

# O U T L O O K

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**Everyone who LOOKS to the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life. John 6:40**

## Steve's Sentiments

### *Another Opportunity to Give: All-Church Christmas Dinner*

I'm pretty sure I've watched way too many Hallmark Christmas movies already this year. Late last night we saw about 10 minutes in the early part of a movie that I like (and we have seen before). I fell asleep, but it didn't matter because I already knew how it ended; just being reminded of the story is enjoyable for me. (I need to get a life!) Last week, as I reminisced at Margie Wilcox's funeral about Jimmy (Margie's husband) bringing his dirty Army Air Corps uniforms to the cleaners where she worked just to get a chance to see her, I thought, "This could be made into a Hallmark movie." It's true, I've seen too many of those movies! But let me tell you about one more, if you'll indulge me...

I've only caught part of a movie in which the plot is a Santa who

doesn't ask what the kids want. He asks them what they could do for someone else and explains that they will get much more delight in doing something for someone else than if they ask for something for themselves. You might be saying, "Right, like that's going to happen!" But isn't

and favor of God will be on us as we are attentive to others and give.

So that Hallmark Santa wasn't a scrooge and wasn't trying to ruin Christmas for children. Children and youth do "get blessed" when they do something for others. Maybe we should ask of each other, not "What do you want for Christmas?" or "What did you get for Christmas?" but maybe we should ask, "What are you planning to give others this Christmas?" or "What joys did you experience this Christmas when you gave gifts to others?"

Our All-Church Christmas Dinner is another opportunity to give to others. As you come to enjoy our meal and fellowship time together, you'll have the opportunity to bring an unwrapped gift to share with the children of Women's Protective Services.

Christmas itself is to honor Jesus, or it is a total misnomer! So let's honor His birth and life by following His teachings. Hallmark probably won't make a movie about our Christmas spirit of giving, but much greater than that, we'll benefit from the abundant blessings from the Lord!

-Steve

Cumberland's Annual Christmas Dinner

**Dec. 7, 6:00pm**  
**Catered by Cotton Patch**  
**Homemade Desserts**  
**K-Strings Fiddlers**

Food~Fun~Fellowship~Carols

\$11/person, \$25/family

that exactly what Jesus said? "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:37).


This Christmas season there will be multiple opportunities to give to others: angel tree gifts that bless children of those incarcerated, caroling of friends and neighbors, individuals who will come to our church lacking the means to give Christmas gifts to their children and seeking help, to name a few. Let's see these opportunities for what they are. The blessing

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**O HOLY NIGHT OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

Our Night of Worship and Prayer for December will be **Sunday, Dec. 21**, beginning at **5:00**. We will meet in **Fellowship Hall** and then take our worship and prayer to the Melonie Park South Neighborhood as we carol to and pray for our neighbors. Join us as we worship the newborn King and bring Christmas joy to our neighbors.



## AROUND CUMBERLAND

### Announcements

**This month's Night of Prayer and Worship** will be a time of caroling and praying for our neighbors in Melonie Park South on Sun., Dec. 21st, beginning in Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm.

"Prayer is the most aggressive, proactive, offensive, invasive action one can take in any situation," says Jennifer Dean, author of our prayer study. Cindy Chitwood, our prayer leader, invites us ALL to learn more about it and **PRAY on Tuesdays at 6:00pm** in the Fireside Room!

The **CP Achievers' December potluck meal and program** will take place on Wed., Dec. 3, beginning at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.

The **Deacons** will meet Mon., Dec. 1, 6:30pm in the Library.

**Ministry team leaders & teams** will meet on the **8th** this month. Please note the change! Leaders will meet in the Fireside Room at 6:30pm followed by team meetings at 7:00.

**Please note that the Session** will meet Mon., Dec. 15, 6:30pm in the Library.

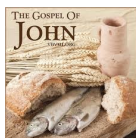
**Caregivers Support Group** offers an "ear", helpful suggestions and possible contacts for those who care for others. We will meet Dec. 12, 10:00am in the Library.

**WHAM!!**—Women Helping Advance Missions—will NOT meet in Dec.



**Comfort & Joy**  
Advent Study  
Mondays at Noon  
Fireside Room

**The Gospel of John**  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 6:00  
Library



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Are you interested in playing **church bells**? Contact Ken Smith and let him know of your interest. The bell choir will rehearse on Sundays at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall.

