

# **O** CUMBERLAND CHURCH **UTLOOK**

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## **Steve's Sentiments**

Who was the Master thrilled with when He came back in the *parable of the talents* (Matt. 25:14-30)? The pragmatist.

Dictionary.com defines *pragmatist* as “a person who is oriented toward the success or failure of a particular line of action, thought, etc.; a practical person.” I think that if we understand the concept of being a pragmatist, we can better understand Jesus’ parable. In fact, in Luke’s account of a similar parable, the one giving the “talents” (literally “funds”) tells the recipients to “pragmatize” with these funds; the NASB translates it “do business” (Luke 19:13). To “pragmatize” means to use the funds in such a way that there is success demonstrated by increase in the particular line of action or thought.

I would like to propose that in 2013, we “pragmatize” with the resources our Master has given us. I am suggesting that we evaluate

The church

ON

purpose

our efforts, programs, services, ministries, expenditures, initiatives, etc. by the success or failure of these activities to bring increase in the purposes of the church. *The Church on Target* by Joe Ellis, calls these activities the “Kingdom Enterprise.” We are a church on purpose and our Master is eager to see increase in His Enterprise: the redemption of the people of our world.

What does success in this enterprise look like? According to the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) it looks like people becoming disciples, people being welcomed for the first time into faith in Jesus, people learning to walk with Jesus in obedience and freedom. According to the Great Commandment (Matt. 22:37-40), success looks like people loving God with passion, sincerity and common sense, and people loving and doing for others as they would do for themselves.



Let’s be a church on purpose! Being a pragmatist does not mean uncaring, it means exactly the opposite – caring enough to make sure that our recourses are hitting the target and resulting in more people living, loving, serving, giving, growing, proclaiming, discipling, and worshiping. When the Master came back, he was thrilled with the steward who “pragmatized!”

-Steve

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## AROUND CUMBERLAND



Visiting Ministry,

**Thank you** for the many things you do for us—the good food, visits, and the birthday party with cake & flowers and cards for the two of us. God bless you!

Love, ~W.E. & Jena Pierce

Pantry of Care,

The Christmas basket is very festive, goodies are delicious, and your delivery is just what the doctor ordered.

**Thank you,** ~Dorothy McCarty

Cumberland Visiting Ministry,

We all want to **thank you** for the gift baskets you gave us for Christmas. How fun the baskets were and how delicious the food was. May the Lord continue to bless you and your work for Him!

~The Steve Doles Family

Cumberland Church,

**Thank you** for remembering me with the lovely Christmas basket. We're already enjoying it. Regards,

~Mary Lou & Sonny Moore

CPC,

**Thank you** for all your kind expressions of love and your cards & gifts over the holiday. They truly warmed our hearts! God bless you all in the new year!

~The Steve Doles Family

Dear Cumberland Ladies,

**Thank you** so much for the Christmas basket full of goodies! You are such a sweet, thoughtful group of ladies. I hope you all have a merry Christmas and a blessed 2013.

Thanks again, ~Rhonda Hathaway  
(SCS preschool teacher)

Cumberland,

**Thank you** and Merry Christmas! Love,

~The SCS Cumberland Teachers

Visiting Ministry,

You are special! **Thank you** for the Christmas basket! What a surprise! You are dear to us.

Love, ~Dowe & Mary Mayfield



### FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

By Sharon Beckham

In January, the Deacons will begin allocating funds for the various ministries that they serve. Meal-on-wheels, Salvation Army and Neighborhood House received much-needed funds from the CPC Deacons. We also sent out our yearly contribution to OUO.

In December, the Deacon's provided the homeless at Tent City a meal during the Christmas Holiday and a prayer walk. Blessing bags for the homeless will still be available for our congregation to hand out. We continue to provide funds for the Bibles for the jail ministry of Edie and Scott Fanning.

Food boxes for the needy will continue as this is a much needed ministry.

