

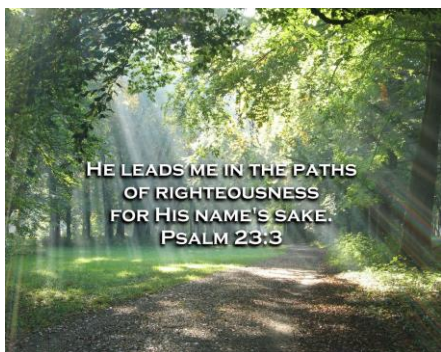
July 31, 2019



Dear Friends,

He leads me in the paths of righteousness, for His name's sake...

I know that pretty much every one of you recognize that as



David's phrase from the 23rd Psalm. The Hebrew word for path is *derekh*, which is keenly stronger than to stroll leisurely along a meandering road. Everyone who is alive and conscious is "on the road," and every day presents us with choices about how we will walk down that road.

"Most of us instinctively want to live life to the fullest, and we make choices that we believe will satisfy our profound hunger for life. Even choices which appear to be self-serving are often made with the hidden hope that we will find satisfaction in some way," as John Parsons reflects. Parsons was a dedicated student of Hebrew language whose mission was to help Talmudic readings grow more relevant for Christians.

As we transition into August, and remember how faithfully your PNC is working to present a Candidate for your New Pastor, how focused your leaders are for presenting a new program year in worship, outreach and fellowship, and how connected you are in care for one another, I wonder how the entire congregation might come together to learn more about the path God is leading Cook's Memorial to take, and how you will support one another in that learning. Sadly, I remember an effort in a previous congregation to engage everyone in conversations about what Christ was leading them to do. There were two Elders who dutifully arrived, one with a grandson, and one who walked in claiming exhaustion from all the work he had done that week. They made their way to the coffee pot and sat down together to enjoy the steaming brew. I invited them to come join the circle conducting a Bible Study on the Book of Acts, talking about the struggles and accomplishments of the early church. Serving on the Session, these two had been exposed to the hope that this study would provide reflection, stimulate ideas, and unite the people around what they wanted for the church's future. The grandfather replied: "Oh, I grew up Baptist, I already know all that stuff" and they declined to join.

John Parsons may have been talking about an individual's walking "on the road." I believe it extends to a way the Body of Christ pursues the journey, too. Summer represents a time of different schedules, fulfilling family commitments, and

hopefully, getting some time for rest. August certainly does not imply there is only one month left to finish all those obligations. I trust you have August 25 marked for *Homecoming Sunday* when a whole host of Cook's Memorial family and friends will worship, eat, and enjoy fellowship. Please embrace any opportunity you have for study, fellowship, or continued discipleship as we walk the path of Jesus, for His name's sake.

Peace,

Lynn Thompson Bryant



You're invited to be part of our **Summer Sunday School** each week @ **9:00am** for the rest of the summer!

Adults meet in Fellowship Hall or Rm #206 and our Youth & Children meet in Rm #212...we'd love for you and your family to join us!



CONGREGATION:

Please note that **Cook's Homecoming 2019** will be held here on **August 25th** and you and your family are invited to join us for worship at 10:00am followed by a picnic lunch on the front lawn afterwards!

If you are still in touch with any of our past members or friends of Cook's Church, please be sure to go ahead and invite them to join us also!

MISSION CORNER



The Group from Cook's that goes to help serve drinks to the guests of **Urban Ministries** during their lunch would like to invite **YOU** to join them on the 1st

Tuesday of every month (**Aug 6th**)...meet @ church at 10am! If you have any questions, call Pede Self at 704-516-1753.

EVERYONE is invited to join us on the 2nd

Thursday of every month (**Aug 8th**) in FH for the **COMMUNITY DINNER**. Dinner is served from 5:30-7pm and the menu will be chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, fruit and dessert. *Please bring your friends & neighbors with you to enjoy a delicious {and free} dinner and some great fellowship!*

***URBAN MINISTRY** is in need of donations of these items to give to their guests who are homeless and living on the streets so that they are able to share protein rich snacks and hydrating liquids to promote good health: **protein bars, jerky, canned tuna, bottled water or sports drinks**. Please put your donations in the box in the Ed Bldg during the month of **August**. Thank you!

