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CHARLOTTE, NC

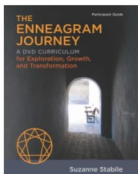
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The Enneagram Journey

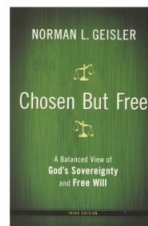
Facilitator: Kristen Tucker

Join in for a great, 12 session study, on exploring ourselves, growing and transforming!

Meeting location: TBD - In Person

Meeting time: TBD (each meeting requires 2 hours)

Audience: Open to all - men and women, single and married.



Chosen But Free

"A balanced view of God's Sovereignty and Free Will"

Facilitator: Rick Kisiah

Join in for a 10-12 week study pondering the thought, if God is in control of human destiny, why does he hold us responsible for our choices?

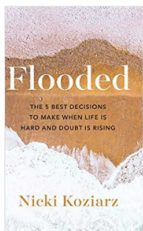
Balancing biblical perspective on the debate between God's sovereignty (Calvinism) and human free will (Arminianism)---and a rebuttal to other viewpoints. Book purchase necessary..

Start Date: September 9

Meeting location: TBD - Zoom

Meeting time: Thursdays at 6:30-7:30 PM for 10-12 weeks.

Audience: The study is based on relationships but not limited to married or single individuals.



Flooded by Nicki Koziarz

Facilitator: Jennifer Bone

Dive deeper into a 6 week book study on Flooded by Nicki Koziarz using her video teachings and discussion questions to guide you.

Meeting location: Bone home (Ballantyne)

Meeting time: TBD

Audience: Open to all - men and women, single and married.
Child friendly



Guardrails: Avoiding Regret in Your Life

Facilitator: Todd and Nichole Grady

Start Date: September 9

Meeting location: Grady home (Stanley)

Meeting time: Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Audience: The study is based on relationships but not limited to married or single individuals.

Christian Walk 101

Facilitator: Gary Huhnerkoch & Debra Huhnerkoch

This class is designed for anyone interested in learning more about the basics of growing in their relationship with Jesus. Class format will consist of brief lecture of materials along with opportunities for discussion and questions encouraging group sharing and learning.

Meeting location: Pritchard Campus **Meeting time:** TBD

Audience: Open to all - men and women, single and married

Women's Study

Facilitator: Lane Sykes

Dig deep in the Bible with other women, living life together.

Meeting location: TBD **Meeting time:** TBD

Audience: Women of all ages





Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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I know that some of you, if not all of you, are just as frustrated as I am that we seem to be unable to get ourselves out from under the challenges that the Coronavirus has created. The return to the wearing of masks is just one of the signs that things are getting worse, not better. Variants of the virus have us concerned about what we will be facing in the future. Education continues to be affected as kids returned to school under some of the same restrictions they faced months ago.

We also struggle with the different voices that are reporting to us the facts surrounding the virus. We have become increasingly skeptical as we hear so many different opinions on what the truth really is. We have become so use to everyone having an agenda that supports their personal views or the views of a political party, that we don't know what to believe anymore. I heard it said that we are so focused on fighting each other that we aren't able to unite to fight the virus. Sad, isn't it?

This is what happens though when we are more concerned with the world's opinion that we are God's. We have become a country that supports and encourages every behavior and opinion regardless of what God's Word says about it. To stand on Biblical principles is seen as divisive, hateful and intolerant. The truth is that those who don't believe in God's truth have always felt that way. The difference is today that Christians are not given the freedom to have or express their beliefs. We are seen as the worst kind of people. Our message of God's love gets lost in the accusations of intolerance.

But we cannot stop loving as a result. We as Christians love God first. He is our priority. His Word tells us that the world will reject Him and therefore us as long as sin is a part of our existence. But regardless of the world's rejection, we continue to love as He loved. God loved those who put His Son on the cross and Jesus asked that God forgive those same people because they really didn't understand what they were doing! God loved us while we were yet sinners.

He tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves. He doesn't say love only the neighbors who love us. He doesn't say love only the neighbors who believe like you do. He says we love all neighbors.

So even though we have real issues with how the world is responding to the truth of God's Word, we must continue to be the ambassadors He chose us to be. If the world is to come to know and embrace Jesus Christ, they must hear of Him and His saving power through us! May our frustration lead to a stronger commitment to and belief in the only one that can do anything about what is happening in our world today, our Heavenly Father. His love is still changing lives!

