



November 20, 2019

Cook's Session has called for a
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
this **Sunday, November 24, 2019**, at the end of our
worship service to elect
Elders for the Class of 2021 and 2022.

BRIEF BIOS FOR ELDER-ELECTS, **CLASS OF 2021 and 2022**

Byron Beach: Bryon grew up in Charlotte. His father, Glenn McClain Beach, passed away in 2000, and his mother, Anne Rodgers Beach, is a retired Presbyterian minister and now lives in Mint Hill. He has one sister, Melody Beach, that lives off Albemarle Rd. Byron graduated from South Mecklenburg High School in 1989 and has worked at Menzies Fueling Group at Charlotte Douglas Airport for the last thirty years. He is single and lives on Sunset Road. Byron found his church home with Cook's for the last 10 years and has served on the sound system team, ushering, and assisted with other Worship Ministry duties. Bryon is dedicated to be a regular servant to serve and help out for the church of the Lord.

F.D. Hager: F.D. was married in Cook's Church to Pat fifty-nine years ago. They have three children, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and another one due in January. He has been attending Cook's Church for 77 years and has had the honor to serve as an Elder, Deacon, Sunday School teacher, Youth Leader, Senior Adult Leader, and on many committees. He has also served as the President of Cook's Men's Group, President of Mecklenburg Presbytery Men and President Senate of NC Presbytery Men. F.D. sings in the choir and believes that The Bible is the infallible Word of God.

Dave List: Dave has served two terms as an Elder and two terms as a Deacon in his twenty-three years at Cook's. He taught youth Sunday School for about seven years and has served as part of the sound team for twenty years. He and his wife, Gaye, have been members of Cook's Church for approx. 22 years.

David Myers: David, along with his wife, Debbie, and children, Stephanie and Karen, moved back to his home state of North Carolina in 2001 from Atlanta, GA. They joined Cook's Memorial in 2002. David was the Sunday School Superintendent for thirteen years. He served as Deacon from 2005–2008 and has served two terms as an Elder. His passions are East Carolina football, playing golf, and spending time with his family.

Gordon Stanley: Gordon graduated from Presbyterian College in 1960 and has been married to Nancy for sixty years. They have three boys and have lived in N.C. for twenty-one years. He and Nancy have been members of Cook's Church for nineteen years. Gordon was ordained as an Elder in December, 2005, and has since served several terms on Cook's Session.

Ginger Thompson: Ginger was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and spent ten years in suburban Chicago. Her family escaped the mafia influences and oppressive taxes of the Chicago area and moved to Charlotte in 1970. They moved into Coulwood and she began her transition from mid-western to southern. She has lived in the area ever since (except for a couple of years in graduate school and one misguided year in Erie, PA). Ginger works as an Accounting Manager for Info-Gel LLC (a manufacturing company in the communications industry that makes gel for fiber optic cable) for about five years now. Ginger married Michael Thompson in 1980 and they have three sons, Alex-29, Eric-25 and Neil-23. They joined Cook's Church fifteen years ago and she has been the Treasurer for about eight years. "Cook's has always been an important part of the Mountain Island community. Currently we are facing some challenges but I want to be a part of keeping Cook's a viable and relevant part of Mountain Island's future."



*Please do NOT
miss our wonderful
Thanksgiving
Dinner this
Sunday, November*

*24th, at Cook's Memorial Presbyterian
Church...gathering/fellowship time from
5-5:30pm, dinner to begin @ 5:30pm!*

The delicious turkey, dressing (w/gravy), rolls and drinks will be provided by the church. Please bring favorite side dishes & desserts and join us for an evening of sharing and hearing about the amazing ministry Cook's is a part of at Children's Hope Alliance (formerly known as Barium Springs Children's Home.)

***ATTENTION MEMBERS:** our Mission Ministry **needs help with set-up, serving & clean-up**...they would appreciate anyone and everyone that would be willing to help! Volunteer by contacting Pede Self at 704/516-1753.

