

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN 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

Some of you were in a class last fall studying the book *I Am A Church Member*. Thom Rainer, author of that book, has shared a list of specific prayers requests he has for congregations as we enter a new year. These are based on his observations of important points congregations need to heed.

As I have looked over these, I decided I'd like to pass them on as ways you can pray for our congregation... The comments are those of Rainer.

1. For greater emphasis on prayer. Many, if not most, churches have a woeful emphasis on corporate prayer. Churches who do not give prayer a high priority are churches without God's power.

2. For standing firm on biblical truth. Culture is trying to push our congregations away from the truths of Scripture. We cannot yield to that pressure. If we do, our congregations cease to be true, biblical churches.

3. For greater unity in our churches. There is too much infighting in many of our congregations. And there is too much disunity from

church to church. The world is watching our fights. "Now this is His command: that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us" (1 John 3:23).

4. For greater intentionality in evangelism. The typical church in America is doing very little to share the gospel of Christ boldly and intentionally. May we be so grateful for what Christ has done for us that "we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

5. For greater emphasis on groups. Churches should grow larger by growing smaller. A church member not in a small group or Sunday school class is not fully committed to the body.

6. For membership to be more meaningful. For many churches, membership has become nearly meaningless. For others, membership is a perceived

entitlement, much like country club membership. I pray that membership in our congregations will become truly biblical as Paul demonstrated in 1 Corinthians 12.

7. For clear plans of discipleship. Too many congregations cannot clearly articulate how members can become more obedient followers of Christ.

8. For more ministry involvement and impact in our communities. I pray that our churches will become known by the positive impact they have in their respective communities. As

we obey Acts 1:8, we must first be obedient to our own Jerusalem.

2015 is a new year with new challenges and opportunities. Greater things are still to be done in our city and around the world. Let's pray and ask the Lord to include us in His plans for this coming year.

Blessings,

-Steve



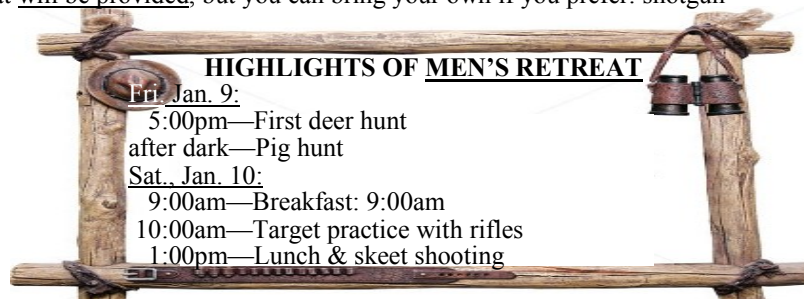
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Men, you will need: bedroll/sleeping bag, flashlight, lawn/camping chair and clothes appropriate for being outdoors.

The following items will be used, so if you have them, please bring them (if you don't have them, don't buy them but *let us know*): Ear protection (ear plugs), goggles

Items that will be provided, but you can bring your own if you prefer: shotgun



Fri. Jan. 9:

5:00pm—First deer hunt
after dark—Pig hunt

Sat., Jan. 10:

9:00am—Breakfast: 9:00am
10:00am—Target practice with rifles
1:00pm—Lunch & skeet shooting

If you haven't signed up but would like to attend, contact Scott Fanning, 790-6433, or the church office, 792-3553. Full schedule and copies of the map to the lease available on tables in Fell. Hall/narthex Sun., 1/4.

AROUND CUMBERLAND

Announcements

A new **Thursday Pastor's Study** begins this month on Jan. 8th. We'll meet at noon in the Fireside Room.

"Through an ongoing prayer relationship with the Father, He will reproduce His heart in me, shaping my desires to match His," says Jennifer Dean, author of our prayer study. Cindy Chitwood, our prayer leader, invites us ALL to learn more about it and **PRAY on Tuesdays at 6:00pm** in the Fireside Room!

The **Deacons** will meet Mon., Jan. 5, 6:30pm in the Library.

The **CP Achievers' January potluck meal and program** will take place on Wed., Jan. 7, beginning at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Caregivers Support Group offers an "ear", helpful suggestions and possible contacts for those who care for others. We will meet Jan. 9, 10:00am in the Library.



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(See p. 1 for more details.)

WHAM!!—Women Helping Advance Missions—will meet Sat., Jan. 10, 10:00am.

Please note that the **Session** will meet Mon., Jan. 12, 6:30pm in the Library.

Ministry team leaders & teams will meet on the **26th** this month. Leaders will meet in the Fireside Room at 6:30pm followed by team meetings at 7:00.



