



PRITCHARD  
at South End

CHARLOTTE, NC

# MESSENGER

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Join us as we honor and celebrate

**Rev. Bobby Morrow**

who will retire after faithfully serving over 17 years as our Pastor.

*"A pastor devoted to giving so much, God only knows all the souls that you touch.  
Committed to serve when you answered God's call, you prove it by being a servant to all."*

(Matthew 25:21)

*Reception*

**Sunday, November 20 in the Fellowship Hall  
Immediately following the morning worship service**

We are collecting a love offering and cards for Pastor Bobby.  
Please send both to the Church Office so they can be presented to him on November 20.





## Rev. Bobby Morrow

*Pastor*

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This will be my final article to share with you through the Messenger. As you heard in worship on Sunday, October 23, my last day of work here at Pritchard will be on November 23. I have accepted an Interim Pastor role at a church in Gaffney and will begin my work there on December 1. It is an opportunity I feel God is telling me I cannot say no to. It is with great sadness, but also with a sense of anticipation, that I say goodbye to my family of faith here at Pritchard. We've all known for 10 months that this day was coming, and it is the right time to make this transition.

It is hard for me to believe that I have served here at Pritchard for 17+ years. 2005 just doesn't seem that long ago. From my first day here you have treated me and my family with such love and support. I have loved every minute of being your Pastor. I have said many times there is no better place in the country to Pastor and I mean that sincerely. You have done more for April and me personally than we could have ever dreamed. Your generosity still blows me away. I will forever be in your debt. I will always love Pritchard, the church that took a chance on me and allowed me the privilege of being a Pastor.

I leave knowing that the time is right for new leadership. We need to reach the community around us and it is going to take a new vision from a new leader to accomplish that. I know that our Pastor Search Team is working diligently to secure the right next leader for us. They are being covered constantly in prayer and I know that God is listening and is going to send us the person HE has in mind for us. God wants His church at Pritchard to thrive in the middle of this special area of Charlotte called South End. He will provide all we need for that to happen. He has been providing for us for 121 years! He will continue to be faithful. We can trust Him.

I am going to a church that needs help. They have experienced some challenges during the last three years that resulted in the loss of a number of their members. Several of their members are hurting and wondering about the future of their fellowship. They need to be unified and they need to hear that they have a purpose to fill in God's Kingdom where He has placed them. They need to know that God loves them, and He is not through with them yet. Sound familiar at all? God prepares us for how we can best be used for Him. My time of effectiveness here has passed. That is obvious to any who has observed our church closely in the last couple of years. I leave knowing that God has great things in store for the next Pastor at Pritchard. You will love that person just like you loved me and they will be so grateful to be your Pastor. They will be saying to their family and friends soon, this is the best place in the world to serve. I know that because I have experienced it. Thank you for the incredible honor of serving alongside of you. It has been the most fulfilling years of my life. I love you all so much and can't wait to celebrate with you as the church flourishes in the years to come. I will always be a Pritchard member in my heart.

In His Love,  
*Bobby*



## Rev. Stan Heiser

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Calling all adults 50 and above for another exciting Sweet Spirits program and Cracker Barrel meal -

**Wednesday, November 16**  
**11:00 AM-1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

Our entertainment will be presented by Jenny Wayne from Raleigh, NC who will be sharing her testimony in word and song. She is a professional singer and entertainer who performs for audiences large and small. Her singing performances include classic big band tributes to Harry James, the Andrew Sisters and the McGuire Sisters - touring cities across Florida singing alongside her sister and swing band. Jenny has performed with the North Carolina Opera Company and various Christian chorale groups, served as a soloist for NarroWay Productions in Fort Mill, SC and has also enjoyed sharing her love of music and her Lord by performing for multiple senior living communities and local churches.

I first met Jenny in Clayton, NC six years ago during our Eastern NCBAM AAIM regional meeting at First Baptist Church. I became an instant fan from that first performance. Her countenance draws you in to her genuine love for our Lord, as she shares her personal testimony and sings the great songs of our faith. Over the past four out of six years, NCBAM has had Jenny sing for our statewide meetings and regional meetings across our state. I am so excited that our schedules have finally become a reality and our Sweet Spirits will get to experience the beautiful voice and powerful testimony of Jenny Wayne.

