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

Steve's Sentiments

I love Christmas for many reasons—the greatest of which is that God sent His Gift of our Savior. But another reason I like Christmas is that the Church gets outside the walls of a building to “fish” for people. I am encouraged to see this happen at Cumberland. How did we get outside the building this Christmas? Let’s look at a few ways....

Our youth started the season with coming alongside another congregation to help them serve a Thanksgiving meal to their community in North-East Lubbock. The Pantry of Care ladies gifted about 40 people, including our homebound members, with fruit baskets and visits. We in the office continued to hand out the deacons-supplied food boxes to the needy. The youth put together over 60 gift baskets that went to Coachlight Apartments, single moms at “My Father’s House”, and the church neighborhood. Church attendees caroled at the Coachlight Apartments, in our neighborhood and to our homebound. We

also bought nearly 50 gifts for the Salvation Army to give gifts to needy children. But Dec. 23 saw an exceptional day of outreach at CPC.

The day started with a call for a food box and a plea for help with Christmas

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gifts. It just so happened that someone from the church had already donated money for such a cause, so that gift was converted to a Wal-Mart gift card to present to the family with the food box. Someone gave money and others brought supplies and put together luminaries for the Christmas Eve service. Some other CPCers brought in Christ-

mas packages for a family in need; other CPCers bought groceries to give them. Someone paid a utility bill in order for a family to get their gas turned back on. The pastor’s discretionary fund (provided by the deacons) paid for some gas for a couple who was moving to Lubbock from Denver over the holiday. Another member bought a brand new stove for a single mom and her children who had been without one. Some little “elves” helped “Mom & Dad” clean the facility for a sick church housekeeper.

The church’s function is not to just sit in the pew, sing hymns and listen to a sermon. We need to be about the work of the Kingdom.

God’s Word says, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35) When we share with others, we display God’s love. Ministering outside the church is a great way to “go fishing” for souls and introduce our Lord to the world! May the seeds sown this Christmas season bring growth to the Kingdom of God!

-Steve

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AROUND CUMBERLAND

Announcements



Sunday, Jan. 5, 3:00pm



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

Youth will meet in the Estes Center on Sunday evenings in Jan. at 5:00, while the bell choir will meet in Fellowship Hall.

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

The **CP Achievers** will not meet Wed., Jan 1 but invite you to their **January potluck and program** on Wed., Jan. 8, beginning at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Pastor's Bible study will begin meeting again in the Fireside Room on Thurs., Jan. 9 at noon. We will finish our study of Hebrews. *Anyone* may come at *any* time!

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

The **Session** will meet in the library Mon., Jan. 13, 6:30pm.

The **Pilgrim's Progress and New Testament Bethel Bible Studies** will begin meeting again Wed., Jan. 8, at 6:00pm.

WHAM!!—Women Helping Advance Missions—will meet at 5:30 on Mon., Jan. 27 in the Library.

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



CPC donates nearly 50 gifts to help the Salvation Army give toys to needy children.

Thank You's

To Cumberland Friends: Thank you for the lovely Christmas basket. Thank you for thinking of us at this special time of the year. ~**Mary Lou & Sonny Moore**

To My Cumberland Friends:

Thank you for the basket of "goodies." It is a lovely surprise!! ~**Nancy Wright**

The family of Russel Montgomery, Jr. would like to thank the Cumberland family for the prayers, visits and cards offered during Russel's illness. We could not have gotten through this time of sorrow without the help of our friends and church family. The support you have shown us is much appreciated. The food and cards meant a lot to us. Thank you, and God's blessings on each of you. ~**Anna Montgomery, Marcia Lear & family and Lisa Green & family**

Thank you to all for your prayers and many expressions of caring. I am truly blessed to be a part of our church family. Blessings to all, ~**Wanda Martin**

Thanks to the Pantry of Care ladies for the beautiful basket of goodies! Y'all are special!! ~**Dowe and Mary Mayfield**

Many thanks to the ladies of the church for the fruit basket stuffed with so many goodies. It is always great fun to watch the kids eagerly open the basket and pull out the items they enjoy most. We appreciate your thoughtfulness! God bless, ~**Steve & Joy Doles, Jaquan, Travon & BayLynn**

From the Deacon's Bench



By Ken Smith

It is fast becoming a new year. At this time of the year it is common to think about the year ending. Some are just trying to finish the year and move on to the new one. Some have had a great year and just hope that the new one will be as good.