Monthly Meetings

Deacons Meeting (Library)	Jan. 5, 6:30
Caregivers Support Group (Library)	Jan. 9, 10:00
WHAM!	Jan. 10, 10:00
Session Meeting (Library)	Jan. 12, 6:30
Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)	Jan. 26, 6:30
Regular Ministry Teams	Jan. 26, 7:00



Our **Night of Prayer and Worship** will be Sunday, January 25, at 5:00pm. We will gather for our monthly prayer meeting to sing hymns (as requested by attendees!) and to pray for our congregation and Cumberland's mission. We will finish by 6:00, so plan to join us in the Sanctuary for this praise-filled celebration!

Thank You's

Just a note....Thank you for the lovely Christmas basket. We're enjoying all of it. Regards, ~Mary Lou & Sonny Moore

Pantry of Care & Visiting Ministry,

The Christmas basket was truly a blessing and made my day. The variety of items makes every trip to the basket a fun experience. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and for the ministry that you provide so unselfishly. ~Richard Trussell

Pantry of Care & Visiting Ministers,

Wow, thank you so much for the Christmas fruit basket! The children are enjoying digging into it. The fresh pomegranate was a yummy, fun new learning experience for us. You ladies are so thoughtful! Thank you and God bless you. Love, ~The Steve Doles Family

Dear Karen (Martin) & Ladies of Cumberland,

I want to thank you all of the chocolate candy and treats that you left for all of the teachers and staff here at the school (Southcrest). I also want to thank you for the hot cocoa. What a yummy treat! You ladies are such a blessing. I pray that you all have a wonderful time with family and friends during this Christmas season. Blessings, ~Rhonda Hathaway (pre-K teacher)

From the Deacon's Bench



By Edie Fanning

Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' - Matthew 25:37-40

What big things happen in our little church! The ministries led by the deacons reach out to children, the homeless, the hungry, and even into the walls of the Lubbock County Detention Center. The deacons sponsor Cumberland's Jail Ministry, which meets every Wednesday night in Pods 2E and 2B. The meetings include praise music, prayer, sharing and Bible study. The deacons furnish Bibles and video studies in support of the ministry.

In December, the deacons sponsored the Angel Tree project, where forty-seven children were given multiple gifts that were much needed and wanted. Thanks to all those Cumberlanders who got involved by providing gifts! In this new year, the giving spirit of Christmas can continue! You may not know that when you get involved "hands on" in one of the deacon-sponsored ministries, you will receive a blessing!

Consider joining your deacons in one of these ministries! There are many volunteer opportunities and a shortage of helpers. At LCDC, for example, there are many opportunities—teaching Parenting, Anger Management, and Life Skills are just a few. If you are interested in volunteering at LCDC, contact Ron Martin at 806.775.7064.

Weekly Meetings

Sunday Services	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday School	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday Coffee Break—Fell. Hall	10:30
Sunday Youth —Estes Center	5:00
Sunday Bell Choir—Fell. Hall	4:30
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 Gospel of John Study—Library	6:00
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	7:00
Thursday Pastor's Study	Noon
Saturday Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café	8:30
Saturday Worship Team Practice—Sanctuary	3:00

Around Cumberland

Away in a Manger

This year's CPC Christmas Eve service featured the most precious "baby Jesus" and royal family, the cutest cherubs, the most lovable stable animals, the most handsome kings and shepherds, and some very interesting angels. Our pictures don't do it justice, but maybe you can get an idea from the pictures below.

The Christmas Eve service started with a youth band ensemble, directed by Cynthia Paulk, which blessed us with two Christmas carols. Lauren Shulman read the Christmas story for us from Luke 2:1-20. Gordon Downum sat in his easy chair and read us excerpts of down-to-earth realities of the stable setting from Max Lucado's *God Came Near* and *It Began in a Manger*, as babies, youth and adults dressed in character gathered around the manger. Then the congregation gathered around the manger to offer personal gifts (written on paper) like our hearts, our time, our love, and our service. Attendees then took the "light of Christ" (candles) back to their pews where we all sang "Silent Night! Holy Night!" from our hearts to the Lord.

Below left: Mary (Amber Coon) feeds baby Jesus (Lorelei Coon), the star of our show.

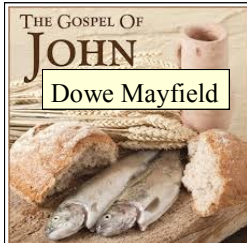
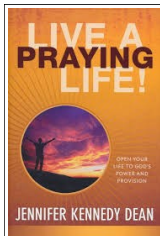
Below right: Abby Coon, front and center of the stage, plays cherub #1.

Right: The wise men (Travon Doles, Scott Fanning & [not pictured] Joe Paulk) bring gifts to the King of kings.

Studies for the New Year!

