



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

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

***Psalm 27:1 – "The Lord is my Light
and my Salvation—whom shall I
fear? The Lord is the Stronghold of
my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"***

As we journey through our week, I've been pondering the power of boldness in our faith. There's a story I once shared about a time I was in a café, quietly reading my Bible. A man at the next table noticed and struck up a conversation. He began asking questions about faith, and before I knew it, we were deep in a discussion about Jesus. I felt a tug of hesitation, wondering if I should be this open in a public place, but then I remembered the words of Psalm 27:1. In that moment, I decided to speak boldly about my



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Allyne Gant, Sara Yarbrough (*now home), 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, Judy & Richard Bogan, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, Brian

faith, sharing the gospel with him.

It turned out that he was going through a difficult time and was searching for hope. Our conversation ended with a prayer, and I left feeling both humbled and invigorated by the experience.

It was a reminder that we never know when or where God will give us the opportunity to be His witnesses. This week, I encourage each of you to step out in faith and share the good news of Jesus with those around you. It might be with a friend, a coworker, or even a stranger. We are called to be lights in the darkness, to proclaim His love and truth without fear. Let's take inspiration from the early believers who, despite facing immense opposition, spoke the Word of God with boldness. Their courage and faith transformed lives and communities. We too can make a difference by being open and unashamed of the gospel. May we all find the courage to speak out and share the hope we have in Christ. Looking forward to our time together this Sunday as we continue to grow in faith and boldness. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **Pastor Jason**

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

Zuercher, Clay Hodge, Debbie Cole, Dinah Riggs, Steve Johnston, Tom Lineberger, Tom & Kit Fisher, Carol Calhoun, *family of Sam Danowski/Lynn family/Thompson family,*

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.

be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, **August 3** - watch for more details to come!}

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

In the meantime, **do come out on this Sunday, JUNE 30** (July dates to be published soon) **at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall kitchen** to learn how to make some great dishes!

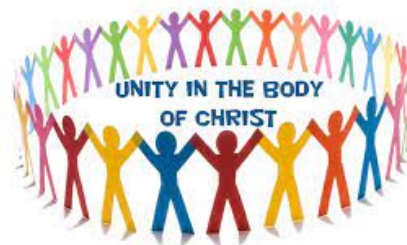
*Thank you to all that have graciously made an additional contribution to our church since the first of last year. It is very much appreciated. **Please note, our financial need remains this year.** If you have available funds, please consider making an over-and-above contribution to our general fund. Thank you for considering this request.*



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.

{****ALL** Adults are invited to please join Pastor's Jason Sunday School Class each week at 9am in Rm 113!}



****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!

Be sure to join us at 10am for a sermon
from Pastor Jason on **'With Boldness'**

(Acts 4:13-22)!



**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!***

Registration forms are available
on our church website...

www.cookschurch.org.

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



**"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 @

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



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

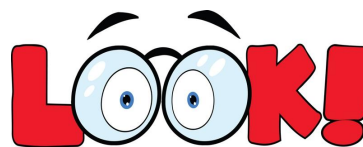


704/562-7558). If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jason. As *always*, we *thank you for supporting Cook's Church!*

CHECK THIS OUT!



For more details on ALL of our upcoming church events, be sure to 'check out' our website (www.cookschurch.org) & 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!***



...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

Cook's 'Laundry Ministry' gave our \$70 this week and we really want to thank all who donate their prayers, money and time. This does make a difference to people in need!



'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!



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

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.



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!

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

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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!

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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