

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

My current sermon preparation has got me thinking and praying a lot about a healthy Body of Christ – one in which good Biblical nutrients are regularly consumed and digested, with skin that is making contact with the needs of the world, the cells all knowing and doing their part. A healthy body responds instantly to the impulses coming from the brain (Jesus) and the refreshing oxygen (Holy Spirit) renews our cells 24/7.

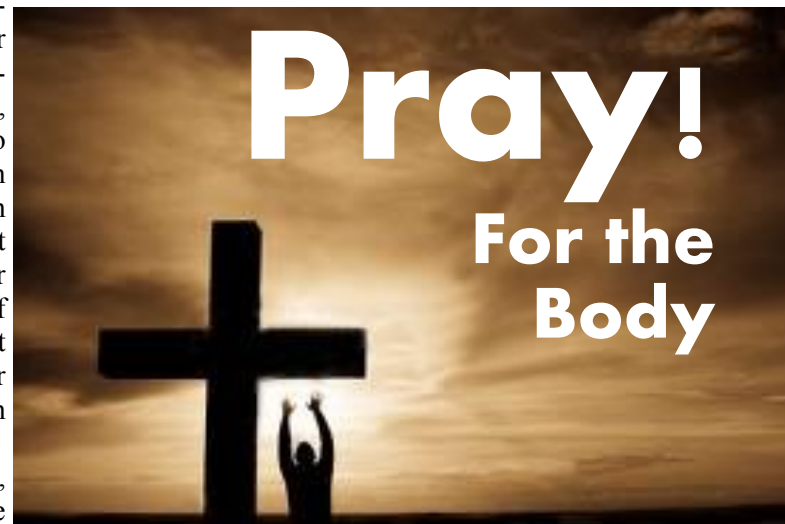
These ideas have drawn me to two books on my shelf: *The Healthy Church* by C. Peter Wagner and *Turn-Around Churches* by George Barna. Like a diagnostician for maladies afflicting churches, Wagner points out nine diseases that seem to distress the Body of Christ. One he describes is hypopneumia (hahy-poh-NOO-mee-uh). Hypo indicates a deficiency in something and pneumia is the word for “breath or spirit.” In layman’s terms, Wagner has discovered that while many churches and people acknowledge the existence of the Holy

Spirit, their daily life reflects a deficiency in reliance upon His constant refreshment of fruit, power and gifts.

Barna reports that in many cases, churches seeking new life and health often turn to organizational changes because that’s what organizations in the world do – they redefine their mission or restructure their personnel. Barna says, instead, they need to think like an organism and consider the health of their cells. What they need is greater individual health of their members brought about by greater healthy reliance upon the Holy Spirit.

Our preoccupation, if you will, should be to seek more of the Holy Spirit’s fruit (love, peace, patience... Gal. 5:22-23), power (“God has given us a spirit of power... II Tim. 1:7) and gifts (We have been given gifts... Rom. 12:6). ***Dependency upon the Holy Spirit and prayer are inseparably linked.*** That prayer must involve

you and me! As Barna points out: “It is not enough for the pastor to pray fervently, nor is it sufficient for a leadership team to pray ardently on behalf of the congregation. Until the church owns prayer as a world-class weapon on the battle against evil and cherishes prayer



as a means of intimate and constant communication with God, the efforts of a body are severely limited, if not altogether doomed to failure.”

Join me as we seek God’s life in us through prayer on Thursdays at 1:00 or 6:30.

-Steve

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All-Church Benefit Lasagna Dinner



Give a hand up to
OUR UNITED OUTREACH
and enjoy a wonderful, free
Lasagna Luncheon Dinner
Noon, Sunday, Feb. 9
in Fell. Hall

AROUND CUMBERLAND

Announcements



Won't you join us for **PRAYER** on Thursdays at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room &/or 6:30pm in the Sanctuary!

Youth will *not* meet in the Estes Center on Feb. 2 or 9, but **WILL** meet there on the 16th and 23rd at 5:00.

Youth will meet at the Varghese home at 5:00 on the Feb. 2 and meet in the Estes Center parking lot at 4:30 on Feb. 9.

The **Deacons** will meet in the library Mon., Feb. 3, 6:30pm.

