



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

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

***Acts 2:42-43 – “And they devoted
themselves to the Apostles’
teaching and the fellowship, to
the breaking of bread and the
prayers. And awe came upon
every soul, and many wonders
and signs were being done
through the Apostles.”***

As we move through this week, I've been reflecting on the deep and often surprising connections we share within our community. There was a time, not so long ago, when I found myself completely lost in a bustling city. I was visiting a new place and, despite my best efforts, ended up far from where I intended to be. Feeling utterly defeated, I sat down on a bench to gather my



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, *family of Jack Parker*, Sara Yarbrough (*doing better-hopes to go home soon / Huntersville Health & Rehab, Rm 223, 13835 Boren St, Huntersville, 28078), Pat Hager, Jill Griffin (*doing better-hopes to go home soon / Select Specialty Hosp, 1121 Elm St, Rm 5E28, Greensboro, 27401), Donnie Thompson, *Johnnie Quinn & family* (death of brother, Andy), Dale Luckey, 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, Brenda Burge, Debbie White, Nicolas Wilson (grandson of Ed & Nancy Wilson-brain tumor), Joe Picard, Betty McClure, Jo Price,

thoughts. Just then, a familiar voice called out my name—it was an old friend from college, someone I hadn't seen in years. The joy and relief I felt in that moment was overwhelming. Much like that unexpected reunion, our spiritual journey is filled with moments where the strength and support of our community can lift us up. This week, let's focus on the bonds we share and the ways we can strengthen them. Just as my friend helped guide me back on track, we can help guide each other, offering support, love, and encouragement. In the early church, the believers devoted themselves to fellowship, breaking bread together, and prayer. Their lives were intertwined in a beautiful tapestry of faith and community. They shared everything they had and took care of one another's needs. This sense of togetherness and mutual support is something we can strive for in our own community. Let's take time this week to reach out to one another, to share a meal, a prayer, or simply a kind word. These small acts of connection can have a profound impact. By nurturing our relationships, we not only grow stronger as individuals but also build a resilient, loving community that reflects the love of Christ.

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

**** Dear Congregation, we are writing to inform you about an important 'CONGREGATIONAL MEETING' scheduled for June 23rd, immediately following worship.** The purpose of this meeting is to **'discuss and agree upon the sale of an additional**

Jack Byers, Judy Rozzelle, Kurt Hollar, John Park, 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, Carol Calhoun, 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, Sara Yarbrough, Steve Gilmore, Allyne Gant

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.

portion of our church land, approximately 2 acres attached to the present property for sale.'

This proposed land sale offers several significant benefits:

1. Financial Gain: The sale is expected to generate additional funds likely to exceed \$650,000;
2. Optimal Timing: With the previous land sale, the remaining land will become essentially landlocked, making it largely worthless for future sales;
3. Facility Improvement: The sale will facilitate the demolition of Rowan Hall, our old Fellowship Hall, which is currently in a state of extreme dilapidation.

Even with this additional sale, our church will still retain developable land. Notably, the present church office land could be repurposed in the future to support our church's growth and development. We value your input and encourage everyone to attend this important meeting.

Your participation is crucial in making this decision for the future of our church community. *We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on June 23rd.*

New 'Prayer Team'

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. This Team has been taught how to pray with people with the idea of praying 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. If you'd like to know more about our new Prayer Team, contact Kay or James Harper at 980-275-2075 or 704-614-3550.



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!**

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** (*NOTE – NO cooking class this Sunday, June 16, due to Pastor Jason being on vacation.) 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

(jason@cookschurch.org / 704/607-4162) and we'll work from there to potentially schedule a class. In the meantime, **do come out on Sundays, JUNE 23 & 30** (July dates to be published soon) **at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall kitchen** to learn how to make some great dishes!

*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.*



"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 23, 30 - **NO** class on 6/16-Father's Day) at **6pm** in our sanctuary!



Please note: We want you to know that we have a **NEW** procedure' for the **receiving of your tithes and offerings to Cook's Church** – we have 2 offering plates available on the offertory table in front of 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

****Once again we extend our sincere thanks to Rev. Dr. Tom LaBonte for bringing us the Word of God this coming Sunday morning, June 16, while our Pastor is away on vacation! Be sure to join us at 10am for a sermon from the Rev. Dr. Tom LaBonte on 'The Loving Father' (Luke 15:11-32)!**



**UPCOMING EVENT
TO PUT ON YOUR
CALENDARS!**

***** 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!

Please invite any children you know to join us!

For more details or to volunteer to help with this VBS, contact Paige Benson at 704/488-7417.

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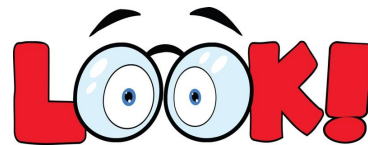


can use our new 'QR code' that will be in our bulletin and also on the yellow card in the pew rack to make a donation, OR if you prefer, we have 'online giving' (contact Ginger Thompson, our Treasurer, for details on that option @ 704/562-7558). If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jason. *As always, we thank you for supporting Cook's Church!*



COMMUNITY DINNER

June's **COMMUNITY MEAL** will be **THIS Thursday, June 13**, from 5-6:30pm at Hillcrest Baptist Church. The menu will be chicken pie, salad, fruit & dessert. *Please invite your friends & neighbors to come with you to enjoy this delicious meal and some wonderful fellowship!*



**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 yr old!

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 weekly mailed newsletter!



SUMMER CEREAL DRIVE

We are sponsoring a **'BREAKFAST CEREAL DRIVE'** **NOW through August 18!**

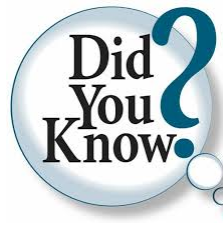
We are 'collecting boxes of cereal and will deliver them to *Nourish Up* (food bank) after creating a fun 'domino chain' through our sanctuary (on August 25) as a visual memory for the children.' ***Your donations of 'new' boxes of cereal can be placed in the collection bins in the Narthex & the Ed Bldg lobby during these now through August 18th.***

Please help with this project if you are able. Thanks, Audrey Brady



'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



...that **IF** your picture is posted in our online church directory (to access go to

www.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 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.

are available at this time: **June 30;**
Sept. 15. Contact the church office if
you'd like to reserve a date!



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 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
at 2:00pm via Zoom and/or in the
church office...contact Denise Vead



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](http://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!

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.

Click here:
www.cookschurch.org/sermons

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www.cookschurch.org/newsletters

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