



FROM THE PASTOR

***Grace and peace to all of you
from our Lord and Savior,***

***Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit of
the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness,
self-control; against such things
there is no law."***

In our journey of faith, the cultivation of spiritual disciplines is not merely an exercise in self-improvement but a pathway to deeper communion with God. Among the fruits of the Spirit that we are called to nurture within ourselves, faithfulness stands as a testament to the steadfast love and reliability of God in our lives. Faithfulness, in the Biblical sense, encompasses more than consistency in our spiritual routines;



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Ginny Dunn (hip surg 2/21, Novant/Huntersville), Sarah Penninger (home/Hospice), family of Lyle Pace, Jill Griffin, Tom McClure (STLC, Rm 502-please sign guest register in his room when visiting), Rick Greene, Jack McClure, Steve Self, Sara Yarbrough, Allyne Gant, Dale Luckey, F.D. & Pat Hager, Sarah Justice, Dennis & Debbie Abernathy, Jerome Abernathy, Jimmy McClure, Steve (@ Univ Rehab & welcomes visitors!) & Sharon Gilmore, Nancy & Richard Smith, Debbie White, Nicolas Wilson (teenage grandson of Ed & Nancy w/brain tumor), Betty McClure, Jo Price, Jerry Hunter, Melody Mathews, Judy & Richard Bogan, Judy Rozzelle, Angie Ross, Ann Drake, Baby Carson, Frances Lancaster, Mark Lackey, Dr. Jeff Ruskusky, Andy

it is the expression of our wholehearted trust in God's promises and His character. It means anchoring our lives in the truth of God's Word and His unchanging nature, even when the storms of life threaten to overwhelm us. Spiritual disciplines such as prayer, meditation on Scripture, fasting, and worship are not ends in themselves but means through which we can grow in our understanding of God's faithfulness towards us. As we engage in these practices with a heart open to God's presence, we find ourselves being shaped more into the likeness of Christ. We learn to see beyond the immediate to the eternal, and our trust in God's provision and guidance deepens. Let us, therefore, commit to nurturing faithfulness in our walk with God, trusting that as we do so, we will experience the richness of His presence and the peace that comes from knowing we are securely held in His unfailing love. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **Pastor Jason**

Join us this Sunday, Feb. 25, @ 10am for a message from Pastor Jason on 'Necessary Traumas – Letting Go' (Matthew 19:16-22)}!

Thank you to all that have graciously made an additional contribution to our church since the first of last year. It is very much appreciated. Please note, our financial need remains this year. If you have available funds, please consider making an over-and-above contribution to our general fund. Thank you for considering this request.

Burge, Nancy Mummaw, Ned & Carolyn Beatty, Sherry Wasek, Nancy Brammer, Chrissy Hart, Jack Byers, Kurt Hollar, *family of Al Lancaster* (Nancy Thompson's brother-in-law), Bobby Hotaling, John Park, Michael Matrone, Joe Picard, Jim & Dawn Thompson, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, David Luckey, KCH/Kenya, NC School System/Students/Teachers/Administration, victims of natural disasters, those suffering from long-term illnesses, families who grieving the recent loss of loved ones, and all those in need of our prayers of intercession

{*Names are left on for 4 weeks, so if they are still in need of 'extra' prayer after that, please let the church office know.}

Homebound List: Jill Griffin, Steve Gilmore, Sarah Penninger, Tom McClure, Sara Yarbrough, Allyne Gant, Jack Parker

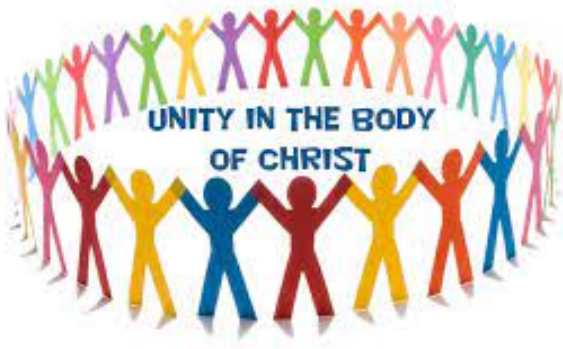
Soldier List: Austin McCrary, Clara DeFeo, Turner Salm, Anne Ledford, Eddy Self, Andy Dula, Chris Dula, Seth Seal, John Makahilli Jr., ALL Vets & families.

Please pray for all daily; to make changes to any of these lists, contact the church office @ 704/399-7735.

*** WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BE ABLE TO MINISTER TO YOU!**

Please don't hesitate to notify the church office (704-399-7735 / office@cookschurch.org) or Pastor Jason Bryant (704-607-4162 /

Jason@cookschurch.org or jaydbryant@gmail.com) of any deaths, sickness, surgeries, births, etc. that you and/or a family member may be experiencing so that we can let our Elders and Deacons know so that they can minister to you and/or your family.



****Please note that our
“FELLOWSHIP ON THE LAWN”
 will be set-up in the lobby of the
 Education Building for the rest of the
 'cold/rainy' months. Join us there
 after worship to **fellowship with
 your brothers & sisters in Christ**
 and enjoy a quick treat while you
 do!



*** **We would like to extend a
 huge ‘THANK YOU’ to everyone
 who came on February 17 to help
 with the clean-up of the side
 street beside our church! It was
 hard work and we really
 appreciate you giving up your
 time on a Saturday morning to
 assist us!**

*We’d love to have your help, along
 with any others that would like to join*



**Looking for a class that
 will help you grow in
 your knowledge of what
 God’s Word is saying to
 each of us?**

*You are always invited to
 join us at one of our
 Sunday School classes (for
 all ages!) each Sunday at
 9am to study His Word
 and what it means for our
 daily living!*

For more info, contact Paige
 Benson at 704/488-7417.



* We will collect the
‘10 Cents-A-Meal Offering’
this Sunday, February 25,
 during our morning worship
 service. “Marked” donations
 can be put in the offering
 plate or the box on the
 communion table.

*us, once again! Please make plans to aid with the 'spreading of mulch' along the area that we cleaned up last time on the street beside our Education Building on **Saturday, MARCH 2**, from 9am-1pm. Bring any tools you may need to spread mulch, gloves, your own water/snack and once again, a readiness to make a difference. Thank you for your willingness to help in making our church area look it's best!*



**YOUTH / COOKIE MAKING
EVENT** for Kairos Prison
Ministry

SUNDAY, MARCH 3,

after worship in FH kitchen

*ALL Youth - please plan to join us!

***MEMBERS** - if you'd like to donate packs of cookies, please bring them to worship on March 3 and give them to Clayton.

Thanks so much for your help!



**2024 Flower Calendar
dates that are**

AVAILABLE: If you'd like to supply our sanctuary flowers in honor and/or in loving memory of a loved one, these dates are available at this time (there may be more forthcoming): **April 14; June 2; Sept. 15; Nov. 3; Dec. 29.** Contact the church office if you'd like to reserve a date!



*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the texts, calls, cards, food, hugs, and prayers that you have given us through Lyle's illness and death. We have truly felt your love, encouragement, and support during this time. We truly appreciate each and every one of you and feel fortunate to belong to such a loving, caring church. You really are family to us.*

*Love, Bonnie, Parker
and Laura*

Walking Through



Holy Week

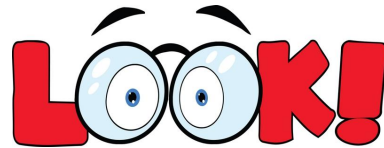
HOLY WEEK Events @ Cook's:

- 1) Everyone will have a part this year in our '**Palm Sunday Processional**' to begin our 10am worship service on Palm Sunday, March 24.
- 2) Mark your calendars *now* for our '**Maundy Thursday**' service on March 28 – Sam Nadler will be our guest speaker—more details to come and we hope you will join us!
- 3) **ALL children** are invited to participate in our "**Easter Egg Hunt**" that will be held on Saturday, March 30 – more details to follow!
- 4) We will have our '**Easter Sunrise Service**' *Easter morning, March 31*, at 7am on the front sidewalk! Please bring a chair from home if you'd like to sit for this 30 min service, and doughnuts, pastries, coffee & juice will be served afterwards.
- 5) We ask that you bring '*flowers from home if you have some available*' to help in "**flowering the small cross**" on our front steps before worship on Easter Sunday, March 31!
- 6) *You & your family are invited to join us as celebrate our Risen Savior on **Easter Sunday, March 31 at 10am!***



BARBEQUE

'Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church' invites you to join them at their upcoming **BAR-B-Q THIS Friday, February 23**, at Paw Creek American Legion bldg., 5651 Brookshire Blvd, from **11am-8pm** – cost is \$12 for 1 plate (BBQ, baked beans, slaw, chips, bun) or 3 sandwiches w/chips or 1 lb BBQ.



