



**FROM THE  
PASTOR**

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

***Galatians 6:9 – "Let us not become  
weary in doing good, for at the  
proper time we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up."***

This week, I've been reflecting on the incredible impact of reaching out to others, especially when they least expect it. There's a story I shared once about a particularly challenging week I had. It was one of those weeks where everything seemed to go wrong, and I was feeling utterly depleted. On Saturday morning, I decided to take a walk to clear my mind. As I strolled through the neighborhood, I saw an elderly man struggling to carry a heavy bag of groceries. Without thinking, I walked over and



**Prayer Requests:**

Cook's Church/Playschool, 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, 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, Jack Byers, Judy Rozzelle, Kurt Hollar, John Park, Melody Mathews, Michael Matrone,

offered to help. The gratitude in his eyes was profound. We ended up chatting for a while, and he shared stories from his youth and wisdom from his years. That simple act of helping not only lightened his load but also lifted my spirits immensely. It reminded me that sometimes, when we step out to help others, we are blessed in return in ways we couldn't have imagined. This experience ties into the essence of our faith community. We are called to be there for one another, to extend a hand of support, and to share in the burdens and joys of life together. In doing so, we reflect the love of Christ and build a stronger, more compassionate community. Let's take time this week to look around us and find opportunities to help, encourage, and uplift those who may be struggling. It doesn't always take grand gestures; often, it's the small, simple acts of kindness that make the biggest difference. I encourage you all to reach out, lend a hand, and share your light with someone in need. Together, we can create a ripple effect of goodness and grace that touches many lives. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to 'discuss and agree upon the sale of an additional portion of our church land, approximately 2 acres attached to the present**

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, *family of Carol Frunzar*, 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.

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**\* 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.

### ***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 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

### **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. 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.

{\***Note:** our next '**PRAYER VIGIL**' will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, August 3 - watch for more details to come!}

### **Cook's Cares**



***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.

{Note: the '**Viewpoint SS Class**' will meet this Sunday, June 23, at 9am in Rm #207.}



**\*\*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!**

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 ([jason@cookschurch.org](mailto:jason@cookschurch.org) / 704/607-4162) and we'll work from there to potentially schedule a class.

In the meantime, **do come out on Sunday, JUNE 30** (NO class this Sunday, **June 23**; 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.*

Be sure to join us at 10am for a sermon from Pastor Jason on '**Miraculous Healings**' (Acts 3:1-10)!



## **"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** 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 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 @



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



We are collecting monetary  
donations for '**Children's Hope  
Alliance**' (formerly known as  
'Barium Springs Home for Children')  
**now through June 30**. Please put  
your donations in the 'Love Box' that  
is located in our Narthex.

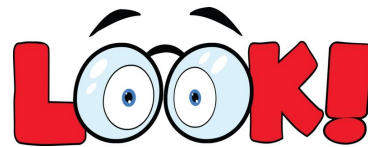
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704/562-7558). If you have  
any questions, please see  
Pastor Jason. As *always*, we  
*thank you for supporting  
Cook's Church!*

**CHECK THIS OUT!**



**For more details on ALL of  
our upcoming church  
events, be sure to 'check  
out' our website  
([www.cookschurch.org](http://www.cookschurch.org)) &  
Facebook page, as well as  
the Thurs eNews and  
weekly mailed newsletter!**



*\*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!



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## 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' date that is AVAILABLE:**

If you'd like to supply our sanctuary flowers in honor and/or in loving memory of a loved one, we have one date available at this time: **Sept. 15.** Contact the church office if you'd like to reserve a date!

problems and/or questions on how to do so, please contact Gaye List at [gayelist@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://CooksChurch.org). Join us today and be a part of our online community!



**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 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

**\*\* We're now on 'Instagram' so be sure to check it out and "Like" and share!**



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Click here:

[www.cookschurch.org/sermons](http://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](http://www.cookschurch.org/newsletters)

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Thompson if you have any questions  
at 704/399-8837.

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