



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

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

Hebrews 10:24-25 – “*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near...*”

As spring emerges around us, the world bursts with the beauty of renewed connection. Trees once bare embrace the sun with new leaves, and flowers in solitude reach out to the passing buzz of bees. There's a sacred echo in this season, one that whispers of gathering, of community, and of shared growth. Within our own congregation, we see these natural rhythms reflected in our lives of



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Dale Luckey (surg 4/11), Linda Lynn, Charlie & Debbie McCrary, Bev Weldy, Matt Thompson, Ginny Dunn (The Laurels, 6101 Clarke Creek Pkwy, Charlotte, 28269, Rm #B202, 704/249-0374c), Jill Griffin, Tom McClure (Stanley Total Living Ctr, Rm 502), Jack McClure, Jack Parker, 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, Kurt Hollar, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, David Luckey, Cindy Little, Gary Hayes,

faith. The early church, as described in Hebrews, understood the strength found in togetherness — the mutual encouragement in faith, hope, and love. As we step into the longer days and the warmth of spring, let us draw inspiration from the world awakening around us. Let's reflect on our personal journeys and consider how we, as a living testament to our faith, may come together not just in presence, but in spirit. How can we spur one another toward love and good deeds? How can our community reflect the inviting warmth of this season, fostering growth in ourselves and others? As we ponder these questions, may we be reminded of the importance of encouragement and togetherness in our walks of life. This Sunday, we look forward to exploring the depth and breadth of this concept further, delving into the beauty of fellowship and the joy of divine grace that awaits us in communal harmony. Until then, may we continue to seek and cherish the connections that bind us, finding comfort and courage in our shared journey of faith.

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

New 'Prayer Team' Meeting

As Cook's Church continues to push forward out into the community, we're launching a 'Prayer Team' that will help lead our church in this vital area. The Team will learn how to pray with people with the idea of training volunteers to pray deeply for the ongoing needs of our church and our visitors. Our 'Prayer Team' will take part in our worship service by providing prayer leadership following the service. *This is a vital and wonderful time so get on board*

Robert Wood, Brian Zuercher, Clay Hodge, Garrett Michel, Debbie Cole, Jake Turner, Melody Mathews, Judy Rozzelle, Baby Carson, Betty McClure, Jo Price, Jack Byers, John Park, Michael Matrone, Bruce Cole, Steve Johnston, Dinah Riggs, 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 experiencing so that we can let our Elders and Deacons know so that they can minister to you and/or your family.

now. Team meetings begin **NEXT Sunday**, (April 21) @ **5pm** and will last about an hour for about 4 weeks.

Cook's Cares

I've (Pastor Jason) already begun the first of what I hope will be many live and online classes under the banner, "Cook's Cares." This campaign is beginning with 'my cooking classes' on Sundays at 2pm. There we'll prepare some form of food that highlights culinary-school level cooking with affordable ingredients found at your local grocery store. But the concept "Cook's Cares" is far broader. To that end, I'd like you to begin thinking about a class that you might teach to assist people.

Perhaps you've got some knowledge of plumbing or construction that could help people successfully manage life. Again, focus on techniques or things that you do or can accomplish that would offer a benefit to someone else. Just let Pastor Jason know and we'll work from there to potentially schedule a class. In the meantime, *do come out **this Sunday at 2pm** in the Fellowship Hall kitchen* to learn how to make a great homestyle pot roast with all the fixings.

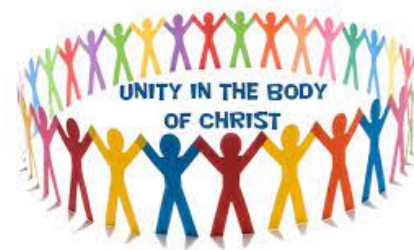
{Join us this Sunday at 10am for a message from Pastor Jason on '**Do Over - Radical Forgiveness**' (Luke 15:11-32)!}

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



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 SS Class** will meet again **THIS Sunday, April 14** @ 9am in Rm #207 and *all are invited!*}



*****Please note that our "Fellowship on the Lawn" will now be held outside in front of our sanctuary unless it's raining...please join us after worship to **fellowship with your brothers & sisters in Christ** and enjoy a quick treat while you do!***

considering this request.



**"Being an Authentic Church"
Adult Bible Study!**

This study is being led by Fred Cox and Pastor Jason 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'!



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



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



The **'Laundry Ministry's' next mission will be the *last Monday of this month, April 29.*

* If you'd like to be part of this Mission, contact Jeannie McClure at 704/519-5021.



FYI: Trinity UMC MEN
(6230 Beatties Ford Rd, 28216)

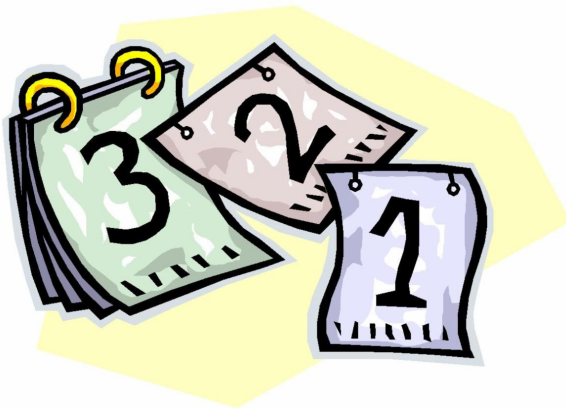
7:30am (Ed Bldg lobby) and ALL MEN at Cook's are invited to attend!
Contact Dale Luckey with questions at 704/309-0798.

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 Veard for details at 704/564-8030.

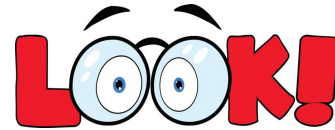
Cook's **FINANCE MINISTRY** meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11:15am in Rm #113. Contact Joe Thompson if you have any questions at 704/399-8837.



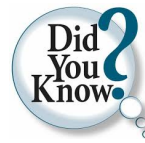
FUTURE EVENTS/DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS!

***Playschool Sunday – Sunday,
April 21 @ 10:00am*** in our
sanctuary
– *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!*

is having a **FISH FRY** on
Saturday, **May 4**, beginning
at 3pm - \$15 per plate which
includes filet flounder,
shrimp & catfish, with slaw,
fries & hushpuppies, tartar &
cocktail sauce.



**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
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access go to
ww.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

Queen City Ringers Spring Handbell Concert: "Dancing in the Light" – 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 Cub Scouts will be hosting a **Krispy Kreme DOUGHNUT Sale/ Fundraiser on Saturday, April 27**, from 8am-noon (or until they run out) – don't miss out on a delicious treat as well as supporting our Scouts!

Cook's next '**PRAYER VIGIL**' will be on Saturday, **May 4** in our sanctuary from 8am-noon - we'd love to have you come and pray for each other, our church, our community, our state/nation, and our world!

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

CHECK THIS OUT!



For more details on ALL of our upcoming church events, be sure to 'check out' our website (www.cookschurch.org) & Facebook page, as well as the Thurs eNews and mailed newsletter!

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 page!

Come check us out and stay connected!

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



***We wish the following a
Happy and Blessed Birthday!***

April 25 - Marty Crosby;

April 29 - Joe Thompson;

May 1 - Davis Glaser;

May 2 - Paige Benson;

May 4 - Norman Thompson;

May 9 - Stephanie Myers Holder



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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