The cost of the program is still only \$10.00 per person (which includes our entertainment and a delicious meal prepared by Cracker Barrel) payable at the door when you enter the Gathering Place. Sign up on Realm or see me on Sunday mornings down front by the chapel door exit. You can also call the Church Office. Reservation deadline is shorter this month because of Thanksgiving and must be made by Wednesday, November 9 so we can give Cracker Barrel an accurate headcount. Remember, the best place to be is TOGETHER with YOU and the Sweet Spirits!

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Come join us this Thanksgiving season as we experience "The Real Christmas Story" at NarroWay Productions in Fort Mill, SC on Sunday, November 27. We will meet at the church at 5:00 PM. We'll leave shortly thereafter to get to NarroWay by 5:45 PM to be seated for the meal. The show starts at 6:30 PM. We will return to the church afterwards. The performance will include your favorite Christmas scenes! You'll hear your favorite Christmas songs! Then we'll watch in awe-stricken wonder as NarroWay beautifully re-creates "The Real Christmas Story"!

The meal will be a traditional Christmas dinner - moist baked turkey, southern-style dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, a warm dinner roll, and pumpkin roll cake. Beverages are sweet iced tea and water. (Vegetarian and gluten-sensitive options are available with 24 hours notice).

Oh yes!!!! NarroWay guarantees snowfall at every performance! Cost for this exciting Christmas experience is:

Adults (ages 19-54).....\$45.00

Seniors (ages 55+).....\$43.00

Children/youth (through age 18).....\$25.00

Contact the Church Office to sign up, register on Realm or see me on Sunday mornings after worship down front near the door going to Solomon Chapel. SIGN UP THIS WEEK! TICKETS ARE GOING FAST!

I hope you will be a part of these exciting opportunities. To guarantee that you will, please sign up today! I do not want you to miss either of these special events. As always, I look forward to seeing you at worship each Sunday morning! Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Blessings, Stan

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Since June, we have given 18 prayer shawls and lap blankets to individuals who have experienced significant health issues. The recipients have shared they feel the prayers/love and the shawls have been very comforting to them. We have also provided the CDC with 12 baby blankets for the new infants who are enrolled in the program. Other baby blankets have been distributed to new parents in our congregation. This is such a wonderful ministry and we thank the ladies who are using their talents in this way. To learn more, contact Nancy Parris or Jean Milford.



## Adam Calderone

Recreation Director

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As we turn the page to November, I am reminded with what the month of November is about: gratitude, thankfulness, and giving back. I challenge all of us to think about how we can live up to these ideas and give us momentum as we head into the New Year!



Softball is back and in full swing. Come by and support our Pritchard softball team! The games are all played at Park Road Park on the following dates:

November 3 at 9:30 PM

November 10 - Playoffs, time TBD

### Youth Basketball

Youth basketball is officially back! I am excited to announce our continued partnership with Charles Parker Elementary, as we are sponsoring over a dozen kids to play on multiple youth Pritchard basketball teams. The students were identified and selected by school staff, based upon need and those that would most benefit from the opportunity. Our own Matthew Rogers and Chris Hursey (as well as myself) will coach the kids and teach them about the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fellowship. It's a great experience for all involved and most importantly, the kids will get a chance to be involved in our programs.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

FALL  
BACK

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT



## Rev. Brack Ballard

Minister to Youth  
and College-Aged Students

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Greetings youth and college-aged families! November is here! One of my favorite months of the year! What has become a tradition within Pritchard youth is our annual turkey bowling! Last year, parents started to play as well, and I am very excited about our event! Maybe this year I will finally win a game! We plan to have lunch with our college students after church one Sunday this month. It is going to be a great month!

## From the Media Center

by Katrina Gore

### Give Thanks

We have much to be thankful for, including our family and friends, so give thanks this Thanksgiving. Please check out our wide variety of cookbooks in the Media Center. Why not try a new dish for your Thanksgiving meal?



### Sweet Carolina: Favorite Desserts and Candies from the Old North State by Foy Allen Edelman

An invitation for home cooks of all levels of experience to get into the kitchen. This cookbook will satisfy more than the sweet tooth. From the mountains to the Piedmont to the coast, *Sweet Carolina* preserves a significant record of North Carolina and southern culinary traditions.

### The Barefoot Contessa Family Style: Easy Ideas and Recipes That Make Everyone Feel Like Family by Ina Garten

Ina Garten is back with her most enticing recipes yet—a collection of her favorite dishes for everyday cooking. In *The Barefoot Contessa Family Style*, Ina explains that sharing our lives and tables with those we love is too essential to be saved just for special occasions—and it's easy to do if you know how to cook irresistible meals with a minimum of fuss.

