



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

Acts 4:12: “*And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*”

Last week, I invited you to embark on a summer reading adventure with the Book of Acts. I hope you've had the chance to dive into its rich narrative and compelling story of the early church. As we continue this journey, let's reflect on a powerful verse: **Acts 4:12** – “*And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*” This verse highlights the central message of Acts: the salvation offered through Jesus



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Sara Yarbrough (Novant/Main), Pat Hager, Jill Griffin (Select Specialty Hosp inside Moses Cone Hosp in GBO, Rm 5E28), Donnie Thompson (Atrium Rehab Hosp), *family of Tom McClure*, Jack Parker (c/o 520 Turner Rd, Gastonia, 28056), Marsha Sifford, Dale Luckey, Johnnie Quinn, Linda Lynn, Ginny Dunn (*visitors welcome!* @ The Laurels, Rm #D202, 704/249-0374c), Charlie & Debbie McCrary, Jack McClure, Dennis & Debbie Abernathy, Jerome Abernathy, Steve (*visitors welcome!* @ Univ Nursing & Rehab, Rm 602A) & Sharon Gilmore, Nancy & Richard Smith, David Luckey, Andy Burge, Debbie White, Nicolas Wilson (grandson of Ed & Nancy Wilson-brain tumor), Joe Picard, Betty McClure, Jo Price, Jack Byers, Judy

Christ. As you read, consider how this foundational truth shaped the early church's mission and continues to guide us today. This week, let's delve deeper into the transformative events and dynamic characters within Acts. Notice how the Apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaim this message of salvation, facing opposition and persecution with unwavering faith. Reflect on how we, too, are called to share this life-changing message with those around us. Our upcoming Bible study and sermon series will explore these themes in greater detail. We'll uncover how the early church's mission and struggles mirror our own and how we can draw strength and inspiration from their journey. Keep reading, reflecting, and preparing your heart for a summer of spiritual growth and discovery. Let's embrace the promise together and see where God leads us in this exciting season of Acts. 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 on **Sunday, JUNE 2, @ 4:30pm** in Rm #113 and will last about an hour. See Kay or James Harper for more information.

Rozzelle, Kurt Hollar, Melody Mathews, Judy & Richard Bogan, John Park, Lisa Roth, Michael Matrone, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, Brian Zuercher, Clay Hodge, Debbie Cole, Dinah Riggs, Steve Johnston, *family of Lamont Lark*, Tom Lineberger, Tom & Kit Fisher, *families of law enforcements officers killed in the line of duty*, KCH in 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.

Cook's Cares

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!

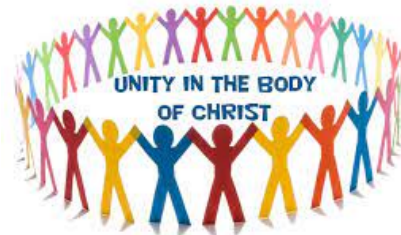
{Join us this Sunday at 10am for a sermon from Sarah-Dianne Jones, Seminary Student, on 'Born of the Spirit' (John 3:1-17)!}

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!***



We want to say a heartfelt "thank you" this coming Memorial Day to all of Cook's and U.S. Veterans, and their families, for helping to make our country free so that we can worship God every Sunday!

Like the song goes: *"All gave some, some gave all."*

If you know a U.S. Veteran or see one this week, be sure to tell them *"thank you for your service!"*

{**Note that there will be a handout this Sunday in the Narthex with all of Cook's Church's U.S. Veterans that served our country in the military. The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.}



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



We will be collecting **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** for '**Nourish Up**' (formerly '**Loaves & Fishes**') **this Sunday, May 26!**

Collection boxes are in the Narthex & Ed Bldg entranceway. {Items most needed are peanut butter, jelly, cereals, 100% fruit juice, canned meats/vegetables/fruit/pasta, powdered milk...NO glass containers please.}

We will collect the '**10 CENTS-A-MEAL offering**' **this Sunday, 5/26**, during worship. *Thank you for helping us to help feed the hungry in our city with these two missions!*



'2024 Flower Calendar'
dates that are
AVAILABLE:

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 - 704/562-7558). If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jason. *As always, we thank you for supporting Cook's Church!*



"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** (**NOTE: NO** Bible Study on 5/26...Memorial Day weekend; it will resume on June 2) at **6pm** in our sanctuary! So please make plans now to join them!

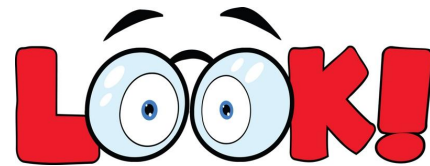
If you'd like to supply our sanctuary flowers in honor and/or in loving memory of a loved one, these dates are available at this time:

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



The June-August 'DAILY BREAD Devotionals'

are available for you to pick up in the Narthex, Ed Bldg entranceway, box on shelf at back door to the church office & church office during work hours.



**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!



UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, JUNE 2:
GRADUATION SUNDAY
We will honor our 2024 High School
& College Graduates during our
morning worship!

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!

***** 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!



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in our online
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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
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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.

More details to come! Go ahead and start inviting all children you know in that age range to join 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:

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



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!

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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