



PRITCHARD  
at South End

CHARLOTTE, NC

# MESSENGER

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SOUTH END

**FAMILY  
FRIENDLY**



# FALL FESTIVAL

**October 22**

**4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**GAMES | BOUNCE HOUSES | COSTUMES  
TRUNK-OR-TREAT | KONA ICE  
CLT ROLLIE FOOD TRUCK | FACE PAINTING**

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## Rev. Bobby Morrow

*Pastor*

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October looks to be a very busy month for us here at Pritchard. We have several opportunities to engage with our community. We are having our annual Tailgate Service on October 9. We will worship together at 10:30 and then share a meal catered by Jim 'N Nicks Barbecue. We encourage you to take this opportunity to invite friends to join you in worship that day. We know that some people may feel more comfortable coming to church for the first time in that atmosphere than at a regular service. It was last year that the Lebda family, Bob and Judy, worshipped with us for the first time. They joined our church recently and have become faithful members. Who can you think of that might respond positively to your invitation? Get on their calendar today and let's add some more new members through this unique event.

On October 22 we will be hosting in our courtyard our annual Fall Festival. It is going to be an opportunity to host several hundred of our neighbors. This is a great atmosphere for connecting with people who may not have a church home. We are having a live band, tons of bouncy houses and games, food trucks, a dunking booth, and trunks filled with candy for the kids. You can get involved by inviting those friends and neighbors of yours to attend. You can also get involved by volunteering to help that night. We will accomplish nothing if we don't have people working to host our guests. While kids are playing, conversations with their parents could lead to a decision to try us out on Sundays. The Community Connect Committee will do a great job organizing the event. We will be needed to help make sure that the purpose for the event can be accomplished: introducing Pritchard and our mission to serve Christ to our community.

October is also the month that we collect Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. This ministry is still one of the most effective ways that Samaritan's Purse has to share the gospel with children around the world. It also fits with our desire to minister to the least of these as Jesus instructed us to do. The shoe box will be the only thing many of the children will receive for Christmas. Some will not have heard of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The material included in each box explains to them why they are receiving these gifts and introduces them to the greatest gift mankind received, Jesus Christ. I hope you will participate in this year's collection. The boxes are available throughout this month and must be returned by early November. I know you will make this a part of your Christmas celebration.

This month also contains Youth Sunday and we look forward to the leadership of our youth in worship. They always benefit from your encouragement as they grow into their relationship with our Lord. I know you will want to be in attendance on October 16 to support them.

In His Love,  
*Bobby*



**Rev. Stan Heiser**  
 Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care and  
 Senior Adults  
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**Hart Square: 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Living History Festival**

Saturday, October 22 RAIN OR SHINE. \$45.00 per person.  
 Departure from church 8:30 AM. Return home at 4:00 PM.

Come join us for one of our Pritchard traditions over the past 15 years as we enter Hart Square Village on festival day. In this one-of-a-kind village, you are drawn back to the early 1800's. Hart Square bustles with over 300 knowledgeable artisans and historic demonstrators dressed in period clothing. These artisans truly bring the village to life by sharing the craftsmanship and subsistence of Carolina pioneers. We will experience everything from flax making, cotton baling, and tin smithing to apple butter making and the sweet sounds of old time music. Plus wonderful local food vendors selling their special dishes.

Hart Square Village is the nation's largest collection of historic log structures. On festival day, all 103 historic structures will be open! North Carolina artist, Bob Timberlake says, "I've visited Colonial Williamsburg, almost grew up in Old Salem, and I've seen other restored places all over North America, and nothing compares with Hart Square Village, just south of Hickory."

Sign up today...invite a friend...come and experience a day like none other! We will return to Pritchard by 4:00 PM so that everyone will be able to be a part of Pritchard's Fall Festival from 4:00-6:00 PM.

**Sweet Spirits - Wednesday, October 26**

Once again, we call out to all adults 50 and above to attend the best place to be for entertainment and a delicious meal from Cracker Barrel. This month, we are in for a very special treat! Our guest speaker is Mr. Don Hoover. I had the privilege of speaking with him for over an hour last week and he has a charisma that is contagious. His love and appreciation for adults 50 and above is a real passion for him. His theme is "Enjoying the Journey...Joining God Where He Is at Work." He encourages us to "walk by faith" every day, continuing to be actively involved in ministry for long as we can. He and his son, who is a pediatric doctor, started a 501C3 mission twenty years ago with Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, Africa. He will share some information and slides about that as well. I really encourage you to be here October 26 to hear Don. He will touch your heart as he has done mine.