#### All-Church Christmas Dinner

Dec. 7, 6:00PM

Food ~ Fun ~ Fellowship ~ Carols  
Call Virginia Kinslow for tickets  
(794.6637)



Can you help by being a **bell ringer for the Salvation Army** this year, please contact Shannon Sudduth

at the Salvation Army — 806.765.9434 or at altonryan@sbcglobal.net. Hours for bellringing are 10am to 6pm Monday through Saturday.

### From the Deacon's Bench



By Deborah Hart

Once again, we have been blessed with a successful Pumpkin Patch. The prayers and hard work that went into that endeavor have resulted in yet another record year! The deacons have been looking very carefully at the different ministries we can help with this year to make sure these blessings are shared throughout the community.

We are hoping that the Salvation Army **Angel Tree** will be as big a success as it was last year. Thank you all for your help on that! Also, please keep in mind that you have an opportunity to be a part of something more this Christmas season. The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help serve their Christmas meal. If you are interested, please contact Shannon Sudduth of the Salvation Army at 765-9434.

Have a safe, happy and blessed Christmas!



### Christmas Blessings from Our House to Yours....

Church Family,

We give God the highest praise for the gift of our Savior!

May your Christmas season be blessed with His peace, love and joy that continues into the new year!

Merry Christmas!

Steve, Joy, Jaquan, Travon & BayLynn Doles

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! 2 cor. 9:15



### Weekly Meetings

Sunday Services	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday School	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday Coffee Break—Fell. Hall	10:30
Sunday <b>Youth</b> —Estes Center	5:00
Sunday Bell Choir—Fell. Hall	5:00
Monday Advent Study—Fireside Rm.	Noon
Tuesday Staff Meeting—Office	12:30
Tuesday Prayer Time—Fireside Rm.	6:00
Wednesday CP Achievers—Buns Over Texas	11:00
	Games to follow in Fell. Hall
Wednesday Gospel of John Study—Library	6:00
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	7:00
Saturday Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café	8:30
Saturday Worship Team Practice—Sanctuary	3:00

### Monthly Meetings

Deacons Meeting (Library)	Dec. 1, 6:30
Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)	Dec. 8, 6:30
Regular Ministry Teams	Dec. 8, 7:00
Caregivers Support Group (Library)	Dec. 12, 10:00
Session Meeting (Library)	Dec. 15, 6:30
WHAM!	Not Meeting

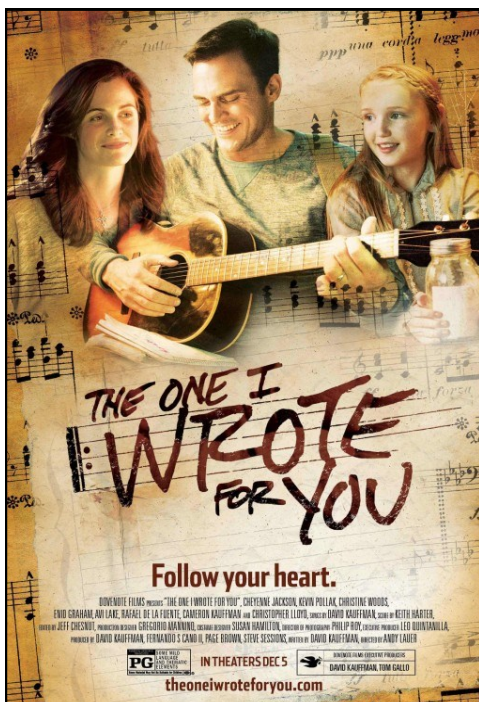


## Around Cumberland

### Family Film to Show Next Week

A new family film called "The One I Wrote for You" is coming out in theaters Dec. 5. It's about the vital need for people to persevere and pursue their dreams with faith and integrity. The film is a celebration of life's greatest victory: the healing power of love, friendship and family.

This film is being released in Texas Theaters, and, if the movie does well in Texas, the message will spread across the US. Group tickets are available at [www.theoneiwroteforyou.com](http://www.theoneiwroteforyou.com), click "GROUP SALES".



