



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

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

***Acts 1:6: "So when they had come
together, they asked Him,
'Lord, will You at this time restore
the kingdom to Israel?'"***

I'm thrilled to announce the start of our new summer sermon series on the Book of Acts! This Sunday marks the beginning of an exciting journey through the early days of the Church, as we explore the powerful works of the Holy Spirit and the bold witness of the apostles. In Acts, we see the birth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. It's a story of courage, transformation, and unwavering faith that continues to inspire believers today. As we dive into these dynamic passages,



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Sara Yarbrough (Huntersville Health & Rehab, Rm 223, 13835 Boren St, Huntersville, 28078), Pat Hager, Jill Griffin (Select Specialty Hosp, 1121 Elm St, Rm 5E28, Greensboro, 27401), Donnie Thompson (now home), Jack Parker (c/o 520 Turner Rd, Gastonia, 28056), Marsha Sifford, Dale Luckey, Johnnie Quinn, Linda Lynn, Charlie & Debbie McCrary, Jack McClure, Dennis & Debbie Abernathy, Jerome Abernathy, Ginny Dunn (*visitors welcome!* @ The Laurels, Rm #D202, 704/249-0374c), Steve (*visitors welcome!* @ Univ Nursing & Rehab, Rm 602A) & Sharon Gilmore, Nancy & Richard Smith, David Luckey, Andy Burge, Brenda Burge, Debbie White, Nicolas Wilson (grandson of Ed & Nancy Wilson-brain tumor), Joe Picard, Betty McClure, Jo Price, Jack Byers, Judy Rozzelle, Kurt Hollar, John Park,

we'll discover how the same Spirit that empowered the early disciples is at work in us, calling us to be vibrant witnesses of God's love in our community. We invite you to join us this Sunday as we kick off this series with **Acts 1:1-11**, reflecting on Jesus' ascension and the promise of the Holy Spirit. This is a perfect time to renew our commitment to Christ and be inspired by the mission He has set before us. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow deeper in faith and fellowship. *Bring your family, invite your friends, and come ready to be moved by the Word of God.*

Let's come together, united in purpose, and let the Spirit ignite our hearts for His glory. Also remember, I will be teaching a summer Sunday School series on Acts as well, so make sure to join us at 9am this Sunday for our exploration into Acts. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday! 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've launched a **'Prayer Team'** that will help lead our church in this vital area. The Team is learning 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.*** The next team meeting will be held **THIS Sunday, JUNE 2, @ 4:30pm** in Rm #113 and will last about an hour. See Kay or James Harper for more information.

Cook's Cares

Melody Mathews, Michael Matrone, Judy & Richard Bogan, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, Brian Zuercher, Clay Hodge, Debbie Cole, Dinah Riggs, Steve Johnston, Tom Lineberger, Tom & Kit Fisher, Michael & Laura (Pace) Powell (birth of 'Samuel Lyle Powell' on 5/11/24), KCH/Kenya, Cook's Homebound mbrs/Active Military personnel, victims of mass shootings/ nat'l disasters, those with ongoing illnesses/grieving the loss of a loved one, and the many others whose name(s) are not listed here but are in need of our intercessory prayer
{*Names on for 4 wks - please let the church office know if they still are in need of add'l prayer. If a name has been removed and is still in need of add't prayer, please contact the church office and we'll be glad to put them back on the list.}

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.

I've (Pastor Jason) been leading 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' on **Sundays at 3pm**. 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, construction, car repairs, personal bookkeeping, etc. 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 on **Sundays, JUNE 2, 9, 23, 30 etc., at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall kitchen** to learn how to make some great dishes!

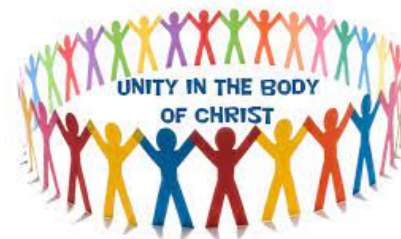
{Join us this Sunday at 10am for a sermon from Pastor Jason on 'And So It Goes' (Acts 1:1-11)!}

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.



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 (will set-up in the Ed Bldg lobby if weather is bad)...please join us after worship to fellowship with your brothers & sisters in Christ and enjoy a quick treat while you do!***



***Congratulations to our
2024 High School and College
Graduates!***

Gavin Hunter, son of Sheldon & Emily, graduated from Mountain Island Charter School this year where he was in the National Honor Society, lettered in Band all 4 years, and was a member in the MICS Wind Ensemble; he also lettered in Golf for 2 years and Varsity Baseball for 2 years. Gavin will be attending Appalachian State University Hayes School of Music, majoring in Music Industry Studies with a concentration in Marketing and Promotions. He auditioned and was selected for the 'Marching Mountaineers' as a member of the Battery and will be playing snare.