Sign up today on Realm, or with me as I stand down front in the Sanctuary after service each week, or call the Church Office.

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Deadline to register for our Cracker Barrel lunch is October 19 at Noon. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Remember...the best place to be is together with the Sweet Spirits!

**NarroWay Presents "The Real Christmas Story"**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 26 as we attend NarroWay Productions of "The Real Christmas Story." The most fun Christmas show ever! See your favorite Christmas scenes, hear your favorite Christmas songs, then watch the awe-stricken wonder of NarroWay's beautifully re-created "The Real Christmas Story." Oh yes, did I mention a delicious traditional Christmas dinner with all the fixings?! The cost is \$45.00 per person for the show and meal. We will leave Pritchard at 11:00 AM and return by 4:00 PM. Sign up today!

Blessings, Stan

**Women's Prison Ministry  
 Red Boxes**

Pritchard's Women On Mission are once again collecting solid deodorant

**2.0-3.5 ounce size in plastic bottles**

to be distributed to the women who are incarcerated at Christmas. Red boxes are located in the Sanctuary at the entrance near Solomon Chapel and in the Church Office. Deadline is October 6.

If you have questions, please contact Becky Black at [rebsieblack@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rebsieblack@carolina.rr.com)



Now is the time to start purchasing items for Operation Christmas Child! Boxes can be found on the first and third floors of the Williams Center, Sanctuary lobby (near Solomon Chapel), the Gathering Place and in the Overflow Center lobby.

Please return your filled box(es) to the Church Office during **COLLECTION WEEK: November 14-21**

**REMEMBER** - No candy, toothpaste, war toys, play guns or liquids. If you are purchasing soap, please note that only Ivory soap is accepted. If you have questions, please contact Lisia Shaw at [lishaw@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lishaw@carolina.rr.com)



## Adam Calderone

Recreation Director

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Registration for our youth basketball league is now open! Registration information can be found on our website, under the Recreation Program. Any kids ages 5-12 are welcome to play, so gather up your kids, grandkids, friend's kids and join us for a great experience!

### About the League

Impact Youth Basketball League (IYBL) is a regional, faith based recreational basketball league that includes Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Myers Park Baptist Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, and more. Practices are once a week here at the Overflow Center while games are played on Saturdays at various facilities throughout the city. The season will begin in early December and finishes the last week of February. The age divisions can be found below:

- Age Divisions: 5-6 year olds
- 7-8 year olds
- 9-10 year olds
- 11-12 year olds



### Pickleball

Come join us for pickleball!! We continue to play Monday and Tuesday 12-3 PM, as well as Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Come out for pickleball and fellowship!!

### STEM Skool

With school back in session, we are set to welcome back our homeschool group: STEM Skool. Every Friday, STEM Skool (now upwards of 40+ kids!!) meets here to fulfill their science requirements and participate in a wide range of recreational activities. We provide an important resource, as it can be challenging for kids who are homeschooled to find a sense of community with other kids their age. The kids get to learn different sports and how to work together as a team to accomplish a goal!



## Rev. Brack Ballard

Minister to Youth  
and College-Aged Students

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Greetings youth and college-aged families! Fall is here! One of my favorite months of the year! Football, the weather, holidays, food, beautiful trees and more! We are excited to share that on Sunday evening, October 30, we are heading to a corn maze and we'll have a costume party. I hope you will be able to come!

- October 2 - Bring a friend to breakfast
- October 16 - Youth Sunday in worship
- October 22 - Fall Festival
- October 30 - Corn maze and costumes
- October 31 - \$50 deposit due for winter retreat



## Rev. David Bailes

Minister of Music and Outreach

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SAVE THE DATE!

## Christmas Musical Celebration

December 4, 10:30 AM

Special Guests Steve Amerson and Laurie Gayle Stephenson  
Featuring Our Celebration Choir and Orchestra

## TAILGATE WORSHIP CELEBRATION

October 9 | 10:30 AM

Worship Care available for infant-preschool.

Free BBQ lunch immediately following Worship

No Bible Study for all ages on October 9.



