



***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 the bustling streets of Galatia, amidst the cacophony of diverse religious voices and the stringent adherence to the Law, the Apostle Paul writes of a higher calling—a life led by the Spirit, marked not by the outward observance of rituals but by the inward cultivation of divine qualities. Lent provides us a solemn sanctuary to reflect on our spiritual disciplines. It is not simply about abstaining from certain foods or activities but is an invitation to grow



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Ginny Dunn (Huntersville Health & Rehab, 13835 Boren St, Huntersville, 28078, Rm #124), family of Sarah Penninger, Jill Griffin, Tom McClure (STLC, Rm 502 {please sign guest register in his room when visiting}), 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

the fruits of the Spirit within us. It's a season to ask ourselves: Are the disciplines we choose drawing us closer to the heart of God? Are they nurturing love, joy, peace, and the other fruits that Paul describes? As we journey through Lent, let each step be an intentional stride towards a deeper communion with God. Let us not be merely 'planted' but deeply 'rooted' in the streams of living water, that we might bear fruit in every season. So, as we gather this Sunday, let us carry the quiet whispers of Galatians in our hearts, ready to be watered by the Word, and prepare to flourish in the Spirit's power.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **Pastor Jason**

{Join us this Sunday at 10am for a message from our Pastor on '**Do Over – What the Church Gets Wrong About Jesus**' (Mt. 5:6)!}

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.



****Please note that our

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, Jane Jones, Cindy Little, Gary Hayes, Robert Wood, Brian Zuercher, 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.

"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'd love to have any and all help 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 THIS COMING Saturday, MARCH 2, from 9am-1pm.

Bring any tools you may need to spread mulch (shovels, rakes, etc), 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!*



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.

****The 'Viewpoint Sunday School Class will meet again on Sunday, March 17, at 9am in Room #207.**

Contact Reg King with questions.



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 &



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



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

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.



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: **March 17; April
14; June 2; June 30; Sept.
15; Nov. 3; Dec. 29.**

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



*The family of
Sarah Penninger would like to
thank Cook's for the support
shown last Saturday by
attending her graveside
service. They appreciate all
the acts of kindness shown to
Sarah and to all her family.*

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.

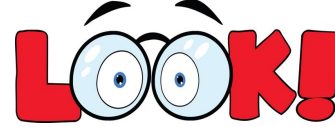
5) We ask that you bring '*flowers from home if you have some available*' to help in "**flowering the small cross**" on our front steps before worship on *Easter Sunday, March 31!*

6) *You & your family are invited to join us as celebrate our Risen Savior on **Easter Sunday, March 31 at 10am!***



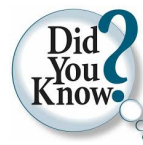
"IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!"
NEW Adult Bible Study
starting March 10 - "The Way"

ALL Adults are urged to attend our 'new BIBLE STUDY' titled "**The Way**" each Sunday at **6pm** in our sanctuary starting March 10! This study will be led by Pastor Jason and Fred Cox. Please make plans now to join them 'each Sunday' because let's face it...**'IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!'**



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.



Note: the March-May '**Daily Bread Devotionals**' are available for you to pick up in the Narthex, Ed Bldg lobby and church office (during office hours or in box at the back door shelf to office).



Cook's MONTHLY MEETINGS:

****Cook's SESSION** will meet on the **2nd Sunday (March 10)** of each month at 7pm in Rm #113.

****ALL Ladies** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE meeting** on the **second Tuesday (March 13)** @ **10:30am** and **7:00pm** in Rm #113 in the Ed Bldg. Contact Pedé Self with questions.

Cook's **MEN OF THE CHURCH** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on the **third Sunday (March 17)** at **7:30am** (Ed Bldg lobby) and **ALL men** at Cook's are invited to attend! Contact Dale Luckey with questions.



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



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

Cook's **PROPERTY Ministry** meets on the **second Thursday (March 14)** at 6:30pm in Rm #113 - contact Mike Stanford with questions.

Cook's **MISSION Ministry** meets on the **first Friday (March 1)** at 10:00am in Rm #113...contact Fred Cox with questions.

Cook's **WORSHIP Ministry** meets on the **first Thursday (March 7)** 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 (March 24)** at **11:15am** in Rm #113. Contact Joe Thompson if you have any questions.

Cook's **COMMUNITY MEAL** (which is open to *everyone!*) is held on the **second Thursday (March 14)** of every month from **5-6:30pm**. It is temporarily being held at Hillcrest Baptist Church (corner of Bellhaven Blvd & Kentberry Dr, across from Sports Page Rest) until our FH is repaired. Please mark your calendars and join us for this free & delicious meal and some great fellowship!

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