



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

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

***Philippians 2:3-4 – “Do nothing
from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility count others more
significant than yourselves.
Let each of you look not only to his
own interests, but also to the
interests of others.”***

In the bustling rhythms of our daily lives, it's easy to overlook the quiet call to serve others with humility and compassion. Paul reminds us of that in our reading, above. This passage from Philippians invites us to consider a transformative way of living. It asks us to step outside ourselves and look to the needs and welfare of others—echoing a principle that enriches both the giver and the receiver. This is not merely



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Jack Parker (*now* at Huntersville Health & Rehab, 13835 Boren St, Huntersville, 28078), Johnnie Quinn, Linda Lynn, 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), Dale Luckey (recovering from knee surg), Charlie & Debbie McCrary, Bev Weldy, Jack McClure, 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

about acts of service; it's about adopting a posture of genuine selflessness, a theme that resonates deeply within our Christian journey. Such humility doesn't shout its presence but works quietly, changing hearts and lives through simple, everyday actions. As we gather this Sunday, we'll explore themes of inner transformation and answering God's call—themes that are delicately interwoven with our daily acts of humility and service. Reflecting on how we prioritize the needs of others allows us to see the broader scope of our spiritual calling. It's in these moments of self-reflection—much like Jonah's time of introspection—that we often find the deepest insights into our purpose and God's plan for our lives. Let us embrace this week with a renewed commitment to live out our faith through humility and service, understanding that these quiet acts of love are powerful testimonies of our faith in action. As we prepare for Sunday's service, may we all consider how our lives speak of the love we profess.

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 now.*** Team meetings begin **THIS**

Ricker, David Luckey, Cindy Little, Gary Hayes, 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

Sunday, April 21 @ 5pm in Rm #113 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 has begun with 'my cooking classes' each **Sunday 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 some great dishes!

{Join us this Sunday at 10am for a message from Pastor Jason on '**When Things are Dark and They Stink**' (Jonah 2)!}

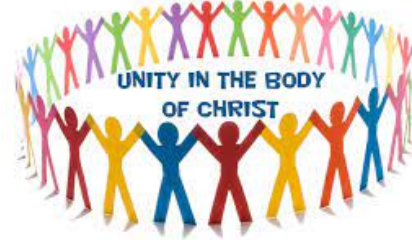
Thank you to all that have graciously made an additional contribution to our church since the first of last year. It is very much appreciated. Please note, our financial need remains this year. If you have available funds, please consider making an over-and-above contribution to our general fund. Thank you for considering this request.

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.



****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!**

GIVING
as an act of worship
BEFORE GOD
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

Please note: we are 'trying out a **NEW** procedure' for the **receiving of your tithes and offerings to Cook's Church** – we will have 2 offering plates available near the altar and 2 offering plates available in the Narthex every Sunday for your donations which can be put in either plate before and/or after worship each week, OR you can use our new 'QR code' that will be in our bulletin and also on the yellow card in the pew rack to make a donation, OR if you prefer, online giving (contact Ginger Thompson, our Treasurer, for details on that option). If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jason. *As always, we thank you for supporting Cook's Church!*



**"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'!



**'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!



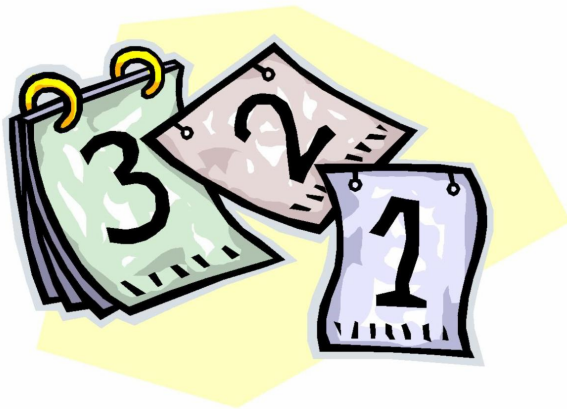
We will receive the **10 Cents-A-Meal offering** next Sunday, April 28, during our 10am worship - *thank you for helping us to feed the hungry in our area through this program!*



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



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.

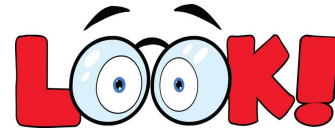


UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS!

Coming THIS Sunday, April 21... 'Playschool Sunday' @ 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!

Queen City Ringers Spring Handbell Concert: "Dancing in the Light" – NEXT Tuesday, April 23, @ 7pm, in our sanctuary – don't miss it and spread the word to our surrounding community so we

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 church directory (to 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!

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!



Cook's MONTHLY MEETINGS:



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 the QR code above, or your debit/credit card and that "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!

****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** of each month at **11:15am** in Rm #113. Contact Joe Thompson if you have any questions at 704/399-8837.



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SERMONS:

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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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