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**Josh Bone**  
 Overflow Addiction Ministry Director  
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Who among us can say they live a life without fear? I remember years of coming in and out of recovery with the illusion that I wasn't afraid of anything. The reality is fear controlled my life. I was afraid of everything, and it kept me paralyzed for nearly a decade. When I finally faced these facts about my life, I realized I was afraid of not being good enough, never getting sober, getting sober, God's judgment (because I didn't understand His grace), your opinion, failure, success, never being a father and being a father. These competing fears have a way of keeping us stuck in a situation and it kept me from God's will for a long time. How is fear so powerful and how is it defined? Fear is defined as an emotion that is mainly unpleasant and caused by the "belief" that something bad or threatening is about to happen. So fear in and of itself isn't real, or can't be seen, but it is felt. If I replace fear with faith, they have very similar connotations. Faith in and of itself cannot be seen, but it is felt. Therefore, faith and fear are opposites and cannot coexist in the heart of a believer. That doesn't mean we can never be scared, but it does mean fear cannot control our lives if we have faith.

Wow, so much easier said than done, especially in today's world. I'm a sucker for acronyms and in the recovery world, we define fear as False, Evidence, Appearing, Real. When I spend my time in the noise of the world, along with the often fanatical ideas in my head, it is easy to see how controlling fear can be. Fear tactics have been used for centuries to control people throughout history. Fear caused mass hysteria in the Salem Witch Trials, fear fueled genocide in WWII, fear crippled our world as Covid spread and answers were not found. There are thousands more examples presenting evidence for the power of fear, and one is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The only perfect man to ever walk this Earth was crucified, due in part to others fearing His power. The Pharisees feared Jesus because they did not understand His ways. Nicodemus did not understand what being "born again" meant. They could not comprehend how a prophet from the lowly town of Bethlehem could be the Light of the World. How could a promise so magnificent of a Savior come from somewhere so small? Fear pushed many to balk at such conclusions, but faith pushed others to believe. The question I pose as we enter this last quarter of the year is which of these powerful emotions is controlling your life? What stories are you telling yourself to stay stuck in old beliefs and emotions? Is faith driving you to seek God or are you content where you sit? As we grow in our faith, we overcome fear.

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Brack spoke to us on courage from the book of Joshua. When speaking of fear, it is nearly impossible to not touch on courage. Many would see courage as the opposite of fear, but I clearly see courage as the tool to overcome fear and move towards faith. Joshua 1:9 says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go". This Old Testament promise is a firm bedrock upon which to build faith to overcome fear. This statement is not conditional, it is a command to be strong and not afraid. Obeying these words depend on trusting the promise, God will be with us wherever we go. The answer to overcoming fear will always be more of Him and less of me.

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## Pritchard's Thrift Store



*Shop.....Save.....Support*

Wednesday, October 5  
 Wednesday, October 19

10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Come by for the best bargains in South End!

All proceeds go to our local Baptist men for missions work in and around our community.

## Quarterly Conference

2022 Chairpersons are scheduled to report at our Quarterly Conference on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM. Please plan to be present on Zoom to give a short report for JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER. If you cannot make this meeting, please find someone on your committee to give the report. A Zoom link will be sent via E-Connect. Fellowship starts at 6:30 PM with the Conference to follow at 7:00 PM. A copy of your report should be sent to the Recording Clerk, Becky Black, at [rebsieblack@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rebsieblack@carolina.rr.com) for our Church Minutes.

# PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

**SERMON:** "TROPHIES THAT LAST"

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

REV. BOBBY MORROW

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

**SERMON:** "HOW FRESH IS YOUR PLAYDOUGH?"

**SCRIPTURE:** ISAIAH 64:1-12

REV. BOBBY MORROW

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

YOUTH SUNDAY - REV. BRACK BALLARD

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

**SERMON:** "KEEP MY HEAD ABOVE WATER"

**SCRIPTURE:** MATTHEW 11:28-30

REV. BOBBY MORROW

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

**SERMON:** "HOLY GROUND"

**SCRIPTURE:** EXODUS 3:1-10

REV. BOBBY MORROW

# Sanctuary Flowers

## Sunday, October 2

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn Wilson. She was the perfect example of God's love to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## Sunday, October 16

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in honor of J.C. and Peggy York's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, October 7. Congratulations! We love you - Dawn, Mike and Cayce Martin

## Sunday, October 23

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in honor of our ministerial and administrative staff. We praise God for this amazing team and for the difference they make each day at Pritchard. Happy Staff Appreciation Month!

