

# **CUMBERLAND CHURCH**

# **OUTLOOK**

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

## **Steve's Sentiments**

One of the commonly seen symbols of Christmas is the candy cane. Not only are candy canes used as a sweet Christmastime treat, but they are also used for decoration.

While we may not know the exact history of the candy cane, many people see Christian meanings in the shape and form of the candy cane:

- Its shape is like the letter "J" in Jesus' name. Turned the other way, it is also in the shape of the shepherds' crook, symbolic of how Jesus, the "Good Shepherd," watches over His children who are like little lambs.
- It is a hard candy, solid like a "rock", which is like the foundation of the Church.
- The flavor of peppermint is similar to another member of the mint family, hyssop. In the Old Testament hyssop was used for

purification and sacrifice, and symbolizes the purity of Jesus and the sacrifice He made.

- The white of the candy cane can represent the purity of Jesus and

Those three stripes also may remind us of the stripes on Jesus' back which He received during the beating at the hands of the Roman soldiers reminding us that

"by His stripes we are healed."

My family has been making some decorations which we've hung around the church. They are made of candy canes. After church services on Sun., Dec. 18, we would like each family in attendance to take one home to enjoy with your family. We hope

### *Christmas Candy Cane*

Look at the Candy Cane,  
What do you see?  
Stripes that are red  
Like the blood shed for me.  
White is for my Savior  
Who's sinless and pure!  
"J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!  
Turn it around  
And a staff you will see.  
Jesus my shepherd  
Was born for Me!

his virgin birth.

- The bold red stripe reminds of God's love shown by Jesus' shedding of His blood on the cross.
- The three fine stripes may remind us of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

it will be more than just a decoration, that it will be a reminder of our Savior Who brings us Hope, Love, Peace and Life!

From our family to yours, we wish you a meaning-filled celebration of Jesus' birth!

-Steve

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May the *awe*  
and *wonder*  
of our Savior's life fill our hearts and  
minds this Christmas  
and beyond!

God bless,  
Steve & Joy Doles  
Jaquan, Travon, BayLynn

## AROUND CUMBERLAND

### In Brief



"Mature faith does not live by answers to prayer—but BY prayer" (R.E.O. White). Come **PRAY** with us Tuesdays at 6pm, in the Fireside Room! Let's live by prayer!

Most weeks (except the second Wed. of the month) the **CP Achievers** meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 at Buns Over Texas and then come to the church's Fell. Hall at noon for games. They would love for you to join them *any* Wed.

The **Deacons** will meet on Mon., Dec. 7, in the Library at 6:30.

Join us at 6pm on Wednesdays in the church Library for our **Wednesday evening**



**Bible study** led by Dowe Mayfield. We are looking at the book of *Isaiah*. We will NOT meet on Wed., Dec. 21st and 28th.

**CP Achievers** will have their monthly **Potluck and Program** Wed., Dec. 14 at 10:30am in Fell. Hall.

Ladies, **WHAM!** will not meet this month.

The **Session** will meet Mon., Dec. 12, 6:30 in the Library. Don't forget to pick up Session packets on Sun., Dec. 11.

Our Thurs. pastor's study will continue our **Advent Study** at noon in the Fireside Room on the 1st, 8th and 15th of Dec. We will "unwrap" one of the precious gifts delivered to us because of the holy Child given to us wrapped in swaddling cloths.

**Ministry team** leaders, meet in the Fireside Room on the 19th this month at 6:30pm. Teams meet afterward at 7:00.

### Christmas Eve Service

6:00pm  
Sat., Dec. 24  
Sanctuary

### Thank You's

Dear Friends of CPC,

Thank you so much for the prayers, words of concern, texts, cards, visits to different services, and all you did during this difficult time (brother-in-law Al Schmuck's passing). Al had been so sick and unable to function normally for a long time. He went to sleep peacefully to be with God.

Al loved playing Mexican Train, attending special programs, and being a part of the fellowship of the seniors at Cumberland. He usually said as we left, "Those are nice people even though they aren't Catholic."

Thanks again for all the love and concern for me and my family.  
In Christ's Love, Genevieve Potts

Pantry of Care,

Thank you for the delicious pumpkin bread you gave our family for Thanksgiving. We enjoyed it very much—even if it never saw Thanksgiving Day. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness!  
Love, The Steve Doles Family

### From the Deacons Bench



We were very blessed in November to be able to share some Thanksgiving baskets (bins) with ten families from Bayless Elementary School. Thank you to WHAM (Women Helping Advance Missions) for their partnership in supplying the turkeys and to the youth who decorated the bins.

We are currently undergoing our annual Angel Tree project, and we would appreciate your support. Please pick up an Angel Tree ornament from the tree in Fellowship Hall to help sponsor children from our very own Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, TX.

