



September 11, 2019



Dear Friends,

Celebrating Homecoming, Kicking Off Rally Day, and anticipating World Communion means Fall has really arrived. Long term friends, solid traditions, new leadership, and a changing neighborhood provide the perfect mixture for reinforcing the foundations of our faith and letting it be stretched, too.

While the congregation may not have chosen some of the changes that are upon us, we certainly possess the capacity to adapt to natural shifts in reality. Now is not a good time to watch from the sidelines to see what might happen, especially if you want to influence what takes shape next. How does one really know which direction to follow or which decision to make in the midst of many serious, even overwhelming, choices? The first scripture that comes to my mind with this question is one I expect you will recognize, from I Kings 19. The prophet Elijah is hiding in a cave because he believes the people of Israel are out to take his life. When God finds Elijah and asks him what he is doing, Elijah admits how utterly frightened he is to be seen in public. So God shows Elijah the great surge of a raging wind, a boulder-smashing earthquake, and a blazing fire - but God was not in any of those phenomenal forces. Then Elijah heard God speak in a still small voice that told him what to do.

Listening intently for the still, small voice of God is not in the least a passive waiting. The Latin verb "to listen," is synonymous with "to obey." And *Audi cor tuum* means to listen with your heart, or from the core of your being. I remember Walter Brueggemann saying that to truly listen from the core of your being would in no way let one sit idle, because the churning of your gut literally causes one to get up and do something about what he or she is feeling.

Every day actually brings a new horizon to envision, and to cross. Would it be nice to see a clear path with distinct markings? Sure, it might be "nice." But would it really be preferable? Only if we choose to stay with the certainty of knowing what worked yesterday. I don't believe we should run head strong toward chaos. But I do believe we can move forward in confidence, one step at a time, knowing that God is on the road ahead, and is calling us forward.

Peace be with you,
**Lynn
Thompson
Bryant**



October 6, 2019

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Now may the Lord of peace . . . give you peace at all times in all ways. - 2 Thessalonians 3:16
The second letter to the Thessalonians was written on the same theme as the first: the imminent return of Jesus, and the triumphal resolution of God's plan for all creation. The need for a second letter, though, arose from growing uneasiness, frustration, and fear within the church from those who thought this was supposed to have happened already. God's time was not the Thessalonian's time. As a result, fear and hopelessness gripped the church, resulting in divisions, mistrust, and dismay that began to sap the church of its vibrant ministry. Paul writes to encourage their continued faith and sure hope. In the midst of divisions and discord, he claims a God of peace who can bring peace at all times, in all ways.

****We will have an INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK BUFFET after worship for our First Lunch gathering in FH on October 6th – please bring something delicious to share!**



**BLESSING of
the ANIMALS
Sunday,
September 29,
6:00pm**

Some of our dearest furry, feathery, or scaly animals can be almost like family to the people who provide food, shelter, and protection for our cherished pets. Whether your preference is for dogs, cats, horses, pigs, birds, or some entirely unique species, each one holds a special place in our hearts, homes, and/or barns. Would you like to bring your pet to church to receive a Blessing during our celebration of Genesis 1:20-25 Ceremony? Any of your leashed, caged, or harnessed animals will be welcomed on the lawn in front of the sanctuary. We'll have water bowls, treats, and extra pick-up baggies in case you forget yours. You know your pet's own comfort level around other smaller or larger creatures, even the two-legged types. Please use good judgment in avoiding any terror for your pet or ferocity from it at this festive event. Pet photos and obedient stuffed animals will receive a Blessing, too.

MISSION CORNER

Free Community Dinner



COMMUNITY MEAL
Thursday, September 12,
5:30-7pm in FH... menu will
be beef stroganoff with

noodles, green beans, fruit & dessert. *Everyone is invited including your neighbors that you invite to come with you!*

We are collecting **COOKIES** (any kind) for the **Prison Ministry through this Sunday, Sept. 15th**. Collection box for the cookie donations will be in the Ed Bldg entranceway. Please see Bonnie Spurlock if you have any questions.

