

CUMBERLAND CHURCH OUTLOOK

VOLUME 15, NUMBER 12

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

Steve's Sentiments

Steve's Sentiments

(portion copied—author unknown)

"It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past 10 years or so. It all began because my husband, Mike, hated Christmas- oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it-overspending, the frantic running around at the last minute, gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else.

"Knowing he felt this way, I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came watching our son wrestle at a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church. When I watched the other team wrestle without headgear.

"That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes and sent them anonymously to the inner-

city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed the envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done and that this was his gift from me. His smile was the brightest

non-profit organizations is the latest addition to Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday! Regardless of the hype, meaningful giving is a great idea.



thing about Christmas that year and in succeeding years.

"For each Christmas, I followed the tradition -- asking the Lord to lead me to various situations in which a gift would make a huge difference. The envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning and our children, ignoring their new toys, would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents.

When I found this article five years ago, the thought of Giving Tuesday hadn't emerged yet. Now, this initiative to give to

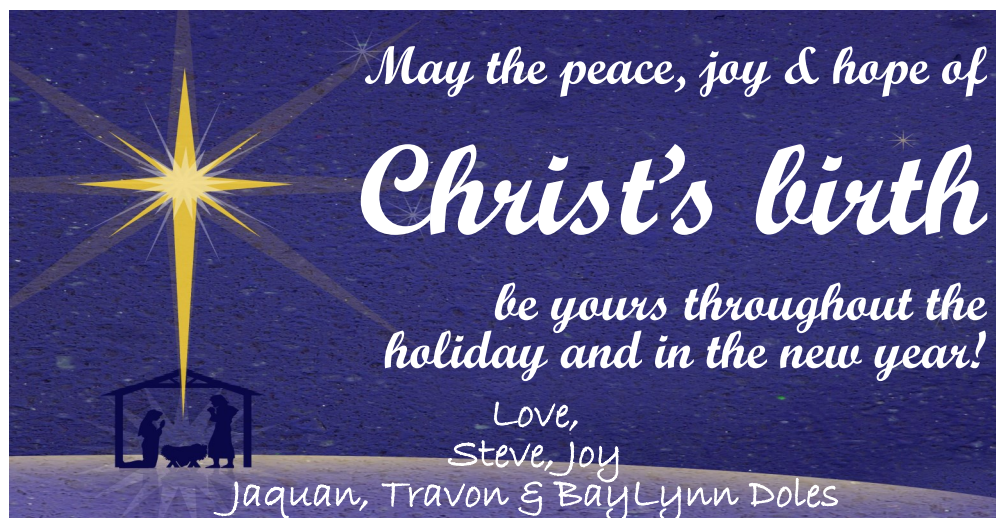
Now, there are lots of organizations to which you can make a contribution. But one you might want to consider is the CP Missions Ministry Team. The www.cumberland.org website has an online catalogue that helps viewers select specific missions causes to which you can contribute. If you would like to change the world as you give this Christmas, consider giving to missions in honor of someone else as an option. Want to get there fast? Go to our website www.cpclubbock.org and click on the link to "givingtuesday."

May God bless you as we celebrate God's greatest gift to us - His Son!

-Steve

In This Issue...

Around Cumberland.....	2
Calendar	4
Christmas Around Cumberland	3
Prayer Concerns	5
Steve's Sentiments	1
Treasurer's Talk & Stewardship Report	5



AROUND CUMBERLAND

In Brief

"If you want God to do something new, you can't keep doing the same old thing" (M. Batterson). Come do a new thing and **PRAY** with us Tuesdays at 6pm in the fire-side room!

All-Church Christmas Dinner

Dec. 6, 6pm

\$11/each, \$25/family

Tickets available in narthex

Ladies, please plan to **help set up & decorate** Sunday, Dec. 6, at about 4:30pm for our All-Church Christmas Dinner. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Please pick up an **Angel Tree** Christmas gift request from the tree in Fell. Hall! Gifts are due back Dec. 7.

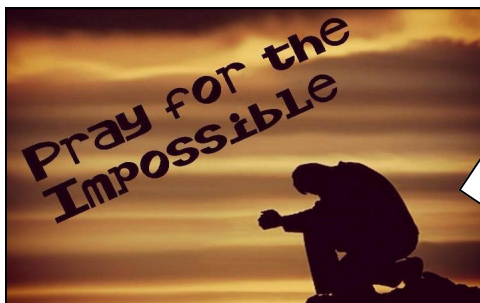
Join us as we look at scriptural songs from the Word in our **Advent Bible Study**, "Hark, the Glad Sound." on Mondays at noon. Meet with us in the Fireside Room!