AUGUST's non-perishable food item that we are collecting for **Loaves & Fishes** is **PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY**. Collection boxes are in the Ed Bldg lobby & Narthex.

Lily Pad Haven's **AUGUST'S** collection item is **DRYER SHEETS**. A collection basket is in the Narthex.

URBAN MINISTRIES IS IN NEED OF EYE GLASSES. Please bring your old glasses and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

Please remember to save your **Campbell Soup Labels** for Barium Springs Home for Children... you can put them in the 'Soup Can' in the Ed Bldg.

Items needed for **'Leah's Love Box'** that is in front of Rowan Hall: **Soap/body soap; Cleaning supplies** (Laundry detergent; counter sprays, window/bathroom cleaner); **Kleenex; Sunscreen; Feminine hygiene products; Hats/gloves; Insect repellent; shampoo/conditioners; Lotion; Diapers; Floss/ toothpaste/toothbrushes; Deodorant**. Questions, call Heather Lyerly at 704/618-6947.

Kajiado Children's Home: Thank you for your continued support of Kajiado Children's Home. It is a privilege to represent Cook's Church in this important mission. We rescued 25 additional children this Spring and are seeking Christian sponsors for these children. To sponsor a child or find out more about KCH, contact Gaye List (704/909-9910) or Pede Self (704/516-1753). Thanks to everyone for their prayers and support!



The "Fun Dip" group will be having their first outing THIS Friday, August 2nd at 6:00pm!! This group has been created for members in the age ranges of 21 -49 years old to spend time with one another. We will meet at **Textile Lanes** at 680 Park St, Belmont, NC 28012. Price is \$4.00 per person per game + \$3.50 shoe rental. Please bring your entire family (if you choose) as this age group is composed of many parents. Please contact **Sandy Birmingham** at 704-724-1620 or lilluck23@aol.com to **RSVP** no later than **TODAY, Wednesday, July 31st**. If you **DO NOT** RSVP, you may not be able to be on a lane close to us. Hope you all plan to join us for a family fun night out together!



Our **ADULT CHOIR** will resume their rehearsals on **Wednesday, August 21st at 6:30pm** in the choir room. **ALL** members are invited to join them in "making a joyful noise unto the Lord"!

Also, our **Strings / Youth Ensemble** will also resume rehearsal on **Wednesday, August 21st, at 6:00pm**.

Please see our Music Director, **Charles Mathews** (704-989-3897), if you have any questions about either of these groups.



We really need **3-5 more workers for our nursery during worship** so if you would be willing to

serve God by watching over our youngest members, please contact the church office asap at 704-399-7735 or office@cookschurch.org. We'll need you to complete our Child Protection Policy forms and then we'll get you on the nursery schedule. Thank you!

Donations Needed
Can you help?

We need donations of MEDIUM size flower VASES please! If you have some at your home

that you don't think you will use, please bring them to the church office whenever it is convenient for you. We use them sometimes when members want their Sunday flowers distributed to our homebound and/or sick members. {NO bud vases please.} Thank you!



Wise Words & Quotes

– Vern McCellan

"The godly think before speaking; the wicked spout evil words. Harsh words stir up anger. Gentle words bring life and health." (Proverbs 15:28, 1, 4)

"Always keep your words soft and sweet – one day you may have to eat them."



If you **haven't received yours yet**, they are available for you to pick-up in the **church office** M-F, 9-5pm {closed for lunch}.



Change of Address

Please make a note of the following address and phone number changes in your church directory:

Audrey Brady, 5001 Riverbed Lane, Unit D
Cramerton, NC 28032

Gaye List's new cell phone # is 980-213-7115

Sandy & Matt Thompson no longer are using their home # - please contact Sandy at 704-363-3995 and Matt at 704-363-2016



Those of us that are 50+ years young, our first fall event will be on Saturday, **Sept 7th**. We will meet at Cook's at 9:15am to ride on the bus to Elmwood Cemetery. We will tour the historic cemetery and a designated arboretum. We will have lunch together afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

Our second event will be on Friday, **October 25th**. We will meet for dinner (probably Joeys in Denver) at 5:30pm followed by a wonderful Halloween treat. We will go to Lynn and Marsha Sifford's for a scary home tour and dessert!

