



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

James 1:12 – “Blessed is the man
who remains steadfast under trial,
for when he has stood the test
he will receive the crown of life,
which God has promised to those
who love Him.”

As we step into 2024, Cook's
Church is guided by the spirit of
endurance, inspired by James 1:12.
This verse is not just a passage; it's
a beacon that lights our path in the
coming year.

Endurance, especially in our faith,
is a journey of persistence. It's
about weathering storms with
resilience and emerging with a
stronger, more steadfast faith.
At Cook's Church, we see this
endurance as a collective
commitment. We stand together,



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Lyle
Pace, Jill Griffin (Novant/Main), Jimmy
McClure (now home), Tom McClure
(Stanley Total Living Ctr, Rm 502), Jack
McClure, Steve Self, Rick Greene,
Sara Yarbrough, Allyne Gant,
Dale Luckey, F.D. & Pat Hager,
Sarah Justice, Jerome Abernathy,
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,
Al & Frances Lancaster, Mark
Lackey, Dr. Jeff Ruskusky, Nancy
Mummaw, Andy Burge, Ned &
Carolyn Beatty, Sherry Wasek,

supporting each other through trials and celebrating victories, both big and small. Our church's dedication to serving the community and participating in missions will continue to be a testament to our endurance in Christ. Each act of service, each outreach program, is a reflection of our enduring faith and commitment to embody Christ's love and resilience. For individual members, this year is an invitation to deepen their personal relationship with Christ through persistent prayer, study, and meditation on the Scriptures. It's about finding strength in quiet moments with God, and using that strength to face life's challenges.

Cook's Church in 2024 is a community united in faith and fortified by endurance. Together, we look forward to a year of growth, service, and unwavering faith, confident that our perseverance will lead us to the 'crown of life' that awaits.

Peace in Christ, **Pastor Jason Bryant**

{ONE YEAR BIBLE READING**

PLAN: Here's the link to the readings: <https://shorturl.at/nsDL9> (you may need to copy and paste this link into your browser for it to work, and for those of you that can't access it by computer, you can attain a copy in the church office, either by stopping by to pick one up, or it can be mailed/emailed to you.)}

Join us this Sunday, Feb. 4, @ 10am for a message from Pastor Jason on **'Necessary Traumas – Forgiveness'** (Matthews 18:15-22)}!

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

Nancy Brammer, Chrissy Hart, Jack Byers, Kurt Hollar, Al Thompson, Bobby Hotaling, John Park, Michael Matrone, Joe Picard, Jim & Dawn Thompson, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, *Eileen Black & family* (death of mother), 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.

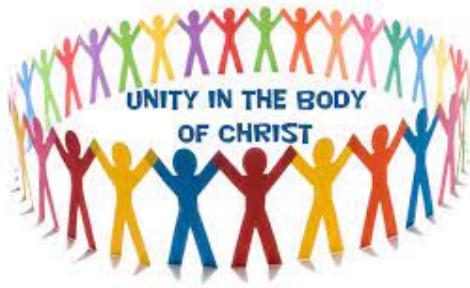
Please pray for all daily; to make changes to any of these lists, contact the church office @ 704/399-7735.

*** 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.

considering this request.



****Please note that our
“FELLOWSHIP ON THE LAWN”
will be set-up in the lobby of the
Education Building for the month of
February, and possibly into March,
depending on the ‘cold/rainy’
weather. Join us there after worship
to **fellowship with your brothers &
sisters in Christ** and enjoy a quick
treat while you do!



****NOTE:** We will have a ‘**Called
Congregational Meeting**’ this
Sunday, 2/4/24, to elect one Elder
to the Class of 2026 and to elect
the 2024 Nominating Ministry; the
2023 Mission Giving and the 2024
Budget (in Narthex) information will
be available to you for your
information.



**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.



**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; May
12; Sept. 15; Nov. 3.**

Contact the church office if
you’d like to reserve a date!



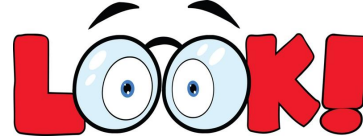
Cook's sanctuary will host a
'PRAYER VIGIL'
for anyone that would like to
come and say a 'silent prayer'
THIS coming Saturday,
February 3 from 8am-12pm.

Come pray for yourself/
family/neighbors, all churches, our
state/nation/world! *Praying together,*
with God's help we can accomplish
many things! ***"Therefore, I tell you,*
whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you have received it
and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24).**



"SCOUTING FOR FOOD" is an
ongoing annual program of the Boy
Scouts of America that begun in
1985 by the Greater St Louis Area
Council. The program involves
collecting for local food banks. It is
organized at the local level
throughout the country.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET to bring
your 'non-perishable food items'
(please NO glass containers!) **to Cook's**
THIS Sunday, February 4, 2024,
for Cook's Scouts Troop #51 food
drive! The Scout Troop will take
them to a local food bank to help
those in need of food for their



**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
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.

families!
{This Sunday, **February 4th**, will be '**Scout Sunday**' therefore the Scouts will be leading several parts of our worship and we *welcome all of their families* that will be visiting with us!}



****ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:**

Pastor Jason will be in our sanctuary from **12-2:00pm** on '**Ash Wednesday**', **February 14, 2024**, for ***anyone*** to stop by to receive 'ashes' and a prayer with/for you if you'd would like him to do so.

{We are also in the process of planning a '***Maundy Thursday Service/Seder Meal***' on 3/28 – more details to follow.}



Cook's MONTHLY MEETINGS:

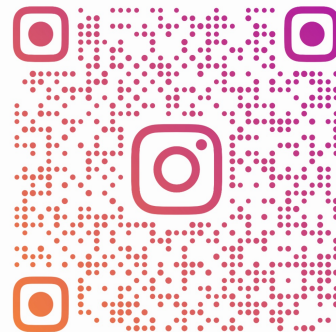
Cook's **SESSION** meets on the **second Sunday** at 7pm in Rm #113.

ALL Ladies are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE meetings** on the **second Tuesday** @ **10:30am or 7pm** in Rm #113 in the



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** page!

Come check us out and stay connected!

www.facebook.com/pages/Cooks-Memorial-Presbyterian-Church



Check out what is happening @Cook's Scan to connect with Us on Facebook

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 Thurs 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 Vead 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.

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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