



FROM THE PASTOR

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

Psalm 51:10: “Create in me
a clean heart, O God, and renew a
right spirit within me.”

“Create in me a pure heart,
O God” is not merely a request
but an admission of our longing
for renewal. It's recognizing that
amidst the clutter of our lives—our
mistakes, our detours, our forgotten
promises—lies the potential for a
heart unblemished by the past,
ready to pulse with the rhythms of
grace. And what
of a "steadfast spirit"? It is the quiet
strength to stand when storms rage,
the grace to walk the path of
penitence with unwavering faith,
and the courage to embrace the
refining fires of transformation. In



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool,
Charlie (surg ?3/21, Novant/Main) &
Debbie McCrary, Dale Luckey
(postponed knee surg), Bev Weldy (hip
surg 3/22), Matt Thompson (recovering
from knee replacement surg 3/19), Ginny
Dunn (now @ The Laurels, 6101 Clarke
Creek Pkwy, Charlotte, 28269, Rm #B202,
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 &

this *Lenten* journey, as we walk the road to resurrection, this verse becomes our mantra, our hope, and our prayer. May this *Lent* be a time when the chisel of divine love shapes us anew, where each day becomes a step closer to the heart and spirit God envisions for us. Let us move forward with the assurance that the work God begins in us during these forty days will unfold in ways we never imagined, revealing the beauty of a faith renewed and a spirit steadfast. In this season of reflection, let the prayer of ***Psalm 51:10*** guide us towards a deeper, more authentic relationship with God, ourselves, and the world around us. May we emerge from this *Lent* not just with a pure heart and a steadfast spirit, but ready to live out the resurrection life that Easter promises. 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 - The Embrace of Grace?***' (Luke 11:15-32)!}

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.

Richard Bogan, Angie Ross, Kurt Hollar, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, David Luckey, Jane Jones, Cindy Little, Gary Hayes, Robert Wood, Brian Zuercher, Clay Hodge, Garrett Michel, Debbie Cole, Jake Turner, Melody Mathews, Judy Rozzelle, Ann Drake, Baby Carson, Betty McClure, Jo Price, Jack Byers, John Park, Michael Matrone, *Jerry Hunter, Frances Lancaster, Mark Lackey, Dr. Jeff Ruskusky, Nancy Mummaw, Ned & Carolyn Beatty, Nancy Brammer, Chrissy Hart, Bobby Hotaling, 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!"}

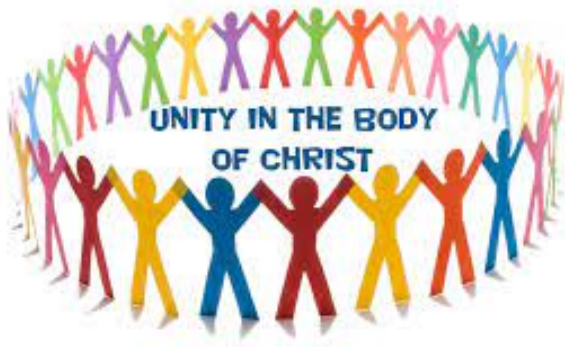
Homebound List: Jill Griffin, Steve Gilmore, Tom McClure, Sara Yarbrough, Allyne Gant, Jack Parker

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.

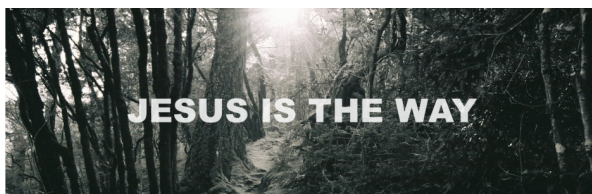
*** WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BE ABLE TO MINISTER TO YOU!**

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



****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!

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!'**

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.



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 be collecting **non-perishable food items** for '**Nourish...formerly Loaves & Fishes**' **THIS SUNDAY, March 24, through the next Sunday, March 31!**

{Items most needed: peanut butter, jelly, cereals, canned meats/fruit/vegetables, 100%

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 **this coming Sunday, 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 – Join us on Maundy Thursday for a "**Messiah in the Passover**"

Demonstration brought to you by *Word of Messiah Ministries*. This is a unique visual experience as we gain a better understanding of what Jesus was referring to on the final night of Passover with His disciples. Learn how every element of this ancient Biblical feast points to Jesus

fruit juice & powdered milk.} Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and Ed Bldg entranceway.



'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!



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

and discover how we as believers in Him can rejoice in its celebration today!

We hope all of you will be sure to join us for this meaningful service! (We will receive a 'love offering' for them during this service.)

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** on the **lawn near the playground** and we'll have crafts, the Egg Hunt, (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** or the church office by **5pm** on Thursday, **March 28!**

4) We will have our ‘**Easter Sunrise Service**’ Easter morning, **March 31**, at 7am in our **sanctuary!** Doughnuts/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.****



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!



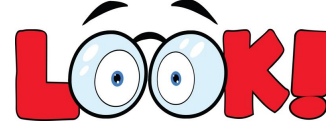
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

You Shall Be Called
Repairers of the Breach

— ISAIAH 58

We will collect the **'One Great Hour of Sharing'** offering the next 2 weeks, **Palm & Easter Sunday, March 24 & 31**, during our morning worship service! *'Every time we set a table where all hungry hearts can eat; every time we welcome neighbors and we add an extra seat; and every time we live as servants, free to wash each other's feet, **in our living, in our giving, we are there.** We are there with the Middle East Council of churches, repairing damage to alleviate the suffering of the Syrian people following a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake. We are there with Caridad Gardens, a Las Vegas-based nonprofit dedicated to 'humanizing the homeless, and repairing what's broken due to trauma and destitution.'* We are there with Kasupe ministries in Malawi, helping women who are repairing their world to overcome challenges made worse by a cyclone that destroyed crops and the ongoing impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic that has decimated their community.'

"Please give what you can – IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!"



****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.

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** 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** of each month at 2:00pm via Zoom and/or in the church office...contact Denise Vead for details at 704/564-8030.

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.



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 Church website!

Click here:

www.cookschurch.org/sermons

Have you read your recent



Thank you so much for your generous donations of cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry! Pastor Jason and Clayton left Tuesday morning with 158 dozen that were made by our youth and bought/ donated by our members! Please pray for them this week as they spread God's love!

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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