SEPTEMBER's non-perishable food item that we are collecting for **Loaves & Fishes** is **CANNED FRUITS**. Collection boxes are in the Ed Bldg lobby & Narthex.

Lily Pad Haven's SEPTEMBER'S collection item is **TRASH BAGS/kitchen size**. 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.

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 (980/213-7115) or Pedee Self (704/516-1753). Thanks to everyone for their prayers and support!

PLEASE
READ

****If you are not receiving the weekly Enews on Thursdays via your email,** please let the church office know asap at office@cookschurch.org or

704-399-7735, and if you **aren't receiving the bi-weekly newsletter on Wednesdays by email or mail,** also let the church office know asap. We want to be sure we are communicating with everyone...thank you!



The Session has called for a **'CONGREGATIONAL MEETING'** THIS Sunday, **September 15, 2019**, for the purpose of deciding and voting on whether to begin the process of selling the land (parcels #02327130 & #02327129) and to elect Deacons to complete the Board.



Here is the list of **Cook's College Students** for this school year that we have so far. We provide this to you so that if you'd like to

send them a card to let them know you're thinking of them, birthday wishes or a word of encouragement, please do so!

Maya Bogojevich (birthdate 6/16)
UNCA Box #6682
2500 University Heights
Asheville, NC 28804
janebogojevich@gmail.com

Annie Griggs (birthdate 11/12)
515 Hinton James Dr, Rm 402D
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
agriggs2000@gmail.com

Jakob Bogojevich (birthdate 2/20)
515 McCauley St.
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
jakobbogo@gmail.com

Cameron Jones (birthdate 3/15)
500 W. Rosemary St. (till 12/19; going to Hong Kong 1/20)
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
cdj315@live.unc.edu

Lindsay Jones (birthdate 6/24)
12548 Overlook Mtn Dr
Charlotte, NC 28216
lindsay.jones624@me.com

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS:

PARENTS of college students: please send the church office their **college address and email address** even if it hasn't changed from last year. We want to be sure to mail them a church newsletter and our Presbyterian Women send them cards/gifts throughout the year. Please send this info to the church office (office@cookschurch.org).



Those of us that are 50+ years young, our **second** event this fall 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 join us and if you can bring a dessert to the Sifford's house.**

Thanks, Penny Love



(Tang Group on the City Cemetery Tour Sept. 6th!)



Calling All Women

Ladies, please sign up for our fall PW retreat: It's a WonderFull World". It will be held at the Overlook Clubhouse **THIS Saturday, September 14** from **9am-5pm**. Chicken Salad Chick is providing our lunch! We will be traveling around the world sharing travel stories and learning about a woman in the Bible who had a problem that left her with no friends. **Please call Pedo Self TODAY to sign up at 704-516-1753!**



ALL MEN are invited to join Cook's Men of the Church on **Sunday, September 15th** at **7:30am** for their monthly breakfast meeting – contact Dale Luckey if you have any questions (704-309-0798).



Wise Words & Quotes

– Vern McCellan

"Those who control their tongue will have a long life; a quick retort can ruin everything."
(Proverbs 13:3)

"Control your thoughts; they may break into words at any time."



Michael Mauney, member of Cook's who has the beautiful garden next door, is looking for a **ROOM TO RENT** – garage, basement, etc. – closer to the church than he is currently lives. Please call him at 704-534-1400 if you do! Thanks!



NEWS FROM COOK'S PLAYSCHOOL

Playschool has gotten off to a GREAT start!

Our first week went very smoothly. The children and staff have been learning all about each other and their daily classroom routines. This week we will continue to get to know each other and emphasize our September Character Trait...Using our Manners! The Tremendous Threes and Fantastic Fours will have a visit with Ms. Jennifer from Mt. Island Library as she begins her monthly story time visits.

Everyone will be learning through stories and crafts about Noah's Ark our September Bible Theme. Later this month we will explore fossils, play games and learn all about dinosaurs with "Dinosaur Week"! We hope everyone has a wonderful week!

