



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

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

***Ephesians 2:4-5: "But God,
being rich in mercy, because of
the great love with which He loved
us, even when we were dead in
our trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ—by grace
you have been saved."***

God's grace is at the very center of our faith, the gift that changes everything. The beauty of grace is that it is unearned, undeserved, and freely given. When we think of how often the world asks us to prove ourselves—through success, performance, or perfection—God's grace stands in stark contrast. It doesn't ask for our merit or our worthiness. It



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Ashley & Yenn Petit (birth of son, Ezra, on 9/9), Charlie & Debbie McCrary, Ronnie Petursson, Ellen Jackson, Nancy & Richard Smith, Allyne Gant, Sara Yarbrough, Dale Luckey, Matt Thompson, Jack McClure, Dennis & Debbie Abernathy, Jerome & Linda Abernathy, Ginny Dunn (*visitors welcome!* @ The Laurels, Rm #D202, 704/249-0374c), Steve (Univ Nursing & Rehab, Rm 602A) & Sharon Gilmore (now @ Huntersville Health & Rehab, Rm 104), David Luckey, Nicolas Wilson (grandson of Ed & Nancy Wilson), Jo Price, Betty McClure, Kurt Hollar, Melody Mathews, Michael Matrone, Judy & Richard Bogan, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, Steve Johnston, Tom Lineberger, Carol Calhoun, Beverly Farquhar (M.

simply flows from His love, lifting us when we fall, carrying us when we are weak, and restoring us when we are broken. In our moments of deepest failure, God's grace meets us. Whether we have strayed from Him, struggled with doubt, or battled our own shortcomings, His grace covers us. It isn't a grace that overlooks sin or ignores our flaws, but a grace that heals and transforms us through the love of Jesus Christ. By grace, we are not just forgiven—we are made new.

God's grace breathes life into places of death and hope into places of despair. As we journey through life, let's never lose sight of this amazing grace that saves us, sustains us, and invites us to live differently. Grace doesn't just reach us once; it accompanies us daily, reminding us that we belong to God and that we are loved beyond measure. May we reflect this grace to others, sharing the love and mercy that has been so freely given to us. And may we, in all things, live in gratitude for the grace that has truly set us free.

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

{Be sure to join us this Sunday at 10am for a sermon from Pastor Jason on '**Anchored in Grace: Chosen in Christ**' (Eph. 1:1-14)!}

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...future classes will be held Sunday, Oct. 6 & Nov. 10.** There we'll prepare some form of food that

McElhaneys sister), Kathy Gant, Danny Ollis, 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: Sara Yarbrough, Steve Gilmore, Allyne Gant, Ginny Dunn

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.

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.

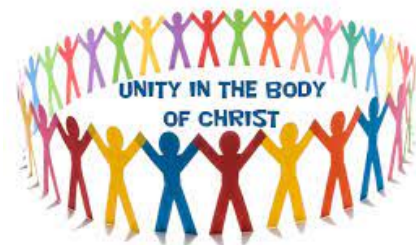
{We recently formed a **new 'Prayer Team'** that has been trained on how to pray with people with the idea of praying deeply for the ongoing needs of our church, church members and our visitors. Our 'Prayer Team' will take part in our worship service by providing prayer leadership immediately following our 10am worship service in the 'prayer room' behind the sanctuary. If you have a need on your heart and would like prayer, please be sure to join them! For more info about this Prayer Team, contact Kay or James Harper (980-275-2075 / 704-614-3550.)}

*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.*

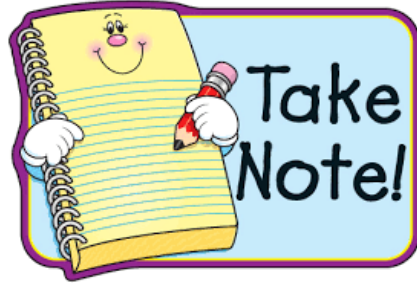


Looking for a class that will help you grow in your knowledge of what God's Word is saying to each of us? You are always invited to join us at one of our Sunday School classes (for all ages!) each Sunday at 9am to study His Word and what it means for our daily living!

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!



Cook's Worship Ministry needs YOUR help!!!!

