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Steve's Sentiments

Do You Hear What They Hear?

One of the messages that came through to me personally over this past Christmas season is how readily God communicates with His people. He communicated with Zachariah that he would father a prophet named John (the Baptist); Elizabeth knew, through a revelation of God, that the baby Mary was carrying was Elizabeth's Lord; God visited Mary, via an angel, to let her know she would have a baby named Jesus; God spoke to Joseph in a dream telling him the significance of this baby and urging him to stay with Mary; God invaded the shepherd's field with angelic announcements of Jesus' birth; God told Simeon, through the Holy Spirit, that Simeon would not die before seeing the Messiah in his lifetime. Does this not make you wonder if God wants to **communicate** with us more today?

First Samuel 3 and verse 1 tells us that in the days of Samuel, "...Word from the Lord was rare in those days, visions were infrequent." There are times when direct communication from God wanes. Why is this? This chapter in 1 Samuel demonstrates just how out-of-practice the priest Eli was at listening for God. Maybe we don't hear from God because we are not listening. Zachariah heard God while serving and praying in the temple; Elizabeth, righteous and walking blamelessly with God, heard Him at home; Mary, a devoted bond-slave of the Lord, heard and was ready to do whatever the Lord would say; Joseph heard the Lord while resting; Simeon seemed to be perpetually attuned to the Holy Spirit.

As 2012 approaches and is upon us, who will join me at making an effort to position ourselves such that we can hear a word from the Lord and see visions? Peter said in a sermon (Acts 2:17) that we are now in a period of time where our sons and daughters will prophesy, our young men will see visions, and our old men will dream dreams. My prayer is that in this year 2012, sons and daughters, men and women, young and old will step up and we will see an increase in our reception to God's communication with us!

~Steve

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Father,
Grant us gratitude enough to look backward and be thankful;
courage enough to look forward and be hopeful;
faith enough to look upward and be humble;
kindness enough to look outward and be helpful. Amen.



*Happy
New
Year!*

AROUND CUMBERLAND

Thank You's

Dear Church Family:

I wanted to express my **heartfelt thanks** to all of you who have shown me and my family support during Aaron's illness and sudden death. Your love, phone calls, food, flowers, donations, and most of all the many prayers have given us comfort during this time. God has truly blessed me with such a loving and caring church family. Next to God and his family, Aaron loved this church and he would have been truly touched at the outpouring you have shown us.

Love to all of you,

~Virginia Kinslow

Thank you for the lovely fruit basket and tea. Someone went to a lot of trouble to make those. Glad our name was on the receiving list!

~Mary & Sonny Moore

CPC Friends,

Thank you for the basket of fruit and candy. I sent it home with John. We will open it when I get home tomorrow. I almost said to put it under the tree. Then I remembered we do not have a tree up. We have a small one I may get out and put on the chest in the living room. Thanks to Margaret Richardson and Elaine Pope for their visit and for bringing the Christmas basket.

Sincerely,

~John & Louise Kennedy

Thank you so much for everything the church has done for Aaron (Taylor) and his group. The guys really appreciate and are grateful for everything that's been sent. Receiving things from home really helps boost morale. Please continue keeping the troops and their safe return in your prayers. I really am thankful for your church and the people in it for being such great supporters.

~Susan Taylor (wife of Aaron Taylor)



Thank You's, con't.

A big **THANK YOU** to the ladies of the church that made Christmas fruit baskets. I am enjoying the one Karen Martin delivered to me. I also enjoyed her visit. I love this church and the people in it.

May God be with you and yours this beautiful Christmas season.

~Melba Watson

Ladies of CPC,

Thank you very much for the beautiful, festive fruit basket with which you blessed our family! There was only tinsel and an orange or two left in the basket the day after we received it. "Mom" would like to have looked at it a few days, but the kids had other ideas. We all enjoyed it so much! Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

~The Steve Doles Family

Patricia Simpson called the church to **thank the ladies** for the fruit basket she found at her doorstep when she returned from Dallas.

