



 **FROM THE  
PASTOR**

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

***1 Thessalonians 5:16-18:  
"Rejoice always, pray without  
ceasing, give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this is the  
will of God in Christ Jesus  
for you."***

As the leaves change and the air grows crisp, November invites us to reflect on the goodness of God. It's a season to pause and give thanks—not just for the visible blessings like food on our tables and loved ones around us, but for the daily, sometimes unnoticed gifts God provides. Every breath, every moment of joy, every bit of strength for the day comes from His hand. Truly, every good and



***Prayer Requests:***

Cook's Church/Playschool, Frank Norris (ICU/Atrium/Univ), James Harper, Patty Brown, Penny Love, Suzy Hager, Nancy Smith, *Charles & Kay Mathews* (death of daughter, Melody), Whitey Ridenhour, Jack & Jeannie McClure, Charlie & Debbie McCrary, Ronnie Petursson, Ellen Jackson, Steve Self, Allyne Gant, Sara Yarbrough, Dale Luckey, Matt Thompson, Debbie Abernathy, Jerome 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,

perfect gift is from above. But gratitude isn't just about recognizing the good times. Scripture calls us to give thanks in all circumstances. That's a challenging command, especially in seasons of loss, hardship, or uncertainty. Yet, Thanksgiving shifts our focus from what we lack to the One who provides. It reminds us that God is faithful, His love steadfast, and His mercies new every morning. As we move through November, let us ask ourselves: How can we cultivate hearts of gratitude? Perhaps it's through daily prayers of thanksgiving, lifting up even the smallest blessings. Maybe it's sharing words of encouragement or acts of kindness with someone in need. Gratitude is not just a private act—it's something that overflows into the lives of those around us. This season, let us reflect deeply on God's character: His provision, His grace and His boundless love. Let us be a people who, like the psalmist, bless the Lord with all that is within us and forget not His benefits (Psalm 103:1-2). May our thanksgiving lead us to worship and inspire us to live lives that glorify Him. Together, as a Cook's Church family, let's make this November a season of joyful and heartfelt gratitude, shining as a witness to the goodness of our God.

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 '**With Thanksgiving**' (Philippians 4:4-7)!}

Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, Carol Calhoun, Kathy Gant, Beverly Farquhar (M. McElhane's sister), Robert Luckey, Cherie Lowman,  
Audrey Bryan, Grey Frey, Angie Ross, Murray Lassiter, Judy 'JJ' Jones, Steve Johnston, 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.

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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

\*Our 'Cook's Cares' **COOKING CLASS** meets at 3pm in our Fellowship Hall kitchen (the *next* class date in '2025' tba)...everyone is invited to join Pastor Jason to 'learn how to whip up a delicious dish' 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](mailto:jason@cookschurch.org) / 704/607-4162) and we'll work from there to potentially schedule a class.

**\*\*\*Congregational Meeting  
December 1, 2024\*\*\***

We will hold a 'brief congregational meeting' with one purpose – to elect Elders and Deacons for the coming years, at the end of our worship service on **December 1, 2024.**

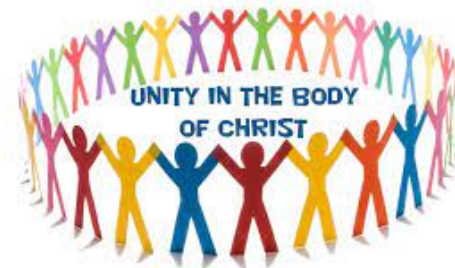
An 'informational meeting' will be held on **Sunday, December 1, 2024, at 1:00pm** in Cook's Fellowship Hall to present information to church members on the future development of the property at 3201 & 3221 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd – the parcels adjacent to the church property. Representatives from Mountain

and/or your family.



**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



View Commercial Real Estate Company will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. **Please plan to join the Property Ministry Team and Cook's Session at this important meeting.**

*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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We will observe the **'Sacrament of Holy Communion'** this **Sunday, November 24, 2024**, during our 10:00am worship service. Congregation: you are encouraged to prepare yourself for communion through prayer and the reading of scripture...**"This do in remembrance of Me"** {Luke 22:19}.

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*treat while you do!*

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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' (see website: [www.cookschurch.org](http://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!*

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**"Looking Forward to Christmas" Adult Bible Study!**

This study is being led by



**Hanging of the Greens Party & Chili Dinner** – **THIS Sunday, November 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!