To keep things equal for the kids, the children's home is asking that you spend apx. \$100/child and that each child receive 3-4 gifts to open Christmas Day. If possible, please bring wrapped Christmas gifts to the all-church Christmas dinner on the 4th or no later than Dec. 12. See Karen Reid if you have questions.

### The Star of Christmas



### Weekly Meetings

Sunday Services—Sanctuary	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday <b>Youth</b> Service—Estes Center	10:00
Sunday Coffee Break—Fell. Hall	10:30
Tuesday Staff Meeting—Office	1:00
Tuesday Prayer Time—Fireside Rm.	6:00
Tuesday <b>Youth</b> —Fireside Room	7:00
Wednesday CP Achievers—Buns Over Texas	11:00
Games to follow in Fell. Hall	
Wednesday Bible Study—Library	6:00
Thursday Advent Bible Study—Fireside Room	Noon
Saturday Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café	8:30
Saturday A Place 4 Kidz—Estes Center	2:00
Saturday Worship Team Practice—Sanctuary	4:00

### Monthly Meetings

Deacons Meeting (Library)	Dec. 5, 6:30pm
WHAM! (Library)	Not Meeting
Session Meeting (Library)	Dec. 12, 6:30pm
Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)	Dec. 19, 6:30pm
Regular Ministry Teams	Dec. 19, 7:00pm



## Around Cumberland

**Combined Worship Service**  
Christmas Day, 10:30am  
Sanctuary



### Christmas Caroling

Dec. 18, 5:00pm  
Meet in Fell. Hall

### Cumberland's Annual Christmas Dinner

Sun., Dec. 4, 2016,  
6:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall

Catered by  
Market Street  
Homemade Desserts

Entertainment by  
Lubbock Chorale

Price: \$12 each; \$25/family



### Thursdays Noon Fireside Room

Join us on Thursdays,  
Dec. 1, 8, 15  
as we "unwrap" a different di-  
vine gift delivered to us because  
of the birth of Jesus!



**Are you sick? Lonely? Depressed?  
Homeless? Jobless?  
Do you know someone who is?**

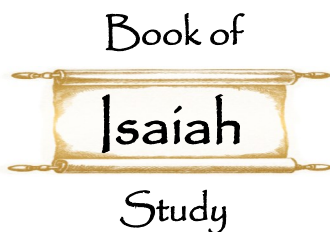
**There's hope!**

### TUESDAY PRAYER TIME

Tuesdays, 6:00pm  
Fireside Room  
(NOT meeting Dec. 27)



**Youth** meet on  
Tuesdays  
in the Fireside Room, 7-8:30pm  
**(Not meeting Dec. 27)**  
Sundays  
in the Estes Center, 10am-noon.  
**(Combined service Dec. 25)**



**with Dowe Mayfield**  
**NOT meeting Dec. 21, 28**  
**Weds., 6:00pm**  
**Library**



**Don't let life  
get in the way  
of your joy.  
The Lord has  
power for  
you to  
overcome!**









**Hear all  
about it**

### Jesus 1.0

**Sunday's  
11:00am**

**Cumberland Presb. Church  
Sanctuary**

# December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																										
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 9:30 Classic Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:00 Youth Worship 10:30 Coffee Break 11:00 Jesus 1.0 Service 11:00 Bible Classes				<b>1</b> Noon <i>From Heaven Above</i> Advent Pastor's Study (Fireside Rm.) 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 2:00 A Place 4 Kidz (EC)** 4:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)																																										
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<b>25</b> 10:30 <b>Combined            Worship Service</b>  <i>Christmas            DAY</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> No CPC Staff Mtng No Prayer Time No <b>Youth</b>	<b>28</b> No CPA* No Isaiah Study No Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> NO A Place 4 Kidz	<b>31</b> 																																										
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### Praise

Wanda Martin doing much better & was able to be in church over Thanksgiving, Joe Paulk's good report from doctor, Stephen Simpson's twins' (Ky & Lay's) birthday, successful surgery of Diana Akins' friend Lynette, Ken Smith's daughter Ashley's surgery went well, Karen Reid expecting new granddaughter, Deborah Hart's son Sam's deployment postponed to Dec., Darnell Dingle's friends Kathy & Ronda doing well fighting cancer, Juanita Craig's house sale

### General

Cynthia Paulk's friend Armani & others (adoptions)

### Sympathy

Gutierrez's friend Ralph whose dad passed away, family of Byron Martin's friend Bill Wright

### Service

safety for first responders in Lubbock & nationwide, Hester's son Matthew (Stateside), Gerald Files' grandson Christopher (Stateside), Deborah Hart's son Sam (deployment in Dec.), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert (Stateside), Karen Caldwell's grandson Joe (Stateside), Mercers' grandson Judd (Stateside), Chris Reid (Stateside)