CPC youth (boys in background & insert, girls in foreground) enjoy an outing at Adrenaline City Sunday evening, Nov. 16.

Sam Lively shares about his upcoming Honduras mission trip at WHAM's Souper Supper Nov. 9th.



Pastor Steve teaches the first "Comfort & Joy" Advent Study on Nov. 24.







Dowe Mayfield teaches at the Gospel of John Bible Study which began Nov. 5.



Pastor Steve and granddaughter Kailyn sing Christmas carols at our Hour of Prayer and Worship Nov. 23.



# December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>9:30 Classic Worship</div> <div>9:30 Sun. School</div> <div>10:30 Coffee Break</div> <div>11:00 Praise Service</div> <div>11:00 Sun. School</div> <div>5:00 Youth (EC)**</div> <div>Bell Choir (FH)*</div>	<b>1</b> <div>Noon</div> <div>"Comfort &amp; Joy"</div> <div>Advent Study</div> <div>(Fireside Rm.)</div> <div>6:30</div> <div>Deacons Meeting</div> <div>(L)+</div>	<b>2</b> <div>12:30</div> <div>CPC Staff Mtng</div> <div>(Office)</div> <div>6:00</div> <div>Prayer Time</div> <div>(Fireside Rm.)</div>	<b>3</b> <div>10:30</div> <div>CPA`</div> <div>(Potluck &amp; pro-</div> <div>gram in FH)*</div> <div>12:00 Games</div> <div>(FH)*</div> <div>6:00</div> <div>Gospel of John</div> <div>Study (L)+</div> <div>7:00</div> <div>Choir Rehearsal</div>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <div>8:30</div> <div>Men's Breakfast</div> <div>(Red Zone Caf�)</div> <div>3:00</div> <div>Worship Team</div> <div>Practice (Sanct.)</div>
<b>7</b> <div>Communion Sunday</div> <div>See Sunday</div> <div>schedule above.</div> <div>6:00</div> <div>All-Church</div> <div>Christmas Dinner</div> <div>No youth,</div> <div>or Bells</div> 	<b>8</b> <div>Noon</div> <div>"Comfort &amp; Joy"</div> <div>Advent Study</div> <div>(Fireside Rm.)</div> <div>6:30</div> <div>Ministry Team</div> <div>Leaders</div> <div>(Fireside)</div> <div>7:00</div> <div>Ministry Teams</div>	<b>9</b> <div>12:30</div> <div>CPC Staff Mtng</div> <div>(Office)</div> <div>6:00</div> <div>Prayer Time</div> <div>(Fireside Rm.)</div>	<b>10</b> <div>11:00 CPA`</div> <div>(Buns Over TX)</div> <div>12:00 Games</div> <div>(FH)*</div> <div>6:00</div> <div>Gospel of John</div> <div>Study (L)+</div> <div>7:00</div> <div>Choir Rehearsal</div>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <div>10:00</div> <div>Caregivers</div> <div>Support Group</div> <div>(L)+</div>	<b>13</b> <div>8:30</div> <div>Men's Breakfast</div> <div>(Red Zone Caf�)</div> <div>No</div> <div>WHAM!!</div> <div>Meeting</div> <div>3:00</div> <div>Worship Team</div> <div>Practice (Sanct.)</div>
<b>14</b> <div>See Sunday</div> <div>schedule above.</div>	<b>15</b> <div>Noon</div> <div>"Comfort &amp; Joy"</div> <div>Advent Study</div> <div>(Fireside Rm.)</div> <div>6:30</div> <div>Session Meeting</div> <div>(L)+</div>	<b>16</b> <div>12:30</div> <div>CPC Staff Mtng</div> <div>(Office)</div> <div>6:00</div> <div>Prayer Time</div> <div>(Fireside Rm.)</div>	<b>17</b> <div>11:00 CPA`</div> <div>(Buns Over TX)</div> <div>12:00 Games</div> <div>(FH)*</div> <div>6:00</div> <div>Gospel of John</div> <div>Study (L)+</div> <div>7:00</div> <div>Choir Rehearsal</div>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <div>8:30</div> <div>Men's Breakfast</div> <div>(Red Zone Caf�)</div> <div>3:00</div> <div>Worship Team</div> <div>Practice (Sanct.)</div>
<b>21</b> <div>See Sunday</div> <div>schedule above.</div>  <div>5:00</div> <div>Night of Prayer &amp;</div> <div>Worship (FH)*</div> <div>(caroling)</div>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <div>12:30</div> <div>CPC Staff Mtng</div> <div>(Office)</div> <div>6:00</div> <div>Prayer Time</div> <div>(Fireside Rm.)</div>	<b>24</b> <div>6:00</div>  <div>Christmas Eve</div> <div>Service</div>	<b>25</b>  <div>CHRISTMAS DAY</div>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <div>8:30</div> <div>Men's Breakfast</div> <div>(Red Zone Caf�)</div> <div>3:00</div> <div>Worship Team</div> <div>Practice (Sanct.)</div>
<b>28</b> <div>See Sunday</div> <div>schedule above.</div>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <div>No</div> <div>CPC Staff Mtng</div> <div>6:00</div> <div>Prayer Time</div> <div>(Fireside Rm.)</div>	<b>31</b> <div>New Year's Eve</div> <div>11:00 CPA`</div> <div>(Buns Over TX)</div> <div>12:00 Games</div> <div>(FH)*</div> <div>No</div> <div>Gospel of John</div> <div>Study or Choir</div>	<div>Church Office Closed</div>		
<div>Irregular Church Office Hours</div>						
(L)+ - Library	(FH)*- Fell. Hall	(EC)**- Estes Cntr	CPA` - Cumb. Presb. Achievers			

