Fully equipped kitchen.

Nearby motel with double occupancy room (\$10 extra charge) and private room (\$20 extra charge).

**COST:** \$130 (\$30 deposit reserves your bed. Remaining balance of \$100 due by January 31.) **PLEASE SEND ALL PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR PAY ONLINE.**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Drew Mayer at ramayer3@gmail.com or 704-607-7136.



**Friday, January 1....NEW YEAR'S DAY**

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

**Saturday, January 2**

NO CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, January 3**

9:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

**Monday, January 4**

**Tuesday, January 5**

3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group

**Wednesday, January 6**

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

6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)

7:00 PM—Bible Study and Prayer Time

**Thursday, January 7**

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

6:30-8:30 PM—Prayer Walk Training

**Friday, January 8**

6:00 PM—4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Sleepover

**Saturday, January 9**

10:00 AM—Girls Sleepover concludes

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids

5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth

**Sunday, January 10**

9:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

12:00 PM—Prayer Walk (lunch beforehand)

**Monday, January 11**

6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, January 12**

6:00 PM—Endowment Meeting

**Wednesday, January 13**

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

6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)

7:00 PM—Quarterly Conference

**Thursday, January 14**

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

**Friday, January 15**

**Saturday, January 16**

4:45 PM-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids

5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth

**Sunday, January 17**

9:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

**Monday, January 18....MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

**Tuesday, January 19**

**Wednesday, January 20**

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

6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)

7:00 PM—Bible Study and Prayer Time

**Thursday, January 21**

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

**Friday, January 22**

**Saturday, January 23**

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids

5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth

**Sunday, January 24**

9:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

11:45 AM-1:30 PM—New Members Class (Part 1)

**Monday, January 25**

**Tuesday, January 26**

**Wednesday, January 27**

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

6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)

7:00 PM—Bible Study and Prayer Time

**Thursday, January 28**

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

**Friday, January 29**

**Saturday, January 30**

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids

5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth

**Sunday, January 31**

9:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

11:45 AM-1:30 PM—New Members Class (Part 2)





# *Welcome* to Our New Members!



**By Baptism:**  
Jason Astephen



**By Baptism:**  
Jimmy Grennan



**By Baptism:**  
Ricky Hansen



**By Baptism:**  
Cassandra Smith



**By Statement:**  
Jesse Keith

## **We Express Our Love and Sympathy to:**

- ~ Clay and Sue Sams in the passing of her sister, Mary Allene Williamson.
- ~ Betty Hawkins and family in the passing of her sister, Ruth Edwards.
- ~ David and Hope Riggins in the passing of his mother, and Bob Riggins in the passing of his grandmother, Barbara Riggins.
- ~ Craig Poole and family in the passing of his wife, Faye Poole.
- ~ Sandy and Delane Bryant in the passing of her mother, Betty Graham.
- ~ Maxine Drake and family in the passing of her aunt, cousin and college roommate. Also, in the recent passing of her special friend, Tom Smiley.
- ~ The family and friends in the passing of Norma Mace.
- ~ Marion McGaha and family in the passing of her brother-in-law.
- ~ Mike Upchurch and family in the passing of his father-in-law, Jack Youngus.

## **Office Staff Anniversary**

Congratulations to Kristen Tucker who serves as Associate Pastor, Spiritual Development and Communication. She joined our staff on January 18, 2015. Thank you, Kristen, for your ministry and love for Pritchard! We love and appreciate you!

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

## **South End Fine Arts Academy**

Pritchard is proud to be the home of the South End Fine Arts Academy. The Academy offers private music lessons, group dance classes and intro to music classes. For more information, please contact Melissa Wisor at [southendfineartsacademy@gmail.com](mailto:southendfineartsacademy@gmail.com)

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Minister of Music & Outreach.....	Rev. David Bailes
Associate Pastor, Spiritual Development & Communication.....	Rev. Kristen Tucker
Minister to Children & Families.....	Sherry Shaw
Minister to Youth & College Aged Students.....	Rev. Brack Ballard
Administrator.....	Doug Burkhardt
Executive Assistant for Administration & Education.....	Lynn Plyler
Office Assistant/Media Center Director.....	Katrina Gore
Accounting Clerk.....	Cindy Gamwell
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Grounds Keeper.....	Dewight Little
AV Director.....	Joe Hicks



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