In His Love,
Bobby Morrow



Rev. Stan Heiser

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SummerFest for September 2021 Cancelled

Due to Covid-19 issues at Fort Caswell and now across our state with surges of the Delta variant, especially with unvaccinated individuals, your SummerFest Planning Team (which I am a part of) had no other decision to make than to cancel our September gathering. Our desire is for SummerFest weeks to be the safest for all who attend across the state. As of tonight, August 26, our team has contacted all the program leaders and entertainers to see if they can re-schedule for May and August of 2022. I am very happy to say that all have said yes!!!

Our 2022 dates are: WEEK I May 16-20 and WEEK II August 8-12. The entire program will be the same as planned for 2021 "The Gift of Gathering: A Celebration". What a celebration it is going to be! BIGGER and BETTER than ever!!!!!!

Your SummerFest Planning Team members are as sad as you all are that we had to cancel again this year. We hope and pray for a better year in 2022, when we all will gather once again at Fort Caswell Coastal Retreat and Conference Center on Oak Island, NC. I hope you will plan to join us next year!

Sunago Singers Choir

We are planning a gathering for those interested in singing in our Sunago Singers Choir on Thursday, September 23. Chick-fil-a will be provided for all who attend. We will discuss a regular meeting hour, songs we will be singing between now and Christmas, and how often the choir will sing. At this time, we will not be able to present a Christmas concert in assisted living and retirement centers due to Covid-19. Our leadership will be the same: Nona Thompson (director), Lori Williams (pianist) and myself (as ministry support). While Nona is recovering from her surgery in September, David Bailes will lead our Sunago Choir until Nona is healthy and well again. Our choir is open to all members 55 and above. Come join us as we plan for this very meaningful ministry here at Pritchard!

Hart Square's 37th Annual Festival

Hart Square's annual festival will be held Saturday, October 23. Due to Covid-19, there will be restrictions for those who attend this year. *Doors and windows will be open for visitor viewing; however, demonstrators shall be the only people allowed in the buildings. The majority of the demonstrators will be outside in various locations and on cabin*

porches to display their historic crafts and trades for guests. Because we will not be allowed in the 100 plus structures this year, which is a great part of the adventure of the day, WE WILL NOT BE GOING AS A PRITCHARD GROUP THIS YEAR. Individuals may go on their own. Hart Square is limiting the number of guests this year to 2000. For those of you who have gone with us over the years, you probably remember meeting Dr. Hart who owns and built most of the structures over many years. Last year, Dr. Hart passed away. He will be greatly missed. His foundation will now take on leadership. Hopefully, next year we will be able to go as a group again.

Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre

There will be two afternoon presentations of "Christmas in the Mountains" - Thursday, November 13 OR Saturday, November 27. We will travel by Christian Tour motor-coach to beautiful Wytheville, Virginia, to enjoy a delicious holiday dinner before we are completely immersed in the Christmas season, as presented by the talented musical entertainers. This Broadway musical/drama will magically dazzle us with old and new Christmas songs along with a breath taking nativity. If you would like to go, please let me know what date works best for you as soon as possible. I'll need to determine if we will have enough interest to charter a Christian Tour Motorcoach and reserve our place in the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater by the first of October. I hope you will join us.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon!!!

Blessings, Stan



September ZOOM Schedule:

6:30 PM - Fellowship

7:00 PM - Bible Study

7:30 PM - Prayer Time

September 7.....Bobby Morrow

September 14.....Kristen Tucker

September 21.....Stan Heiser

September 28.....David Bailes

Pritchard **Kids**

PRAY *for* **ME**

C A M P A I G N

Luke 2:52 & 1 Timothy 4:12

COMMIT
to cover our children in prayer for the next
180 DAYS!

to **PRAYERFULLY ADOPT** *one of our*
41 Pritchard Kids contact Melissa Wisor

mwisor@pritchardchurch.com

NEW THINGS STARTING SEPTEMBER 12

Calling all PARENTS,
Starting September 12, there will be
a new class just for YOU!

Drop your children off at 9:00 AM
and then make your way to the 3rd floor
for treats, coffee, & video guided discussions
on Christian parenting, tailored
to what you need as parents.
Led by Jennifer Bone!

Also starting September 12, Pritchard Kids
drop-off will begin at 9:00AM. This will
allow parents to get to Sunday School and
gives the children more time for
Bible study, music, missions, and more!



Rev. Brack Ballard

*Minister to Youth
and College-Aged Students*

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Greetings Youth and College-Aged Families!

Can you believe we are in September?! I wanted to say thank you so much for your prayers, time and financial support to make Camp Ridgecrest a possibility this year! We had another fantastic experience on the mountain top where both children, youth and adults were moved to either give their hearts and lives to Christ for the first time or for rededication.