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Don't forget that if you want to help us give a Christmas present to a child overseas that normally would not receive one through **'OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD'**...the **last** day to bring your 'filled' box is **no later than THIS Sunday, Nov. 24** (please bring to your box(es) to worship and put them in the Narthex). Thank you!

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Fred Cox and Pastor Jason and they would love for **ALL Adults** to join them **each Sunday** (Note: **NO** Bible Study on 11/24 due to 'Hanging of the Greens Party & Chili Dinner') at **6pm** in our sanctuary!

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The **Dec-Feb 'DAILY BREAD Devotionals'** are available for you to pick up in the Narthex, Ed Bldg entranceway, box on shelf at back door to the church office & church office during work hours.

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### **Christmas in Paw Creek Arts and Crafts Fair**

Sponsored by Troop 70  
**THIS Saturday, Nov. 23, 8:00am—2:00 pm @ Paw Creek Presbyterian Church CFC - 7400 Mt. Holly Rd.**  
Breakfast / Barbeque sold



**\*\*Three 'Upcoming Musical Events' to put on your calendar:**

**A Christmas Organ Recital** – Sunday, **December 8 @ 2:30pm**, join David, along with 2 other guest organists, in our sanctuary to enjoy some inspiring and festive Advent & Christmas music! A love offering will be received and sent to the Hurricane Helene NC Flood Victims.

**Queen City Ringers Holiday Handbell Concert** – Saturday, **December 21 @ 2pm**, this will be a fun & beautiful concert @ Cook's to bring your whole family & friends to enjoy! A love offering will be received for the Queen City Ringers.

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

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by Scout Troop 70

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**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)!

**\*\*Everyone is invited to attend Cook's Playschool's Christmas Program on Thursday, Dec. 19 @ 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall!**

**Enjoy an arrangement of holiday songs by all children as well as a live nativity from our Fantastic Fours. Refreshments will be served before the program. Doors open at 11:45 for you to come and enjoy!**

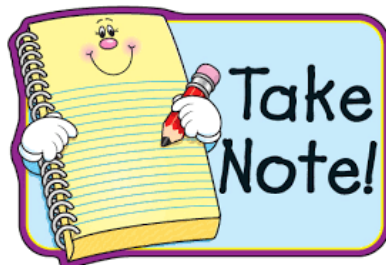
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**Christmas** will be here before we know it so that means it's time to order our '**Poinsettias**' to decorate Cook's sanctuary and to honor and/or remember our loved ones. They will be in our sanctuary on **Sundays, December 15 & 22**. We are offering **red, 6" plants at \$7.00 each**. We ask that you take your plants you order home **after our 5pm Christmas Eve Worship Service**, and if you're unable to attend that service, please take them home after worship on 12/22 or 12/29. **The deadline to turn in your order with payment is no later than Sunday, Dec. 1.** Order forms will be available in the Narthex and Ed Bldg entranceway starting this Sunday. Contact the church office at 704/399-7735 or [office@cookschurch.org](mailto:office@cookschurch.org) with questions.

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



**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](http://heartbeatspcc.org) and phone # is 704-489-0708.

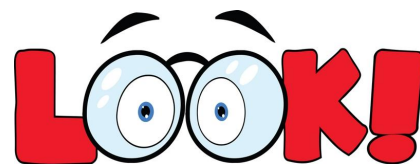
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**CHECK THIS OUT!**



**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*

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**

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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.

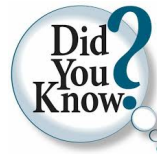
Cook's **SESSION** will meet on the **2nd Sunday** of each month in Rm #113.

**\*ALL LADIES** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE**

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 access go to [www.cookschurch.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:office@cookschurch.org)) and we'll see about getting it and your information included asap!

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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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**meeting** will meet on the **second Tuesday of every month (for December, ALL Ladies are invited to join our Circles on Monday, December 9th at the 'home of Bonnie Pace' at 6:30pm...details tba)** 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.

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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***We wish a Happy and Blessed***

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)



### **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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***Birthday to the following:***

Dec 2 - Allyne Gant

Dec 3 - Aiden Weldy

Dec 5 - Sandy Thompson

Dec 6 - Carole Thompson

Dec 8 - Penny Love

Dec 12 - Neal Hager

Dec. 19 - Suzanna Justice,  
Ava Jane Glaser

Dec. 21 - Darian Benson

Dec. 26 - Alex Bogojevich

Dec. 29 - Marsha Sifford,  
Audrey Brady, Glenda Dunn,  
Casey Noles

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