Don't miss the **CP Achievers' February potluck and program** on Wed., Feb. 5, beginning at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Pastor's Bible study meets in the Fireside Room on Thurs., at noon. We are finishing our study of Hebrews. *Anyone* may come at *any* time!

All **MEN** are invited to the third series of **Men's Fraternity**. It will meet every Thurs. in Feb. at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. You won't want to miss it!

WHAM!!—Women Helping Advance Missions—will meet Sat., Feb. 8, 10:00am in the Library. Dana Bearden, Director of Methodist Children's Home's Lubbock office, will be our special guest. Bring a box of diapers to share with those in need, if you are able.

The **Session** will meet in the Library Mon., Feb. 10, 6:30pm.

The **Caregivers Support Group** will meet Fri., Feb. 14, 10:00am in the Library.

The **Pilgrim's Progress and New Testament Bethel Bible Studies** meet on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Fireside Rm. & Library respectively.

Please contact the church office (792.3553 or joy@cpclubbock.com) if you are interested in receiving **home communion**.

Thank You's

Cumberland,

Thanks so much for the basket of goodies; it was so thoughtful!

~Vanessa Bruce, SCS Technology Teacher

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$100 for the Student Scholarships. Your generosity significantly impacts our ability to fulfill the mission of Memphis Theological Seminary, which in turn significantly impacts the mission to which each of our students has been called.

Grace & Peace,

Daniel J. Earheart-Brown, Ph.D,
Pres. & Prof. of Theology
Memphis Theological Seminary

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your contribution to Cumberland. Your \$100 donation supports our mission to children and families by providing healing and hope. Residents in our children's residential care, the children's emergency shelter, and single parent family programs have a chance to make a new beginning here.

Sincerely,

Rev. Richard A. Brown, LCCA
Pres., CEO & Gen. Counsel of
Cumberland Pres. Children's Home

Dear Friends at Lubbock CPC:

It is with deep appreciation that I write to thank you for your gift of \$100 to Bethel University. The support of the Cumberland Presb. Church contributes greatly to Bethel's life and work, and I am deeply appreciative of your interest in your University.

Sincerely,

Walter Butler

Interim Pres., Bethel University

(To see the above 3 notes in their entirety, please check the church bulletin board near the south entrance to the church.)

From the Deacon's Bench



By Greg Akins

Tonight when I left work, I put on a heavy coat and gloves. Just a simple act, I suppose, to most people, including myself. After all, it is winter and we need to wear a coat. Suddenly, I thought, what would I do if I did not have a coat?

This is a need in our city where there are people without the basic necessities such as warm clothing during winter: hence, our "Winter Coat Drive" project. Does one small act of kindness and concern through the giving of a warm coat change the life of one person or of many?

We have pondered the question of charity and compassion toward our fellow man through the ages in great literature, both secular and Biblical. "Mad. Who knows where madness lies? Perhaps to see treasure where there is only trash is mad. But maddest of all is to see the world as it is and not as it should be." (*Don Quixote* by Michael Cervantes) More importantly, I believe that Christ taught us that it does make a difference! For Christ said in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

We, as your deacons, thank you for your support of this project and know that by changing the life of one person through Christ, we can change the world.



Monthly Meetings

Deacons Meeting (Library)	Feb. 3, 6:30
WHAM! Meeting (Library)	Feb. 8, 10:00
Session Meeting (Library)	Feb. 10, 6:30
Caregivers Support Group (Library)	Feb. 14, 10:00
Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)	Feb. 17, 6:30
Regular Ministry Teams	Feb. 17, 7:00

Weekly Meetings

Sunday Services	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00
Sunday School	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday Coffee Break—Fell. Hall	10:30
Sunday Youth—Estes Center, Bells—Fell. Hall	5:00
Tuesday Staff Meeting—Office	12:30
Tuesday Home Group—6805 Nashville	6:30
Wednesday CP Achievers—Buns Over Texas	11:00
	Games to follow in Fell. Hall
Wednesday Bible Studies	6:00
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	7:00
Thursday Pastor's Bible Study—Fell. Hall	Noon
Thursday Prayer Time—Fireside & Sanctuary	1:00/6:30
Thursday Men's Fraternity—Fellowship Hall	5:30p
Saturday Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café	8:30
Saturday Worship Team Practice—Estes Center	2:00

AROUND CUMBERLAND

Two Events for Youth!