- Cook's Playschool

COMMUNITY NEWS

Woodland Presbyterian Church (900 Rhyne Rd, Charlotte, 28214) is having their 2019 Annual Revival, September 16 & 17 at 7pm nightly. Rev. Dr. Jerry Cannon of C.N. Jenkins Presbyterian Church will be speaking on the 16th and Rev. Bradley Humphrey of St. Paul Presbyterian Church on the 17th. They will also have their 151st Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, 9/22 at 10am and they cordially invite you to join them for these events!



Attend our Job Fair and learn how you can help bring the Good News of God's love to millions of boys and girls around the world! We have seasonal employment opportunities available in November and December at our **Operation Christmas Child** warehouse.

WHERE: Charlotte Processing Center, 7100 Forest Point Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28217

WHEN: Saturday, October 5, 11:00am–4:00pm

Interviews conducted on-site. Save time by filling out an application online prior to the event. First and second shifts available.

See all available processing centers positions and apply on-line @ samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs

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*We wish a Happy Birthday
to the following:*

Sept 15 - Mike Vead
Sept 16 - Jack McClure
Sept 19 - David Myers, Andrew Kennedy
Sept 20 - Turner Salm
Sept 22 - Jennifer Wilson
Sept 23 - Steve Self



Sept 15: Audrey Brady, Sydney Thompson

Sept 22: Dolores Freeman, Mary Thompson

Sept 29: Linda Lynn, Cheryl Rollins

{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: Sept 15-Men of the Church;
Sept 22-New Horizons SS Class; Sept 29-Spiritual Life/Adult SS Class

Usher Schedule: September-Jerry Spurlock,
 Barbara Stevens (Jerry McClure to replace her on 9/29),
 Melinda McElhaney, Gordon Stanley

Sound Tech Schedule: Sept. 15-Chris Birmingham; Sept 22 & 29-Dave List

Teller Schedule: Sept 15-Audrey Brady, Scott Jones,
 Bonnie Pace; Sept 22-Ginger Thompson, Melinda McElhaney, Bonnie Pace; Sept 29-Audrey Brady,
 Gordon Stanley, Christi Brafford

Weekend Opener/Lockup: September-Mike Stanford



During these next 2 weeks, Sept. 15-28, please make a special effort to recognize **Carolyn Young and Mildred Alexander** with a visit or a card. They would love to hear from you!

Carolyn Young, 9330 Belhaven Blvd, 28214
Mildred Alexander, c/o Carmel Place, Rm 206,
 5512 Carmel Rd, Charlotte, 28226

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.*



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!



Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Members

Connie Stroup (CMC/Main)	Jill Griffin (back surg 9/12)
Mildred Grice	Blake Benfield
Nancy Stanley	Allyne Gant
Hazel Dunn	Debbie White
Pat Hager	Carolyn Young (Huntersville Oaks)
Vera Smith	Gerri Rhodes
Steve Self	Corky McClure
Cook's 2019-20 SS year	Cook's Pastor Search

Friends & Relatives

Gail Monteith	Kevin Cook
Marcia Larson	Cole/Davidson family
Brian Zuercher	Pamela Zuercher (surg 9/16)
Emalie Barnes	William Savelle's uncle & family
Bill Perrella	Gloria Bammel
Kristen & Bobby Benfield	Gary Shuler & son
Dee Peterson	Jeff & Gloria Herman
Grier Stanford	Gloria Ricker
Kelly Cousineau	Susan Kenley
Cynthia & Mike Wicker	Theo Helms
Janet Howie	Mary Hightower
Anita H.	Richard Meyer
Sherry Smith	family of Scott Rhames
Ethan Vissers	Clyde Culbreath
Stephen/Ben/Chad/Brian Herman	

those affected by hurricane
 returning students/school staff
 shooting victims/families throughout the world
 Natural disaster victims dementia patients/caregiver
 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, Andy Dula, Chris Dula, Seth Seal

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.



9/1/19: 105
 9/8/19: 104

2019 Offerings:

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$254,416
 YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$243,965

CHECK THIS OUT!



