



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

***1 Thessalonians 5:17:
"Pray without ceasing."***

Prayer is more than just words spoken in quiet moments; it's a profound connection to God, a daily conversation that transforms us. Too often, we approach prayer as a checklist item or a hurried recitation, but what if we took the time to slow down and open our hearts more fully? Imagine a life where prayer wasn't just a routine but a source of genuine peace, strength, and guidance.

Deepening our prayer lives doesn't mean adding more minutes or more words. It's about cultivating openness and attentiveness to God's voice. Try



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, *family of Melody Mathews*, Frank Norris (ICU/Atrium/Univ), Whitey Ridenhour, Nancy Smith, Jack & Jeannie McClure, Sydney Thompson, Charlie & Debbie McCrary, Ronnie Petursson, Ellen Jackson, Steve Self, 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 (Residences @ Windsor, Rm 1408, 980-355-3242), David Luckey, Nicolas Wilson (grandson of Nancy Wilson), Betty McClure, Kurt Hollar, Michael Matrone, Judy & Richard Bogan, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, Steve Johnston, Tom Lineberger, Carol Calhoun, Kathy Gant, Beverly

beginning with a few minutes of quiet, centering your mind on God's presence, and letting your heart settle. As we listen, pray, and rest in His love, we begin to experience His presence more deeply. We come away renewed, ready to face life's challenges with a spirit anchored in His grace. Let us encourage each other to seek this deeper connection in our prayers. Through shared prayer, quiet reflection, and trust in God's loving presence, we can all grow in faith together.

In name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Pastor Jason

{Be sure to join us this Sunday at 10am for a sermon from Pastor Jason on '**Victorious Grace**' (Eph. 6:10-18)!}

'Cook's Cares': Please join Pastor Jason at his next 'cooking class' THIS Sunday, November 10 at 3pm in our FH kitchen! There we'll prepare some form of food ('turkey & dressing') 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, **Jason would like YOU to lead a class** in which you 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

Farquhar (M. McElhane's sister), Robert Luckey, *family of Betty Swanger*, Cherie Lowman, Audrey Bryan, Grey Frey, Angie Ross, Murray Lassiter, Judy 'JJ' Jones, 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.

deply 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.



****Cook's GARAGE SALE** will be held **THIS COMING Saturday, NOVEMBER 9!!** 'Sale hours will be **8am-1pm** – **please spread the word to all your friends & neighbors!** Donations can be brought to 'Rowan Hall' any day, M-F, 9am-5pm...see Cheryl in the church office for a key to get into **RH AND NO LATER THAN NOON THIS FRIDAY, 11/8!**

If you have any questions, contact Jeannie McClure (704/519-5021).
Thank you!



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!



Help us to give a Christmas present to a child overseas that normally would not receive one through 'Operation Christmas Child'...collection dates are NOW through November 22.

Here is a *suggested* list of most wanted items to be put in the shoebox: outfit to wear, underwear, flip flops, comb, hair items, toothbrush, washcloth, nail file/clipper, hat/scarf/mittens, sunglasses, doll, stuffed animal, small musical instrument, notebooks, index cards, ruler, pencils, crayons/colored pencils/markers, coloring/picture books, stickers, small puzzles, Uno card game, marbles, magnets, craft items/kit, jump romp, foam ball, finger puppets, slinky, tennis ball, plastic tools/dinosaurs, play cars/trucks/boats, yo-yo, small frisbee/kite/Etch-a-Sketch, bead jewelry/kit, compass, baseball/mitt.

Items they do **NOT** want: standard playing cards, food/candy/gum, used items, toothpaste, liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze or break, shampoo, creams, lip balm bath gels, mirrors or glass, war-related toys/knives/guns, backpacks.

An OCC shoebox and label is in the Narthex and Ed Bldg entranceway for your use or you



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 Conflicts" Adult Bible Study!

can use your own.



****‘Upcoming Events’ to put on your calendar:**

PW Circle meetings – Tues., **Nov. 12**, 10:30am & 7pm in FH...**ALL ladies** are invited to attend!

Community Meal – Thurs., **Nov. 14**, 5-6:30pm...**everyone** is invited to attend so invite your friends & neighbors! {Menu will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner!}

Thank Offering ‘Soup & Sandwich’ Lunch – Sun., **Nov. 17**, right after worship in FH, *plan now to join our Presbyterian Women for lunch on this Sunday and enjoy some homemade soup & delicious sandwiches!*

Hanging of the Greens Party & Chili Dinner–Sun., **Nov. 24** @ 4pm, our Worship Ministry would appreciate your help with decorating our sanctuary for Christmas, and then Pastor Jason will be serving up a delicious chili dinner to enjoy afterwards!

A Christmas Organ Recital – Sun., **Dec. 8** @ 2:30pm, join David, along with 2 other guest

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!



Cook's Playschool would love to have your 3-5 year old(s) join them!

Cook's Playschool is held Monday thru Thursday from 9:30am-1pm each day!

If you'd like your 3-5 year old to be in on the 'all the fun they will have while they are learning important life skills and preparing for

Kindergarten', please contact Kelly Carter and/or Bobbie Penninger in the Playschool office immediately at 704/394-4422 or

[cooksplayschool@gmail.com!](mailto:cooksplayschool@gmail.com)

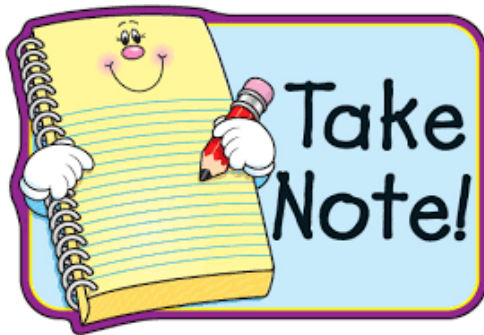


Congregation – please help us to spread the word that the “**Heartbeats Women’s Center Mobile Lab**” is in Cook’s parking lot **most every Tuesday from 1-4pm** (depending on rain/heat) and **anyone** is invited to stop by to receive one of their (free)

organists, in our sanctuary to enjoy some inspiring and festive Advent & Christmas music!

Queen City Ringers Holiday Handbell Concert – Sat., **Dec. 21 @ 2pm**, this will be a fun & beautiful concert @ Cook's to bring your whole family & friends to enjoy!

Cook's Adult Choir's Christmas Cantata – Sun., **Dec. 22**...please join us at our **10am** worship service in which our Adult Choir will present the Christmas story' in song!



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!

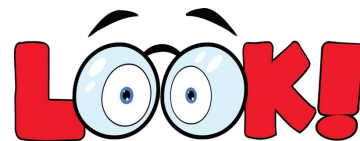
****Important Note** - If you can't be here in person for worship on Sundays and would like to watch

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!



*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

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 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 (Nov. 10)** 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 every month (Nov. 12)** at **10:30am** or **7:00pm** in **Fellowship Hall**. 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.

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 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

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.



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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