We have many people involved in each Sunday's worship service and we are currently looking for **anyone that can help with 'audio/visual tasks'** (live streaming of service, showing slides on screen, running cameras, sound system, etc. - *AV experience a plus* but not mandatory), **'Fellowship on the Lawn' workers, and 'nursery' workers.**

Even if you can *help once a month or once a quarter*, it would be a great help. Questions or to sign-up, contact Denise Vead (704-564-8030) – thank you!

****Important Note** - Our A/V Team is **changing** the live streaming platform for our Sun 10am services from Facebook to **YouTube**. This means to watch our worship online going forward, look for them on **'YouTube – Cook's Church CLT'**. And please sign up for this YouTube subscription:

**Link: Cook's Church CLT -
YouTube**



We will be collecting **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** for



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' (see website: www.cookschurch.org, 'Give Now' link, for details on that option). If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jason. *As always, we thank you for supporting Cook's Church!*



"Thrive: Living on Purpose" Adult Bible Study!

This study is being led by Fred Cox and Pastor Jason and they would love for **ALL Adults** to join

'Nourish Up' (formerly **'Loaves & Fishes'**) **through NEXT Sunday, September 29!** 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.}

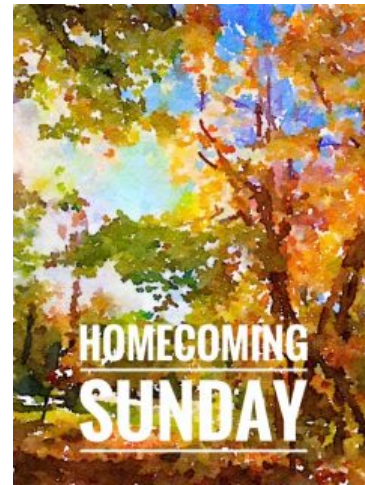
****We will collect the '10 Cents-A-Meal offering'** also on **Sunday, September 29**, during worship. *Thank you for helping us to help feed the hungry in our city with these 2 missions!*



***START SAVING YOUR STUFF'** for Cook's **'GARAGE SALE'** on **Saturday, October 5**

('Sale hours' on 10/5 will be **8am-1pm** – *please spread the word to all your friends and neighbors*)! As you are cleaning out, we have a place to store some items. You can bring your items to 'Rowan Hall' on **Tuesdays, from 9-11am, or Thursdays, from 1-3pm** (if Jeannie and/or Suzie McClure aren't here to receive your items during those times, see Cheryl in the church office for a key to get into RH...**IF** you need help getting the items into Rowan Hall, contact Jeannie (704/519-5021) or Suzie McClure (704/363-4365) to make arrangements for them to meet you to help. ****DEADLINE** for bringing donations for the Sale to RH is

them **each Sunday** at **6pm** in our sanctuary!



***THIS COMING SUNDAY, Sept. 22 at 10:00am, everyone is invited to join us for Cook's 'Homecoming Sunday Celebration' and 'Fellowship Hall Reopening Service'!** We will have a 'covered dish lunch' on the front lawn, weather permitting. *Please be sure to invite any former members & friends of Cook's Church to join us!*



Attention Cookie Bakers & Lovers!

Pastor Jason & Clayton are in need of **200 dozen cookies** (preferably homemade brownies/peanut butter cookies)

**NO later than 2pm on Friday,
October 4).**

Thank you for your donations!



Congregation – please help us to spread the word that the **“Heartbeats Women’s Center Mobile Lab”** is in Cook’s parking lot **most every Tuesday from 1-4pm** (depending on rain/heat) and *anyone* is invited to stop by to receive one of their (free) services. *Heartbeats* is dedicated to serving our community with quality care by offering free and confidential medical services (pregnancy testing, ultrasounds), practical assistance, and emotional support. For more details, their website is heartbeatspcc.org and phone # is 704-489-0708.