****We are collecting boys & girls body wash and shampoo** to send to the Children's Home that evening for their use. Please bring your donations of these items with you to our Thanksgiving dinner.

PLEASE be sure to invite your family and friends to join you for this wonderful evening!

{And if you can, please plan to stay and help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas after the meal...thank you!}

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 (**December 3rd**)...meet @ church at 10am! If you have any questions, call Pede Self at 704-516-1753.

NOVEMBER's non-perishable food item that we are collecting for **Loaves & Fishes** is **CEREALS**. Collection boxes are in the Ed Bldg lobby & Narthex. {December's item will be canned meats.}

Lily Pad Haven's NOVEMBER'S collection item is **clothes basket & hangers**. A collection basket is in the Narthex. {December's item will be Walmart gift cards.}

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 Pede Self (704/516-1753). Thanks to everyone for their prayers and support!



Advent begins

**Sunday,
December 1,**

will be the last
First Lunch of
the year. It is also

the *beginning* of the
Advent Season. Following lunch, anyone who would like may gather with their family to make Advent wreaths.

There will also be the opportunity to decorate ornaments and other fun

activities as we prepare for Advent.



During the time that we are without a pastor who normally writes the main article on the front page for each newsletter, we thought we'd try something new. If you have a **"FAVORITE MEMORY OF COOK'S CHURCH"** or any other **STORY** about the church that you'd like to share with us, please write a few paragraphs about it and send it to me as soon as possible. Hopefully I will receive several so that I have enough for the next 6-8 newsletters. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me at 704/399-7735 or office@cookschurch.org. You can send your submissions to the above email address or bring a hard copy to the church office. Thank you and we look forward to reading about the things that make Cook's Church special to many of you!



Cook's **Room In The Inn** will operate on a limited schedule December, 2019 through March, 2020. We will only have guests on the 1st weekend of each of those months. The Cub Scouts will handle Dec. 7/8, our Presbyterian Women & Men of the Church will handle Jan. 4/5, the Boy Scouts will handle Feb. 1/2 and Cook's Session & Deacons will handle March 7/8. If you would like to help on one of these weekends, please contact Pede Self (704-516-1753) or Kelly Harper and we will put you in touch with the weekend coordinators. ****We can always use donations of new men's socks, underwear, gloves & toboggans.**



Congregation:

you are encouraged to prepare yourself for communion to be served at our Sunday worship service on December 8, 2019, through prayer and the reading of scripture...

"This do in remembrance of Me" {Luke 22:19}.



*It's that time of year again where we get to share Jesus' love and His birth by helping local families from our community through the **Angel Tree**.*

*Angels will be available on Sunday, December 1st and the gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, **December 15th**, to either the parlor in Fellowship Hall or the church office.*



On Tuesday, December 10th, ALL women are invited to Cook's Presbyterian

Women's Christmas get-together at the home of Penny Love (4000 Mtn Cove Dr in Overlook) **at 6:30pm**. Please bring an appetizer to share and an unwrapped toy of any type that will be given to a needy family and/or organization such as Toys For Tots or A Child's Place. If you have any questions, contact Pedo @ 704/516-1753.



Christmas Eve is such a special time in the life of the church. It is time for family and friends to gather together to worship God and remember the great gift

*of salvation God sent to us in the form of a baby. So please bring your families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and yourselves to celebrate with us at **5:00pm on December 24th** here at Cook's!*



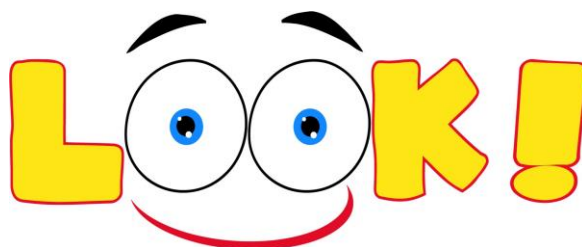
We really need **3-5 more workers for our nursery during worship** so if you would be willing to serve God by watching over our youngest members, please contact the church office asap at 704-399-7735 or office@cookschurch.org. We'll need you to complete our Child Protection Policy forms and then we'll get you on the nursery schedule.