Emma Kennedy, daughter of Andrew & Nikki, graduated from Lincoln Charter High School this year where she was in the National Honor Society (A Honor Roll all 4 years), National Beta Club, President, Founder & Volunteer with the 4 Kids Club, and she was also in the Interact Club and the American Sign Language Club, an officer in the DECA club, on the Eagle Advisory Council, a starter on the Jr. Tennis Team, and starter & captain of the Varsity Tennis Team; and volunteered as the middle school Tennis Coach, as well as in Teens Teach Technology. Emma plans to pursue a degree in Biology from N.C. State and further her education at Dental School.

Alexis "Lexi" Matrone, daughter of Michael & Tammy, granddaughter of



***"Promises We Can
Count On" 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** (June 2, 9, 23, 30) at **6pm** in our sanctuary!



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,

Bev Weldy, graduated from UNC-Charlotte Magnum Cum Laude, completing her 4 year degree in 3 years, and majored in Political Science with a minor in Psychology. {Side note: her first ever graduation was here at Cook's Playschool! And has been seen in our adult choir several times over that last few months.} Over the years she has volunteered at Shining Hope, a facility which provides Equine Therapy for children with disabilities, and is an avid horse lover and also enjoys baking. Lexi has acquired a full-time position as Talent Support Coordinator with Compass Co. here in Charlotte.

We'd also like to *congratulate* **Anna-Kate Self**, granddaughter of Steve & Pede! Anna-Kate graduated on May 3, 2024, from N.C. State University with a B.A. in Biology. She plans to go on and get her Masters so she can be a counselor to help teenage girls.

***Please be sure to join us at our 10am worship service this Sunday, June 2nd, as we honor these graduates for their accomplishments!
We wish all of these graduates a bright future and abundant blessings from God!***



OR if you prefer, online giving (contact Ginger Thompson, our Treasurer, for details on that option - 704/562-7558). If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jason. *As always, we thank you for supporting Cook's Church!*



SUMMER CEREAL DRIVE

At the grocery store last week, I was astounded by the increase in prices of many common items. According to Mecklenburg County's website, "Nearly 15-percent of Mecklenburg County's households are considered food insecure, which means they have a reduced quality and variety of diet, may eat less, and eating patterns are disrupted due to lack of money and resources."

We are planning to start a '**BREAKFAST CEREAL DRIVE**' during the months of **June, July & August**. The idea is to 'collect boxes of cereal and deliver to *Nourish Up* (food bank) after creating a fun 'domino chain' through our sanctuary as a visual memory for the children.'
Your donations of 'new' boxes of cereal can be placed in the collection bins in the Narthex & the Ed Bldg lobby during these 3 months. Please help with this project if you are able.
Thanks, Audrey Brady



UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS!

****Saturday, JUNE 8:** Cook's 'AUTO SHOW' in our parking lot with registration from 8:30-12, and showtime will be from 9am-2:30pm. *Spread the word to our community to join us as we 'stroll down memory lane'!* Admission is free; Cook's Men will be selling lunch items and our Presbyterian Women will be selling "baked goods" (so Bakers - we need your donations of baked goodies and they can be brought to FH on Friday, June 7, from 4:30-6:30pm); and awards will be given in several categories! For more information on this event, see Dwight Black or Dolores Greene. (Rain date will be June 15 if needed.)

***** JULY 27 – {One Day}**
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL,
10am-2pm in our Ed Bldg
basement for 4 yr old through 5th
grade...games, crafts, music,
Bible Story, lunch and more!
***Start spreading this
information and invite any
children you know to come!***
More details to follow!

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For more details on ALL of our

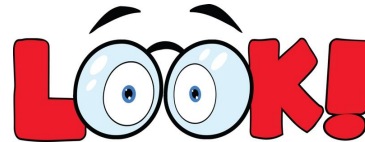
Flowers



'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 30; Sept. 15. Contact the church office if you'd like to reserve a date!



**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

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:

Cook's **SESSION will meet on the **2nd Sunday (June 9)** of each month at 7pm in Rm #113.

****ALL LADIES** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE meeting** which will resume on the **second Tuesday of September** 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

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 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

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.



We wish the following a 'Happy & Blessed Birthday' to the following:

June 10 - Emily Hunter

June 11 - Beth Noles

June 12 - Sydney Thompson

June 14 - Gaye List

June 16 - Cathy King

June 22 - Leah Lyerly

June 23 - Melissa Jones,
Steve Gilmore

June 24 - Michael Justice

June 28 - Nikki Kennedy

June 29 - Mike Stanford

be sure to check it out and "Like" and share!



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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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