{Join them at their “Walk For Life” event on 9/15/24, 3-6pm, Rescue Squad Park!}



‘Operation Christmas Child’ is hiring! Seasonal Employment (mid-November through mid-December) at the ‘Operation Christmas Child facility’ at our Charlotte Processing Center: 40+ hours per week, Monday–Saturday (Thanksgiving Day off); Part-time Opportunities available as well (e.g. M,W,F); Customer Service Team Member (\$20 per hour); Warehouse

for the **‘Kairos Prison Ministry Walk’** this coming week, Sept 24-27. If you aren't a cookie baker, we're happy to take store bought cookies, or monetary donations that will go towards the ingredients purchased at our **Youth's ‘Cookie Baking Party’**. The deadline for receiving your donations is **THIS Sunday, Sept 22** (please put on table in hallway near choir room) and see Clayton if you have any questions. Thank you!

****Please be sure to sign-up on their ‘Prayer Wheel’ sign-up sheet in the Narthex this Sunday to pray for 'one hour' for all the prisoners at this prison during their “Walk”, Sept. 24-27!****



Cereal Box Dominoes

*Thank you all for your many donations of ‘cereal boxes’ for our ‘domino chain’ that will be in Fellowship Hall **NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 29**, right after worship in FH – please plan to join us for this event and note: our ‘Fellowship on the Lawn’ with cookies & lemonade will also be served in FH!*

Team Member (\$20 per hour); Class-A
CDL Truck Driving (\$25 per hour).
If interested, go to their
website: [samaritanspurse.org/
occseasonaljobs](http://samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs) or call them for more
info at 800-528-1980.

Join us in '*ringing the bell*' this holiday season. Your contribution doesn't just light up Christmas, but it illuminates the entire year. Supporting **The Salvation Army** allows us to extend our outreach to families in need at the Center of Hope, and build Great Futures for our Boys & Girls Club kids. We're especially encouraging you to rally your loved ones, colleagues & community organizations to adopt an entire day of bell ringing from 10am to 6pm.

Together, we can make this Christmas the most meaningful for those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Gamble at sarah.gamble@uss.salvationarmy.org. **And be sure to 'Register to Ring' today!**

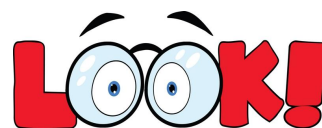
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Mark your calendars:
'Seven' Confirmands to join Cook's with one baptism-Sept 29; World Communion Sunday-Oct 6, Fall Festival -Oct 26; All Saints' Day Remembrance-Oct 27; Prayer Vigil-Nov 2; PW's Thank Offering 'Soup & Sandwich' Lunch-Nov 17; Cook's ORGAN Concert w/3 organists-Dec. 8 (2pm); Queen City Ringers Holiday Handbell Concert-Dec 21 (2pm); Cook's Adult Choir's Christmas Cantata-Dec 22! More details to come on all these events!

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**

wave therapy, designed to alleviate chronic pain and improve quality of life. Our team also provides custom orthotics to address foot and ankle issues, ensuring proper alignment and support. Strength and endurance training is another core service, helping patients build muscle, improve physical performance, and enhance overall fitness. Whether you're recovering from surgery or managing a chronic condition, FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers is committed to empowering you with the tools and treatment needed to live a healthier, more active life. We are located right down the street from Cook's Church at **9920 Couloak Drive** in Suite #120. We are now providing **FREE 'balance assessments'** for anyone who may be interested. Call now to find out more information and/or schedule an appointment at (704)-900-2909!



Cook's MONTHLY MEETINGS:

We now have a new '**Digital/ Communications Team**' that will meet monthly - **time/date tba**. If you have any questions about this Team, contact Reg King.

Cook's **SESSION** will meet on the **2nd Sunday (Oct. 13)** of each month at **7pm** in Rm #113.

****ALL LADIES** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE meeting** will meet on the **second Tuesday of October (Oct. 8)** at **10:30am** or **7:00pm** in Rm #113 in the Ed Bldg. Contact Pede Self with

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 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

questions at 704/516-1753.

Cook's **MEN OF THE CHURCH** will meet monthly (as needed) at 7:30am in the lobby of the Ed. Bldg. 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.

have any questions, call Ginger Thompson, Treasurer @ 704/562-7558.

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 (www.cookschurch.org)!

Have you read your recent church newsletter? Recent issues of our Cook's Communicator can be found on our church website (www.cookschurch.org)!

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