Please email (mlove03@gmail.com) **or see me to let me know if you can come on either of these trips and if you can bring a dessert to the Sifford's house.**

We hope you will join us for both of these events! Thanks, Penny Love

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME to a Christian exchange student from Spain for the coming 2019-2020 school year!

Volunteer host families (with or without children) as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year, one or two semesters, starting in August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange organization. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org. We currently have **four** students that are eager to learn that a home has been found for them!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas in Paw Creek – 25th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair @ Paw Creek Presbyterian Church (7400 Mt. Holly Rd) – Saturday, 11/23/19 – 8am-2pm
Vendors: \$25 for space + \$8 for table. Event will include breakfast, lunch & BBQ sales. ****We are seeking vendors for Christmas in Paw Creek: arts, crafts, toys, services, etc. Vendors please call Jan McClure (704/394-8481) for information and registration. Hurry! Space is limited!**

PLEASE NOTE:

During the summer months, **ALL alarms** in each building will be set at **7:00pm** UNLESS there are meetings scheduled for later than that and on our church calendar. If you need to be in the church later than 7pm, please notify the church office asap. Thank you!



We wish a **Happy Birthday** to the following:

- August 4 - Taylor Benson
- August 5 - Sara Yarbrough
- August 7 - Dennis Abernathy, Connor Miller
- August 8 - Russ Sasnett
- August 9 - Anne Edwards
- August 11 - Ethan Noles
- August 12 - Diane McClure
- August 13 - Debbie Abernathy
- August 14 - Corky McClure
- August 16 - Silas Noles
- August 17 - Jean Oates



Aug 4: Dolores Freeman, Toni Thompson

Aug 11: Audrey Brady, Beth Noles

Aug 18: Dolores Freeman, Sydney Thompson

{If you **cannot** keep nursery on your assigned day please find a substitute by 'swapping dates' with someone on list or call Diane at 704/398-8388.}

Greeter Schedule: Aug. 4-Men of the Church; Aug 11-New Horizon SS Class; Aug 18-Spiritual Life/Adult SS Class

Usher Schedule: August-William & Lucille Savelle, Jerry McClure, Max Love

Sound Tech Schedule: August-Joe Chichetti

Teller Schedule: Aug 4-Ginger Thompson, Johnnie Quinn, Christi Brafford; Aug 11-Audrey Brady, Bonnie Pace, Melinda McElhaney; Aug 18-Ginger Thompson, Scott Jones, Sheila Black

Weekend Opener/Lockup: August-William Savelle

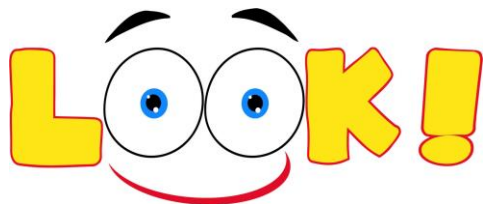


During these next 2 weeks, Aug. 4-17, please make a special effort to recognize **Melva Thompson and Carolyn Young** with a visit or a card. They would love to hear from you!

Melva Thompson, 8944 McClure Circle, 28216

Carolyn Young, 9330 Belhaven Blvd, 28214

Here is a complete list of our Homebound Members: Loretta Hinson, Melva Thompson, Nancy Stanley, Annie Luckey, Mildred Alexander & Carolyn Young...*please pray for them all daily.*



Cook's Presbyterian Women are hoping someone has a **LOVESEAT** that is in good condition that they are no longer using and would like to donate it to the church's pastor's office. It has recently been renovated and the one that is currently there needs to be replaced. If you do, please contact Pede Self at 704/516-1753. Thank you!



Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Members

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Hazel Dunn | Matt Thompson |
| family of Betty Hunt | Nancy Stanley |
| Phyllis Monteith | Pat Hager |
| Debbie White | Carolyn Young (Huntersville Oaks) |
| Jill Griffin | Mildred Grice |
| Steve Self | Vera Smith |
| Corky McClure | Gerri Rhodes |
| Cook's Pastor Search | |

Friends & Relatives

- family of Sarah Nixon
- | | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Danny McClure & family (Novant/Main, ICU) | Kevin Cook |
| Al Thompson | Larry Rupp |
| Brian Zuercher | William Savelle's uncle & family |
| Emalie Barnes | Bill Perrella |
| Marcia Larson | Gary Shuler & son |
| Kristen & Bobby Benfield | Cole/Davidson family |
| Richard Meyer | Jeff & Gloria Herman |
| Dee Peterson | Gloria Ricker |
| Gloria Bammel | Susan Kenley |
| Kelly Cousineau | Theo Helms |
| Cynthia & Mike Wicker | Mary Hightower |
| Grier Stanford | Richard Meyer |
| Anita H. | Sherry Smith |
| Meredith Eagle | |
- Natural disaster victims dementia patients/caregiver
 shooting victims/families throughout the world
 people going through life transitions
 those hungry/abused/scared/depressed
 (Please note: we leave names on prayer list for 4 weeks unless otherwise notified/updated.)



Please remember in your prayers the following soldiers (and all veterans and their families) that are in some way associated with

Cook's Church: Austin McCrary, Triston Thompson, Terrell Gore, Turner Salm, Anne Ledford, Eddy Self, Cecilia (Parker) Loren, Ronald J. Ransbottom, Shane Bennett, Andrew Simmerson, T.J. Sudderth, John Makahilli Jr., Jake Gibson, John Gibson



****WE'D LIKE TO UPDATE THIS LIST ABOVE. Please contact**

the church office to let us know if the soldier listed above is still on active duty or not. (704-399-7735; office@cookschurch.org) If you don't hear one way or the other within a month, we will remove the name. Thank you!

****CONGREGATION****

Please notify the church office (704-399-7735 / office@cookschurch.org) Or Pastor Lynn (330-701-0426 / ltb4unc@alumni.unc.edu) Of any deaths, sickness, surgeries, births, etc. that you and/or a family member may be experiencing.



7/21/19: 79
7/28/19: 82

2019 Offerings:

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$221,160
YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$216,524



CHURCH CALENDAR



HAVE YOU EVER
WANTED TO BE PART
OF SUNDAY'S

WORSHIP SERVICE? THEN, WE NEED
YOU!!!! We are currently looking for people to
read God's Word on Sundays. If you are
interested, please contact Teena Ridenhour (704-
516-8957 / teenaridenhour@bellsouth.net). We have
slots open as soon as AUGUST 25, 2019. . .step
right up...YOU are a very valued part of our
service!

Sunday, August 4

- 9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*
- 10:00am – *Worship Service/sanctuary*
- 11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)
- ~ 3:30pm – **VBS "Fun in the Sun" day - games & cookout for everyone!/FH**

Monday, August 5

- ~ 5:30-7:30pm – **Vacation Bible School for all ages!/supper in FH @ 5:30; classes from 6:15-7:30pm**
- ~ 7:30pm – **PROPERTY Ministry mtg/Rm 113**

Tuesday, August 6

- ~10:00am – **Group to Urban Ministries/bus**
- ~ 5:30-7:30pm – **Vacation Bible School for all ages!/supper in FH @ 5:30; classes from 6:15-7:30pm**
- 7:00pm – **Boy Scouts/Latta Plantation**

Wednesday, August 7

- 9am-2:30pm – **Quilting Bees/Rm 201**
- ~ 5:30-7:30pm – **Vacation Bible School for all ages!/supper in FH @ 5:30; classes from 6:15-7:30pm**

Thursday, August 8

- ~ 5:30-7:30pm – **Vacation Bible School for all ages!/supper in FH @ 5:30; classes from 6:15-7:30pm**
- ~ 5:30-7pm – **COMMUNITY MEAL...everyone is invited!/FH**