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## Prayer Concerns



### Praise

Craig & Deborah Hart's new grandson—Aiden, Murphy & Amber Coons new baby—Lorelei, Craig Hart's elderly client Sue declared cancer-free!, great response to WHAM's meal for missions, Joshua Varghese made all-region honor band, Karen Martin's niece Katlyn graduating grad school, our veterans, Ron Dingle's back pain much better

### Sympathy

family of Tom Hudson, family of Cindy Chitwood's Aunt Adele Wells, family of Margie Wilcox, family of Diana Akins' friend Russell Jupe

### Service

Genevieve Potts' nephew John Schmuck, Kathy Davis' friend Zane Wilson (Afghanistan), Deborah Hart's son-Sam (stateside), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert (Spain), Caldwell's grandson Joe (Bahrain), Mercers' grandson Judd (stateside), Chris Reid (stateside), military and first responders

### General

Sophia Varghese's dad (travels), Genevieve Potts' friend Johnny (peace with life), Amarillo student passengers and bus driver (following fatal accident 11/8), Karen Reid (travels), Melinda Jones' friend Lori (dealing with two family members with cancer), captive pastor in Iran, Teresa Hill's minor car accident (repairs)

### Health/Recovery

Mike Cisneros (shingles), Anna Montgomery (recovering, cataract surgery/future surgery 12/2), Jackie Scott's son Scotty (recovering, back surgery), Cindy Chitwood (recovering from acid in eye), RoseAnn Lively's student Neveah (recovering from surgery to remove unresponsive transplants), Deborah Hart's friend Lesley Park (motorcycle accident/paralysis), Bobby Hughes' niece (premature birth), Virginia Kinslow's brother-in-law Robert (recovering, pace maker procedure), John Carter (heart issues), Teresa Hill's friend Connie (more aneurism problems, light stroke), RoseAnn Lively's friend (stroke rehab) & past student Jacob (heart surgery), Ann McLaren (Garrison House, 507), Elaine Mitchell (Crown Point, Emerald 202), Kathy Davis' friend Rita (Crown Point); **LONG-TERM IN-HOME HEALTH CARE:** Linda Files, Millie Armstrong; **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** Genevieve Potts' friend Scott Armstrong (stage 4 colon cancer), Deborah Hart's friend Cheryl (brain tumor-not growing!), Juanita Craig's daughter-in-law Jo (chemo), Glenda Mercer's co-worker Dee, Kay Duarte's 5 co-workers, Jon Randall (pastor, Victory Life), Freddie Rincon's brother Tony, Ronnie Freeman's friends Mike & Ronnie, Sonny Moore, LaVeda Davis, Margie Stevenson; **HOSPICE:** John Carter's mother