### Tip of the Month:

Check out our bulletin board for suggested reading located in the Gathering Place. Themes change monthly.



# Pritchard Pastor Search Team Update

Pritchard friends,

As you know by now, on January 9, 2022, Pastor Bobby announced his intention to retire at a point still to be determined in the future. His stated goal was to stay until a new pastor was called or until God opened clear vision into his next step in ministry. Given Bobby and April's move to Gaffney, SC a couple of years back, it should have come as no surprise that a local church would be poised to grab someone of Bobby's quality and reputation. So, while it was difficult to hear it spoken aloud this past Sunday, his announcement of actually *taking* that next step should be a time of celebration for the Morrow family *and* for Pritchard, as well as for a place in need of his giftedness in loving and healing a hurting church.

In preparation for this eventuality, the Pritchard pastor search team ("PST") was nominated and voted unanimously into service by our congregation on February 13. Those members are as follow: Vickey Arroba, Meagan Crowell, Perry Holland, Frances Nettles, Jeff Rogers, Chris Wallace, and Marilyn Withrow. In unified fashion, we took several months to identify the core needs of Pritchard that would advance the cause for Christ in South End, as well as create an opportunity for us to move together boldly into a future of greater relevance in our community. After presentation to the congregation, SS classes, parents of youth and children, and the August "Messenger", we then published the posting in late July.

Since March 3, the PST has met together over 30 times, exchanged countless emails, texts, and 100+ pages of notes exhaustively taken by Meagan Crowell. In the two months after the posting, the PST reviewed at least 60 resumes, CV's, and/or email contacts received ([pmbcpastorsearch@gmail.com](mailto:pmbcpastorsearch@gmail.com)), with 10-15 of those receiving varying degrees of consideration for an interview. Three of those 15-20 ended up meriting multiple interviews, winnowed down to two, and eventually gleaned to one candidate.

At this juncture in mid-September, the PST took a pause to discuss whether to move forward with more advanced contact with the candidate. After discussion and prayer, we decided to engage additional external resources, garnering another batch of 10-12 qualified candidates; we did not take this step out of any great hesitancy about the current candidate, but rather to expand the pool one more time to see if God brought anyone forward that was comparable to or exceeded the current candidate. **He did not.**

Obviously, the PST would have loved for final decisions to have been reached prior to Bobby's announcement on Sunday, however as of today - October 26 - key steps remain in that process. It is entirely possible that this union proceeds and opens a new, exciting era for Pritchard! However, it is also possible that our search process continues into the holidays and into 2023. As we pray for God's wisdom and guidance to that end, the Personnel Committee and the PST are committed to working diligently on behalf of our church to bring forth the outcome most pleasing to Him. Regardless of the conclusion, please lift your prayers for our candidate and his family during this time.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our efforts.

Jeff Rogers, Chairperson Pritchard Pastor Search Team

# PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**SERMON:** "IT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW"

**SCRIPTURE:** LUKE 6:27-38

REV. BOBBY MORROW

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**SERMON:** "A FUNNY THING HAPPENED  
ON THE WAY TO..."

**SCRIPTURE:** MARK 5:21-34

REV. BOBBY MORROW

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**SERMON:** "WHAT'S NEXT?"

REV. BOBBY MORROW

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

REV. BRACK BALLARD

# Sanctuary Flowers

## Sunday, November 6

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Talmadge Price on his birthday. Also, in honor and memory of all the men and women who have and are serving in our military to secure our freedom. We thank you for your service and sacrifice. They are placed by his wife, Geraldine Price, and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## Sunday, November 20

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Morrow. We thank you for over 17 years of dedicated leadership and love for Pritchard. Many blessings on your retirement. We love you and will miss you greatly!

## Sanctuary Flowers in 2023

If there is someone in your life you'd like to remember in a special way, consider placing flowers in the Sanctuary one Sunday. There are several dates available throughout the year. It's an easy and inexpensive gesture that the recipient always appreciates. Anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, milestones of any kind to remembering the loss of someone dear to your heart. Please call the Church Office to reserve your date today!



