



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

***Psalm 46:10a: "Be still,  
and know that I am God."***

In the busyness of our daily lives, finding time for prayer can often feel like a challenge. We juggle work, family, responsibilities, and countless distractions that pull us in every direction. Yet, as Christians, prayer is not just another task on our to-do list; it is the very lifeline that connects us to God. Prayer is where we find peace in the midst of chaos, wisdom in times of confusion, and strength when we feel weak. It is our opportunity to pause, breathe, and realign our hearts with God's will. Through prayer, we open



***Prayer Requests:***

Cook's Church/Playschool,  
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.  
McElhaney's sister), Kathy Gant,

ourselves to His presence, allowing His grace to fill us and His love to guide us. In those quiet moments of reflection, we are reminded of His sovereignty and His intimate care for every detail of our lives. Making time for prayer, even just a few moments each day, can transform our outlook and renew our spirits. It doesn't require elaborate words or a perfect setting—just a sincere heart ready to listen and speak to our Heavenly Father. As we carve out these sacred moments, we discover that prayer is not a burden, but a blessing—a reminder that we are never alone, for God is always with us, ready to hear our prayers and walk with us every step of the way. As we practice this discipline, it becomes a natural rhythm in our lives, drawing us closer to God and deepening our relationship with Him. Through prayer, we find the strength to navigate life's challenges, the peace to rest in His promises, and the joy of knowing we are held in His loving embrace.

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 '**A New Hope**' (Eph. 4:17-24)}

**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...** (next class will be held **THIS Sunday, September 8**).

There we'll prepare some form of food that highlights culinary-school

*Jim Hale & family* (death of mother), 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.

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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.

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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.

{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.*

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**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.

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**\*\*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!**

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

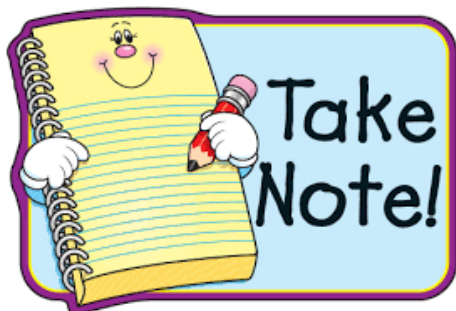
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**SUMMER CEREAL DRIVE**

*Thank you all for your many donations of 'cereal boxes' for our 'domino chain' that will be in (our new) Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 29**, after worship – please plan to join us for our 'Fellowship on the Lawn' and to see our 'dominoes of boxes' fall!*

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

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**Coming in September!**

**RALLY DAY  
Celebration  
THIS Sunday,**

## **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**

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We will be collecting **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** for **'Nourish Up'** (formerly 'Loaves & Fishes') **each Sunday in September!** Collection boxes are in the Narthex & Ed Bldg entranceway. {Items most needed are peanut butter, jelly, cereals, 100% fruit juice, canned meats/vegetables/

## **September 8!**

\* Refreshments will be served in the Ed Bldg lobby at 9am; 'Recognition of our Sunday School Teachers during our 10am worship service!

**Cook's PLAYCHOOOL's** still has **OPENINGS** for your **2-5 year old(s)** and they would love for them to join them this fall - contact them for more info at 704/394-4422 or [cooksplayschool.org!](http://cooksplayschool.org)

## **\*\*CALLING ALL WOMEN @ COOK'S!\*\***

Please join our **'Presbyterian Women's Group'** **this Saturday, September 7**, at 10:00am in the lobby of our Educational Building for 'doughnuts and coffee' and help us 'plan out our 2024-25 PW calendar year'! **PLUS**, we'd love to have all women attend our first monthly '**CIRCLE meeting**' for 2024-25 next **Tuesday, September 10**... '**Morning Circle**' meets at 10:30am in Rm #113; '**Evening Circle**' meets at 7:00pm, also in Rm #113. Contact Pede Self at 704/516-1753 if you have any questions.

\* **Sunday, September 22 - Cook's 'Homecoming Sunday'** {and hopefully} **'Fellowship Hall Reopening / Dedication Service'!** Spread this info to all former members &

fruit/pasta, powdered milk...NO glass containers please.}

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

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**\*START SAVING YOUR STUFF' for Cook's GARAGE SALE on Saturday, Oct. 5.**

As you are cleaning out, we have a place to store some donated 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 McClure (704/519-5021) or Suzie McClure (704/363-4365) to make arrangements for them to meet you to help.) *Thanks in advance for your donations!*

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**Congregation** – please help us to spread the word that the

*friends of Cook's Church to join us!*

## **Attention Cookie Bakers & Lovers!**

Pastor Jason and Clayton are in need of **200 dozen cookies** (preferably homemade brownies/peanut butter cookies) for the 'Kairos Prison Ministry Walk' on Sept. 24-27. If you don't want to make cookies, you can buy store bought ones or donate money that we will use to get the ingredients for our Youth Group's 'Cookie Baking Party' on September 8th as well. The '**deadline**' for bringing your donations and giving them to Clayton is **Sunday, September 22**. If you have any questions, contact Clayton. Thank you!

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**COMMUNITY DINNER**

Join us at our '**Community Meal**' on **Thursday, September 12,** from **5:30-7pm,** @ Hillcrest Baptist Church! The menu will be meatloaf, creamed potatoes, veggie & dessert. Be sure to invite friends & neighbors to join you!

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**“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](http://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!}

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Know someone who might be interested in joining Cook’s ‘**Cub Scouts**’? If so, please come to their ‘**Scout Round-Up**’ on **this Saturday, September 7** from **2-4pm** in our Educational Building!

**‘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);



Mark your calendars now for **World Communion Sunday** on October 6 and our **FALL FESTIVAL** on Saturday, October 26 – more details to come!

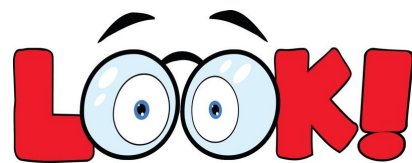
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**CHECK THIS OUT!**



**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!**

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**\*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](mailto: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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...that **IF** your picture is posted in our online church directory (to

Customer Service Team Member (\$20 per hour); Warehouse 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.

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### **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 (Sept. 8)** 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 September (Sept. 10)** 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 meeting** at 7:30am (date tba; 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.



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### **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.

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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)



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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### 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](http://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](http://www.cookschurch.org))!

### Contact Us!

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