



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

***Proverbs 24:3-4 – "By wisdom
a house is built, and through
understanding it is established;
through knowledge its rooms
are filled with rare and beautiful
treasures."***

Reflecting on the essence of building—beyond bricks and mortar—draws us into a deeper conversation about the foundations of our lives. This week, let's explore how wisdom, understanding, and knowledge form the bedrock of enduring structures, whether they be homes, relationships, or communities. Wisdom, as Proverbs suggests, is the practical application of knowledge, guided by understanding and insight. It's this wisdom that helps us navigate life's



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Dale Luckey (knee surg 3/19), Bev Weldy (hip surg 3/22), Ginny Dunn (Huntersville Health & Rehab, 13835 Boren St, Huntersville, 28078, Rm #124, 704/249-0374c), Jill Griffin, Tom McClure (STLC, Rm 502 {please sign guest register in his room when visiting}), Jack McClure, Steve Self, Sara Yarbrough, Allyne Gant, 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), Andy Burge, Judy & Richard Bogan, Angie Ross, Kurt Hollar, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, David Luckey, Jane Jones, Cindy Little, Gary Hayes,

decisions, build resilient relationships, and handle challenges with grace. It's about making choices that align with God's will, fostering spaces where love and resilience flourish.

Understanding deepens our appreciation of the principles that underpin a meaningful life. It's recognizing the value of compassion and connection, establishing homes and lives that are not just shelters, but sanctuaries of warmth and support. Through understanding, we create environments where everyone can find strength and solace.

Knowledge, the enrichment of our lives with diverse experiences and learnings, fills our rooms with rare and beautiful treasures. It's a continuous pursuit that enriches our perspectives, making our homes and hearts repositories of wisdom and beauty.

During this season of *Lent*, what a wonderful way to begin attaching more and more of our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **Pastor Jason**

{Join us this Sunday at 10am for a message from Pastor Jason on '**Do Over - Rock or Sand?**' (Mt. 7:24-27)!}

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.

Robert Wood, Brian Zuercher, Clay Hodge, Garrett Michel, Debbie Cole, Jake Turner, Betty McClure, Jo Price, Jerry Hunter, Melody Mathews, Judy Rozzelle, Ann Drake, Baby Carson, Frances Lancaster, Mark Lackey, Dr. Jeff Ruskusky, Nancy Mummaw, Ned & Carolyn Beatty, Sherry Wasek, Nancy Brammer, Chrissy Hart, Jack Byers, Bobby Hotaling, John Park, Michael Matrone, Joe Picard, Jim & Dawn Thompson, 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... "Names listed above in *italics* will be removed this week unless someone notifies the church office that they still need 'extra prayer'...which we're **MORE** than glad to keep praying for them if needed!"}

Homebound List: Jill Griffin, Steve Gilmore, 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.

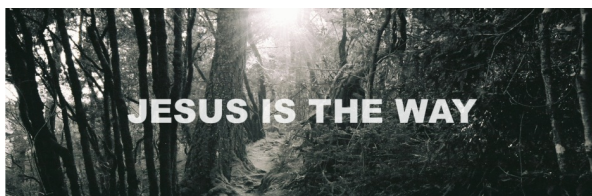
*** WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BE ABLE TO MINISTER TO YOU!**

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



****Our “**FELLOWSHIP ON THE LAWN**” will be set-up in the lobby of the Education Building if it's too cold and/or rainy on Sunday.

Join us there (or outside in front of our sanctuary if it's pretty weather) *after worship to **fellowship with your brothers & sisters in Christ** and enjoy a quick treat while you do!*



"IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!"
NEW Adult Bible Study
started last SUNDAY titled
"The Way"!

This study is being led by Pastor Jason and Fred Cox and they would love for **ALL Adults** to join them each Sunday at **6pm** in our sanctuary! So please make plans now to join them 'each Sunday' because let's face it, our life mantra should be: **'IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!'**

experiencing so that we can let our Elders and Deacons know so that they can minister to you and/or your family.



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 THIS Sunday, March 17, at 9am in Room #207.**

Contact Reg King with questions.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Cook's **COMMUNITY MEAL** (which is open to everyone!) is held on the **second Thursday (TONIGHT, March 14)** of every month from **5-6:30pm**. It is temporarily being held at



*We'd need your help once again to make the area beside the sidewalk at the road alongside the church look better! Please make plans to aid with the 'spreading of mulch' along that area THIS Saturday, *MARCH 16*, from 9am-1pm (rain date of 3/23). 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!*



'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: **April 14; June 2; June 30; Sept. 15; Nov. 3; Dec. 29.** Contact the church office if you'd like to reserve a date!