A few years ago at General Assembly one of the ministers used a quote that I found very inspiring and quite challenging. I will give you my version of the quote since I don't remember it exactly. "Never let your inability to not do everything, keep you from doing what you can do." How many times have we had a fantastic idea, but thought, "Oh, that is much more than I can do"? So we decide since I can't do it all, I won't do anything. Just remember that you are not alone; the church is a body. Just because you can't do it all, there will be someone else that can step in and do something and it keeps going. That is the way that a church operates. Every one of us can do something — as little as it seems — and then someone else can take over and keep working.

As our Ministry Teams have been telling us, everyone has something they can do. So let's try this next year to always try to do "what we can do" no matter how small it seems. There will be someone else who will take over. By working together we will all be amazed what we will be able to accomplish. Let's try to live the New Year always willing to do "what we can do."

Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts for children through our deacon-sponsored Salvation Army Angel Tree project!

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
Friday Men's Fraternity—Fellowship Hall	TBA
Saturday Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café	8:30
Saturday Worship Team Practice—Estes Center	2:00

Monthly Meetings

Deacons Meeting (Library)	Jan. 6, 6:30
Caregivers Support Group (Library)	Jan. 10, 10:00
Session Meeting (Library)	Jan. 13, 6:30
Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)	Jan. 20, 6:30
Regular Ministry Teams	Jan. 20, 7:00
WHAM! Meeting (Library)	Jan. 27, 5:30

AROUND CUMBERLAND

Deck the Halls—Below: a few of the apx. 25 people help decorate the church for Christmas after an unplanned combined service. One service was held because of slick, icy roads and freezing conditions. POC Fruit Baskets—Two Photos Below: Margaret Richardson puts final touches on one of the over 40 gift baskets distributed.



The Star of Christmas—Above: As part of this year's "Star of Christmas" theme, Kathy Davis presented a weekly drama sharing how the "Star", Jesus, brought her family hope & joy as they gloried in God's creation and gift.

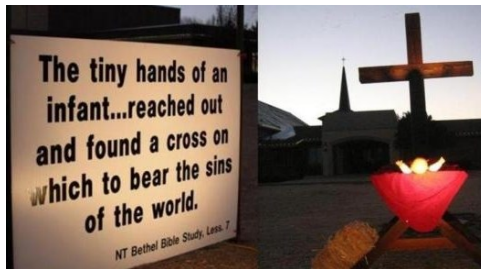
Christmas Caroling—At Right and Above Right: CPCers caroled to the Melonie Park South Neighborhood and to CPC homebound members.

Christmas Eve Service—At Right and Two Photos Right:

The Youth share Scripture and other Christmas readings, The Bell Choir plays with the organ and the congregation sings "Silent Night" in the candlelit sanctuary.



All-church Christmas dinner—Right: Sally Johnson gives a door prize to Joshua Varghese. Below right: Attendees enjoy a meal catered by Cotton Patch. Below: Many await the meal at the all-church Christmas dinner.



Youth Christmas Outreach—Left: The youth made Christmas baskets at their Christmas party. Below Manger Scene: The youth unload vehicles and take gift baskets to Coachlight Apartments, a complex in the Cumberland neighborhood.



Christmas Eve—At Left: The Youth wait for Pastor Doles to finish so they may take their turn at the podium.



January 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	2	3	4 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**
			No Regular Church Office Hours			
5 Communion Sunday See Sunday schedule above. Home Communion delivered after church 3:00 Undeck the Halls of the Church	6 1:30 Cumberland Visiting Ministry (L)+ 6:30 Deacons Meeting (L)+	7 12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:30 Fanning Home Group (6805 Nashville)	8 10:30 CPA (Potluck in FH*) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 Pilgrim's Progress & NT Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	9 Noon Pastor's Bible Study (Fireside) 1:00 Prayer Time (Fireside) 6:30 Prayer Time (Sanctuary)	10 10:00 Caregivers Support Group (L)+	11 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**
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26 See Sunday schedule above.	27 5:30 WHAM!! Meeting (Library)	28 12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:30 Fanning Home Group (6805 Nashville)	29 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 Pilgrim's Progress & NT Bible Study 7:00 Choir	30 Noon Pastor's Bible Study (Fireside) 1:00 Prayer Time (Fireside) 6:30 Prayer Time (Sanctuary)	31	
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Prayer Concerns



