

# CUMBERLAND 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

### Which Congregation Are We?

Is the destiny of a congregation God's business or the congregation's? Did you know that the Lord has called us to join HIS enterprise, not vice-versa? But whether or not we stay on the Lord's path for us is OUR business. The prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah gave us snapshots of the same congregation at different times in history – and the perspectives are so different, that it seems like two different congregations.

Jeremiah 2:5-6 records the LORD saying this to His people: "What injustice did your fathers find in Me that they went far from Me and walked after emptiness and became empty? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through wilderness...' The startling thing about this Scripture is

that God's people walked away from the presence of the Lord; they either didn't realize that God's presence was gone, or they didn't care! Verse 6 says they didn't even *think* to ask, "Where is the Lord?" Did this congregation get too comfortable with "business as usual"? How could they forget to seek God's presence & power?

who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them...?" The congregation realized this time that their existence wasn't even close to matching what God told them they should experience – that is, the power of God at work among them and leading them.

These options are ours today.

Are there those among us who notice and care that our existence as a congregation of God's people is lacking when compared to what the Bible describes as normal? Are there those among us who are crying out in prayer, "Where is the God of power and action, changing people's lives from darkness into light? From hopelessness into joy and purpose?" I hope so!

Our sermons this month through June 8 will deal with this question: Do we want more of God's power in our lives, and are we willing to admit our desperate need for Him? May God deal openly with us as we submit to Him!

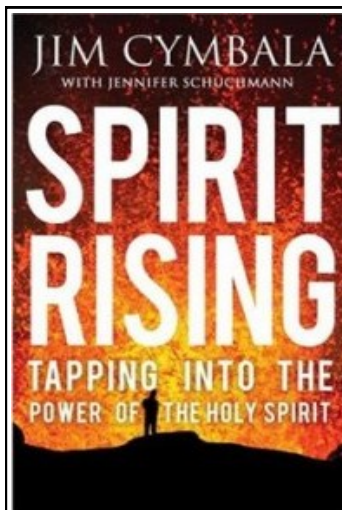
-Steve



Isaiah gives us another snapshot of this congregation in Isaiah 63:11. After a period of time of rebelling and grieving the Holy Spirit and suffering the consequences of God withdrawing His presence from them, this is how the congregation responded: "Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses; 'Where is He

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**NEW Pastor's  
6-week study beginning May 8  
TWO TIMES on THURSDAYS:  
Noon or 6pm  
Fireside Room**

What will God do when *YOU* open your life to the Holy Spirit?

If you want more excitement and joy, come discover a deeper understanding of how the Spirit moves – and **how you can join Him!**

## AROUND CUMBERLAND

### Announcements

**VBS** is coming! It will be held June 29-July 3. Be watching for more info and for your opportunity to get involved!

Won't you **PRAY** with us on Thursdays at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room &/or 7:00pm in the Sanctuary! Let's allow God's Spirit to move through our prayers and praise! (No 1:00 prayer time at CPC on May 1, as we will be going to the noon Nat'l Day of Prayer celebration at the Courthouse Gazebo. Join us!)

Don't miss the **CP Achievers' May meal together at DAIRY QUEEN** on Wed., May 7, beginning at 11:00am. Games will follow in Fellowship Hall.

The **Deacons** will meet in the library Mon., May 5, 6:30pm.

The **Pastor's Bible study** will meet in the Fireside Room on Thurs., at noon & 6:00, beginning May 8 and will be studying ***Spirit Rising***. *Anyone* may come *any* time!

**WHAM!!**—Women Helping Advance Missions—will meet Sat., May 10, 10:00am in the library. We will be working on our outreach projects to help children.

The **Caregivers Support Group** will meet Fri., May 9, 10:00am in the Library.

The **Session** will meet in the Library Mon., May 12, 6:30pm.

**Ministry team leaders and teams** will meet on the 19th this month (back to the **third Monday**). Leaders will meet in the Fireside Rm. at 6:30pm followed by team meetings at 7:00.



### Church Women United's Friendship Day Celebration

Friday, May 2, 2014

Oakwood UMC

2115 58th Street

(Park so. of the building. Enter west door.)