Pritchard South End

# Christmas Musical CELEBRATION

FEATURING

Special Guest Steve Amerson and Laurie Gayle Stephenson  
Celebration Choir and Orchestra

**DECEMBER 4**  
**10:30 AM**



#### **Tuesday, November 1**

10:30 AM—Women on Mission (Meeting in room P200)  
 3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (Spence home)  
 6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time

#### **Wednesday, November 2**

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, November 3**

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)  
 10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Choir  
 5:30 PM—Pastor Search Team Meeting  
 6:00 PM—Women's "Elijah" Bible Study  
 6:30 PM—Christian Walk 101

#### **Friday, November 4**

#### **Saturday, November 5**

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

#### **Sunday, November 6...DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!**

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

#### **Monday, November 7**

#### **Tuesday, November 8**

10:00 AM—See 'n Sew  
 6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Prayer Time/Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, November 9**

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

#### **Thursday, November 10**

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)  
 10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Choir  
 5:30 PM—Pastor Search Team Meeting  
 6:00 PM—Women's "Elijah" Bible Study  
 6:30 PM—Christian Walk 101

#### **Friday, November 11**

#### **Saturday, November 12**

4:00 PM—Youth Turkey Bowling  
 6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

#### **Sunday, November 13**

8:00 AM—Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Breakfast  
 9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School  
 10:30 AM—Worship Service led by our Youth

#### **Monday, November 14**

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

#### **Tuesday, November 15**

6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time

#### **Wednesday, November 16**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)  
 10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open  
 11:00 AM-1:00 PM—Sweet Spirits  
 6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, November 17**

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)  
 10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Choir  
 5:30 PM—Pastor Search Team Meeting  
 6:00 PM—Women's "Elijah" Bible Study  
 6:30 PM—Christian Walk 101

#### **Friday, November 18**

#### **Saturday, November 19**

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

#### **Sunday, November 20**

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School  
 10:30 AM—Worship Service  
 11:45 AM—Reception for Rev. Bobby Morrow  
 1:00 PM—Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas

#### **Monday, November 21**

#### **Tuesday, November 22**

10:00 AM-12 Noon—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance  
 6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time

#### **Wednesday, November 23**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)  
 NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### **Thursday, November 24....THANKSGIVING DAY**

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

#### **Friday, November 25**

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

#### **Saturday, November 26**

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

#### **Sunday, November 27**

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School  
 10:30 AM—Worship Service  
 5:00 PM—NarroWay Productions "The Real Christmas Story"

#### **Monday, November 28**

#### **Tuesday, November 29**

6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Prayer Time/Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, November 30**

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

## Happy Thanksgiving!



# Stewardship Update: September 2022 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Revenue	\$88,923	\$97,686	\$950,978	\$1,035,229
Expenses	\$126,458	\$148,754	\$1,022,161	\$1,137,587
Net Income	\$(37,535)	\$(51,068)	\$(71,183)	\$(102,358)

- Our Actual YTD Revenue is behind our YTD Budget by \$84,251.

## We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Stanley and P.J. Eaves in the passing of their son-in-law, Allen Cook.
- Joyce Montgomery and family in the passing of her husband, Bill Montgomery.
- Maxine Drake in the passing of her companion, Stanley Owen.
- Rose Byrd and family in the passing of her husband, Charlie Byrd.
- Robert Wilson and family in the passing of his wife, Christine Wilson.
- Charles Bumgardner in the passing of his mother; Matt Walker and Madison Walker in the passing of their grandmother, Ruth Bumgardner.
- John and Debbie Wall in the passing of his brother, Mike Wall.

## Weekly Prayer Sheet

We have a special prayer sheet that is updated weekly. If you know of someone who should be added (or removed), please contact Katrina Gore at [kgore@pritchardchurch.com](mailto:kgore@pritchardchurch.com) or by calling 704-376-1571. This prayer sheet is sent out every Tuesday in E-Connect.

## HAPPY Anniversary!

This month, we're celebrating two very special people! Join us as we wish a HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to -

Stan Heiser, who serves as our Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care and Senior Adults. He is celebrating his 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Pritchard's staff! Stan joined our team back on November 1, 1988.

Congratulations also to Doug Burkhart who is celebrating his 4<sup>th</sup> year as our Administrator. He came aboard November 5, 2018. Doug serves in many different capacities ranging from finances, to the church campus to the Child Development Center.

Stan and Doug, we are forever grateful for your hard work and dedication to Pritchard. Thank you for the many things you do on a daily basis. You are the backbone of Pritchard. We love and appreciate you both!

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

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Bobby Morrow  
Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care & Senior Adults.....Rev. Stan Heiser  
Minister of Music & Outreach.....Rev. David Bailes  
Minister to Youth & College Aged Students.....Rev. Brack Ballard  
Minister to Children and Their Families.....Melissa Wisor  
Administrator.....Doug Burkhart  
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