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

## What Do We Give a Father Who Has Everything?

Father's Day is this month! Do you have something picked out for your favorite Dad—your husband or biological father, son, neighbor or friend who is a great dad? Before purchasing a card or a gift, you might spend some time considering his clothing needs, habits, hobbies, likes and dislikes, etc. But what about our heavenly Father? Is there something we can give God this Father's Day? Below is blog I found online by Debra Pedrow. Maybe she can give us some ideas for a Father's Day gift for God this year....

Because God is busy 24/7 I could buy Him a Joseph-like robe to relax in, but it still would not compare with the robe He already owns! *The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure* (Ps. 93:1).

Any clothes I offer the Father would look dull compared to the grandeur of His present magnificent wardrobe. *Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty* (Ps. 104:1).

Some would think a practical device He could use on specific occasions would make a good gift--like the gift of a hand-held flashlight to help Him through the night. But why should God bother carrying an object when He is self-sufficient as

His own established light source? *The LORD wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens like a tent* (Ps. 104:2).

A stylish silk vest, fashionable felt hat or trendy top coat could be used to keep the Father warm. But more precious than any designer wardrobe is righteousness, salvation, vengeance and zeal, which already adorn Him. *He put on righteousness as His breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped Himself in zeal as in a cloak* (Is. 59:17).

Can it be that God is just one of "those people" we equate with being "hard to buy for"? After all, He is the Maker of all things and can create what He wants when He wants it! *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth* (Gen. 1:1).

Anything we could possibly give to God will not be new to Him, right? He set all things in motion which includes everything here on earth. *The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters* (Ps. 24:1-2).

And everything includes what is in the earth. We can forget about

giving God something expensive like silver goblets or gold coins, because those also are already in His possession. *'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty* (Hag. 2:8).

Not only can we not give God anything new materially, but we cannot even buy Him a spacious acre of land on which to rest His feet because He already owns that too! *The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers* (Lev. 25:23).

**So what do we give the Father who has everything?**

Actually, God already gave us His gift-wish-list through the prophet Micah. *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you* (Mic. 6:8)?

- To act justly.
- To love mercy.
- To walk humbly with your God.

Some 2758 years ago God wanted positive action from the people and as is God's way—nothing has changed! **God still desires our gift to Him to be the offering of love.** And even though Micah told us exactly what God wanted, God still reminded us again when He lovingly sent Jesus to exemplify the meaning of the gift of love. **And 2000 years ago Jesus Christ came to the world to show exactly how we should:**

- Act justly.
- Love mercifully.
- Walk humbly with our God.

This is what God wants from us not just on Father's Day but on each day of the year.

Happy Father's Day,  
Creator! Sustainer!  
Our Righteousness!  
Light of the World!  
Lord God, Almighty!  
We LOVE You!!

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Join us for VBS  
this summer!!

Sun.—Thurs., June 25-29

6:00-8:30pm

Sanctuary/Estes Center

## AROUND CUMBERLAND

### In Brief

"You need not cry very loud; God is nearer to us than we think" (Brother Lawrence). Come **cry out to God** with us Tuesdays, 6:00pm in the Fireside Rm. *The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.* ~Ps. 34:17

The **Deacons** will meet on Mon., June 5, in the Library at 6:30.

Most weeks the **CPAchievers** meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 at Buns Over Texas and then come to the church's Fell. Hall at noon for games. Come *any* Wed. for fun and fellowship!

Ladies, **WHAM!** (Women Helping Advance Missions) will meet Sat., June 10, 10am in the Library. Come ready to help advance missions at CPC!

Our **Wednesday evening Bible study**, led by Dowe Mayfield, is taking a break for the summer. Join us in Sept. at 6pm on Wednesdays in the church Library. We will study the prison epistles in the fall.

Our **Thurs. pastor's study** is taking a break for the summer. Come in Sept. when we will meet weekly at noon in the Fireside Room. We will be looking at Paul's third missionary journey.

**Ministry Team Leaders**, let's meet on the *third* Monday of this month, immediately before the Session Meeting. Please meet Mon., June 19, 6:30pm in the Library.

The **Session** will meet Mon., June 19, 6:30 in the Library. Don't forget to pick up Session packets on Sun., June 18.