### Health/Recovery

Mary Rogers' great-grandson Cooper (severe breathing problems), Sharon Romines (cancer surgery 11/30), Joy Doles (surgery 11/29), Darnell Dingle's friend Renee (health issues), Thelma Gerloff's daughter Kay (upcoming neck surgery), Wanda Martin (pain management); **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** Deborah Hart's one-yr.-old friend Austin (brain cancer), Robin Cunningham's friend Karen (chemo), RoseAnn Lively's Aunt Lupe & cousin Paul, Ross & Holly Hester's niece Abigail, Darnell Dingle's friend Margaret (doing better)

### Kingdom Work - Ministries of Cumberland:

outpouring of Holy Spirit on CPC, Family Promise, children's/youth ministry, revival, WHAM's outreaches (A Place 4 Kidz), Fanning Freedom Ministry at LCDC, CPC Ministry Teams, neighbors [Melonie Park South, Waters, Coachlight Apts.]

### Kingdom Work - Other Congregations:

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

### Kingdom Work - Other Congregations, Cont.:

11 Dec. - Praise Chapel Christian Fellowship - Larry Ybarra, Redbud Baptist - Carlos Hinojos

18 Dec. - Carter Chapel CME Church- Leon Moore, Hope Deliverance Temple - Rodney Tanner

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

### Kingdom Work - Other Ministries:

30 60 100 Ministries, MCH Family Outreach, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Family Promise, Pray Lubbock, Southcrest Christian School, Ministries to the Homeless—Link Ministries & Carpenter's Church

Homebound - Jim Bales, Ruthie Dean, Ann McLaren, Billy & Elaine Mitchell, Mary Lou Moore, Martha Payne, WE Pierce

## **TREASURER'S TALK**

By Richard Trussell

### **Consider How We Choose**

According to the Starbucks coffee website, "we have up to 87,000 different drink combinations – all customized to your own individual needs." Almost any successful retailer that you can name got that way by offering a multitude of choices.

Consumerism assumes that greater choice leads to greater happiness. The choices that consumers face undermines any satisfaction we might discover by convincing us that there is always something more to want, something else to crave, something better than what we have.

In his book *Sharing Possessions – Mandate and Symbol of Faith*, Luke Timothy Johnson wrote: "If we are able to acknowledge that our life comes at every moment from God, that we are formed out of nothingness as a gift from God, that our identity and worth are established, not by what we seize, but by what has been given to us in grace, then we need not define ourselves by what we own materially or spiritually."

Second Corinthians 9:8-12 begins "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance." We are called to remember that we always have enough of everything which allows us to share in every good work.

### **Stewardship Report, October 2016**

	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Avg. Weekly Attendance	72	65
Sunday Offering	\$24,813	\$176,978
Other Income Sources	\$15,029	\$150,147
Total Income	\$39,842	\$327,125
Total Operating Expenses	\$34,198	\$331,708
Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance		\$921,520.08





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Sunday service times: 9:30, 11:00



### **Cumberland Presbyterian Church**

Pastor: Dr. Steven D. Doles

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Sam R. Estes

Youth Director: Stephen Simpson

Church Treasurer: Richard Trussell

Choir Director: Carolyn Hefner

Organist: Sue Smith

Housekeeping: Corina Bermea

Administrative Assistant: Joy Doles

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### **Elders**

*Scott Fanning '17*  
*Jerrie Pridmore '17*

*Gerald Files '18*  
*Cynthia Paulk '18*  
*Ken Smith '18*

*Candy Baack '19*  
*Deborah Hart '19*

### **Deacons**

*Edie Fanning '17*  
*Teresa Hill '17*

*Greg Akins '18*  
*Don Cranford '18*  
*Karen Reid '18*

*Holly Hester '19*  
*Amanda Luna '19*  
*Mark Luna '19*

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### **Sundays**

9:30 Classic Worship—Sanctuary  
9:30 Bible Classes  
10:00 **Youth** Service—Estes Center  
10:30 Coffee Break—Fellowship Hall  
11:00 Jesus 1.0—Sanctuary

#### **Tuesdays**

11:00 Bible Classes  
1:00 Staff Meeting—Office  
6:00 Prayer Time—Fireside  
7:00 **Youth**—Fireside Room

#### **Wednesdays**

11:00 CPA's Lunch—Buns Over Texas  
12:00 CPA's Games—Fellowship Hall  
6:00 Wed. *Isaiah* Study—Library

#### **Thursdays**

7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
Noon Thurs. *Advent* Study—Fireside Rm.

#### **Saturdays**

8:30 Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café  
2:00 A Place 4 Kidz—Estes Center  
4:00 Worship Team Practice—Sanctuary