Lunch served at 11:30am—\$5.00

### Sunday, May 4 Deadlines:

WHAM asks that you please bring your filled backpacks to the church by Sunday, May 4. We are anxious to get them into the hands of children entering foster care.



Don't forget to get your "150 Things I Can Do" papers back to Kathy Davis. She would like those by May 4!

The last day to bring professional clothing and/or summer clothing for people in need is Sunday, May 4.

Thank you for your contributions!



### From the Deacon's Bench



By Ken Smith

The Deacons would like to express our thanks for all that you have done for the community of Lubbock this year. We hope you don't feel that the Deacons are just going from one project to another this year, but at the finish of each project something else presents itself that needs our attention. The parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us that we are all called to serve our neighbors in their many forms—even neighbors who might look, act or think differently than we do. We are asked to set aside our own ego and needs so that we can experience the desire to alleviate the depths of human need that daily surrounds us. The salve that we have to use to help the people of Lubbock is the soothing message that Jesus came to save us all by the power of the cross. Through Him alone are we healed, body, mind and soul. Through Him we are to help and minister to others. So the projects that the Deacons sponsor help us all to see what He has done for all of his people; we can just use what we have to help others. Bless you all for all the help you give!

### Thank You's

Dear Church family,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, hugs, phone calls, e-mails and cards expressing your love and sympathy at the unexpected death of my sister, Pat. Even though I will miss her, it is comforting and joyful to know that she is with the Lord Jesus. I am so blessed to be apart of this body of believers.

I love all of you. ~Virginia Kinslow

Thinking of you...as I often do! Thanks for the cake. It was wonderful.

~Mary Lou & Sonny (Moore)

Thank you for the carrot cake; it is just delicious! Thank you, too, for the flowers; they are beautiful and the roses smell so good. I appreciate it! Thank you!

~Linda Files

Cumberland Visiting Ministers,

Thank you for the delicious Easter carrot cake! We appreciate you! May the Lord bless the work of your hands and hearts.

~Steve Doles Fam.



**Join us for the National Day of Prayer gathering at the Courthouse Gazebo at noon on Thurs., May 1.**

### Weekly Meetings

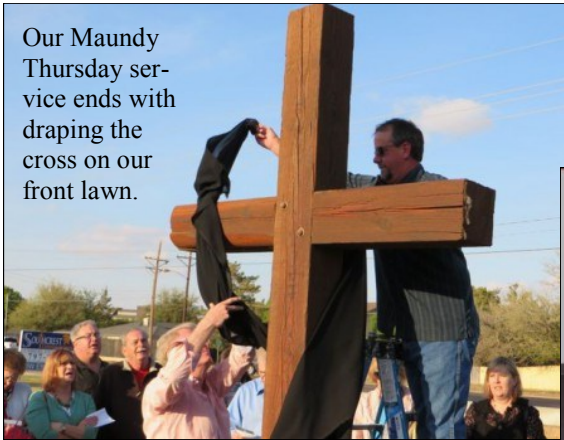
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| Sunday Services                               | 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 |
| Sunday School                                 | 9:30 & 11:00       |
| Sunday Coffee Break—Fell. Hall                | 10:30              |
| Sunday Youth—Estes Center                     | 5:00               |
| Tuesday Staff Meeting—Office                  | 12:30              |
| Wednesday CP Achievers—Buns Over Texas        | 11:00              |
| Games to follow in Fell. Hall                 |                    |
| Wednesday Choir Rehearsal                     | 7:00               |
| Thursday Pastor's Study— <i>Spirit Rising</i> | Noon & 6:00        |
| Thursday Prayer Time—Fireside & Sanctuary     | 1:00 & 7:00        |
| Saturday Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café        | 8:30               |
| Saturday Worship Team Practice—Estes Center   | 2:00               |

### Monthly Meetings

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Deacons Meeting (Library)          | May 5, 6:30   |
| Caregivers Support Group (Library) | May 9, 10:00  |
| WHAM! Meeting (Library)            | May 10, 10:00 |
| Session Meeting (Library)          | May 12, 6:30  |
| Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)   | May 19, 6:30  |
| Regular Ministry Teams             | May 19, 7:00  |



## EASTER AT CUMBERLAND



Our Maundy Thursday service ends with draping the cross on our front lawn.