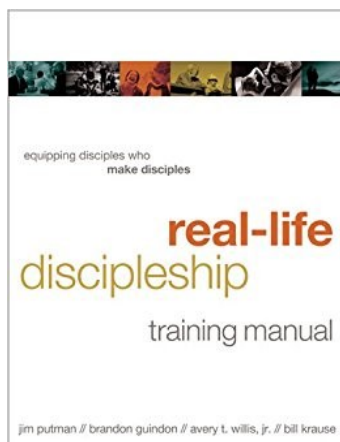
**CPAchievers** will have their monthly **Potluck and Program** on Wed., June 14. Meet at the church's Fellowship Hall at 10:30am. Games will follow in Fell. Hall.

### *Let's Make Disciples Who Make Disciples Who Make Disciples....*

What's the most effective way to make disciples? How about assessing spiritual maturity, understanding what it means to be an intentional leader, learning how Jesus used relationships purposefully, discovering how the training process works, and more.

Discipleship training is soon to be in session. A couple groups will begin training this summer. Wouldn't YOU like to get involved?

#### *Real-Life Discipleship Training Manual:*



#### *Equipping Disciples Who Make Disciples*

Let's learn the necessary components of disciple-making so that every church member can play a part in reaching others for Christ. We CAN cultivate new leaders for the future and equip them to make disciples. Be a part of it! Be watching for more information on how YOU can get involved!



### *From the Deacons Bench* by Greg Akins



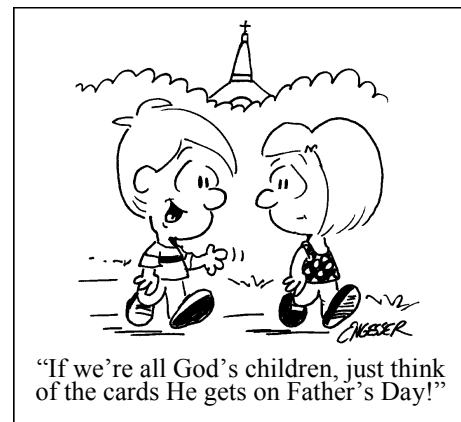
Time has flown! We are looking at the start of another busy summer. I know some boys and girls (living at the Texas Boys Ranch) that are going to enjoy some "Ranch Dressing" on their salads this summer! Thank you for your contributions to our Ranch Dressing food drive.

Our next deacon project will be Family Promise. We will be providing a meal for several young mothers and their children. These folks like to eat! Such simple things: a good meal, a home and, most importantly, knowing that they are loved and someone cares. You are helping provide meals and mentoring. Elpidia, our Family Promise liaison, reports that these families always attribute their successful journeys to volunteers and mission programs like ours.

A wise man once wrote, "Perhaps to seek 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." Would we all benefit from an "eye exam"?

The deacons thank you for your continued support in helping this church not only see but also contribute to making the world and our community as they should be.

*The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me" (Mt. 25:40).*



### Weekly Meetings

|                                             |              |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Services—Sanctuary                   | 9:30 & 11:00 |
| Sunday Bible Classes                        | 9:30 & 11:00 |
| Sunday <b>Youth</b> Service—Estes Center    | 10:00        |
| Sunday Coffee Break—Fell. Hall              | 10:30        |
| Tuesday Staff Meeting—Office                | 1:00         |
| Tuesday Prayer Time—Fireside Rm.            | 6:00         |
| Tuesday <b>Youth</b> —Fireside Room         | 7:00         |
| Wednesday CP Achievers—Buns Over Texas      | 11:00        |
| Games to follow in Fell. Hall               |              |
| Wednesday Bible Study—Library               | Summer Break |
| Thursday Pastor's Bible Study—Fireside Room | Summer Break |
| Saturday Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café      | 8:30         |
| Saturday A Place 4 Kidz—Estes Center        | 2:00         |
| Saturday Worship Team Practice—Sanctuary    | 4:00         |

### Monthly Meetings

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Deacons Meeting (Library)       | June 5, 6:30pm   |
| WHAM! (Library)                 | June 10, 10:00am |
| Session Meeting (Library)       | June 19, 6:30pm  |
| Ministry Team Leaders (Library) | June 19, 6:30pm  |



## Around Cumberland



**Women's Ministry**  
(Come, crochet with us!)  
Thurs., June 1,  
6:30pm  
Fellowship Hall



**VBS Organizational Meeting**  
Sun., June 4  
3:00pm  
Fell. Hall



**VBS**  
Dates:  
June 25-29  
6-8:30pm

Night of  
**PRAYER & Worship**



Tuesday, June 20  
6:00pm  
Sanctuary



**City-Wide Prayer Study**  
Led by David Shelburne, Director of Pray Lubbock  
Meeting at Difference Makers Fellowship (4th & Buddy Holly)  
Mondays, 6:20-8:50pm, June 5-July 24  
Can unity in intercession change the battle for the soul of a city?