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

Sunday, August 11

- 9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*
- 10:00am – *Worship/VBS Sunday/sanctuary*
- 11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)
- ~11:15am – **FINANCE Ministry mtg/office**
- ~ 7:00pm – **SESSION meeting/FH**

Monday, August 12-**DEADLINE for next newsletter**

Tuesday, August 13

- 6:00pm – **Aerobics**
- 7:00pm – **Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3rd floor**

Wednesday, August 14

- 9am-2:30pm – **Quilting Bees/Rm 201**

Thursday, August 15

Friday, August 16

Saturday, August 17

- 9am-10pm – **Cruz wedding reception/FH**



If you shop at Amazon.com, link your account to Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church and we'll get 5% back from your purchases through their Amazon Smile program! After linking the church to your account, start your purchases at <http://smile.amazon.com>. If you have questions, contact Ginger Thompson at 704-562-7558.



This is Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church's new QR code. There is an "app" you can put on your phone that lets you scan the QR code and donate to the church with your credit card. For instructions to download the "app", contact Ginger at 704/562-7558.

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"Cook's mission is to love God, love yourself, love your neighbor and go tell others about Jesus."

"We, the members of Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church, are a community on a journey of faith dedicated to spiritual growth and Christ's teachings. We are committed to be a community of God, open to all people. We pledge to be witnesses for God and to be caring Disciples of Christ."

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Music Director & Organist:	Rev. Charles Mathews
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Custodian:	Susan Mundell
Playschool Directors:	Kelly Carter/Bobbie Penninger
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RULING ELDERS: **Class of 2019:** Sheila Black (Education), Audrey Brady (Cong Care), Penny Love (Worship), Jerry Spurlock (Property); **Class of 2020:** Dale Luckey (Property), David Lyerly (Missions), Bonnie Pace (Finance); Johnnie Quinn (Clerk); **Class of 2021:** Joe Chichetti (Personnel), Dan Griggs (Nominating), William Savelle (Worship)

DEACONS: **Class of 2019:** Steve Gilmore (New Members), Dave List (Special Needs), Bonnie Spurlock (Homebound), Deana Stanford (Special Needs); **Class of 2020:** Debbie Myers (Homebound), Jack McClure (Homebound), Jeannie McClure (Moderator/Special Needs); **Class of 2021:** Dwight Black (Homebound), Barrbara Stevens (New Members), Sydney Thompson (New Members)

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Joe Chichetti, Laura Griggs, James Harper, Jeannie McClure, David Myers, Johnnie Quinn, Mike Stanford

Sunday Schedule: *Sunday School for ALL ages at 9:00am; Worship Service at 10:00am; Fellowship on the Lawn (Cookies & Drinks for everyone) immediately after worship.*

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Good News Inside!

God, we thank You for:



Written articles to be in Church Office by **Monday, Aug 12 @ 4pm** for next newsletter!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

"ROAR - Life is wild, God is good!"

August 4 @ 3:30pm - Fun in the Sun Sunday...water games, hotdogs & hamburgers!

August 5-8: dinner @ 5:30pm, Bible School programming from 6:10-7:30pm!

August 8: Join us at the Community Meal in our FH for dinner at 5:30pm. Afterwards we will practice our part in Sunday's worship service!

August 11: VBS Celebration in worship - be here at 9:30am and bring your families!

PARENTS-please register your child(ren) by **FRIDAY, August 2** so we can plan for sufficient food and craft materials. (Mail or email to church office / 3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd, 28216; office@cookschurch.org)

Name _____

Adult _____ Child _____ Age _____

Name _____

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Adult _____ Child _____ Age _____

Primary phone # _____

Parent's cell # _____

Emergency Contact Name/#!/Relation

Allergies or other medical conditions:

Name(s) of person other than parent(s) who is allowed to pick-up your child each night after VBS:

Volunteers & staff at Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church have my permission to seek medical attention for my child in case of emergency. Furthermore, I release Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church, its staff and volunteers from any liability that may occur while my child is participating in Vacation Bible School.

Parent signature

Date