Below: The youth lead a time of worship before being interrupted by some breaking news. L to R: Shelby Lively; Amanda & Emily Rickman; Jon Varghese; Stepheni, Travon (behind) & Jaquan Doles; Simone Rumph & Josh Varghese.



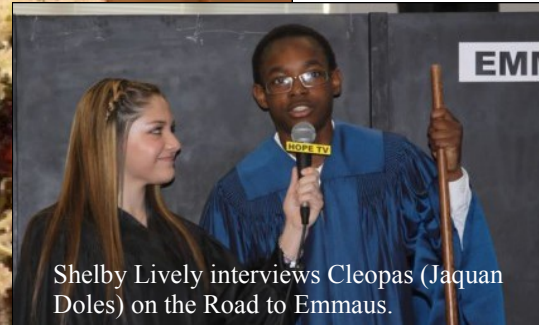
Josh Varghese interviews Mary Magdalene (Emily Rickman) about her encounter with Jesus at the tomb.



Due to rain, the Garden Room is used for hunting eggs.



Nearly 60 Easter lilies adorn the church.



Shelby Lively interviews Cleopas (Jaquan Doles) on the Road to Emmaus.



L to R: Pastor Doles (a wretch), Greg Akins (a rebel), Joe Caldwell (a hypocrite) & Diana Akins (a sinner) dramatize a thought-provoking choral reading written by our own Dawn Schleutz entitled "What If." Each character, condemned to die in his/her sins, was saved and *changed* by Jesus' sacrifice.



The choir proclaims an "Easter Alleluia" in song!

Stepheni Doles, accompanied by Pastor Doles, sings praise to the Lord in "Your Great Name."



Simone Rumph rejoices with hands and voice with the song "My Redeemer Lives".

### CPC Celebrates the Resurrection!






At our Maundy Thursday service, commemorating the Last Supper, we shared in communion, were challenged to serve, draped the front lawn cross in black & sang "Were You There?" Beginning Saturday morning, we all took turns praying at the church for a continuous 24 hours, guided by many prayer prompts Dana & Maria Cook posted around the church. At 8:00 Sunday morning, the youth led worship and then interrupted the Sunrise service with breaking news of the resurrection of Jesus. They interviewed eyewitnesses and challenged us to let the resurrection change US in similar ways that it changed the eyewitnesses. WHAM (Women Helping Advance Missions) fed us a delicious breakfast. The children hunted Easter eggs in the Garden Room this year because it was too wet in the courtyard (thank You, Lord, for rain!!). At our Resurrection Celebration, we were touched by Dawn Schleutz' dramatization which looked at the lives of Barabbas, Peter, Mary & a Roman soldier. We celebrated in song and Pastor Doles urged us to apply the power of the Resurrection to our personal lives.

**LIVING PROOF**  
LIVE WITH BETH MOORE

LUBBOCK, TX | JULY 11-12

Ladies of CPC!  
We're going to a  
**Women's Conference**  
featuring **Beth Moore!**  
At the United Spirit Arena  
\$69 after Mar. 11  
For more info, contact  
ediefanning@gmail.com

