



PRITCHARD
at South End

CHARLOTTE, NC

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Pritchard South End Presents

5TH SUNDAY *Sing*

August 29 | 6:00 PM

Featuring Hymns and Gospel Songs
by the Choir and Soloists with
Congregational Singing

Homemade Ice Cream Afterwards



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Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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There are so many things to look forward to in the life of our church in August. The first is Camp Ridgecrest. We are back on the mountain again this summer! Yippee! Believe it or not, it was sixty years ago this year that Pritchard began the Ridgecrest experience. The idea was to create something for our families that would inspire and spiritually benefit our youth and children. It has certainly met that goal many times over through the years. I hope you will begin praying now for all who are involved in this important week in the life of so many. At the time of the writing of this article, there are 111 people signed up to experience the week together. Please pray for safety, good weather, fun and most of all, for lives to be changed by the saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The same week we are at Ridgecrest, a large number of our senior adults will be at Caswell (I don't like the fact that they are on the same week. I used to get to go to both). We need to be praying for them that the week is inspirational, fun and spiritually fulfilling. We know there is always outstanding leadership at Caswell that leads to everyone coming home raving about the week. Pray for Stan and Donna as they take on the "activity leadership" for the week.

We are also excited about sharing another Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday. On August 22nd we will be sharing all our collected items with Charles A. Parker Academic Center (formerly Barringer Academic Center). Our partnership over the last several years has benefitted countless children who would begin their school year without the essentials for learning. Your generosity will allow us to bless a whole new group of children this year. We are also doing something else on August 22nd that I hope all of you will participate in. We are having an event after the worship service that allows you to "plug in" to all the activities taking place this Fall. You will be able to sign up for Life Groups, prayer breakfasts, mission opportunities (Helping Hands, Crisis Assistance, Charles A. Parker volunteer, etc.), choir, and many other ministry opportunities. Lunch will be served and we will be inviting Concord International Church to join us. It is going to be an awesome day. Please put it on your calendar today.

If you have not been back in our face-to-face worship services, I hope and pray you will return right away. God is blessing us with some incredible times of praise and worship. If you are at home watching, we are grateful. But there is nothing like being in worship together. Come join us this Sunday. You will be glad you did!

In His Love,
Bobby Morrow



Rev. Stan Heiser

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SummerFest 2021 Week I

"The Gift of Gathering: A Celebration"

It's time to start packing your bags to get ready to go to SUMMERFEST WEEK I, August 9-13, at Fort Caswell Coastal Retreat and Conference Center on Oak Island, NC!



SummerFest has grown to become North Carolina's premier conference for adults 55 and above. This event provides you with exciting opportunities for growth through worship, Bible study, creative workshops, and award winning classes put on by NCBAM to help us all on our journey for healthy living and ministry. We have also planned for free time to meet new folk, trips/walks to tour the coastline and fantastic evening entertainment! Oh, yes....did I mention delicious food too?!

By now, all final payments for the week should be made. You will be receiving a detailed letter from me explaining everything you need to know to make your week the best it can be. For those of you driving your car down, check-in time is between 2:00-4:00 PM. We will not be able to get into our rooms until 4:00 PM since there will be another large group on campus over the weekend. Housekeeping will need the extra time to get our rooms ready across the campus! PX will be open, if you would like to check it out, while waiting before you can get into your rooms. Rocking chairs on the porches will be available as well!

Please let me know if you will be driving down yourself or if you'll be riding one of the mini buses. A detailed map will be included in your information letter for those who are driving. Our schedule for DEPARTURE is Monday, August 9 and we'll RETURN home Friday, August 13. ***PLEASE NOTE: We'll load up baggage Monday on our two mini buses between 8:00-8:45 AM in the front parking lot on South Boulevard. We're changing it up this year because our children, youth and adult volunteers will be loading up in the parking lot behind the Sanctuary for Camp Ridgecrest at the same time. ***We will leave around 9:00 AM for Caswell. We'll stop for breakfast, lunch, and bathroom breaks on our way to the beach.

