



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

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

***Ephesians 2:14 – “For He
Himself is our peace, who has
made us both one and has broken
down in His flesh the dividing wall
of hostility.”***

Reconciliation is at the heart of the Gospel. Through Christ, we are not only reconciled to God but also to one another. The walls that once separated us—whether by background, culture, or belief—have been torn down through the cross. In Jesus, we find the peace that binds us together as one body, creating unity out of division. True reconciliation is more than just the absence of conflict; it is the presence of



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Jack & Jeannie McClure, Ashley & Yann Petit (birth of son, Ezra, on 9/9), Sydney Thompson, Charlie & Debbie McCrary, Ronnie Petursson, Ellen Jackson, Nancy & Richard Smith, 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 @ Huntersville Health & Rehab, Rm 104), 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 Calhoun, Kathy Gant, Beverly Farquhar (M.

peace and understanding. As we grow in Christ, we are called to be agents of this reconciliation in our relationships, our communities, and our world. We are reminded that, in Christ, we are no longer strangers and aliens but fellow citizens with all of God's people, members of His household, united by His grace. This week, let us seek ways to extend that peace and unity, building bridges where there have been walls, and sharing Christ's love with those around us. Reconciliation isn't just something we receive; it's something we are called to live out and seeking ways to make it possible aligns our life with the plans of God.

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.**

Working with the Coul-Oak Little League, we'll be gathering needed supplies and delivering them to folks in need. To that end, we will have a *short window* to receive the following items between **now and THIS FRIDAY (Oct. 4)**, so if you are able, please bring: **water, wipes, trash bags, hygiene items, pet food, diapers, formula, cleaning supplies, paper products, batteries, new blankets, and/or non-perishable food items** to the church office

McElhane'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.

between 9am-5pm (leave on back porch if office happens to be closed) by **this Friday** and they will be delivered through the Little League volunteers this weekend. **IF you can't do so by this Friday but would like to contribute, please bring items to church this Sunday, Oct. 6**, and put them on the counter beside the sink in the Educational Bldg lobby, or to the church office **no later than next Thursday, Oct. 10**, and we'll get the items to the Little League volunteers for a later delivery.

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>.

One hundred percent 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 Unites**' (Eph. 2:11-22)!}

'Cook's Cares': Please join Pastor Jason at his cooking class on **Sundays at 3pm** (upcoming **Cooking Class** dates are **THIS coming Sunday, October 6**, & again on **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



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.

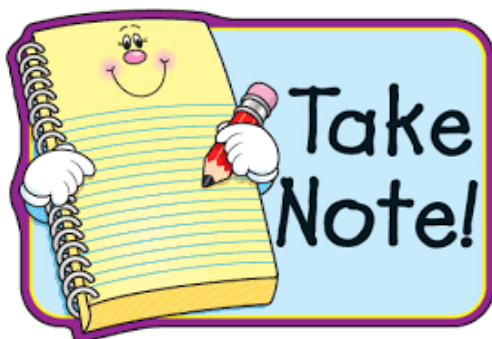


Please note that our **"Fellowship on the Lawn" will now be held outside in front of our sanctuary unless it's raining (will set-up in the Ed Bldg lobby if weather is bad)...please join us after worship to **fellowship with your brothers & sisters in Christ** and enjoy a quick treat while you do!

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.*



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 them **each Sunday at 6pm**

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 Vead (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**



****Cook's GARAGE SALE** for **THIS Saturday, October 5**, has been **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

in our sanctuary!

October is

Pastor Appreciation



Month



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



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

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!



COMMUNITY DINNER

Our **COMMUNITY MEAL** will be held **next Thursday, 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!



Cereal Box Dominoes

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



MEMBER'S ADDRESS CHANGE

Don & Phyllis Monteith,
2220 Windsor Run Lane,
Apt 309, Matthews, NC
28105, phone #
is their same cell #'s.



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 heartbeatsspcc.org and phone # is 704-489-0708.

The 'Cereal Box Dominoes' was a huge success last Sunday!

Thank you all for your 'cereal box donations' that we used last Sunday for our 'dominoes' in FH before we took them to Nourish

Up to help those that need assistance providing food for their families. They said we donated 384 boxes of cereal totaling 425 lbs, and they were very appreciative!

And thanks to Audrey Brady for organizing this event, and to our Youth & Youth leaders for their help setting up and taking down the boxes!



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.

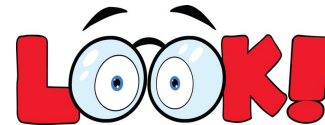
***ALL LADIES** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE meeting** will meet on the **second Tuesday of October (Oct. 8)** at **10:30am** or **7:00pm** in Rm #113 in the Ed Bldg. Contact Pede Self with questions at

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 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!

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.



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.

Cook's Church has a FACEBOOK page! Come check us out and stay connected!

www.facebook.com/pages/Cooks-Memorial-Presbyterian-Church



Check out what is happening @Cook's Scan to connect with Us on Facebook

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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