This extra-special **thank you** note sent to you today, holds more appreciation than any words can say...for you're among the nicest of any people I have known, and you'll never be forgotten for the thoughtfulness you've shown.

~Laura Yates

CVM and POC, **Thank you** so much for the Welcome Home Christmas Basket—it looks delicious & I know I will enjoy the fruit and your kindness. It is good to be home. May the joy of this season be with you all.

~Jean Gunn



Ollie Baucom Circle will meet on **Mon., Jan. 16 in Fellowship Hall**. Maria Cook will give a presentation. Bring a brown bag lunch; light refreshments will be served.



6—Ty Williams
12—Don Dennis
14—Bettie Woodruff
15—Eddie Delavan
17—Will Stewart
19—Abbey Beckham
26—Bobby Hughes
27—Michael Woodruff
30—Greg Akins
31—Sharon Beckham

2—Don & Mary Lewis
8—Larry & Robbie Davis Bochantin
27—Kenneth & Pam Davis

Weekly Meetings

Sunday Services	8:30, 9:45 & 10:55
Sunday School	9:30 & 10:45
Sunday Coffee Break—Fell. Hall	10:30
Sunday Open Gym	5:00
Sunday Evening Prayer Clinic—Fireside Room	6:00
Sunday Assembling Military Pkgs.	6:00
Wednesday CP Achievers	1st Wednesday, 10:30 (Pot Luck in Fell. Hall)
	Other Wednesdays, (Buns Over Texas) 11:00
	Games to follow in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Bible Study—Library	6:00
Wednesday Choir	7:15
Thursday Bible Study—Library	Noon
Saturday Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café	8:30
Saturday Worship Team Practice—Estes Center	11:00

AROUND CUMBERLAND, Cont.

CPC Celebrates the Birthday of The King

Cumberland began its Christmas celebration with Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 4, in the Estes Center. Four weekly Bible studies that "Led to the Manger," taught about Old Testament prophecy, the time between the Old and New Testaments that set the stage for Christ's arrival, John the Baptist's role of preparing the way, and circumstances surrounding Mary and Joseph. Poinsettias adorned the sanctuary, the Advent candle was lit each Sunday and the choir sang carols. A youth band ensemble and early elementary children blessed the congregation with songs on Christmas Eve as we lit candles, sang and worshipped our Savior. We experienced an impromptu Christmas pageant Christmas morning when attendees acted out Luke's account of the Christmas story while Pastor Steve read Scripture. We do hope the Lord was blessed as we celebrated His birth!



Left: Caesar (Joe Caldwell) issues a decree via a Roman soldier (Randy Beckham) that all the Roman world should be counted.

Below: Christopher Cisneros, 16, directs the youth ensemble which played "Joy to the World" at the church's

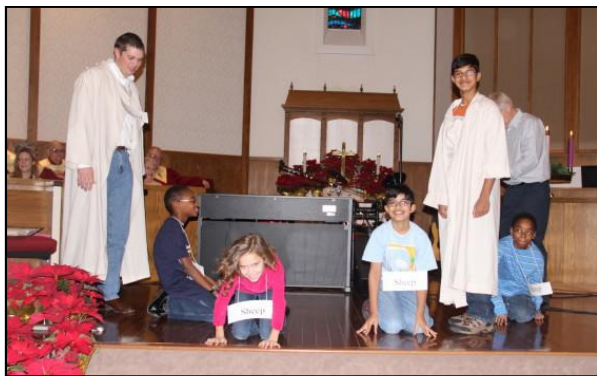


Christmas Eve Service.



Above: Jack Dannheim helps Elder Tom Martin collect money for Church Christmas Dinner.

Below: Christmas dinner is served in the Estes Center.



Above: Joseph (Tony Doles) and Mary (Bonnie Fanning) register in Bethlehem and bear a Son, Jesus, while there.

Left: Shepherds (Bryce Moore & Jonathan Varghese) keep watch over their flock (Jaquan & BayLynn Doles, Joshua Varghese & Travon Doles).



Left: An angel (Katie Dannheim) appears to the shepherds to tell of Christ's birth. A host of angels (CPC choir) joins the angel & sings.