Thank you!



We'd love to have you and your family join us on **Sunday, December 22**

immediately following our worship service to go on our annual **Christmas Caroling to some of our homebound**. We will gather in the parking lot near the church office and then split up into groups for this outing and deliver some joy for all! If you have any questions, contact Nan McClure at 704/578-7748.



Please be aware that beginning **Sunday, 12/1**, **ALL** exterior doors will be locked at **10:10am** every Sunday morning except for the front sanctuary doors. All doors can be exited. Entry will be restricted to the sanctuary front doors. The Worship Elders will be happy to unlock any door for you if needed during worship. This decision by Session was made to help ensure the safety of our children and nursery volunteers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas in Paw Creek – Arts & Crafts Fair, Saturday, **November 23**, 8am-2pm, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church (7400 Mt. Holly Rd) - for more details, go to www.pawcreekpc.org.



Wise Words & Quotes

– Vern McCellan

"A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash."
(Proverbs 15:14)

"Truth is not always popular, but is always right."



*We wish a Happy Birthday
to the following:*

Nov 25 - Suzie McClure, Bev Weldy, Adam Glaser
Nov 2 - Pauline Harper
Dec 2 - Steven Griffin, Allyne Gant
Dec 3 - Aiden Weldy
Dec 5 - Sandy Thompson
Dec 6 - Carole Thompson
Dec 7 - Doris Todd



Nov 24: Dolores Freeman, Mary Thompson

Dec 1: Beth Noles, Toni Thompson

Dec 8: Audrey Brady, Sandy Birmingham

{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: Nov 24-Viewpoint SS Class;
Dec 1-Presbyterian Women; Dec 8-Men of the Church

Usher Schedule: November-Audrey Brady, Mike Stanford, Marty Crosby, Penny Love; December-Janice & Jim Phipps, Connie & Dale Luckey

Sound Tech Schedule: November-Chris Birmingham; December-Joe Chichetti

Teller Schedule: Nov 24-Ginger Thompson, Gordon Stanley, Dwight Black; Dec 1-Ginger Thompson, Bonnie Pace, Max Love; Dec 8-Ginger Thompson, Scott Jones, Dwight Black

Weekend Opener/Lockup: November-Alex Bogojevich; December-Jerry Spurlock



During these next 2 weeks, Nov 24-Dec 7, please make a special effort to recognize **Annie Luckey and Melva Thompson** with a visit or a card. They would love to hear from you!

Annie Luckey, 9906 Harwood Ln, Charlotte, 28214
Melva Thompson, 8944 McClure Cir, Charlotte, 28216

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.*



****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!



Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Members

McKensie Thompson (surg 12/13)	Jerome Abernathy
Pete & Billie Sigmon	Frances Dean
Carolyn Young (Huntersville Oaks)	Connie Stroup
Dan Griggs	Nancy Stanley
Debbie White	Jill Griffin
Mildred Grice	Blake Benfield
Vera Smith	Allyne Gant
Hazel Dunn	Gerri Rhodes
Pat Hager	Steve Self
Corky McClure	Cook's Pastor Search

Friends & Relatives

Scott Troxler	Pamela & Brian Zuercher
Kevin Cook	Cole/Davidson family
Jeff & Emalie Barnes	Mary Hightower
Marcia Larson	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
Sherry Smith	Richard Meyer
Ronnie Farmer	Ginger (White) Eagle
Melanie Paul	Clyde Culbreth
family of Melanie Iraci (husband in Hospice, 35 yr old)	
Mike Helms	Phil Coleman

dementia patients/caregiver
 those affected by hurricane & other natural disasters
 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, Andy Dula, Chris Dula, Seth Seal

CONGREGATION



Please notify the church office (704-399-7735 / office@cookschurch.org) OR

Johnnie Quinn (704-392-0562 /

johnnie_quinn@hotmail.com) of any deaths, sickness, surgeries, births, etc. that you and/or a family member may be experiencing.