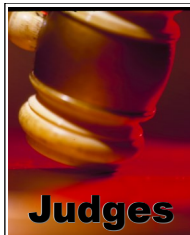
Prayer Study & Prayer Time

Led by Cindy Chitwood
Tuesdays, 6:00pm
Fireside Room



Gospel of John Study

Wednesdays, 6:00pm
Library



Book of Judges Pastor's Study

Faith-challenged People : Faithful God
Thursdays, Noon
Fireside Room



Stable animals are (L to R) Emily & Amanda Rickman, Joshua Varghese, Linzi Loafman and BayLynn Doles. Joseph is Murphy Coon and Gabriel, who sang "Mary Did You Know", is Stepheni Perez.



(L to R) Jaquan Doles and Jonathan Varghese were shepherds.



The bell choir (top left of photo) were angels.



Cherub #2, Kailyn Perez, accompanied Gabriel in our dramatization.

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>9:30 Classic Worship</div> <div>9:30 Sun. School</div> <div>10:30 Coffee Break</div> <div>11:00 Praise Service</div> <div>11:00 Sun. School</div> <div>4:30 Bell Choir (FH)*</div> <div>5:00 Youth (EC)**</div>				<div>1 </div> <div>NEW YEAR'S Day</div> <div>Church Office Closed</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Irregular Church Office Hours</div>	<div>3</div> <div>8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)</div> <div>3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)</div>
<div>4 Communion Sunday</div> <div>See Sunday schedule above.</div> <div>2:00 Undeck the Halls </div>	<div>5</div> <div>6:30 Deacons Meeting (L)+</div>	<div>6 Epiphany</div> <div>12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office)</div> <div>6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)</div>	<div>7</div> <div>10:30 CPA* (Potluck & program in FH)*</div> <div>12:00 Games (FH)*</div> <div>6:00 Gospel of John Study (L)+</div> <div>7:00 Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Noon Book of Judges Study (Fireside)</div>	<div>9</div> <div>10:00 Caregivers Support Group (L)+</div> <div>Fri.-Sat. Fanning Lease </div>	<div>10</div> <div>8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)</div> <div>10:00 WHAM!! Meeting (L)+</div> <div>No Worship Team Practice</div>
<div>11</div> <div>See Sunday schedule above.</div>	<div>12</div> <div>6:30 Session Meeting (L)+</div>	<div>13</div> <div>12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office)</div> <div>6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)</div>	<div>14</div> <div>11:00 CPA* (Buns Over TX)</div> <div>12:00 Games (FH)*</div> <div>6:00 Gospel of John Study (L)+</div> <div>7:00 Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Noon Book of Judges Study (Fireside)</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)</div> <div>3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)</div>
<div>18</div> <div>See Sunday schedule above.</div>	<div>19 MLK Jr. Day</div> <div>Church Office Closed</div>	<div>20</div> <div>No CPC Staff Mtng</div> <div>6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)</div>	<div>21</div> <div>11:00 CPA* (Buns Over TX)</div> <div>12:00 Games (FH)*</div> <div>6:00 Gospel of John Study (L)+</div> <div>7:00 Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Noon Book of Judges Study (Fireside)</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)</div> <div>3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)</div>
<div>25</div> <div>See Sunday schedule above.</div> <div>5:00, Sanctuary </div>	<div>26</div> <div>6:30 Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)</div> <div>7:00 Ministry Teams</div>	<div>27</div> <div>12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office)</div> <div>6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)</div>	<div>28</div> <div>11:00 CPA* (Buns Over TX)</div> <div>12:00 Games (FH)*</div> <div>6:00 Gospel of John Study (L)+</div> <div>7:00 Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Noon Book of Judges Study (Fireside)</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div>8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)</div> <div>3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)</div>
(L)+ - Library	(FH)*- Fell. Hall	(EC)**- Estes Cntr	CPA* - Cumb. Presb. Achievers			

February 2015

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Prayer Concerns



Praise

Wonderful Christmas celebrations, Tyler Fanning's engagement, safe holiday travels, Mercer's friend Scott gone home after double lung transplant, Kay Duarte able to travel over holidays, Joni Woodruff infection free, Melinda Jones doing well after outpatient procedure Amy Rickman and cousin doing better, Freddie Rincon's brother Tony doing well after chemo, Peggy Kinslow's good test results, Virginia Kinslow's bro-in-law Robert doing well after pace maker procedure, Sophia Varghese's dad's safe travels

Sympathy

family of Ramon Reyes' mother-in-law Emma, family of Susan Stack's friend Linda, family of Melinda Jones' friend Paulette

Service

safety for homeland peace officers and families, Genevieve Potts' nephew John Schmuck (stateside), Kathy Davis' friend Zane Wilson (Afghanistan), Deborah Hart's son-Sam (stateside), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert (Spain), Caldwell's grandson Joe (Bahrain), Mercers' grandson Judd (stateside), Chris Reid (stateside), military and first responders

General

travel safety for Karen Reid & Karol (Kinslow) family, all involved in Taliban's terrorist attack in Pakistan