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***Friday, August 13 - we'll load up our mini buses at 8:45 AM in front of the Smith Conference Center at Caswell. We'll leave by 9:15 AM stopping for lunch, ice cream and bathroom breaks along the way. We should arrive back at Pritchard by 4:30 PM behind the Shoemaker Music Building.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 704-995-7828. I am so happy that you are going this year! We will have a wonderful time together. I look forward to celebrating with you and all who attend from across the state for this very special week, "The Gift of Gathering: A Celebration", as we will be brought closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and each other!!! Please be in prayer for all who will be attending. For 32 years it has been a special place to be drawn closer to God!!!

I came across this little mini devotion entitled "Healing Hugs" (Psalms 22:10 NLT) from the writings of Ellie Claire - "I was thrust into your arms at my birth. You have been my God from the moment I was born. It started when you were a baby, the comfort of bundled blankets wrapped around you for warmth. Instinctively, you sensed your mother's arms, your father's voice, relaxing in the security of their embrace. From then on, every bump and bruise simply felt better if you could just feel that encouraging hug, the closeness of a loved one lending strength into your world. But how does God hug His kids? (Which we all are!) If you reach your arms up, you only feel the seemingly empty air. I wish God could just give me a squeeze; you think to yourself. And then you feel it. That sudden, encouraging text from a friend. That kind smile from your spouse. A clasp around your legs by your little one. God's hugs are coming to you from every direction. From the checkbook that miraculously balanced to the neighbor who stopped by to drop off garden vegetables. God has wrapped your life tightly with His love to bundle you close to His heart. Realize His presence all around you...and hug Him right back with a heart full of thanks and hands that reach out to help others feel the warmth of God's hugs too."

Have a wonderful Summer. Hope to see you back at church soon!!!

Blessings, Stan

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 on the Fall schedule, please email southendfineartsacademy@gmail.com



Amazon Smile + Anchor of Hope

When Josh Bone started his GoFundMe page, he never dreamed two years later EIGHT Anchor of Hope Sober Living houses would exist. Anchor of Hope is recognized in Charlotte and beyond, and now when you shop on Amazon, YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS CHARITY!

How to Set-Up:

1. Connect your Amazon account with Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com/>)
2. Choose "Anchor of Hope" as the charity of your choice.
3. Shop on Amazon through Amazon Smile and a portion of the money you spend in purchases goes to Anchor of Hope Sober Living.

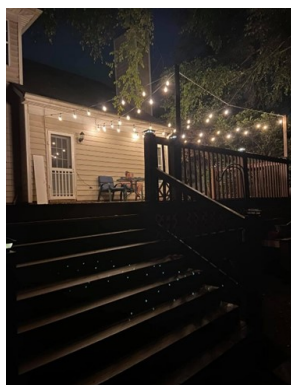


Need Help in the Following Areas?

Landscaping, pressure washing, hardscaping, deck building, demo, floors, paint, bathroom remodels, drywall and/or handyman projects? If so, hire Anchor of Hope Sober Services! This company began in April 2021 and

provides real employment for Anchor of Hope residents, in a safe environment, that may not be able to obtain employment with other companies.

Project Manager and church member Jason Astephen is ready to be contacted so they can meet your needs! You can contact him via EMAIL: anchorservices21@gmail.com or PHONE: 704-488-6806.



Welcome Melissa!

It is with great excitement that we announce Melissa Wisor as our new Minister to Children and Their Families! Melissa has already hit the ground running in Summer and Fall programming.

PARENTS - Do you receive the Pritchard/Overflow Kids WEEKLY EVENTS NEWSLETTER called "Weekly Scoop"? If not, EMAIL Melissa at mwisor@pritchardchurch.com and she will get you signed up!

We also want to thank the Search Committee for all their hard work and prayers since February: Morgan Jessup (CHAIR), Jennifer Bone, Meagan Crowell, Stacey Elder, Clayton Erickson and Chris Wallace.