We are helping out with Adopt-A-School to assist those that are involved with guiding our most precious gifts.

If you know of a ministry that the deacons should look into, please contact one of the deacons and we will be happy to look into it. We are always looking for ways to better serve those in need.

### Southcrest Connection

Calendar items that may effect CPC:

Jan. 1-7 School's Christmas Holiday (Cont.)  
Tues., Jan. 8 School Resumes

### Monthly Meetings

Deacons Meeting (Library)	Jan. 7, 6:30
Caregivers Support Group (Library)	Jan. 11, 10:00
Session Meeting (Library)	Jan. 14, 6:30
Ollie Baucom Circle (Fell. Hall)	Jan. 21, 11:30
Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)	Jan. 21, 6:30
Regular Ministry Teams	Jan. 21, 7:00
Grace Circle (Fell. Hall)	Jan. 28, 6:30

### *Aaron Kinslow Tree Dedication*



The tree planted in Cumberland's front yard last summer was given by the deacons in memory of Aaron Kinslow's many contributions to this congregation—particularly to the building and grounds. There was a brief tree dedication service immediately following the Classic Worship Service on Sunday, Dec. 30, out in the front yard. Although it was cold, a good crowd gathered and hearts were warmed by the memory of Aaron's service.

## Christmas 2012 at CPC



### Christmas Décor

The Cumberland sanctuary looked beautiful again this year with the 12 ft. Christmas tree, illuminaria and 70 poinsettias.

### 2NO-U Event More than Just Cookies



On Sun. evening, Dec. 2, about 35-40 folks gathered in Fellowship Hall to get to know one another a little better. They each made a small gingerbread house to contribute to a village. They were challenged to share the Christmas story and lots of cookies with friends and co-workers. Pages with Christmas memories and traditions were shared by all. The evening ended with a feast of cookies and coffee. Then everyone took cookies home with them. Many thanks to Edie Fanning for her work on and gift of the gingerbread house candies and cookies.

### Caroling

Christmas 2012 offered four opportunities for folks to go Christmas caroling. The deacons and others went to Tent City on Sat., Dec. 15. The second group went out on Sun. evening, Dec. 16, to our neighbors in the Melonie Park South addition. Two groups sang to our homebound the evenings of Dec. 20 and 21. The groups of carolers also enjoyed snacks together.



### Christmas Dinner Theater



How blessed about 80 Cumberland folks were to enjoy a delicious Ollie Baucom's annual Christmas dinner, catered by United. The evening began in the Estes Center on Dec. 9. Following the dinner, everyone walked over to the sanctuary and joined about 75 more parents and children for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a play performed by Southerest Christian School's middle and high school drama class. A reception of cookies and punch took place following the pageant.

### Cumberland's Visiting Ministry/ Pantry of Care Blesses Many



On Friday, Dec. 14, Cumberland ladies met in the library to put together Christmas baskets. Forty-five baskets were given to Cumberland's homebound, new members & visitors to the church, and to the Southcrest's faculty and staff who work at Cumberland.

### Deacons Minister at Tent City

Cumberland deacons organized a Christmas outreach to our friends at



Tent City on Sat., Dec. 15. The group from CPC took a hot meal, sang Christmas carols and prayed over the residents there.

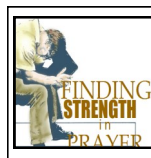
### Christmas Eve Service



Cumberland's Christmas celebration culminated in our annual candlelight service. About 100 folks came out to enjoy the Scripture, carols and candles. A youth band ensemble played, the children sang, and a small bell ensemble accompanied the final songs.



Sunday evenings offer a fun opportunity to make and package things for our homebound. ANY-ONE may meet in the library at 6:00pm (Leaders: Joan Baumann, Genevieve Potts).



Prayer IS the battle for Christians. Let's start on our knees! Meet in the Fireside Room on **Sundays at 6:00** and **Thursdays at 1:00** (Leader: Dana Cook).