**Anyone who would love to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" is invited to join Cook's Adult Choir! Contact Clayton for questions at claydeacon@gmail.com.*

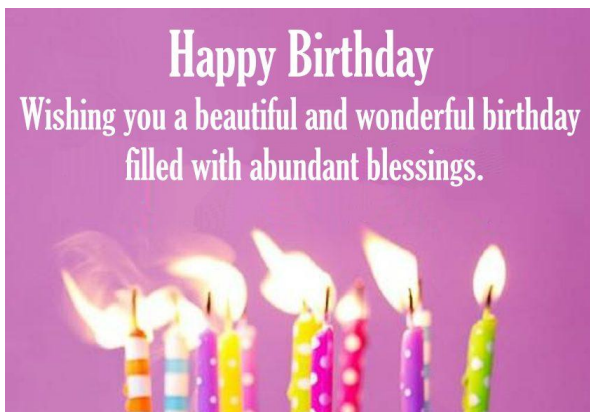
***Cook's **NURSERY** is available each week (for SS at 9am & worship at 10am) for our youngest members, ages birth thru 4 yrs old!*



*...that **IF** your picture is posted in our online church directory (to access go to www.cookschurch.org and at the very bottom of that page you will see "Church Directory"...click on that button), you can go into your information and make changes such as address, phone #'s, if in military past or present, the different groups you have been a part of at the church, etc. If you have any problems and/or questions on how to do so, please contact Gaye List at gayelist@gmail.com. Also, if your picture (or families') is not currently in our directory, please send a photo to the church office (office@cookschurch.org) and we'll*



It's time to order '**Easter Lilies**' that will fill our sanctuary with beautiful flowers, and also 'in honor of' or 'in loving memory of' a loved one on **Easter Sunday morning**. Order forms are available in the Narthex, the church office & the entranceway of the Educational Bldg, and are due to the church office by **SUNDAY, March 10**... completed forms/payment can be put in the box in the Narthex or brought to the office.



"We wish the following a 'Blessed and Happy Birthday!'"

Feb. 20: Jerry Benson

Feb. 23: Kelly Harper

Feb. 24: James Harper

Feb. 25: Carrie Brady

Feb. 26: Sandy Birmingham

Feb. 27: Natalie Bryant

March 4: Heather Lyerly, Rebecca Wilz

March 8: Paul Love;

March 9: Hayden Bolz;

March 15: Cameron Jones

see about getting it and your information included asap!

NEWS FROM FINANCE MINISTRY

The Finance Committee would like you to know that we now have another way to donate funds to Cook's Church...you can use your debit/credit card and the "app" is available to download from our website...

www.cookschurch.org. If you have any questions, call Ginger Thompson, Treasurer @ 704/562-7558.



The Digital Ministry of Cook's is working on all things that you need to stay connected with Cook's as well as resources to grow in your faith. Check out our **REFRESHED** website - CooksChurch.org. Join us today and be a part of our online community!

** We're *now* on 'Instagram' so be sure to check it out and "Like" and share!



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Cook's Church has a FACEBOOK



Cook's MONTHLY MEETINGS:

****Cook's SESSION** will meet on the **2nd Sunday** of each month at 7pm in Rm #113.

****ALL Ladies** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE meeting** on the **second Tuesday** @ **10:30am** and **7:00pm** in Rm #113 in the Ed Bldg. Contact Pede Self with questions.

Cook's **MEN OF THE CHURCH** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on the **third Sunday** at **7:30am** (Ed Bldg lobby) and **ALL men** at Cook's are invited to attend! Contact Dale Luckey with questions.

Cook's **PROPERTY Ministry** meets on the **second Thursday** at 6:30pm in Rm #113 - contact Mike Stanford with questions.

Cook's **MISSION Ministry** meets on the **first Friday** at 10:00am in Rm #113...contact Fred Cox with questions.

Cook's **WORSHIP Ministry** meets on the **first Thursday** at 2:00pm via Zoom and/or in the church office...contact Denise Veard for details.

Cook's **FINANCE MINISTRY** meets on the **fourth Sunday** at **11:15am** in Rm #113. Contact Joe Thompson if you have any questions.

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SERMONS:

Did you miss worship this past Sunday?
Do you ever want to listen to a recent sermon again?

Recent sermons from Sunday morning worship can be found on the Cook's Church website!

Click here:

www.cookschurch.org/sermons

Have you read your recent church newsletter? Recent issues of our Cook's Communicator can be found on our church website!

Click here:

www.cookschurch.org/newsletters

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