*The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. ~Ps. 34:17*

**TUESDAY PRAYER TIME**  
Tuesdays, 6:00pm  
Fireside Room

"You need not cry very loud; He is nearer to us than we think." —Brother Lawrence



**WHAM!!**  
(Women Helping Advance Missions)

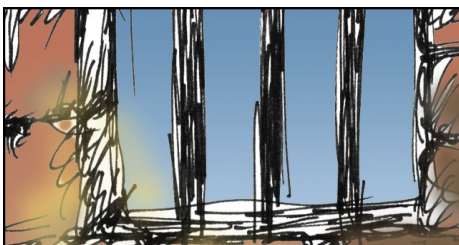
Sat., June 10  
10:00am  
Library

- Give "Minutes for Missions"
- Contribute to needs of missionaries at home/abroad
- Aid grandparents raising grandkids
- Love and teach children on Saturdays (Place 4 Kidz)
- Raise mission awareness at CPC



**LIT YOUTH**

Youth meet on  
Tuesdays  
in the Fireside Room, 7-8:30pm  
Sundays  
in the Estes Center, 10am-noon.



Many thanks to Dowe Mayfield for another great year of Bible study—most recently from the book of *Isaiah*. Plan to join Dowe in the fall for a study of the **PRISON LETTERS** (so named because they were written by Apostle Paul during his imprisonment):  
·Ephesians ·Philippians ·Colossians ·Philemon



- Raised the dead
- Brutally beaten
- Tried in court
- Shipwrecked
- Bit by a snake
- Thrown in prison

No, it's not a new TV series. These things will all happen to Paul as we pick up the **Pastor's Acts Study** in the fall. Don't miss it!

# June 2017

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                   | Monday                                                                                                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                  | Thursday                                                                                                                                          | Friday    | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Sunday Schedule</b><br>9:30 Classic Worship<br>9:30 Bible Classes<br>10:00 <b>LIT</b> Youth<br>Worship<br>10:30 Coffee Break<br>11:00 Jesus 1.0 Service<br>11:00 Bible Classes        |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                            | <b>1</b><br><br>6:30<br>Women's Ministry<br>(FH)*               | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>8:30<br>Men's Breakfast<br>(Red Zone Café)<br>2:00<br>A Place 4 Kidz<br>(EC)**<br>4:00<br>Worship Team<br>Practice (Sanct.)                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>4 Communion Sunday</b><br>See Sunday<br>schedule above.<br> 3:00<br>VBS<br>Organization Mtng<br>(FH)* | <b>5</b><br>6:30<br>Deacons Meeting<br>(L)+                                                                                                                            | <b>6</b><br>1:00<br>CPC Staff Mtng<br>(Office)<br>6:00<br>Prayer Time<br>(Fireside Rm.)<br>7:00<br><b>LIT Youth</b><br>(Fireside Rm.)  | <b>7</b><br>11:00<br>CPA<br>(Buns Over TX)<br>12:00 Games<br>(FH)*<br>No<br><b>Isaiah</b> Study<br>7:00<br>Choir Rehearsal | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>8:30<br>Men's Breakfast<br>(Red Zone Café)<br> 10:00<br><b>WHAM!!</b><br>Meeting<br>(Library)<br>2:00<br>A Place 4 Kidz<br>(EC)**<br>4:00<br>Worship Team<br>Practice (Sanct.) |
| <b>11</b><br>See Sunday<br>schedule above.                                                                                                                                               | <b>12</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>13</b><br>1:00<br>CPC Staff Mtng<br>(Office)<br>6:00<br>Prayer Time<br>(Fireside Rm.)<br>7:00<br><b>LIT Youth</b><br>(Fireside Rm.) | <b>14</b><br>10:30<br>CPA Potluck &<br>Program<br>(Buns Over TX)<br>12:00 Games<br>(FH)*<br>7:00<br>Choir Rehearsal        | <b>15</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>8:30<br>Men's Breakfast<br>(Red Zone Café)<br>2:00<br>A Place 4 Kidz<br>(EC)**<br>4:00<br>Worship Team<br>Practice (Sanct.)                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>18 Father's Day</b><br>See Sunday<br>schedule above.                                                                                                                                  | <b>19</b> 6:30<br>Ministry Team<br>Leaders (L)+<br> 6:30<br>Session Meeting<br>(L)+ | <b>20</b><br>1:00<br>CPC Staff Mtng<br>(Office)<br>6:00<br>Prayer Time<br>(Fireside Rm.)<br>7:00<br><b>LIT Youth</b><br>(Fireside Rm.) | <b>21</b><br>11:00<br>CPA<br>(Buns Over TX)<br>12:00 Games<br>(FH)*<br>7:00<br>Choir Rehearsal                             | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>8:30<br>Men's Breakfast<br>(Red Zone Café)<br>2:00<br>A Place 4 Kidz<br>(EC)**<br>4:00<br>Worship Team<br>Practice (Sanct.)                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>25</b><br>See Sunday<br>schedule above.<br>                                                        | <b>26</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>27</b><br>No<br>CPC Staff Mtng<br>No<br>Prayer<br>Time<br>No<br><b>LIT Youth</b>                                                    | <b>28</b><br>11:00<br>CPA<br>(Buns Over TX)<br>12:00 Games<br>(FH)*<br>7:00<br>Choir Rehearsal                             | <b>29</b><br>8:00<br>Ice Cream<br>Social<br>(VBS Closes)<br> | <b>30</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Maker Fun Factory VBS</b> —June 25-29, 6:00-8:30pm, Sanct. & EC**                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                   |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| (L)+ - Library                                                                                                                                                                           | (FH)*- Fell. Hall                                                                                                                                                      | (EC)**- Estes Cntr                                                                                                                     | CPA - Cumb. Presb. Achievers                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                   |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## July 2017