Youth Activities:

9/1: Midweek Zoom Devotions

9/4: Labor Day Weekend (no youth group)

9/11: Youth Group

9/15: Youth Council Meeting after Midweek Zoom Devotions

9/18: Corn Maze

9/25: Youth Group

College-Aged Ministry:

9/12: Small Group Sunday School

9/26: Small Group Sunday School

As always, thank you so much for your continued prayers and support of ministry from 6th grade to 25 year olds! I am so excited for the upcoming year and believe it will be one of the very best yet!

Crop Walk for World Hunger

Mark your calendars now for Crop Walk on Sunday, November 7. This year, the walk will be totally virtual (no actual walk through uptown Charlotte). Envelopes and forms for donations will be available around the church buildings and in the office. Donations can also be made on Realm. Let's make this a banner year for a most worthwhile event!

Constitution and By-Laws

Christian Education presented the Vision Committee with a proposal to change the By-Laws as it relates to *Section VI. Church Meetings*. The Vision Committee is reviewing this request and will bring it to the church for a discussion and vote in conjunction with the October Quarterly Business Meeting. The timing is as follows - Motion presented to the church on Sunday, October 10; discussion of motion on Wednesday, October 12; followed by a church vote on Sunday, October 17. The specific proposed change will be publicized beginning in mid-September.

The Vision Committee



Many thanks to those who donated to our Back to School Backpack collection! We were able to bless many students with supplies for their upcoming school year. Good luck to all those who are returning to school and college!

Thrift Store

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 be open September 1, 2, 15, 16 and 29 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Please come and help us celebrate the opening! All proceeds go to our Baptist Men Local Project Fund (also known as Helping Hands).

Greeters Needed

The Campus Connect Committee is looking for new Welcome Team members to help open the doors of the Sanctuary before the Sunday morning worship service. If you are interested, please contact Chris Wallace or the church office.



Pritchard Softball

Pritchard Softball games will begin September 30 at Park Road Park on Thursdays at 6:30 PM, 7:30 PM, 8:30 PM and 9:30 PM. Register at www.pritchardrec.com/ and use the pass-word: pmbcsoftball

Yes I Can Basketball Little Dribbler League

This league is for boys ages 5-7 years old. High energy professional training in a positive atmosphere. Saturday mornings (two sessions - 9 AM and 10:30 AM) September 11-October 23. Cost is \$199 per player for 7 sessions. Sponsorships are available for funding!

For details on any of the above recreation events, please contact Adam Calderone, Pritchard's Recreational Director at acalderone@pritchardchurch.com

Women on Mission

WOM will meet Tuesday, September 7 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be catered by Jason's Deli. Please let Millie Creech (milliekcreech@gmail.com) know which sandwich you prefer: ham, turkey or roast beef, or if you have a special need/request. We look forward to seeing each of you again!



Sunday Celebration Choir

Open to all Adults College thru...
Practice: Wednesday, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM in Sanctuary

Sunday Celebration Orchestra

Open to those who play band and orchestra instruments, guitar, keyboard, etc.
Practice: Sunday, 8:30 AM in Sanctuary

Youth Choir

Open to all Middle School and Senior High Students
Practice: Saturday, 4:45 PM-5:15 PM in the Loft

Pritchard Kids' Choir

These music/choir activities are part of Overflow
Saturday, 4:45- 6:00 PM and Sunday, 9:00-10:30 AM

Handbell Choir

Open to all Pritchard Youth and up
Practice: TBD, Fine Arts Academy, 2nd Floor Fletcher

Sunago Singers

Open to all Senior Adults
Tentatively beginning on September 23, 10:30 AM in Music Building

Audio/Visual Team

Operators for Audio, Video Cameras, Etc.
for Sunday Morning Celebration



Interested, but with little or no experience?
Training will be provided!

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SERMON: "AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 10:10

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SERMON: "ANCHOR OF HOPE STORY"

JOSH BONE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

REV. KRISTEN TUCKER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

SERMON: "WHAT MEAN THESE STONES?"

SCRIPTURE: JOSHUA 4:1-7, 15-24

REV. BOBBY MORROW



Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, September 12

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Linda Robinson on her birthday. They are placed by Larry, Shawn and Heather.

Sunday, September 19

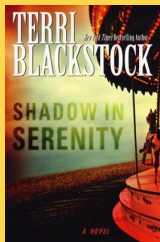
The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Geraldine Price's 99th birthday. They are placed by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sunday, September 26

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sylvia Childers and Jackie Pettit on their birthdays. They are placed by Allen and Sandy Childers.

