



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

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

***Colossians 4:2: "Devote
yourselves to prayer, being
watchful and thankful."***

Starting a daily prayer routine can be life-changing, offering a sense of peace and connection to God. We live in a busy world, and it's easy to feel disconnected or spiritually drained. Prayer invites us to pause, listen, and speak with God regularly, allowing us to align our hearts with His will. Begin with just a few minutes each day. Whether you start in the morning or end your day with prayer, the important thing is consistency. Use this time to thank God for His blessings,



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Nancy Smith, Jack & Jeannie McClure, Sydney Thompson, Charlie & Debbie McCrary, Ronnie Petursson, Ellen Jackson, Steve Self, Don Monteith, Allyne Gant, Sara Yarbrough, Dale Luckey, Matt Thompson, 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 @ Residences @ Windsor, 3501 E. Independence Blvd, Charlotte, 28205, Rm 1408, 980-355-3242), David Luckey, Nicolas Wilson (grandson of Ed & Nancy Wilson), Betty McClure, Kurt Hollar, Melody Mathews, Michael Matrone, Judy & Richard Bogan, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, Steve Johnston, Tom Lineberger, Carol

confess your struggles, and seek guidance for the day ahead. Your prayers don't have to be long or complex—God honors the sincerity of your heart. As you grow in your prayer practice, consider incorporating Scripture into your prayers. For example, start by reading a short passage and asking God to speak through it. The Psalms are particularly powerful for prayer, offering language for praise, lament, and everything in between. Daily prayer can transform how you experience God's presence. It centers your heart and mind, grounding you in His peace, no matter what challenges lie ahead. Remember, prayer is not just about asking for things, but about building a relationship with God. So, as you start this journey, be patient with yourself and open to where God leads. Trust that He hears you, and let Him guide your steps.

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

****Hearing the Word of the Lord to love others as we are loved, Cook's is gearing up to provide **FLOOD RELIEF** for our brothers and sisters in the Western part of the State.**

We'll be gathering needed supplies and delivering them to folks in need due to Hurricane Helene. To that end, we are asking for donations of the following items **TODAY, October 10, at 5:00pm**: wipes, trash bags, hygiene items, pet food, diapers, formula, cleaning supplies, paper products, batteries, new blankets, non-perishable food items and water (which they say isn't in as

Calhoun, Kathy Gant, Beverly Farquhar (M. McElhaney's sister), Danny Ollis, Fennel & Milam families (Playschool families/Riverside flood victims), **ALL the many others affected by Hurricane Helena...loss of family members/homes/income/jobs, etc.**, 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.

much a need as it was last week because some water has been repaired and useable but still could use some). Please bring your donations to the **church office between 9am-5pm** (leave on back porch if office happens to be closed) by this TODAY at 5pm and we will be sure that they are delivered to those in need this weekend. **We are additionally suggesting that any **cash donations** should be directed to the **Salvation Army's** ongoing relief efforts. Here is a direct link for you to use should you so desire: <https://give.helpsalvationarmy.org/give/166081/#!/donation/checkout>. 100% of donations to this fund go directly to survivors of the storm. Let's band together in Christ and show our love for our Savior through giving to the relief efforts.

{Be sure to join us this Sunday at 10am for a sermon from Pastor Jason on **'Grace That Grows'** (Eph. 4:1-16)!}

'Cook's Cares': Please join Pastor Jason at his cooking class on **Sundays at 3pm** (next upcoming **Cooking Class** date is **Sunday, November 10**). 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



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!

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.*

October is 
Pastor Appreciation
 Month

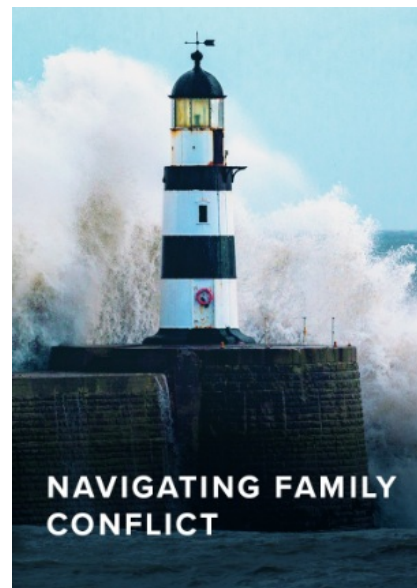
Be sure to tell Pastor Jason how much we appreciate him!!!