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

SUNDAY, FEB. 2
5:00PM
VARGHESE HOME

THE ROCK & WORSHIP ROADSHOW

Feb. 9, 6:00pm United Spirit Arena
\$10 at the door
Meet in the EC lot at 4:30pm!

Sunday, Feb. 2 is the last day for our coat drive. Please leave coats you don't use any more &/ or new blankets in the box in the narthex. Please be sure they are in good condition and clean.

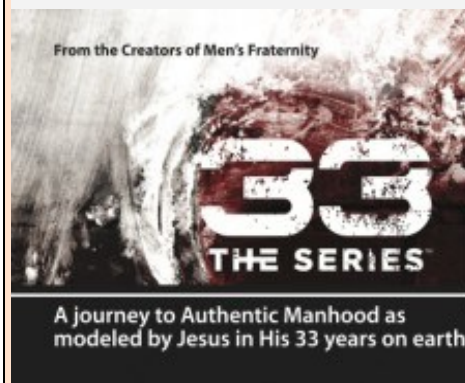


From the **Joybox**

- Our visit to the Brooklyn Tabernacle was joyous—people on the front line, keeping people in the inner-city praising God for His abundant passion! Hallelujah!
- 22 Jan. Thank You for my daily joy! Thank You for the love of my friends! ~Kathy Davis
- I'm thankful for my 86 years—and still going! ~Bobby Hughes
- I enjoyed a special blessing Sunday, 11 Jan., with my brother Clay & wife Jeanie, elder and deacon respectively, in Marshall, TX CPC—150 year old church—and with Pastor William Rustinhaven, III. ~Sam Estes
- What a joy to see Your unfathomable creativity in Your design of creation--especially our bodies!
- After several months of hunting for a ribbon (that is not made anymore) for the printer in the church library I was able to find one on the internet with the help of my daughter-in-law, Peggy.
- I am so joyful for CPC's outpouring of love to my family! ~Joy Doles
- I'm joyful that I can sing praises to the Lord—that I have everything that I need to praise Him!

Men's and Women's Ministry

All MEN are invited to
the next series of
Men's Fraternity
Every Thurs. in February
5:30pm in Fellowship Hall



LIVING PROOF
LIVE WITH BETH MOORE 
LUBBOCK, TX | JULY 11-12

Ladies of CPC!
Let's go together to a
Women's Conference
featuring **Beth Moore!**
Cost: \$59 before Mar. 11
\$69 after Mar. 11
RSVP to ediefanning@gmail.com



WHAM!!

Women Helping Advance
Missions

Sat., Feb. 8, 10:00am in the Library

Speaker: Dana Bearden, Director of
Methodist Children's Home's, Lubbock
Bring a box of diapers, if you are able.

From Your Personnel Ministry Leader...

Are you a muscle cell? White blood cell? Bone marrow? Basically, what is your function in the Body of Christ and how do we all connect and work as one for His purposes? That is the question. (Thank you, Hamlet!) Let's try to figure it out together! Your Personnel Ministry is asking that each and every one of you think about what you most enjoy doing! Most of us enjoy doing things that are not hard for us. Please note, that I distinguish "hard" from "challenging"! Challenges inspire some people. (Me being one of them!) However, something that is truly hard for someone to do, is generally avoided. I believe it is because God gives us each a different set of gifts. Thus, those gifts come easier to us!

On a piece of paper with your name on it, will you please write down that which you most enjoy doing and explain what aspect of the activity you most enjoy? For example, you may state that you most enjoy playing golf. We will need to know what about golf you most enjoy - being outdoors, camaraderie with friends, exercise, or challenge of improving, etc. Please bring your piece of paper to church on Sunday and place it in the basket in the Narthex or email it to the church office. I am so excited! It is going to be great fun to assemble our "body" and see what it looks like!