Hillcrest Baptist Church
(corner of Bellhaven Blvd & Kentberry Dr, across from Sports Page Rest) until our FH is repaired. ***This month's menu will be Shepherd's pie, sides & dessert.** Please join us for this free & delicious meal and some great fellowship...be sure to invite your friends and/or neighbors to join you!



We will be collecting non-perishable food items for '**Nourish... formerly Loaves & Fishes**' on Sundays, **March 24 & 31!**

{Items most needed: peanut butter, jelly, cereals, canned meats/fruit/vegetables, 100% fruit juice & powdered milk.} Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and Ed Bldg entranceway.



****ATTENTION PLEASE:** if you have a loved one that is buried in our **cemetery** and still have "Christmas flowers/poinsettias" on their graves, please remove them by **March 31**...we will have

Walking Through



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK Events **@ Cook's:**

1) *Everyone* will receive a 'palm branch' to wave this year during our '**Palm Sunday Processional**' to begin worship on **March 24** – all children & youth, along with our choir, will process in waving theirs and that's when we ask you to join them in doing so from your seat (be sure to get a palm branch in the Narthex before worship)! Also, the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served during our 10am service...*you are encouraged to prepare yourself through prayer and the reading of scripture... "This do in remembrance of Me"*

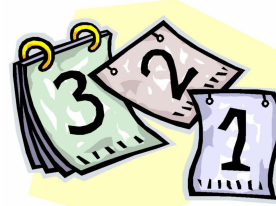
{Luke 22:19}.

2) We are having a '**special event**' during our '**Maundy Thursday**' service this year on **March 28** from 7-8pm in our sanctuary – Sam Nadler with the 'Word of Messiah Ministries' will be leading us in "**Messiah in the Passover**" and we hope all of you will be sure to join us!

3) **ALL children of all ages** (Parents-toddlers will probably need your assistance) are invited to participate in our "**Easter Egg Hunt**" that will be held on Saturday, **March 30 at 2pm** and we'll have games, crafts, the Egg Hunt,

a clean-up day of the cemetery on April 1 and all old flowers will be removed.

Thank you!



THREE FUTURE DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS!

Playschool Sunday –
Sunday, **April 21** – *we want to be sure to let our Playschool parents know that we are thrilled to have them with us at Cook's – at Playschool and at our worship!*

Queen City Ringers Spring Handbell Concert –

Tuesday, **April 23**, 7pm, in our sanctuary – don't miss it and spread the word to our surrounding community so we can have a huge turnout again!

Cook's '**Car Show @ Shuffletown**' - Saturday, **June 8**, Registration 8:30-12; Show 9am-2:30pm - please be sure to come 'stroll down memory lane' with us!



**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

(candy!) and a visit from the Easter Bunny! **Kids/parents: please be sure to invite your friends, family & neighbors to come with you!

****NOTE:** We need **donations** of 'bags of candy' that will fit inside an Easter egg for our **Easter Egg Hunt** on 3/30 - please give all *donations* to Paige Benson by **March 24**.

4) We will have our '**Easter Sunrise Service**' Easter morning, **March 31**, at 7am in our **sanctuary**! 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!** **Our Youth will be presenting an '**Easter Play**' during our worship service!



****The 'Laundry Ministry's** next mission will be the **last Monday of this month - March 25.****

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.



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 -



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** of each month at 10:30am or 7:00pm in Rm #113 in the Ed Bldg. Contact Pede Self with questions at 704/516-1753.

Cook's **MEN OF THE CHURCH** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on the **third Sunday** (****NO meeting on March 17**) of each month at 7:30am (Ed Bldg lobby) and **ALL men** at Cook's are invited to attend! Contact Dale Luckey with questions at 704/309-0798.

Cook's **PROPERTY Ministry** normally meets on the **second Thursday** of each month at 6:30pm in Rm #113 - check with Neal Hager to see when they will meet again.

Cook's **MISSION Ministry** meets on the **first Friday** of each month at 10:00am in Rm #113...contact Fred Cox with questions at 980/288-3307.

Cook's **WORSHIP Ministry** meets on the **first Thursday** (****has been moved to Thursday, March 14**) of each month at 2:00pm via Zoom and/or in the church office...contact Denise Veard for details at 704/564-8030.

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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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

Contact Us!

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Cook's **FINANCE MINISTRY** meets on the **fourth Sunday (March 24)** of each month at 11:15am in Rm #113. Contact Joe Thompson if you have any questions at 704/399-8837.



We wish a Blessed and Happy Birthday to all of the following:

March 18 - Eric Thompson
March 19 - Chris Brady
March 22 - Abram Glaser
March 25 - Rebecca Justice,
Austin McCrary Jr
March 28 - Sam & Ben Kennedy
March 29 - Matt Thompson,
Luke Lyerly

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