FREE 2020 Calendars are available in the Ed Bldg lobby – feel free to take one if you want and share with others!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 15

~ **7:30am - Men's Monthly Breakfast mtg/FH**

9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*

10:00am – Worship Service/sanctuary

11:00am – Fellowship on the Lawn (cookies & drinks for everyone!)

~**11:15am – FINANCE Ministry mtg/office**

~**11:15am – MISSION Ministry mtg/Rm 113**

Monday, September 16

9:00am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:15pm – Jr Girl Scouts/bsmt

6:30pm – Cub Scouts/Ed Bldg



Tuesday, September 17

9:00am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:00pm – Aerobics/FH

7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg

Wednesday, September 18

9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201

9:00am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:00pm – Strings/Youth Ensemble Rehearsal

6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 19

9:00am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

Sunday, September 22

9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*

10:00am – Worship Service/sanctuary

11:00am – Fellowship on the Lawn (cookies & drinks for everyone!)

Monday, September 23-DEADLINE for next newsletter

9:00am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:30pm – Cub Scouts Parent-Leader mtg/Ed Bldg

Tuesday, September 24

9:00am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:00pm – Aerobics/FH

7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3rd floor

Wednesday, September 25

9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201

9:00am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:00pm – Strings/Youth Ensemble Rehearsal

6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 26

9:00am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

Friday, September 27

5:00pm – Cub Scouts Camp-Out on lawn...overnight until 8am on Saturday

Saturday, September 28



**YOU & YOUR
FAMILY ARE
INVITED
to Cook's**

MOVIE NIGHT

on Friday, **OCTOBER 4th** (please note date changel!) at **6:30pm**. Dinner will be served before the movie. The movie will be on the church lawn and popcorn & drinks will be available. This event is being sponsored by Cook's Children & Youth Ministries.



**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 **OCTOBER, 2019**...step right up...**YOU** are a very valued part of our service!



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."

STAFF:

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Lynn Thompson Bryant
Music Director & Organist:	Rev. Charles Mathews
Office Manager:	Cheryl Cole
Custodian:	Susan Mundell
Playschool Directors:	Kelly Carter/Bobbie Penninger
Treasurer:	Ginger Thompson
Financial Secretary:	Audrey Brady

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, Sept 23**
@ 4pm for next newsletter!



COOK'S CAR SHOW 2018

will be here on
**Saturday, October 12, 2019 from
8:30am-2:30pm...**rain date of October
19th. There will be Hot Rods, Street Rods,
Classic Cars and Antique Cars. Admission
is free and Cook's Men of the Church will
be making and selling hamburgers and hot
dogs for lunch. Our Presbyterian Women
will have their Bake Sale with all the
delicious goodies. This is a wonderful
time for fellowship with family, friends
and neighbors so please join us!



Cook's Presbyterian Women
are having a **BAKE
SALE** on Saturday,
October 12th (rain date-
October 19) during the Car Show. Our bake
sales at this event are always very successful.
Proceeds will go in WOC treasury for various
mission and church projects. **BAKERS: please
bring your baked goods to Fellowship Hall on
Friday evening (Oct. 11) between 5-7pm or to
the Bake Sale table first thing Saturday morning.**
Cakes, pies, candy, breads, cookies, muffins, etc.
Don't cut cakes and pies...whole are good sellers.
Pecan pies are always in demand. *Thanks for
your contributions!!*



**Saturday,
October 26,
3:00 - 6:00pm**

Cook's FALL FESTIVAL - EVERYONE is invited!

**Games, Candy, Cake Walk, Prizes,
Fire Truck, Hayride & Pumpkin
Patch, Costume Parade/3:30pm...kids
wear your best costumes,
Hot Dogs for sale
(\$2 for hot dog, chips, drink or
\$3 for 2 hot dogs, chips, drink),
Sno-Cones and more!**

**Be sure to invite your neighbors and
friends to come with you!**

Cook's Presbyterian Women will be
participating in the **Fall Festival** held on
October 26th. We will need lots of candy
and trinkets for the games we are doing.
**We need ALL who can to donate candy
to hand out and trinkets to give the
winners of the games we will be
sponsoring.** You can give them to Johnnie
Quinn or Pede Self. Thanks!