Deacon Recommendations

If you wish to nominate someone to be considered as a Deacon, please pick up a Deacon Recommendation Form and list their name(s). Forms can be found in both lobbies of the Sanctuary and in the Gathering Place. Completed forms can be mailed, emailed or dropped off to Lynn in the Church Office.

Deadline to submit your nominations: Sunday, August 22.

The Media Center is OPEN!

The Media Center is located in the Pritchard Building on the first floor. **Sundays:** Stop by before the morning worship service. **Weekdays:** Stop by the Church Office for assistance.

Parking Decals

Parking is free at Pritchard, but requires a decal. Have you recently joined Pritchard's family? Maybe you're a long time member of Pritchard? If you do not have a decal for your car, please contact Katrina, Lynn or Cindy in the Church Office. We will need the year/make/model of your vehicle along with your tag number. Decals should be placed in the front window in the lower left corner of the driver's side (where the old inspection stickers used to go). Please note that Preferred Parking looks for the decals in this location on your car. Tickets are issued in our upper pay-to-park lot for non-payment with no decals.

Thrift Store Opens

We are excited to let you know that we are planning to open the Thrift Store on Wednesday, September 1. To celebrate our opening, we are having a HALF OFF SALE on all items in the store for the month of September. We will actually be open 5 days in September. These dates are: September 1, 2, 15, 16 and 29. The hours will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please come and help us celebrate the opening. All proceeds go to the Baptist Men Local Project Fund (also known as Helping Hands). Please watch for the September Messenger for further dates when our Thrift Store will be open this year.

Brenda and Nancy



Sunday, August 22
GET PLUGGED IN!

Right after worship, everyone will be able to enjoy a FREE LUNCH and sign up for Choirs, Fall Life Groups, Mission Opportunities and More!
Stay tuned to Pritchard E-Connect for details!



Rev. Brack Ballard

Minister to Youth
& College-Aged Students

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Greetings Youth and College-Aged Families!

Can you believe we are in August?! We are extremely excited about Camp Ridgecrest starting on Monday, August 9 through Friday, August 13! Please pray for all of us as we hope to provide the best camp experience to our campers. Most of all, teaching and impacting our students for the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

We are extremely excited to share that our Fall programming for youth (which meets Saturdays from 4:45-6:00 PM) is starting back up on August 21! This includes: Bible study, youth choir, games, snacks and fellowship! If you have a student from 6th-12th grade, I hope you plan on attending. Friends are always welcome!!!

Lastly, our college-aged students will have dinner together after Overflow at Dilworth Neighborhood Grill on Saturday, August 7. If you are a college-aged student (18-25) or know of someone who would like to be a part of this ministry, please let me know and I would love to connect! During this dinner together, we will be discussing our Fall plans and how God can use our ministry to connect with the college-aged students at Pritchard and beyond!

School Supply Collection for *Charles A. Parker Academic Center* (formerly Barringer)

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|-----------|-------------|
| Backpacks | Rulers |
| Notebooks | Erasers |
| Scissors | Glue sticks |
| Crayons | and more... |
| Pencils | |

Drop-off bins will be located in the Church Office, Gathering Place, Williams Building and the Sanctuary Lobby during the month of July and August.

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

SERMON: "BE THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST TODAY"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 5:14-16

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

SERMON: "NO, I AM NOT"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 18:15-27

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

SERMON: "ANOTHER YEAR ON THE MOUNTAINTOP"

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 8:1-13

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

SERMON: "THE VALUE OF SERVICE"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEWS 20:25-28

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

SERMON: "I MET THE MASTER FACE TO FACE"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 3:1-7



Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, August 8

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob and Lib Gore, Sr. and Bob Gore, Jr. Forever present in our hearts! They are placed by their family - Kathy, Sarah, Ezra, Mary, Michael, Luca and Leo.

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.