COMMUNITY DINNER



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!*



NAVIGATING FAMILY CONFLICT

Our **COMMUNITY MEAL** will be held **TODAY, October 10**, from 5-6:30pm...hopefully inside Fellowship Hall, but if that doesn't happen, we will have a **'drive-through'** option (watch for info on that to come). This month's menu will be fettucine alfredo with chicken & broccoli, salad & dessert. Please be sure to join us for a delicious meal and some wonderful Christian fellowship!



We are **now** collecting the following items that will be sent to disabled vets, shut-in vets or veterans in need **through October 27** for **OPERATION NORTH STATE**: Brylcreem Gel, toiletries, Old Spice Aftershave, Vitalis Hair Tonic, magazines, games, puzzle/coloring books, socks/footies, pudding cups (reg & sugar free), cookies, candy, chewing gum...or checks made payable to Operation North State. Handmade cards/drawings from children are much appreciated also! Collection boxes for your donations will be in the Narthex and Ed Bldg entranceway to receive your donations. Thank you in advance for your support!

"Navigating Family Conflicts" 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!



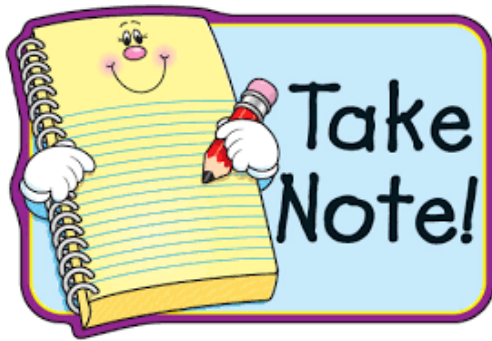
COMING SOON!

Our **Fall Festival** will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 26**, from **2-5pm** in our parking lot in front of FH! There will be games, candy, lunch items, sno-cones and more! Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us! **'DONATIONS of bags of candy'** are needed – a donation box is in the Narthex starting this Sunday through Oct. 25.

****More 'upcoming events' to put on your calendar:**

Prayer Vigil - 11/2;
All Saints' Day Remembrance - 11/3;
PW's **Thank Offering 'Soup & Sandwich' Lunch**- 11/17;
Hanging of the Greens Party & Chili Dinner –11/24 @ 4pm; Cook's Organ

{Check out www.operationnorthstate.com
and Facebook for more info.}



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... it's not really as hard as it sounds!*), **'Fellowship on the Lawn'** 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 Veard (704-564-8030) – thank you!

****Important Note** - If you can't be here in person for worship on Sundays and would like to watch our service online, look for them on **'YouTube – Cook's Church CLT'**. And please sign up for this YouTube subscription:

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

Recital w/3 organists-12/8
@ 2:30pm; Queen City
Ringers **Holiday Handbell
Concert** -12/21 @ 2pm;
Cook's Adult Choir's
Christmas Cantata -
12/22...*please join us!*



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.

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!**



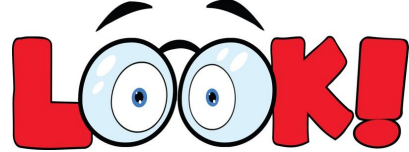
****Cook's GARAGE SALE** for last Saturday, October 5, was **CANCELLED** due to fire code issues in FH. The **Garage Sale** will be **RESCHEDULED** at a later date that is to be determined. We will *continue* to receive your items/donations on the days/times noted below. You can bring your items to 'Rowan Hall' **on Tuesdays, from 9-11am, or on 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.

Thank you for your donations!



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.



**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 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

Cook's **SESSION** will meet on the **2nd Sunday (Oct. 13, 11:15am)** of each month in Rm #113.

***ALL LADIES** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE meeting** will meet on the **second Tuesday of October** 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 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.

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.

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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