~Kathy Davis

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 Cof Hse Wrshp 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Cumb. Praise 10:30 Coffee Break 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Classic Wrshp 5:00 Youth (EC)** & Bell Choir (FH)*						1 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**
2 Communion Sunday See Sunday schedule above. Home Communion delivered after church Coat Drive Ends 5:00 Youth to Varghese Home for Super Bowl Party!	3 6:30 Deacons Meeting (L)+	4 12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:30 Fanning Home Group (6805 Nashville)	5 10:30 CPA (Potluck in FH*) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 Pilgrim's Progress & NT Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6 Noon Pastor's Bible Study (Fireside) 1:00 Prayer Time (Fireside) 5:30 Men's Frat. (FH)* 6:30 Prayer Time (Sanctuary)	7	8 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 10:00 WHAM!! Meeting (Library) 2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**
9 Denomination Day See Sunday schedule above. All-Church Lasagna Dinner Noon (FH)*	10 6:30 Session Meeting (L)+	11 12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:30 Fanning Home Group (6805 Nashville)	12 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 Pilgrim's Progress & NT Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	13 Noon Pastor's Bible Study (Fireside) 1:00 Prayer Time (Fireside) 5:30 Men's Frat. (FH)* 6:30 Prayer Time (Sanctuary)	14 Valentine's Day 10:00 Caregivers Support Group (L)+ 	15 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**
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Prayer Concerns



Praise

Charles got a job! Amy Rickman's surgery went well and she & Amanda were not hurt in car accident, Fannings become Outreach leaders, Kathy Davis' diver friend accepted at Wayland in spite of handicap, Ken & Pam Davis' new grandbaby—Corbin Bryce Acosta, Susan Stack's cousin Cheryl Purtell's doing well, thankful for our nursery worker-Alissia, Karen Reid's new grandson-Isaac, Bill Turner's granddaughter doing well and lupus free, Darnell Dingle's daughter's new job in OKC, Susan Stack's cousin Cheryl Purtell's surgery went well, Virginia Kinslow's daughter-in-law Peggy needs no surgery, RoseAnn Liveley's niece Brittney's recovery from pneumonia, Dorothy McCarty's sister-Mary-home after hospitalization and doing fine, Susan Stack's friend Judi out of hospital and doing well after light stroke, Craig Hart doing well after arm injury, Gerri Craghead finished cancer treatments, Don Cranford's friend Brandy home and doing great

Sympathy

Family of Cooks' neighbor Charles Brendle, Family of Jerrie Pridmore's cousin in the loss of son, Family of Tommie "Jean" Aaron (mother of Anna Ruth Aaron-DeSpain—Richardson), Family of Sonny Howell's mother—Martha

Service

Deborah Hart's son-Sam (stateside), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert (Spain), Benn Kinslow's grandson Ryan (South Korea), Caldwell's grandson Joe (Stateside), Mercers' grandson Judd (Stateside), Chris Reid (stateside), Cole Baack (Germany), Jason Westbrook (Albuquerque Police Dept.), military and first responders

General

Craig Hart's friend Danny Ludwig (lost two daughters in car accidents in last two years), Cisneros' friends-Perrins (transition, move to Ruidoso), Simone Rumph's sister's travel plans to Tunisia

Health/Recovery

Amy Rickman (recovery from surgery), Jerrie Pridmore's 2-year-old friend Ian Chavez (seeing specialist this week for deafness), Etta Powell (The Plaza 305), Stepheni Doles (safe/healthy upcoming baby delivery), Roswell shooting victims & shooter, Deborah Hart's mother-Marilyn (broken ankle), 7-year-old Priscilla who lost family in car accident (hospitalized with serious injuries), Scott Fanning's friend O.P. (palliative care), Margie Wilcox (The Plaza 107 B), Peggy Kinslow (torn tendon), Virginia Kinslow's granddaughter Megan (dizziness/headaches); **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** Kathy Davis' friend Mark, Ronnie Freeman's friend David Boothe, Margaret Choban, Juanita Craig's daughter-in-law Jo, Sonny Moore, Jason & Rhonda (chemo) Williams & Rhonda's mother-Eunice, Karen Martin's brother Ken Leckie, Dowe Mayfield, LaVeda Davis, Margie Stevenson, Greg Cisneros

Kingdom Work - Ministries of Cumberland:

Provision for CPC Vision, WHAM's outreaches, CPC Outreach Ministry development, Matine Mwanje (Ugandan child support), Fanning ministry at LCDC, CPC Ministry Teams, Melonie Park South neighborhood/Coachlight Apt.s, Pray Lubbock