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### Praise

Dalton & Vicki Jantzen's successful mission trip & safe travels, Deborah Harts' daughter-in-law Natasha's successful completion of special ed. certification & new home, Sparkman/Hill wedding & graduations, Sally Renfro's successful oral surgery, college graduation of Mercer's grandson Judd, no need for more heart surgery for Luna's infant friend Ellie, Candy Baack's niece Rikki now home, Melisa Martin's successful surgery, CPC's graduates (Shelby Lively, Emily Rickman, Emily Hester, Hunter & Lauren Hill), SOG prison concert saw 270 salvations, Craigheads' new great-granddaughter Emily, Joe Paulk & Richard Adams doing well after tree trimming accident, Scott Fanning doing well after arrhythmia procedures, deacons' assistance to needy couple, CPC Gideon offering to supply 300 Bibles, Harts' new granddaughter Kenna Rose, Juanita Craig's granddaughter Michelle's missionary commission, great progress in cancer battle for Mayfields' son Bob, CPC able to help Family Promise, Reids' 43rd wedding anniversary

### Sympathy

family of Dorothy McCarty's sister Mary

### Service

Deborah Hart's friend Joseph (Afghanistan), Jaquan Doles (Nat'l Guard applicant), Hester's son Matthew (Stateside), Gerald Files' grandson Christopher (Middle East), Deborah Hart's son Sam (home 6/5), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert (Stateside), Karen Caldwell's grandson Joe (Stateside), Mercers' grandson Judd (Stateside), Chris Reid (Stateside)

### Health/Recovery

Steve Doles' dad (hospitalized after fall), Jan Marthinsen's son Ryan (surgery 6/1), Jerrie Pridmore (hospitalized), Harts' new granddaughter Kenna (cystic fibrosis), Melisa Martin (recovering at home), Joe Paulk (recovering at home), Cindy Chitwood's niece Brittnee (safe, successful pregnancy); **HOSPICE:** Thelma Gerloff's stepson Ron; **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** RoseAnn Lively's student Andrew (leukemia), Pat Dennis, Mayfield's son Bob (chemo)

### Kingdom Work - Ministries of Cumberland:

God's will in our lives, CPC of Marshall, TX, Dalton & Vicki Jantzen's mission trip (May 11-23), BayLynn Doles' mission trip (6-8/17), outpouring of Holy Spirit on CPC, Family Promise, children's/youth ministry, revival, WHAM's outreaches (A Place 4 Kidz), Fanning Freedom Ministry at LCDC, CPC Ministry Teams, neighbors [Melonie Park South, Waters, Coachlight Apts.]