Health/Recovery

Genevieve Potts' sister Virginia (recovering at home after light stroke), Cooks' grandson Caleb in Conroe, H. Lynn Mercer's cousin Jim (infection), Thelma Gerloff's son Rod (hospitalized—infection/diabetes/autoimmune disorder), Joe Caldwell (bronchial problems), Scott Fanning's parents (health issues), Baumann's friend Alice (rehab center), Elaine Mitchell (Crown Point, Emerald 202); **LONG-TERM IN-HOME HEALTH CARE:** Linda Files, Millie Armstrong; **HOSPICE:** John Carter's mother, Kay Duarte's co-worker; **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** Joy Doles' sister-in-law Vickie, Juanita Craig's daughter-in-law Jo (chemo), Kay Duarte's 4 co-workers, Jon Randall (pastor, Victory Life), Sonny Moore, LaVeda Davis, Margie Stevenson

Kingdom Work - Ministries of Cumberland:

finance ministry/budgeting process, children's/youth ministry, winter Bible studies, for 10 new families at CPC, revival, WHAM's outreaches, Fanning ministry at LCDC, CPC Ministry Teams, Melonie Park South neighborhood/Coachlight Apt.s, Pray Lubbock, Southcrest Christian School

Kingdom Work - Other Congregations:

4 Jan. - Indiana Avenue Baptist - Steve McMeans, The Heights Fellowship - Mike Martindale, South Plains Church of Christ - Jim Brewer
11 Jan. - Trinity Church - Carl Toti, The Springs Fellowship - Phil McClendon
18 Jan. - Family Harvest Church - Bracken Christian, International Christian Fellowship - Al Gary
25 Jan. - First Christian Church - Paul Carpenter, Raintree Christian Church - Cody Courter, Keepers of the Flame - Johnny Davis

Kingdom Work - Other Ministries:

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

Homebound —Alice Davis, Helen Hunt, Ann McLaren, Anna Montgomery, Mary Lou Moore, Martha Payne, WE Pierce, Laura Yates

TREASURER'S TALK

By Richard Trussell

How America Gives

Americans continue to give to those less fortunate and to causes they want to advance. Charitable giving from individuals, corporations, foundations and bequests totaled \$335.17 billion in 2013, the latest data available, up 4.4% from 2012, according to the Giving USA Foundation and Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Total giving for the year was up 22% since the official end of the recession in 2009.

Here's a closer look at how Americans give and what motivates them. Personal relationships influence the giving of social-media users, both online and offline, according to a recent Red Cross survey. Donors who volunteer are inclined to give more.

Seven factors that motivated people to give in 2013 were ranked from most important to least important as follows:

- Believe gift can make a difference
- Personal satisfaction
- Give back to the community
- Spontaneously in response to need
- Because of religious beliefs
- To honor another person
- To receive a tax benefit

And as the recent Ice Bucket Challenge proves, the internet and social media are playing an increasingly important role in how people give their charitable dollars.

Stewardship Report, Nov. 2014

	Nov.	Year to Date
Avg. Weekly Attendance	73	78
Sunday Offering	\$19,059	*\$210,052
Other Income Sources	\$15,981	\$156,794
Total Income	\$35,040	\$366,846
Total Operating Expenses	\$28,953	\$373,259
Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance		\$1,045,856.97
CPC Roof Repair Princ. Balance		\$56,474.53
Parking Lot Repair Princ. Balance		\$41,284.95

*Additional Sun. offerings of \$6,413 during Jan.—Nov. would have fully funded total expenses.



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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
Nursery: Alissia Warden
Administrative Assistant: Joy Doles

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Elders

Kathy Davis '15
Gordon Downum '15
Marci Rickman '15

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

Deacons

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

Craig Hart '16
Deborah Hart '16
Genevieve Potts '16
Tim Rickman '16
Edie Fanning '17
Teresa Hill '17

WEEKLY EVENTS

<u>Sundays</u>	9:30	Classic Worship—Sanctuary
	9:30	Sunday School Classes
	10:30	Coffee Break—Fellowship Hall
	11:00	Cumberland Praise—Sanctuary
	11:00	Sunday School Classes—Estes Center
<u>Mondays</u>	4:30	Bell Choir
	5:00	Youth
	Noon	Advent Study—Fireside Room
	12:30	Staff Meeting—Office
	6:00	Prayer Time—Fireside
<u>Tuesdays</u>	11:00	CPA's Lunch—Buns Over Texas
	12:00	CPA's Games—Fellowship Hall
<u>Wednesdays</u>	6:00	Gospel of John Study—Library
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
	Noon	Pastor's Study—Fireside Room
<u>Thursdays</u>	8:30	Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café
<u>Saturdays</u>	3:00	Worship Team Practice—Sanctuary