CP Achievers will have their monthly **potluck and program** this Wed., Dec. 9, beginning at 10:30am in Fell. Hall. Come hear harpist Greg Goodnight.

Ladies, don't forget our **WHAM!** meet-ing Sat., Dec. 12, 10am in the Library.

Let's help transform the skatepark (19th & Ave. A) into an **Olde Christmas Towne** outreach! We'll help wrap gifts for Angel Tree & Toys for Tots and man game stations on **Sun., Dec. 13th, 6:00-8:00pm**. Sign up in the narthex or contact Teresa Hill.

Don't miss our CPC Christmas Eve service this year! It will feature a live nativity, lots of carols, the youth band and the Greatest Story Ever Told. We will start at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

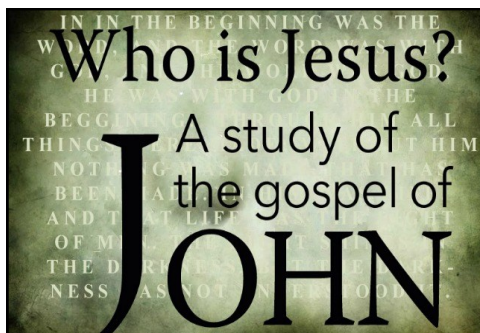


Tuesday Prayer Time

with

Cindy Chitwood

Tues., 6:00pm
Fireside Room



Wednesday Bible Study

Gospel of John

with

Dowe Mayfield

Wednesdays,

6:00pm,
Library



The 2015 Angel Tree requests have arrived at Cumberland, and there's not much time to fulfill the wishes of children in need. Please visit the church's Fellowship Hall sometime this week to pick up YOUR Angel Tree request form and a plastic bag. Then have some fun shopping, place the gifts in the plastic bag and return the gifts to the church's Fellowship Hall. Place them under the tree. We must have all gifts by Sunday, Dec. 6, so that we may deliver them by the deadline of Dec. 7. If you have any questions, please contact a deacon.

For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'
~Deut. 15:11

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
~Acts 20:35

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" ~1 Jn. 3:17



Weekly Meetings

Sunday Services	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday Coffee Break—Fell. Hall	10:30
Sunday Bell Choir—Fell. Hall	4:00
Sunday Youth	TBA
Monday Pastor's Study	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 Bible Study	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

Caregivers Support Group	Dec. 4, 10:00am
Deacons Meeting (Library)	Dec. 7, 6:30pm
WHAM! (Library)	Dec. 12, 10:00am
Session Meeting (Library)	Dec. 14, 6:30pm
Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)	Dec. 21, 6:30pm
Regular Ministry Teams	Dec. 21, 7:00pm

Christmas Around Cumberland

Cumberland's Annual Christmas Dinner

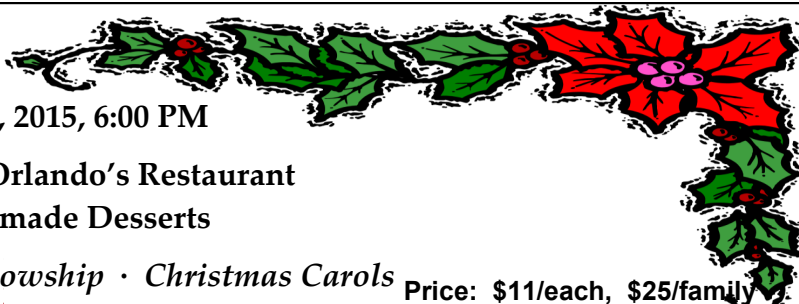


Dec. 6, 2015, 6:00 PM

Catered by Orlando's Restaurant
Homemade Desserts

Food · Fun · Fellowship · Christmas Carols

Price: \$11/each, \$25/family



Mondays at Noon
(Nov 30) Dec. 7, 14, 21
Fireside Room

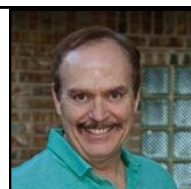


CP Achiever's Potluck & Program

Heavenly Peace

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 10:30am, Fellowship Hall

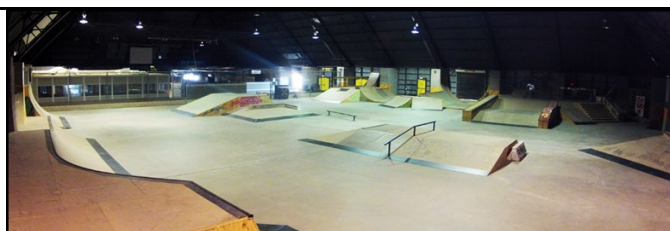
Greg Goodnight,
Harpist



Olde Christmas Towne Outreach!