### Kingdom Work - Other Congregations:

**4 June** - Community Christian Church - Randy Cook, Church of the Nations - Roy Davis, Compassionate Heart Ministries - Juan Gutierrez

**11 June** - South Park Baptist Church - Doug Kello, Rock City Church - Jeff McCreight

**18 June** - Freedom Fellowship - Ruben Lara, True Worshipers COGIC - Robert Griggs

**25 June** - Faith Christian Family Church - Stormy Swann, Oakwood Baptist Church - Marcus Murphy, St. Luke's Southwest - Matt Wolfington

### Kingdom Work - Other Ministries:

30 60 100 Ministries, MCH Family Outreach, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Family Promise, Pray Lubbock, Southcrest Christian School, Ministries to the Homeless—Link Ministries & Carpenter's Church

Homebound - Jim Bales, Ruthie Dean, Ann McLaren, Doris Lowry, Billy & Elaine Mitchell, Mary Lou Moore, Martha Payne

## **TREASURER'S TALK**

By Richard Trussell

### ***Church Fellowship***

Fellowship has been an important part of Christian gatherings since the first century. Scripture tells us that the early believers "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42 NIV). Today's effective churches continue to encourage and prioritize fellowship as an important part of the gathering of the saints.

Fellowship is the grease that keeps relationships in the church growing. The number one factor influencing a guest's decision to return is "the friendliness of the people." One study found that the average new member who joined a church and remained active had made seven new friends in the church during that first year. The average dropout had made an average of just 2 friends.

The Fellowship Ministry Team at Cumberland Presbyterian Church has a vision "to enjoy creating and facilitating an atmosphere of genuine love, concern and healthy relationships with members, guests, and visitors." The Fellowship Ministry at Cumberland focuses on developing the quality of relationships within the congregation that promote Christian love and genuine companionship. Every member at Cumberland is encouraged to help create a genuine and welcoming environment.

### **Stewardship Report, April 2017**

|                            | <u>Apr.</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Avg. Weekly Attendance     | 68          | 67                  |
| Sunday Offering            | \$19,841    | \$73,718            |
| Other Income Sources       | \$14,848    | \$51,641            |
| Total Income               | \$34,689    | \$125,359           |
| Total Operating Expenses   | \$34,077    | \$134,282           |
| Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance |             | \$887,855.05        |





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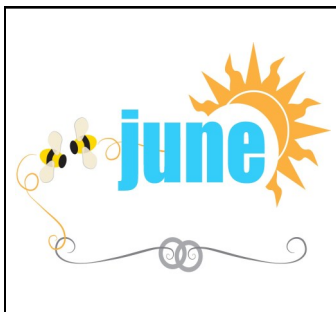
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Sunday service times: 9:30, 11:00



### Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Pastor: Dr. Steven D. Doles

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Sam R. Estes

Youth Director: Stephen Simpson

Church Treasurer: Richard Trussell

Choir Director: Carolyn Hefner

Organist: Sue Smith

Housekeeping: A Janitorial Serv.

Administrative Assistant: Joy Doles

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### Elders

Scott Fanning '17  
Jerrie Pridmore '17

Gerald Files '18  
Cynthia Paulk '18  
Ken Smith '18

Candy Baack '19  
Deborah Hart '19

### Deacons

Edie Fanning '17  
Teresa Hill '17

Greg Akins '18  
Don Cranford '18  
Karen Reid '18

Holly Hester '19  
Amanda Luna '19  
Mark Luna '19



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text "CPCL" to 59769.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sundays

9:30 Classic Worship—Sanctuary  
9:30 Bible Classes  
10:00 **Youth** Service—Estes Center  
10:30 Coffee Break—Fellowship Hall  
11:00 Jesus 1.0—Sanctuary

#### Tuesdays

11:00 Bible Classes  
1:00 Staff Meeting—Office  
6:00 Prayer Time—Fireside

#### Wednesdays

7:00 **Youth**—Fireside Room  
11:00 CPA's Lunch—Buns Over Texas  
12:00 CPA's Games—Fellowship Hall  
6:00 Wed. **Isaiah** Study—Summer Brk.  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

#### Thursdays

Noon Thurs. Pastor's Study—Summer Brk.

#### Saturdays

8:30 Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café  
2:00 A Place 4 Kidz—Estes Center  
4:00 Worship Team Practice—Sanctuary