August 15, 29

September 5

October 31

November 14, 21

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

by Katrina Gore

SEASIDE by Terri Blackstock

Maggie reveals to her daughters the real picture of their lives: the best and most important things in life are right in front of them. This moving parable brings alive the truth that identity is not in what job we do, but in the relationships we build.

MIDNIGHT SEA (Aloha Reef Series #4) by Colleen Coble

Lani Tagama awakens to only darkness. Her sight gone, maybe forever, Lani asks guide dog trainer Ben Mahoney to help figure out who is after her and why. The tentacles of danger reach down the road to an orchid farm and stretch back thirty years to a hippie colony on Kauai.

BOOKSHOP BY THE SEA by Denise Hunter

Sophie set aside her dreams for her siblings to attend college, but the time has finally come to open her bookshop in Hideaway Cove, the North Carolina beach resort they frequented as children. As an advancing hurricane strands her high school boyfriend in town, old feelings resurface. Can Sophie trust him this time?



**Sunday, August 1**

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service
11:45 AM—Church Council Meeting

Monday, August 2**Tuesday, August 3**

1:00 PM—Knit Wits
3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (Spence home)

Wednesday, August 4

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 5

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

Friday, August 6**Saturday, August 7**

4:45 PM-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids
4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth
5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, August 8

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, August 9

9:00 AM—Senior Adults leave for SummerFest at Caswell
9:00 AM—Children/Youth leave for Camp Ridgecrest

Tuesday, August 10**Wednesday, August 11**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 12

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

Friday, August 13**Saturday, August 14**

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids
4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth
5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, August 15

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, August 16

6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, August 17**Wednesday, August 18**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 19

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

Friday, August 20**Saturday, August 21**

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids
4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth
5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, August 22

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service
11:45 AM—GET PLUGGED IN!

Monday, August 23**Tuesday, August 24****Wednesday, August 25**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 26

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

Friday, August 27**Saturday, August 28**

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids
4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth
5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, August 29

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service
6:00 PM—5th Sunday Night Sing/Homemade Ice Cream

Monday, August 30**Tuesday, August 31**

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- The family and friends in the passing of Freda Reid.
- Larry Robinson in the passing of his wife; Shawn Robinson and Heather Weir and their families in the passing of their mother, Linda Robinson.
- Mark and Sue Boynton in the passing of her father, Dr. Martin John Kreshon, Sr.
- Russ Allen and family in the passing of his wife, Beverly Allen.
- Diane Eaves and family in the passing of her niece, Lisa Boone Anderson.

thank
you

The family of David Gene Hunley wishes to express their deepest gratitude for the thoughts, prayers, cards and heartfelt donations made in his memory.



Welcome to Our New Member!

By Statement:
Martin Timmons

Staff Anniversaries

Join us in wishing a belated Happy Anniversary to our Pastor, Rev. Bobby Morrow. He joined our staff on July 5, 2005 and has been a blessing to Pritchard for 16 years.

We also want to wish Cindy Gamwell, our Accounting Clerk, a belated Happy Anniversary. She joined our staff on July 29, 2019.

Thank you, Bobby and Cindy, for your dedication, hard work and love for our Pritchard family. Know that you both are loved and appreciated!

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

Stewardship Update:

June 2021 Revenues and Expenses Summary

| | <u>MTD Actual</u> | <u>MTD Budget</u> | <u>YTD Actual</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> |
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| Total Revenues | \$112,938 | \$110,369 | \$700,938 | \$671,167 |
| Total Expenses | \$111,413 | \$127,914 | \$680,538 | \$712,091 |
| Net Total | \$1,525 | \$-17,545 | \$20,400 | \$-40,924 |

Pritchard Memorial shows a profit of \$1,524 through the month of June 2021.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Bobby Morrow
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 Youth & College Aged Students.....Rev. Brack Ballard
Minister to Children and Their Families.....Melissa Wisor
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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AV Director.....Joe Hicks



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