Other Congregations:

2 Feb. - Wolfforth Methodist Church - Rich Jones, Victory in Praise Christian Fellowship - Chris Moore, Generations Church - Ed Ainsworth

9 Feb. - Full Armor Ministries - Leonard Chatham, Monterey Baptist - Jim Brown

16 Feb. - The Fellowship - Dan Chrestman, Harvest Christian Fellowship - Justen Quebe, Focal Pointe Fellowship - Paul Lively

23 Feb. - Grace Beyond Walls - Robert Cortez, Westwood Evangelism Center - Steve Shaw, In Action Greater Works - RE McDowell

Other Ministries:

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

Homebound

Millie Armstrong, Tom Hudson, Helen Hunt, Mary Martin, Raymond & Ann McLaren, Anna Montgomery, Mary Lou Moore, Martha Payne, WE & Jena Pierce, Laura Yates

TREASURER'S TALK

By Richard Trussell

A Look Back

The term "per capita" expresses an average for each person. Per capita is useful in measuring the significance of a particular value. The total number of people in a group is determined first. In the case of a church, this could be average weekly attendance for a year. The next step is to determine the amount for which a per capita measure is to be calculated. For a church this could be Sunday offerings. Divide Sunday offerings by average weekly attendance to determine per capita giving.

For 2013 the average per capita giving at Cumberland Presbyterian Church was \$2,836. **This was a 17% increase over 2012.** In the 8 years between 2006 and 2013, per capita giving was the highest in 2013 even though the attendance was lower than in earlier years. Comparing per capita giving for the years 2006 – 2013 indicates that although attendance is lower, giving on a per capita basis has increased substantially.

The generosity of a smaller number of people continues to bless those touched by the ministries of Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Stewardship Report, Dec. 2013

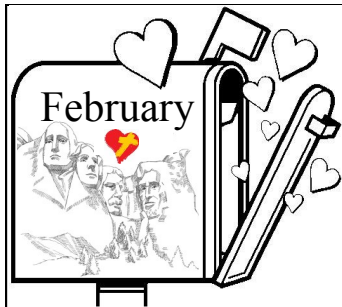
	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Jan.-Dec.</u>
Avg. Weekly Attendance	84	90
Sunday Offering	\$27,047	\$255,238
Other Income Sources	\$13,414	\$170,542
Total Income	\$40,461	*\$425,780
Total Operating Expenses	\$32,176	\$399,863
Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance		\$1,102,739.42
CPC Roof Repair Princ. Balance		\$74,646.09
Parking Lot Repair Princ. Balance		\$51,241.97

*Jan.—Dec. 2013 excess income partially due to borrowing \$18,000 of internal funds in Sept. and Oct. 2013.



CUMBERLAND CHURCH

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Sunday service times: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00



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

Dana Cook '14
Kathy Davis '14
Virginia Kinslow '14

Maria Cook '15
Gordon Downum '15
Marci Rickman '15

Diana Akins '16
Cindy Chitwood '16
Rod Johnson '16

Deacons

Greg Akins '14
Ronnie Freeman '14
Frank Varghese '14

Candy Baack '15
Vicki Carter '15
Ken Smith '15

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

<u>Sundays</u>	8:00	Coffee House Worship—Fellowship Hall
	9:30	Sunday School Classes
	9:30	Cumberland Praise—Estes Center
	10:30	Coffee Break—Fellowship Hall
	11:00	Sunday School Classes—Estes Center
	11:00	Classic Worship—Sanctuary
	5:00	Youth Group & Bells Rehearsal
<u>Tuesdays</u>	12:30	Staff Meeting—Office
	6:30	Home Group—6805 Nashville
<u>Wednesdays</u>	11:00	CPA's Lunch—Buns Over Texas
	12:00	CPA's Games—Fellowship Hall
	6:00	Pilgrim's Progress (Fireside Rm.) & NT Bethel Bible (Library) Studies
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursdays</u>	Noon	Pastor's Bible Study—Fireside Room
	1:00 & 6:30	Prayer Time—Fireside Room/Sanctuary
	5:30p	Men's Fraternity—Fell. Hall
<u>Saturdays</u>	8:30	Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café
	2:00	Worship Team Practice—Estes Center