## January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i>  Church Office Closed	<b>2</b>  11:00 CPA (Potluck in FH)* 12:00 Games (FH)*  7:00 Choir	<b>3</b>  1:00 Prayer Group (Fireside)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)  2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**
<b>6 Communion Sunday</b> 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 Open Gym 6:00 Prayer (Frsd) 6:00 Care Pkg (L)+	<b>7</b>  6:30 Deacon's Meeting (L)+	<b>8</b>  12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office)	<b>9</b>  11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 OT Bible Study (L)+  7:00 Choir	<b>10</b>  1:00 Prayer Group (Fireside)  6:30 NT Bible Study (L)+	<b>11</b>  10:00 Caregivers Support Group (L)+	<b>12</b>  8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)  2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**
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<b>20</b> 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 Open Gym 6:00 Prayer (Firesd.) 6:00 Care Pkg (L)+	<b>21</b> <i>MLK Jr. Day</i> 11:30 Ollie Baucom Circle (FH)*  6:30 Ministry Team Leaders  7:00 Ministry Teams	<b>22</b>  12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office)	<b>23</b>  11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 OT Bible Study (L)+  7:00 Choir	<b>24</b>  1:00 Prayer Group (Fireside)  6:30 NT Bible Study (L)+	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)  2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**
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(L)+—Library	(FH)*—Fellowship Hall	(EC)**—Estes Center	CPA—Cumb. Presb. Achievers			

## February 2013

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## Prayer

## Concerns

### Praise

Alec Fentum's kidneys beginning to function, Sam Lively's dental certification now complete, Jesus' birthday

### Sympathy

Family of John Kennedy, Family of Delma Sue Balios (friend of Robbie Davis), Family of Margaret Lutherer (friend of Abbey Beckham), Family of Kay Duarte's brother, Family of Terry Grantham, Family of Coach Cal Lowry, Family of Glenda Mercer's nephew Ed Bryan

### Service

Larry Bochantin's grandson-in-law Matthew Conner (Afghanistan), Laura Yates' granddaughter Aletheia Payne (Navy intelligence), Mercers' grandson Judd Latimer (Stateside), Chris Reid (Vandenberg AFB, CA), Craghead's grandson Aaron Taylor (Stateside), Cole Baack (Ramstein AFB, Germany), Jason Westbrook (Albuquerque Police Dept.), military and first responders

### General

Victims of Newtown, CT shooting, Cook's daughter Christina's family (house hunt), Amy Rickman's student (direction), Homelessness in Lubbock, Bobby Cates, Revival! James & Beka Schroder (awaiting baby to adopt)

### Health/Recovery

Teresa Hill's friend's newborn—Grayson Young (malfunctioning pancreas), RL Layman's friend Marylyn Zimmerman (heart attack), Sue Rodgers (recovery after surgery), Tyler Fanning (upcoming wrist surgery), Dingles' grandson Andrew (surgery Dec. 28), Don Cranford's friend Dorothy (back pain), Carleen Massey's daughter Penny (back therapy), Jerrie Pridmore's friends Holly and Joe's newborn—Harper (first facial reconstruction surgery pending), Kathy Davis' brother-in-law, Ron (congestive heart failure); THOSE BATTLING CANCER: Lively's sister-in-law Mary Garza (recovering from surgery), John Thurman (therapy discontinued), Russel Montgomery (chemo & radiation), Melinda Jones' friend Ray (cancer recurrence), Jordan Latimer's friend's grandmother, Linda Howell's sister—Debbie Miller, Joy Doles' brother-in-law Ken (lymphoma), Sally Johnson's friend Jerry Norris (radiation therapy), Ronnie Freeman's Aunt Joyce, Rhonda Williams, Jerrie Pridmore's sister-in-law Bennie, Craig Simpson, LaVeda Davis, Carleen Massey's friend Jackie Sanderson, Margie Stevenson, Greg Cisneros, Dingles' friend Fred Ewing; HOSPICE: Dana Cook's Aunt Elizabeth

