



FROM THE
PASTOR

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

Micah 6:8: “He has told you,
O man, what is good; and what
does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love
kindness, and to walk humbly
with your God.”

In the midst of our busy lives, filled with countless responsibilities and the constant pursuit of personal goals, it's easy to lose sight of the simpler, deeper callings that give our lives true meaning and purpose.

This week, as we reflect on the profound yet straightforward instruction found in ***Micah 6:8***, we are gently reminded of the foundational principles that should guide our interactions with the world and with the Divine. Justice, mercy, and humility—these are not lofty



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, 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,

ideals reserved for the saints and heroes of faith but are accessible actions required of each one of us, every day. They are the markers of a life well-lived in the sight of God and humanity. But how often do we consider these principles in the context of sharing the Gospel and living out our faith? Justice calls us to stand up for what is right, to defend the oppressed, and to seek fairness in our dealings with others.

Mercy compels us to show compassion, to forgive freely, and to extend love even when it's undeserved. Humility reminds us to walk with God in a manner that acknowledges our dependence on Him, recognizing that every breath and every moment of our lives are sustained by His grace. As we prepare for Sunday's sermon, let us ponder the subtle yet powerful ways these principles shape our approach to discipleship and evangelism. In a world eager for authenticity and tangible expressions of faith, how might our commitment to justice, mercy, and humility draw others closer to the heart of God? How can our lives reflect the goodness of God in such a way that people are intrigued by the Gospel we live and share? This week, let us take a moment to assess our walk with God, asking ourselves if our lives resonate with the simplicity and depth of Micah 6:8. In doing so, we may find that the most profound witness to the Gospel comes not through grand gestures but through the quiet, consistent practice of justice, mercy, and humility in our daily lives.

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 Call to Share the Gospel' (Mt. 4:18-22)!}

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

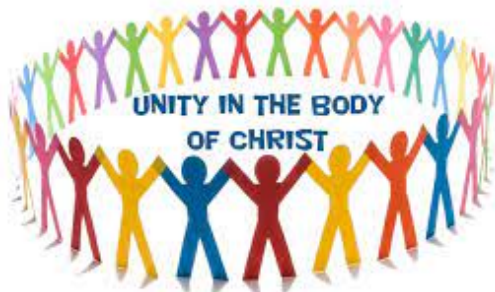
Soldier List: Austin McCrary, Clara DeFeo, Turner Salm, Anne Ledford, Eddy Self, Andy Dula, Chris Dula, Seth Seal, John Makahilli Jr., ALL Vets & families.

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!**

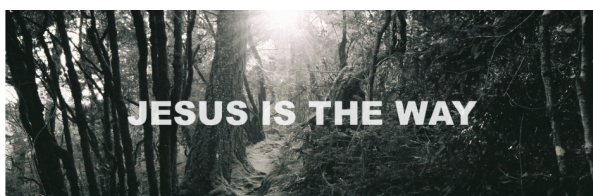
Please don't hesitate to notify the church office (704-399-7735 / office@cookschurch.org) or Pastor Jason Bryant (704-607-4162 / Jason@cookschurch.org or jaydbryant@gmail.com) of any deaths, sickness, surgeries, births, etc. that you and/or a family member may be experiencing so that we can let our Elders and Deacons know so that they can minister to you and/or your family.

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.



****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 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' because let's face it, our life mantra should be: **'IT'S ALL ABOUT**



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 on April 14 @ 9am in Rm #207 and *all* are invited!}



'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!

JESUS!



COMMUNITY DINNER

EVERYONE is invited to join us for our monthly **COMMUNITY MEAL** on **Thursday, April 11!** It will be at Hillcrest Baptist church (until our FH is repaired) and will be held from 5-6:30pm. This month's menu will be pork roast, potatoes, mixed veggies and dessert. Please bring a friend or two with you to enjoy a free & delicious meal and some wonderful fellowship!



Cook's MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Cook's **SESSION will meet on the **2nd Sunday (April 14)** of each month at 7pm in Rm #113.

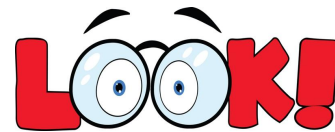
*** **ALL LADIES** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE meeting** on the **second Tuesday (April 9)** of each month at 10:30am or 7:00pm in Rm #113 in the Ed Bldg. Contact Pedé Self with questions at 704/516-1753.

Cook's **MEN OF THE CHURCH** will



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

"A BIG thanks to those who have generously contributed to the Laundry Ministry recently. If anyone wants to go along with us (the Laundry Ministry), please let me know. It is an eyeopener...just ask Pudd Thompson." Thanks again, Jeannie McClure (704/519-5021)



*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

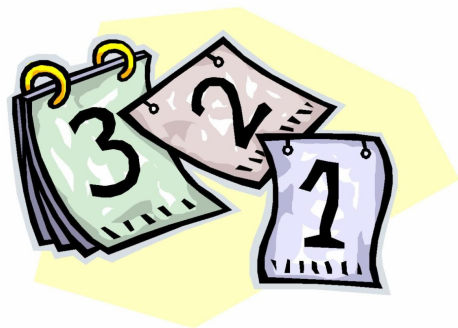
have their monthly breakfast meeting on the **third Sunday** of each month at **7:30am** (Ed Bldg lobby) and **ALL MEN** at Cook's are invited to attend! Contact Dale Luckey with questions at 704/309-0798.

Cook's **PROPERTY Ministry** normally meets on the **second Thursday (April 11)** 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 (April 5)** 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 (April 4)** 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 – 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!

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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 - 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!



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 '**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!

Cook's next '**PRAYER VIGIL**' will be
on Saturday, **May 4** – watch for more
details and we'd love to have you
come and pray for each other, our
church, our community, our
state/nation, and our world!

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!***

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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

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issues of our Cook's
Communicator can be found on
our church website!

Click here:

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