# May 2014

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                                    | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 8:00 Cof Hse Wrshp<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>9:30 Cumb. Praise<br>10:30 Coffee Break<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>11:00 Classic Wrshp<br>5:00 Youth (EC)** & Bell Choir (FH)* |  |  | Noon, Courthouse Gazebo  | <b>1</b><br>6:30 Prayer Time (Sanctuary)<br> | <b>2</b> 11:30 Church Women United's Friendship Day<br><br>Oakwood UMC  | <b>3</b><br>8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)<br>2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**                                    |
| <b>4 Communion Sunday</b><br>See Sunday schedule above.<br>Home Communion delivered after church  | <b>5</b><br>1:30 Cumb. Visiting Ministry (Library)<br>6:30 Deacons Meeting (L)+  | <b>6</b><br>12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office)  | <b>7</b><br>11:00 CPA (DAIRY QUEEN)*<br>12:00 Games (FH)*<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal  | <b>8</b><br>Noon & 6pm Pastor's Spirit Study (Fireside)<br>1:00 Prayer Time (Fireside)<br>7:00 Prayer Time (Sanctuary)         | <b>9</b><br>10:00 Caregivers Support Group (L)+  | <b>10</b><br>8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)<br>10:00 WHAM!! Meeting (Library)<br>2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)** |
| <b>11</b><br>See Sunday schedule above.<br>  | <b>12</b><br>6:30 Session Meeting (L)+   | <b>13</b><br>12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) | <b>14</b><br>11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX)<br>12:00 Games (FH)*<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal | <b>15</b><br>Noon & 6pm Pastor's Spirit Study (Fireside)<br>1:00 Prayer Time (Fireside)<br>7:00 Prayer Time (Sanctuary)        | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b><br>8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)<br>2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**                                   |
| <b>18</b><br>See Sunday schedule above.   | <b>19</b><br>6:30 Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)<br>7:00 Ministry Teams  | <b>20</b><br>12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) | <b>21</b><br>11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX)<br>12:00 Games (FH)*<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal | <b>22</b><br>Noon & 6pm Pastor's Spirit Study (Fireside)<br>1:00 Prayer Time (Fireside)<br>7:00 Prayer Time (Sanctuary)        | <b>23</b><br> <div>             May 22<br/>             8-11am<br/>             SCS Awards Ceremonies in Sanctuary           </div> | <b>24</b><br>8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café)<br>2:00 Worship Team Practice (EC)**                                   |
| <b>25</b><br>See Sunday schedule above.   | <b>26</b><br><br>Church Office Closed | <b>27</b><br>No CPC Staff Mtng             | <b>28</b><br>11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX)<br>12:00 Games (FH)*<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal | <b>29</b><br>Noon & 6pm Pastor's Spirit Study (Fireside)<br>1:00 Prayer Time (Fireside)<br>7:00 Prayer Time (Sanctuary)        | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b><br>See Sat. schedule above.  |
| (L)+ - Library  | (FH)*- Fell. Hall  | (EC)**- Estes Cntr                         | CPA - Cumb. Presb. Achievers   |  |  |  |

## June 2014

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| 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |



# Prayer Concerns



## Praise

Deborah Hart to become a grandma in Nov., Juanita Craig's son Mark found new job & her daughter-in-law Jo doing well, youth Sonrise presentation was strong testimony, rain! Deborah Hart's friend's medical testing showed great results, Dustin Adling's amputation wounds completely healed! Raymond McLaren knee doing much better, Diana Akins' friend Todd's healthy baby girl, missing teen in Big Spring found, Dowe Mayfield's great dr.'s report, Pat Burnett joined CPC fellowship, Dana Cook's good doctor's report, Varghese boys missed serious car accident by minutes, Ron Dingle's daughter and family already closing on new house, Karen Reid's son Chris moved into new home

## Sympathy:

Family of Mary Martin, to Steve Dalton at the passing of his friend, family of Virginia Kinslow's sister Patricia, family of Etta Powell

## Service

Deborah Hart's son-Sam (stateside), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert (Spain), Benn Kinslow's grandson Ryan (stateside), Caldwell's grandson Joe (Bahrain), Mercers' grandson Judd (Stateside), Chris Reid (stateside), Cole Baack (Germany), Jason Westbrook (Albuquerque Police Dept.), military and first responders

## General

Simone Rumph's sister & brother-in-law (trip to Tunisia May 3-17), rain! Patricia Simpson's grandson Joshua (wisdom to raise sibling), Karen Reid (job search), knifing in PA

## Health/Recovery

Jody Green (recovering, arrhythmia & arthritis), Jackie Scott (pneumonia), Gordon Downum's grandson Chris Woelfel (seizures), Susan Stack's friend Linda (experimental leukemia treatment), Carolyn Hefner (recovery, eye surgery), Doris Lowry (eye ulcers), Dustin Adling (infection in leg lymph nodes), Martha Payne (recovering from fall) & Martha's son Steven (broken foot), Caldwell's neighbor Bob (Parkinson's complications), nursery worker Ali's grandmother in Taiwan (broken arm), Mary Rogers' granddaughter Emily (healthy baby delivery), Pat Burnett's sister-in-law Jonnie (recovering, surgery), Jody Green's friend Bobby (deteriorating health), Simone Rumph's father (recovering, surgery), Joan Baumann's friend Mary Lee (hospitalized) and sister-in-law (who is traveling & caring for Mary), Kathy Davis' friend Kayley (learning difficulties at school due to brain tumor removal), Jan Marthinsen's son Ryan (MS); **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** Hunter Hill's girl-friend's dad, Cole Baack (radiation), Melinda Jones' friend Paulette, Sonny Moore, Karen Martin's brother Ken Leckie, LaVeda Davis, Margie Stevenson