11/10/19: 104

11/17/19: 89

2019 Offerings:

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$328,136
 YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$327,762

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, November 24

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

10:00am – *Worship/Congregational mtg/sanc*

11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn...cookies & drinks for everyone!*

~5-5:30/Gathering & Fellowship; 5:30pm/ Church-wide THANKGIVING Dinner & Program/FH – all are invited!

Monday, November 25

9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

1:00pm – LPH mtg/FH

Tuesday, November 26

9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:00pm – Aerobics/FH

7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg

Wednesday, November 27

9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201

Thursday, November 28...Happy Thanksgiving!

****Church Office CLOSED for Holiday...please remember that ALL alarms will be on during the holidays!**

Friday, November 29

****Church Office CLOSED for Holiday**

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 1

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

10:00am – *Worship/First Sunday of Advent/sanc*

11:00am – **FIRST LUNCH/ADVENT EVENT... everyone is invited! /FH**

Monday, December 2-**DEADLINE** for next newsletter

9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:15pm – Jr Girl Scouts/bsmt

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

~7:00pm – PROPERTY Ministry mtg/Rm 113

Tuesday, December 3

9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

~10:00am – Group to Urban Ministries/bus

6:00pm – Aerobics/FH

7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3rd floor

Wednesday, December 4

9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201

9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:00pm – Strings/Youth Ensemble Rehearsal

6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:30pm – Brownies/bsmt

Friday, December 6

Mtn Island Community Church/bus

6:30pm – Scouts/Box Sled Races/FH

Saturday, December 7

****3:00pm – Room In The Inn begins! /FH&bus**



Pack 51 Cub Scouts will be having a fundraiser where they are selling **preordered Krispy Kreme donuts**. Orders need to be placed using the link below by **November 25**.

Orders will be available for pickup at the church 9a-12p on **Friday, November 29** (Black Friday).

<https://cub-scout-pack-51-charlotte-nc.square.site/>



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 **DECEMBER, 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:

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 2020:** Debbie Myers (Homebound), Jack McClure (Homebound), Jeannie McClure (Moderator/Special Needs); **Class of 2021:** Dwight Black (Homebound), Barbara Stevens (New Members), Sydney Thompson (New Members); **Class of 2022:** Susanna Justice (New Members), Nan McClure (Special Needs), Lucile Savelle (Homebound), Bev Weldy (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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Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Good News Inside!

God, we thank You for:



Written articles to be in Church
Office by **Monday, Dec. 2nd**
@ 4pm for next newsletter!



Our poinsettia
supplier has moved
up their "Order
Deadline Date" so
therefore we have to
get our ‘Poinsettias’
orders in earlier

than normal. If you'd like to help us decorate the
sanctuary in honor of and/or in memory of a loved
one(s), please complete the form below and return
it to the church office **NO LATER THAN**
SUNDAY, December 1st!

They will be in our sanctuary on Sundays,
December 15 & 22. You may take them home
after our 10am worship on the 22nd or if you don't
mind, leave them for our Christmas Eve worship
service at 5pm if you plan to attend but please be
sure to take them home after that service.

Again, the deadline to turn in your order with
payment is no later than Sunday, **December 1st**.
Contact the church office at 704/399-7735 or
office@cookschurch.org if you have any
questions.

<u>Price</u>	<u>Size</u>
\$10.00	6.5" (2 plants per pot in red)
_____ (Total # of Plants)	\$_____ (Total Amt Paid)

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

By: _____



Cook’s Christmas Marketplace –
Saturday, **November 23**, 8am-3pm!

Imagine the Fellowship Hall transformed
into a Christmas Marketplace - filled with
handmade crafts, jewelry, wreaths, metal
and wood working creations, and more...
Just in time for Christmas, we hope to offer
our community and congregation a place to
shop for unique handmade items for home
and gifts. All proceeds will go to the Cook’s
Building Fund.

***If you have items that you make and
would like to donate your items and/or
are willing to volunteer to meet up and
make some items for this exciting event,**
please call/text Suzie McClure at 704-363-
4365 at or Amy Chichetti at 980-214-1078.