Help Wrap Gifts for Angel Tree & Toys for Tots
Man Game Stations

Sun., Dec. 13th, 6:00–8:00pm
19th & Ave. A



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 20, 5:00pm, Meet in Fellowship Hall



Cumberland's Christmas Eve Service

Thurs., Dec. 24, 6:00pm
In the Sanctuary

Featuring a Live Nativity

Merry ... winter?

To avoid offending anybody, [my son's] school dropped religion altogether and started singing about the weather. ... They now hold the winter program in February and sing increasingly nonmemorable songs such as "Winter Wonderland," "Frosty the Snowman" and — this is a real song — "Suzy Snowflake," all of which is pretty funny because we live in Miami. A visitor from another planet would assume that the children belonged to the Church of Meteorology. ~Dave Barry







"Christmas is not an event within history but is rather the invasion of time by eternity." ~Hans Urs von Balthasar

"Expectancy is the atmosphere for miracles." ~Edwin Louis Cole

"Christmas isn't as much about opening presents as opening our hearts." ~Janice Maediter

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																	
Sunday Schedule <div> 9:30 Classic Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:30 Coffee Break 11:00 Praise Service 11:00 Bible Classes 4:00 Bell Choir (FH)* </div>		1 12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	2 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 <i>John</i> Bible Study (L)+ 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3	4 10:00 Caregivers Support Group (L)+	5 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)																																																	
6 Communion Sunday See Sunday schedule above. <div> 6:00 All-Church Christmas Dinner (Fell. Hall) </div>	7 Noon <i>Advent</i> Pastor's Bible Study (Fireside Rm.) 6:30 Deacons Meeting (L)+	8 12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	9 10:30 CPA Potluck & Program (FH)* 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 <i>John</i> Bible Study (L)+ 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10	11	12 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 10:00 WHAM!! Meeting (L)+ 3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)																																																	
13 See Sunday schedule above. <div>  6-8:00 <i>Olde Christmas Towne</i> Outreach (19th & Ave. A) </div>	14 Noon <i>Advent</i> Pastor's Bible Study (Fireside Rm.) 6:30 Session Meeting (L)+	15 12:30 CPC Staff Mtng 6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	16 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 <i>John</i> Bible Study (L)+ 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)																																																	
20 See Sunday schedule above. <div>  5:00 Caroling (Fell. Hall) </div>	21 Noon <i>Last Advent</i> Pastor's Bible Study (Fireside Rm.) 6:30 Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside Rm.) 7:00 Ministry Teams	22 No CPC Staff Mtng 6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	23 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* No <i>John</i> Bible Study No Choir Rehearsal	24 <div> Church Office Closed  6:00 Christ- mas Eve Service (Sanct) </div>	25 <div>  <i>Christmas Day</i> </div>	26 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)																																																	
27 See Sunday schedule above.	28	29 No CPC Staff Mtng. No Prayer Time	30 No <i>John</i> Bible Study No Choir Rehearsal	31 <div>  <i>New Year's Eve</i> </div>	<div> January 2016 <table> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr> <td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr> <td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr> <td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr> <td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>		S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																	
					1	2																																																	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9																																																	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16																																																	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23																																																	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30																																																	
31																																																							
(L)+ - Library	(FH)*- Fell. Hall	(EC)**- Estes Cntr	CPA - Cumb. Presb. Achievers																																																				

Irregular Church Office Hours



Prayer Focus: Pray for our church leaders and the leadership workshop resuming Jan. 9 & 16.