Monthly Meetings

Deacons' Meeting (Library)	Jan. 2, 6:30
Session Meeting (Library)	Jan. 9, 6:30
Grace Circle (Fell. Hall)	Jan. 12, 6:30
Caregivers Support Group (Library)	Jan. 13, 10:00
Ollie Baucom Circle	Jan. 16, 11:30
Christian Ed. Ministry Team (Library)	Jan. 16, 6:30

Southcrest Connection

Please be aware that some of the events below may cause traffic issues at the church:

SCS Calendar Items of Interest

Jan. 2	Inservice (teachers only)
Jan. 3	School Resumes
Jan. 25	Early Release/Teacher Inservice

JANUARY 2012

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
Communion Sunday 8:30 Cof. Hse. Wrshp 9:30 Sunday School 9:45 Cumb. Praise 10:30 Coffee Break 10:45 Sunday School 10:55 Classic Wrshp	Church Office Closed 6:30 Deacons Mtng (L)+		10:30 CPA (Pot Luck in FH*) 12:00 Games (FH)* No Choir			8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 11:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**
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(L)+—Library	(FH)*—Fellowship Hall	(EC)**—Estes Center				

February 2012

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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			



Prayer

Concerns

Praise

Marriage of Kendall Chitwood & Bryce Moore, Cranston Reid's back feeling better, H. Lynn Mercer's surgery went well, Richard Rodgers in remission—spending Christmas in Ruidoso, Louise Kennedy returned home after rehab, Cooks' grandchildren feeling better, Lillian Noble's friend Jeremy Owens got a job, Monte Beckham was baptized and joined a church fellowship, Sharon Beckham's friend Lisa was well enough to travel over the holidays, Jean Gunn moved back to Lubbock, Candice Hontz graduated from nursing school, Don Cranford's friend Allen responding to cancer therapy

Sympathy

Family of Aaron Kinslow, Family of Teresa Hill's friend Monica (stillborn grandbaby), Family of Susan Stack's sister-in-law Barbara Lovett Bess, Family of Robbie Bochantin's cousin Margaret Ann Speer Bufo McDuff

Service

Mercer's grandson Judd Latimer (Middle East), Chris Reid (Vandenberg AFB, CA), Juanita Craig's nephew Josh Prendle (Afghanistan), Craghead's grandson Aaron Taylor (Afghanistan), Cole Baack (Ranstein AFB, Germany), Rebecca Kennedy (San Angelo), Jason Westbrook (Albuquerque Police Dept.), Military and first responders

General

Leonard Brannon (direction in ministry), Homelessness in Lubbock, Bobby Cates (How to Save a Life), Revival! James & Beka Schroder (awaiting baby to adopt)

Health/Recovery

Jessie Ingley (recovering at home), Greg Cisneros (AA, tissue cancer), H. Lynn Mercer (recovering at home), Cindy Chitwood's friend Cannon Watson (broken neck), El Paso CPC Pastor Lee Bondurant (knee surgery Dec. 30), Ann McLaren (fractured vertebrae), Jerry Noble (God's presence & comfort during recovery), John Baumann's sister Lois (heart problems), Sharon Beckham's friend Lisa (colon cancer), Helen Hunt (recovery at home), Randy Beckham (colitis), Dana Cook (radiation), Caldwell's neighbors Bob & Janelle (UMC) Bevers (cancer therapies), Kathy Davis' friend Kendra [Decker] Ferry (lymphoma), Rhonda Williams (chemo/health & strength following cancer recurrence), Monte Beckham (radiation/chemo), Naomi Hillis (cellulitis & tremors), Dana Cook's Aunt Elizabeth (hospice), Eriq Neale (chemo), Dingle family friend Fred Ewing (lymphoma/skin cancer), Cooks' neighbor Angelo (pancreatic cancer)

Kingdom Work

Cumberland Church, CPC's ministry to Melonie Park South neighborhood

Ministries of Cumberland:

Cumberland Praise Service, Pantry of Care, Family Promise, Caregivers' Support Group, CP Achievers, Cumberland Visiting Ministries, Grace Circle, The Session and Diaconate, Ollie Baucom Circle, "How to Save a Life", Growth Groups

Other Congregations: Next Column

Kingdom Work, Other Congregations

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

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

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

22 Jan. - First Christian Church - Michael Passmore, Raintree Christian Church - Brent McCall, Keepers of the Flame - Johnny Davis

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

Other Ministries:

Family Promise, Southcrest Christian School, Pray Lubbock, Chaplain Sam Hontz (Lubbock Co. Jail) & "How to Save a Life", Ministries to the Homeless — Link Ministries & Carpenter's Church

Shut-ins & Caregivers

Gordon & Virginia Downum, Naomi Hillis, Tom Hudson, Jessie Ingley, Coach Cal & Doris Lowry, Mary Martin, Raymond & Ann McLaren, Mary Moore, Martha Payne, W. E. & Jena Pierce, Etta Powell, John & MaryLo Thurman, Laura Yates

TREASURER'S TALK

By Richard Trussell

A Precious Commodity

When we stop to count our blessings, we find they are many. The blessings of such things as money, relationships, and time all require the use of good stewardship.

Sooner or later, we all become preoccupied with time and making the most of what we have. Yet the value we place on time will be different for each of us based on our perception of it.

To realize the value of one year, ask a student who failed a final exam. To realize the value of one month, ask the mother of a premature baby. To realize the value of one week, ask the editor of a weekly magazine. To realize the value of one day, ask a daily wage laborer with kids to feed.

To realize the value of one hour, ask two people in love waiting to reunite. To realize the value of one minute, ask the person who barely missed the train. To realize the value of one second, ask the person who just avoided an accident. To realize the value of one millisecond, ask the person who won a silver Olympic medal.

Resolve to make a wise investment of your time in 2012. It could pay eternal dividends.

Stewardship Report, Nov. 2011

	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Avg. Weekly Attendance	98	93
Budgeted Reg. Offering	\$16,000	\$192,000
Actual Reg. Offering	\$18,000	\$198,992
Off. (Under)/Over Budget	\$2,000	\$6,992
Other Income Sources	\$24,157	\$107,097
Total Operating Income	\$42,157	\$364,719
Total Operating Expenses	\$33,174	\$362,365
Inc. (Under)/Over Expenses	\$8,983	\$2,354
Bldg Loan Princ. Balance		\$1,225,381.44



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Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Sam R. Estes
Church Treasurer: Richard Trussell
Choir Director: Carolyn Hefner
Organist: Sue Suttle-Smith
Housekeeping: Corina Bermea
Nursery: Kinsey Zotz
Administrative Assistant: Joy Doles

DONATIONS NEEDED

⇒ **thermal underwear**
⇒ **wool socks**
for our friends at Tent City. Deacons will be collecting until Jan. 13. Collection box in church narthex.

Elders

Karen Caldwell '12
Billy Mitchell '12
Susan Stack '12
Scott Fanning '13
Tom Martin '13
Dorothy McCarty '13
Dana Cook '14
Kathy Davis '14

Deacons

Erin Akins '12
Edie Fanning '12
Teresa Hill '12
Karen Reid '12
Sharon Beckham '13
Karen Martin '13
Mike Westbrook '13
Greg Akins '14
Ronnie Freeman '14
Jordon Latimer '14

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

8:30 Coffee House Worship—Fellowship Hall
9:30 Sunday School Classes
9:45 Cumberland Praise—Estes Center
10:30 Coffee Break—Fellowship Hall
10:45 Sunday School Classes—Estes Center
10:55 Classic Worship—Sanctuary
5:00 Open Gym
6:00 Prayer Clinic—Fireside Room
6:00 Military Care Pkgng—Library

Wednesdays

11:00 CPA's Lunch—Buns Over Texas
12:00 Games—Fellowship Hall
6:00 Bethel Bible Study—Library
7:15 Choir

Thursdays

Noon Bible Study

Saturdays

8:30 Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café
11:00 Worship Team Practice—Estes Center