Praise

Tim Carter's graduation from SPC, CPC finance report & proposed 2014 budget, blessed Christmas celebration at CPC, Dowe Mayfield's 6-month check-up (good report), celebration of George Estes's retirement, youth Christmas outreach to Coachlight Apt., birth of Mary Roger's great-granddaughter-Brynn, Jordan Latimer graduated, all-church Christmas dinner, foot surgery not needed for Cooks' son-in-law, Hunter Hill doing well after septoplasty/tonsillectomy, Linda (Freeman) Barnes' surgery went well, Craig Hart much better, Jody Green's friend Bobby Boynton doing well

Sympathy

Family of former member Edith O'Brien, Family of Wayne Parker's friend Shirley Leon Garrison, Family of Russel Montgomery

Service

Civil Air Patrol encampment attendees (Frank & Jon Varghese, Jaquan & Travon Doles), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert (Spain), Benn Kinslow's grandson Ryan (South Korea), Caldwell's grandson Joe (Stateside), Mercers' grandson Judd (Stateside), Chris Reid (Vandenberg AFB, CA), Cole Baack (Germany), Jason Westbrook (Albuquerque Police Dept.), military and first responders

General

Holiday travels, Joan Baumann's neighbor Dorothy (job search), Vicki Carter's coworker Teresa (job search)

Health/Recovery

Candy Baack's niece Rikki Criswell (complication-free surgery Tues., Dec. 31), Bill Turner's granddaughter Amanda (blood clots), Edie Beckham (RSV, pneumonia), Virginia Kinslow's granddaughter Meagan (dizziness, to see neurologist), Dustin Adling (infection), Susan Stack's cousin Cheryl Purtell (infection/surgery, arterial blockages), Kathy Davis' friend Joe Caputo (severely injured soldier in Kuwait), Sally Johnson's friend Claudia (cancer & reconstructive surgery), Jo Craig (hospitalized again), Sally Renfro (complete healing after car accident); **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** Juanita Craig's daughter-in-law Jo, Gerri Craghead, 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, Matine Mwanje (Ugandan child support), Fanning ministry at LCDC, CPC Ministry Teams, Melonie Park South neighborhood/Coachlight Apt.s, Pray Lubbock

Kingdom Work (Cont.)

Other Congregations:

6 Jan. - Indiana Avenue Baptist - Steve McMeans, The Heights Fellowship - Mike Martindale, South Plains Church of Christ - Jim Brewer

13 Jan. - Trinity Church - Carl Toti, The Springs Fellowship - Phil McClendon

20 Jan. - Family Harvest Church - Bracken Christian, International Christian Fellowship - Al Gary, Friends of God - Mike Lewis

27 Jan. - First Christian Church - Herb Lynskey, Raintree Christian Church - Brent McCall, Keepers of the Flame - Johnny Davis

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

The Thankful Exchange

When we were children, most of us learned to use the words **please** and **thank you**. At first, we weren't entirely sure why the words were so important, but in most cases good things happened when they were used. The message behind thank you seems to be this: I am acknowledging something offered to me.

The thank you exchange is an indispensable element to all healthy human relationships: friendships, marriage, family, etc. Neglect it, and, over a period of time, the quality of any of those relationships deteriorates. There is something in many of us that finds saying thank you difficult, or humbling, or just plain unnecessary. Thanksgiving unexpressed is no thanksgiving at all.

The apostle Paul expressed thankfulness to challenge the Colossians to grow into true Christian maturity. Note some examples. To the Romans: I thank my God for all of you. To the Ephesians: I have not stopped giving thanks for you. To the Philippians: I thank my God every time I think of you. Paul understood the thankful exchange.

To all who provided financial support to Cumberland Presbyterian Church during 2013, **thank you!**

Stewardship Report, Nov. 2013

	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Avg. Weekly Attendance	84	92
Sunday Offering	\$23,725	\$228,191
Other Income Sources	\$12,119	\$157,128
Total Income	\$35,844	*\$385,319
Total Operating Expenses	\$29,466	\$367,686
Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance		\$1,107,791.42
CPC Roof Repair Princ. Balance		\$77,782.10
Parking Lot Repair Princ. Balance		\$52,095.05

*Jan.—Nov. excess income partially due to borrowing \$18,000 of internal funds.



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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
<u>Fridays</u>	TBA	Men's Fraternity—Fell. Hall
<u>Saturdays</u>	8:30	Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café
	2:00	Worship Team Practice—Estes Center