### Kingdom Work - Ministries of Cumberland:

10 new families at CPC, revival, WHAM's outreaches, CPC Outreach Ministry direction, Fanning ministry at LCDC, CPC Ministry Teams, Melonie Pk. So. neighborhood/Coachlight Apt.s

### Kingdom Work - Other Congregations:

7 Dec. - The People's Fellowship - Alan Wallace, Pilgrim Baptist Church - Wilburn Tanner

14 Dec. - Praise Chapel Christian Fellowship - Larry Ybarra, Redbud Baptist - Shon Wagner

21 Dec. - Refuge Outreach Center - Don Kubica, Carter Chapel CME Church- Leon Moore

28 Dec. - Salvation Ministries - Mark Elvers, Community Baptist Church - Larry Brooks, The Refuge - Travis Zachary

### Kingdom Work - Other Ministries:

MCH Family Outreach, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Family Promise, Pray Lubbock, Southcrest Christian School, Ministries to the Homeless—Link Ministries & Carpenter's Church

Homebound —Alice Davis, Helen Hunt, Ann McLaren, Anna Montgomery, Mary Lou Moore, Martha Payne, WE Pierce, Laura Yates

### **TREASURER'S TALK**

By Richard Trussell

#### ***French Fries Teach A Lesson***

A father driving home with his son after dinner asks, "Son, what would make you happy right now?" His son responded – "Fries." The father replied "But we just ate!" His son replied, "Dad, you asked – fries." Stopping at McDonald's, Dad ordered the largest fries on the menu. With fries overflowing on the tray, his son dove into more fries than he could ever eat.

After watching his son enjoy his fries, Dad decided to have a fry too. When Dad reached for a fry, his son wrapped both his arms around all the fries and said sternly, "Don't touch my fries!" Dad was shocked. Here he had freely purchased and given ALL the fries to his son, and now his son tells his dad to back off. Sound familiar?

Could this story represent our relationship with God and how we view our possessions? God freely gives us everything we have (often in great abundance), and our response when He asks us to give is—Back off! We essentially tell God, "I'll decide when and how many fries to give you, if any at all."

#### **Stewardship Report, Oct. 2014**

	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Avg. Weekly Attendance	82	78
Sunday Offering	\$16,216	*\$190,992
Other Income Sources	\$16,210	\$141,587
Total Income	\$32,426	\$332,579
Total Operating Expenses	\$36,542	\$349,185
Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance		\$1,050,881.31
CPC Roof Repair Princ. Balance		\$58,566.65
Parking Lot Repair Princ. Balance		\$42,196.50

\*Additional Sun. offerings of \$16,606 during Jan.—Oct. would have fully funded total expenses.



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## DECEMBER



### **Cumberland Church**

Pastor: Dr. Steven D. Doles  
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Sam R. Estes, Jr.  
Church Treasurer: Richard Trussell  
Choir Director: Carolyn Hefner  
Organist: Sue Smith  
Housekeeping: Corina Bermea  
Nursery: Alissia Warden  
Administrative Assistant: Joy Doles

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### **Elders**

*Kathy Davis '15*  
*Gordon Downum '15*  
*Marci Rickman '15*  
  
*Diana Akins '16*  
*Cindy Chitwood '16*  
*Scott Fanning '17*  
*Jerrie Pridmore '17*

### **Deacons**

*Candy Baack '15*  
*Vicki Carter '15*  
*Ken Smith '15*  
  
*Craig Hart '16*  
*Deborah Hart '16*  
*Genevieve Potts '16*  
*Tim Rickman '16*  
*Edie Fanning '17*  
*Teresa Hill '17*

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### **Sundays**

9:30 Classic Worship—Sanctuary  
9:30 Sunday School Classes  
10:30 Coffee Break—Fellowship Hall  
11:00 Cumberland Praise—Sanctuary  
11:00 Sunday School Classes—Estes Center

#### **Youth**

#### **Mondays**

Noon Advent Study—Fireside Room

#### **Tuesdays**

12:30 Staff Meeting—Office  
6:00 Prayer Time—Fireside

#### **Wednesdays**

11:00 CPA's Lunch—Buns Over Texas  
12:00 CPA's Games—Fellowship Hall  
6:00 Gospel of John Study—Library  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

#### **Saturdays**

8:30 Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café  
3:00 Worship Team Practice—Sanctuary