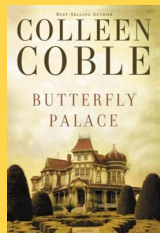
FROM THE MEDIA CENTER by Katrina Gore

Welcome back to reading. These are some of my favs!



Shadow in Serenity by Terri Blackstock

Carny Sullivan grew up in the zany world of a traveling carnival. Logan Brisco is the smoothest, slickest, handsomest man Serenity has ever seen. But Carny knows a con artist when she sees one. As far as Carny can tell, she's the only one in town who has his number. From his Italian shoes to his movie-actor smile, Logan has the rest of the town snowed.



Butterfly Palace by Colleen Coble

When Lilly Donnelly arrives to work at the famed Butterfly Mansion in 1899, the massive house and unfamiliar duties threaten to overwhelm her. But Lilly resolves to prove herself to her new employers. While serving at an elegant dinner party, Lilly recognizes one distinguished guest as Andrew, the love of her life, who abandoned her without a word back home. He seems to have assumed a new identity and refuses to acknowledge her.



Hearts That Survive: A Novel of the Titanic by Yvonne Lehman

On April 15, 1912, Lydia Beaumont is on her way to a new life. Her new friendship with Caroline Chadwick is bonded even more as they plan Lydia's wedding on board the "grandest ship ever built." Then both women suffer tragic losses when the "unsinkable" Titanic goes down. Can each survive the scars the disaster left on their lives?

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 1

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 2

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)
10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

Friday, September 3

Saturday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 5

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

Monday, September 6....LABOR DAY

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

Tuesday, September 7

10:30 AM—Women on Mission
3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (Spence home)
6:30 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)
7:00 PM—Bible Study and Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, September 8

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

Thursday, September 9

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)
6:00 PM—Nominating Committee Meeting

Friday, September 10

Saturday, September 11

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

Sunday, September 12

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

Monday, September 13

6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

6:30 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)
7:00 PM—Bible Study and Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, September 15

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 16

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)
10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open
6:00 PM—Nominating Committee Meeting

Friday, September 17

Saturday, September 18

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids
5:00-8:00 PM—Youth to Corn Maze
5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, September 19

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

Monday, September 20

Tuesday, September 21

6:30 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)
7:00 PM—Bible Study and Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, September 22

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

Thursday, September 23

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)
10:30 AM—Sunago Singers
6:00 PM—Nominating Committee Meeting

Friday, September 24

Saturday, September 25

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

Sunday, September 26

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

Monday, September 27

Tuesday, September 28

6:30 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)
7:00 PM—Bible Study and Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, September 29

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 30

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)
10:30 AM—Sunago Singers
6:00 PM—Nominating Committee Meeting



We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Cy and Nancy Elder in the passing of his sister; Kevin Elder, Mac Elder and their families in the passing of their aunt, Betty Woodard.
- Traci Brown Burgess and family in the passing of her father, George Brown.
- Allen and Sandy Childers in the passing of his sister-in-law, Brenda Huffstetler.
- The family and friends in the passing of Louise Waddell.
- Rondo and Carolyn McIntosh in the passing of their son; Jeff and Anita Taft in the passing of her brother, Rondo McIntosh IV.

Note of Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many ways you have poured out your love, words of wisdom and comfort to me in the recent home-going of my friend, Jim. I continue to be blessed by your thoughtfulness. Thank you, Church Staff and Elaine Rogers, for opening your hearts in countless ways. You have truly demonstrated God's love in action and we are forever grateful.

Love and Blessings, Jean Freeman



Welcome to Our New Member!

By Baptism:

Landry Wisor

Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Dewight Little**, our Grounds Keeper, who is celebrating his second anniversary at Pritchard! He joined our staff on September 9, 2019.

Congratulations to **Madison Werner**, our Operations Assistant, who is celebrating her first year on Pritchard's staff. She came aboard September 30, 2020.

Thank you, Dewight and Madison, for your hard work and dedication at Pritchard. We love and appreciate you both!

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

Stewardship Update:

July 2021 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Total Revenues	\$100,841	\$113,180	\$801,779	\$784,346
Total Expenses	\$99,157	\$118,434	\$779,695	\$830,525
Net Total	\$1,684	\$-5,254	\$22,084	\$-46,179

Pritchard Memorial shows a profit of \$1,684 through the month of July 2021.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Bobby Morrow
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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
Maintenance.....James Phillips
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