## Sunday, October 30

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ciara Willow Alfred on what would have been her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on October 31. She was the great granddaughter of Edith Parker, granddaughter of Betsy Alfred and daughter of Jessica Alfred. She is loved and missed every day.

## From the Media Center by Katrina Gore



### Mystery and Suspense

Do you love a good mystery? This October check out our selection of terrific books in the Media Center filled with mystery and suspense.

#### *Code of Courage by Janice Cantore*

Danni Grace quits the force after being involved in a shooting that injures her. Then a high-profile protester is murdered, and an officer is blamed. She feels compelled to return to a job she's not sure she can handle---and work alongside her ex-husband, the lead investigator. Can they uncover the truth?

#### *A Stranger's Game by Colleen Coble*

Desperate for answers about her best friend's drowning death, wealthy hotel heiress Torie goes undercover on Jekyll Island. When she meets Joe rescuing turtles, she finds a tentative ally in her quest. The more they dig, the more truth eludes them. One thing is clear: someone will risk anything---including committing another murder---to keep secrets buried!

#### Tip of the Month - How to read call numbers on the book spine:

<b>F</b>	(Type of Book-Fiction, Biography, etc.)	<i>Example:</i> Fiction
<b>HUN</b>	(Authors last name-first 3 letters only)	Hunter
<b>BLU2</b>	(Series name-first 3 letters only and book order)	Bluebell Inn Series, Book #2



**Saturday, October 1**

10:00 AM—Pritchard Kids Family Fun Day at Carowinds  
6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

**Sunday, October 2**

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

**Monday, October 3**

**Tuesday, October 4**

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

**Wednesday, October 5**

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, October 6**

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, October 7**

**Saturday, October 8**

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

**Sunday, October 9**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 AM—Tailgate Worship Service

**Monday, October 10**

5:00 PM—Nominating Committee Meeting  
6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, October 11**

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

**Wednesday, October 12**

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

**Thursday, October 13**

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, October 14**

**Saturday, October 15**

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

**Sunday, October 16**

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Worship Service led by our Youth

**Monday, October 17**

**Tuesday, October 18**

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

**Wednesday, October 19**

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, October 20**

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, October 21**

**Saturday, October 22**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM—Hart Square  
4:00-6:00 PM—Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 23**

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

**Monday, October 24**

**Tuesday, October 25**

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

**Wednesday, October 26**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)  
11:00 AM-1:00 PM—Sweet Spirits Lunch/Program  
1:00 PM—Knit Wits

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 27**

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, October 28**

**Saturday, October 29**

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

**Sunday, October 30**

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Worship Service  
5:00-10:00 PM—Youth Corn Maze and Costume Party

**Monday, October 31....HALLOWEEN**



# Stewardship Update: August 2022 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Revenue	\$128,559	\$147,628	\$862,055	\$937,543
Expenses	\$129,929	\$119,067	\$895,703	\$988,833
Net Income	\$(1,370)	\$28,561	\$(33,648)	\$(51,290)

• Our Actual YTD Revenue is behind our YTD Budget by \$75,488.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Edith Parker on the birth of a great granddaughter, Kensley Elizabeth McMaster, born September 3. She weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 18" long. Parents are Julie Stanfield and Matt McMaster. Grandparents are Emily Stanfield and Joe Reynolds.

## We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Rachel Duncan and family in the passing of her brother, Russell E. Colvard, Jr.
- Lane Sykes in the passing of her brother; Lauren Sykes and Meredith Lawrence in the passing of their uncle, Skip Hill.
- Charlie and Rose Byrd in the passing of her brother, George Emerson Barnes.
- John and Sandy Austin in the passing of her mother, Janet Bradley.

## 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.

welcome

To Our New Members!



**By Statement:**  
Bob and Judy Lebda  
DEACON: Gary Huhnerkoch



**By Baptism:**  
Makenzie Jacobs  
DEACON: Lauren Sykes



**By Baptism:**  
Keith Lawrence  
DEACON: Chris Wallace

## CHURCH STAFF

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