## Kingdom Work - Ministries of Cumberland:

Increase of youth at CPC, long-range planning comm. for CPC building, revival, WHAM's outreaches, CPC Outreach Ministry direction, Fanning ministry at LCDCC, CPC Ministry Teams, Melonie Park South neighborhood/Coachlight Apt.s

## Kingdom Work - Other Congregations:

**4 May** - Agape Temple COGIC - Daryl Collins, Ecclesia - Drew Farley, Emmanuel Methodist - Eutimio Gonzalez  
**11 May** - St. John Baptist - Solomon Fields, Ministerios Nueva Vida - Jesse Cisneros, Salvation Army - Tim & Cheryl Grider  
**18 May** - Broadway Church of Christ - Karl Ihfe, Live Oak Community Church - Doug Halcomb  
**25 May** - Alliance Church - Jesse Rincones, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church - Wendell Davis, West Texas Church at the Barn - Ted Curington

## 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

Millie Armstrong, Tom Hudson, Helen Hunt, Mary Martin, Raymond & Ann McLaren, Anna Montgomery, Mary Lou Moore, Martha Payne, WE & Jena Pierce, Margie Wilcox, Laura Yates

## TREASURER'S TALK

By Richard Trussell

### What Goes Up and Stays the Same?

This question can be answered with two words – interest rates. Rising interest rates have been the talk of Wall Street and Main Street for months. But not all rates are rising. The rates you earn on your savings accounts and on money market funds haven't budged, and that's not expected to change. That's because short-term rates are anchored by the Federal Reserve's monetary policy.

Short-term rates have been set at nearly zero since 2008, and the Fed has said it will stick with its strategy until unemployment falls below 6.5% which isn't expected until 2015. Longer-term rates, however, are driven by the market – that is, bond buyers and sellers. As the economy improves, long-term rates will rise.

Interest rates on money market accounts, savings accounts, and shorter-term certificates of deposit will not climb much this year, if at all. There is one strategy to overcome these low short-term rates. Average yields can be boosted without locking in low rates by "laddering" CDs with maturities of one to five years. This will produce average yields ranging from 0.22% to 0.79%.

### Stewardship Report, Mar. 2014

|                          | Mar.     | Year to Date |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Avg. Weekly Attendance   | 78       | 80           |
| Sunday Offering          | \$23,003 | *\$66,611    |
| Other Income Sources     | \$13,384 | \$41,204     |
| Total Income             | \$36,387 | \$107,815    |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$33,377 | \$109,233    |

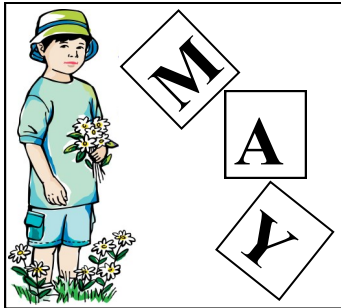
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| Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance        | \$1,087,327.78 |
| CPC Roof Repair Princ. Balance    | \$70,128.91    |
| Parking Lot Repair Princ. Balance | \$48,532.31    |

\*Additional Sun. offerings of \$1,418 would fully fund year-to-date operating expenses.



## CUMBERLAND CHURCH

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Sunday service times: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00



### 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                                |
| <u>Tuesdays</u>   | 12:30       | Staff Meeting—Office                 |
| <u>Wednesdays</u> | 11:00       | CPA's Lunch—Buns Over Texas          |
|                   | 12:00       | CPA's Games—Fellowship Hall          |
|                   | 7:00        | Choir Rehearsal                      |
| <u>Thursdays</u>  | Noon & 6    | Pastor's Bible Study—Fireside Room   |
|                   | 1:00 & 7:00 | Prayer Time—Fireside Room/Sanctuary  |
| <u>Saturdays</u>  | 8:30        | Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café        |
|                   | 2:00        | Worship Team Practice—Estes Center   |