### Kingdom Work, Ministries of Cumberland:

CPC Evangelism Ministry, Matine Mwanje (Ugandan child support), Fanning ministry at LCDC, CPC Ministry Teams, CPC Praise Service, Pantry of Care, Caregivers Support Group, CPC Achievers, CPC Visiting Ministry, Session and Diaconate, Ollie Baucom & Grace Circles, How to Save a Life Ministry

### 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

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

22 Jan. - First Christian Church - David Mendel, Raintree Christian Church - Cody Courter, Keepers of the Flame - Johnny Davis

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

### Other Ministries:

Child Evangelism Fellowship, Melonie Park South neighborhood, Chaplain Sam Hontz (Lubbock Co. Jail), Family Promise, Pray Lubbock, Southcrest Christian School, Ministries to the Homeless—Link Ministries & Carpenter's Church

### Shut-ins

Naomi Hillis, Tom Hudson, Helen Hunt, Jessie Ingley, Doris Lowry, Mary Martin, Raymond & Ann McLaren, Mary Moore, Martha Payne, W. E. & Jena Pierce, Etta Powell, Mary Lo Thurman, Laura Yates

## **TREASURER'S TALK**

By Richard Trussell

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2013 Adopted Budget

### INCOME

Sunday Offerings, \$237,000

Other Income (Rental Fees, Southcrest School, etc.), \$122,852

Total Income \$359,852

### EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits, \$177,572

Worship Ministry, \$1,595

Denominational Outreach (OUO, Presbytery del Cristo), \$4,400

Music Ministry, \$1,600

Christian Education Ministry, \$11,268

Fellowship Ministry, \$900

Building Maintenance (Repairs, Maintenance, Utilities, Insurance), \$65,866

Church Administration (Supplies, Postage, Telephones, etc.), \$8,269

Building Loans (Estes Center, CPC Roof Repair), \$116,656

Total Expenses \$388,126

Excess Expenses Over Income -\$28,274

### **Stewardship Report, Nov. 2012**

	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Avg. Weekly Attendance	93	98
Sunday Offering	\$15,620	*\$213,702
Other Income Sources	\$12,176	\$135,409
Total Income	\$27,796	\$349,111
Total Operating Expenses	\$32,450	\$359,603

Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance \$1,164,929.45

CPC Roof Repair Princ. Balance \$87,243.13

\*Jan.—Nov. offerings of \$224,194 would fully fund total expenses.



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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 Suttle-Smith  
Housekeeping: Corina Bermea  
Nursery: Kinsey Zotz  
Administrative Assistant: Joy Doles

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#### **Elders**

*Scott Fanning '13*  
*Tom Martin '13*  
*Dorothy McCarty '13*  
*Dana Cook '14*  
*Kathy Davis '14*  
*Virginia Kinslow '14*  
*Maria Cook '15*  
*Gordon Downum '15*  
*Marci Rickman '15*

#### **Deacons**

*Sharon Beckham '13*  
*Karen Martin '13*  
*Genevieve Potts '13*  
*Mike Westbrook '13*  
*Greg Akins '14*  
*Ronnie Freeman '14*  
*Jordon Latimer '14*  
*Frank Varghese '14*  
*Candy Baack '15*  
*Vicki Carter '15*  
*Ken Smith '15*

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### **Sundays**

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

#### **Tuesdays**

5:00 Open Gym  
6:00 Care Packaging, Prayer Group  
12:30 Staff Meeting—Office  
1:30 Spiritual Maturity Class

#### **Wednesdays**

11:00 CPA's Lunch—Buns Over Texas  
12:00 Games—Fellowship Hall  
6:00 OT Bible Study

#### **Thursdays**

7:00 Choir  
1:00 Prayer Group—Fireside Room  
6:30 NT Bible Study

#### **Saturdays**

8:30 Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café  
2:00 Worship Team Practice—Estes Center