Strategic Planning to the Highest Power

Praise

Jantzen's friend Janice doing well, Kathy Davis' friend Todd now open to the Word, Dorothy McCarty doing well, Sam Lively recertified as dental assistant, Diana Akins doing well after relapse, Cindy Chitwood's son-in-law Jeff (home & recovering from surgery), for our veterans, final Patch sales of \$50,148.81, lost mission money in India returned minus only \$32 for fees, Jantzen's friend Susan dismissed from hospital, Byron & Wanda Martins' family car accident safety, Simone & Tony Doles expecting baby

Sympathy

Family of Larry Moss (former pastor of Heights CPC), family of missionary Josh's wife (opportunities to share Christ in India)

Service

Gerald Files' grandson Christopher (Stateside), Deborah Hart's son-Sam (Stateside), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert (Spain), Caldwell's grandson Joe (Stateside), Mercers' grandson Judd (Stateside), Chris Reid (Stateside)

General

blessing of new cat for Kimber Davis

Health/Recovery

Deborah Hart's friend Trent (recovering after car accident and death of new wife), Ronnie Freeman's friend Billy (blood clots in legs), Pastor Harry Chapman's son-in-law (amputated leg), Cindy Chitwood's friend James (multiple symptoms), Vicki Carter (upcoming surgery 12/11), Darnell Dingle's friend Kathy (cyst near vital organs); **HOSPICE:** Kathy Davis' friend Todd; **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** Sam Lively's friend Wes (chemo), Genevieve Potts' friend Debi (stage 4 thyroid cancer), Ramani's brother Nick Mire, Linda Howell's brother Tony, Pam Gutierrez's sister-in-law Trish (chemo), Joy Doles (chemo), RoseAnn Lively's Aunt Lupe (chemo), Deborah Hart's friends Linda (chemo) & Donarex

Kingdom Work - Ministries of Cumberland:

Olde Christmas Towne outreach at Skatepark, strategic planning process, what the Holy Spirit wants CPC to look like in 2020, outpouring of the Holy Spirit on CPC, children's/youth ministry, revival, WHAM's outreaches, Fanning ministry at LCDC, CPC Ministry Teams, Family Promise, Melonie Park South neighborhood/Coachlight Apts.

Kingdom Work - Other Congregations:

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

13 Dec. - Memorial Baptist Church - Bob Fagan, Praise Chapel Christian Fellowship - Larry Ybarra, Redbud Baptist - Shon Wagner

20 Dec. - Refuge Outreach Center - Don Kubica, Carter Chapel CME Church - Leon Moore, Hope Deliverance Temple - Charles Tanner

27 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, Joe Caldwell, Helen Hunt, Ann McLaren, Billy & Elaine Mitchell, Anna Montgomery, Mary Lou Moore, Martha Payne, WE Pierce

TREASURER'S TALK

By Richard Trussell

A Spirituality of Fundraising

Fundraising is a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and inviting other people into our mission. Vision brings together needs and resources to meet those needs. Vision also shows us new directions and opportunities for our mission.

Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission. "We have a vision that is amazing and exciting." "We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you – your energy, your prayers, and your money- in this work to which God has called us." In fundraising as ministry, we are inviting people into a new way of relating to their resources. By giving people a spiritual vision, we want them to experience that they will benefit by making their resources available.

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work" (2 Cor. 9:8).

Stewardship Report, Oct. 2015

	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Avg. Weekly Attendance	69	67
Sunday Offering	\$14,342	\$164,267
Other Income Sources	\$17,142	\$167,548
Total Income	\$31,484	\$331,815
Total Operating Expenses	\$31,722	\$321,064
Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance		\$987,053.48



CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7702 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79423

Office Hours: M, T, TH, F, 8am to 4pm

(806) 792.3553 | Fax # (806) 792.8399

joy@cpclubbock.com | www. cpclubbock.com

Sunday service times: 9:30, 11:00



Cumberland Presbyterian 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
Administrative Assistant: Joy Doles

IN THIS ISSUE

- ⇒ Christmas Greeting
- ⇒ Christmas Around Cumberland
- ⇒ Angel Tree Deadline
- ⇒ Holiday Calendar
- ⇒ Outreaches, Caroling, Service & More

Elders

Diana Akins '16
Cindy Chitwood '16
Scott Fanning '17
Jerrie Pridmore '17

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

Deacons

Craig Hart '16
Deborah Hart '16
Genevieve Potts '16
Tim Rickman '16

Edie Fanning '17
Teresa Hill '17
Greg Akins '18
Don Cranford '18
Karen Reid '18

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

9:30 Classic Worship—Sanctuary
9:30 Bible Classes
10:30 Coffee Break—Fellowship Hall
11:00 Cumberland Praise—Sanctuary
11:00 Bible Classes
TBA Youth
4:00 Bell Choir—Fellowship Hall

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* Bible Study—Library
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Saturdays

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