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

Steve's Sentiments

After coming through October--and especially last weekend's Praise Party in the Patch--I have to begin with a huge "Praise the Lord" and "Thank You!" to many hands, too numerous to mention, that allowed God to work through you in ways that let us accomplish more than we could ask or imagine. Who would have guessed that our Praise Party in the Patch leftovers would end up providing the fixin's for a wiener roast to the Texas Boy's Ranch? But it did - even after 400-500 enjoyed the evening with us. We had so many hands that when the party was over at 7:00, everything was wrapped up and the last leaders were ready to go home at 7:30! God is enhancing our service to Him!

On a different note, we are gathering our leaders together, along with others who want to see God's will done at Cumberland, on Saturday, November 14. We will be un-

der the facilitation of Dalton and Vickie Jantzen of 30 60 100 Minis-

in which we all dream big and try to meld everybody's ideas together. We

want to prayerfully seek God's direction and His plans for Cumberland. We are asking EACH PARTICIPANT (and member, if you will) to ask the Lord to speak to you about the following questions:

- God, what are You doing that we may join You in?
- What are we not doing that we need to do?
- What are we doing that we need to stop doing?
- What part can I play in fulfilling the roles we'll arrive at through this process?

If these questions stir a fire within you, you should pray diligently about these questions and plan to join

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-Steve



tries as they direct us through a workshop entitled *Strategic Planning to the Highest Power*. This is not merely a brain-storming session

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Christmas Poinsettias

Would you like to purchase a poinsettia to share in our worship services during the Christmas season? Each plant is **\$10.00** and can be given in honor or memory of someone. A bulletin insert will be published listing in whose memory or honor and by whom the flowers have been given. Our order must be submitted by **November 8**. Please be sure your payment accompanies your order. Make checks payable to Cumberland Presbyterian Church (or CPC). Put "poinsettia(s)" on your check's memo line.

Purchaser: _____

In (circle one) HONOR MEMORY

Of: _____

Number of plants purchased: _____



AROUND CUMBERLAND

From the Deacon's Bench



By Craig Hart

I want everybody to welcome the new deacons, Greg Akins, Don Cranford and Karen Reid.

Pumpkin Patch went well.

The deacons served a meal at Family Promise on Friday, Oct. 23, providing a meal for the families. We do this once a quarter. Please contact a deacon if you would like to help with a shift from 5:30 to 7:15 or 7:15 to 9:00 in Jan.

A heads up on the Angel Tree. The deacons will be having that again this Christmas. We hope the congregation will pitch in like they did the previous year.

The holiday season is coming up. The Salvation Army is always looking for volunteers to help serve Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. ~Eph. 2:10

Decorate for Christmas

followed by

An Hour of Prayer &
Christmas Worship

Sun., Nov. 22, 3:00pm



Elders, Deacons, Ministry Team Leaders,
Office Staff! Join us for....



Led by Dalton & Vicki Jantzen
Sat., Nov. 14, 9:00am—Estes Center

Weekly Meetings

Sunday Services	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday Coffee Break—Fell. Hall	10:30
Sunday Bell Choir—Fell. Hall	4:00
Sunday Youth	TBA
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 Bible Study	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

2015 Pumpkin Patch: a GREAT Opportunity to Share God's Love

What was different about this year's Pumpkin Patch? We accepted our limitations and let the Holy Spirit take the reins! And He decided to send us lots of rain this October, which cut down the number of visitors to our Patch—but did NOT hinder our blessings! A committee decided in September to open the Patch at 2:00 instead of 9:30 on weekdays this year. The abbreviated hours gloriously filled quickly with workers. Many of our members worked every day! Thanks to Cynthia Paulk, we had ample benevolent volunteers to help us unload semis for two pumpkin unloads—Oct. 3 & 17. In fact, about NINETY volunteers showed up early on the 17th! Sales through Mon., Oct. 26, were \$42,492.35.

The ladies of the church, led by Virginia Kinslow, baked and baked pumpkin bread that wouldn't stay on the tables. Nearly 400 loaves were baked and sold. About 26 jars of Friendship Tea and Fireside Coffee were also sold.

Hay sales were a mystery this year, as someone came one night and drove away with the trailer and all our hay. Our hay supplier's insurance covered the wagon, but we had to absorb the cost of the hay. The good news is that at least we came close to breaking even on hay. We are believing that the Lord is not finished with that situation, and we ask that you pray for the culprit's salvation.

Genevieve Potts, Karen Reid, Joan Baumann, Carolyn Hansen, Dalton & Vicki Jantzen read to more than 600 children at our Pumpkin Patch Story Time. Children looked at a variety of pumpkins, pumpkin seeds, gourds and the inside of a pumpkin. Then they listened to a few stories and received their very own pie pumpkins, color sheets, scavenger hunt color sheets and stickers before going out to play in the Patch. Thank you to Cindy Chitwood, Gordon Downum and Ken Smith who came and watched the children in the Patch.

Sam Lively organized our 2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 24. The 34 participants had a good time, and our own Bobby Hughes won an award for "Cumberland Choice" award.

Arguably the most exciting part of the Patch is the Praise Party in the Patch, organized by Tim Rickman this year, on October 25. There were hay rides and music, a bouncy house, a sports inflatable, face painting, "trunk or treat", pumpkin decorating, games, prayer, a "cookie walk" and lots of hot dogs with chips and water (served by our deacons and friends). Almost 500 members, friends and neighbors showed up for a great time. Thank you to the CPC congregation for their generous donations of cookies, candy and prayers for the party!

Two afghans were made and raffled off at the party. Thank you to Cynthia Paulk who made and donated an adorable infant afghan and Ken Smith who donated an impressive piece of his handiwork.

Many, many thanks to Scott Fanning, unofficial director of the Patch; Kathy Davis, our volunteer coordinator, and to Joe Paulk for the hours spent preparing and repairing all the various items needed to run the Patch. Many thanks to YOU, CPC-ers, who put in countless hours to make our 2015 Pumpkin Patch a glorious time of blessing.



Monthly Meetings

Deacons Meeting (Library)	Nov. 2, 6:30pm
Caregivers Support Group	Nov. 6, 10:00am
Session Meeting (Library)	Nov. 9, 6:30pm
WHAM! (Library)	Nov. 14, 10:00am
Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)	Nov. 16, 6:30pm
Regular Ministry Teams	Nov. 16, 7:00pm

Around Cumberland



Karen Reid reads to a group of preschoolers.



Kailyn Perez sits near the shadow of the Patch's cross.



Visitors to Cumberland's Patch bless us over and over again.



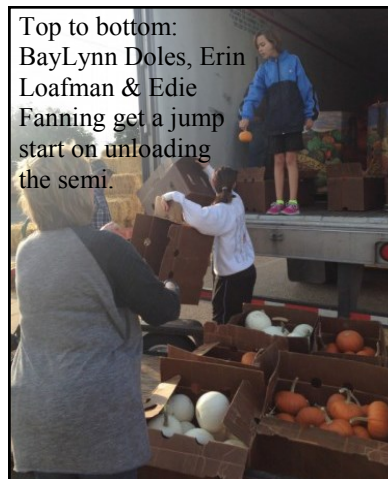
This year's Patch sees lots of stormy weather.



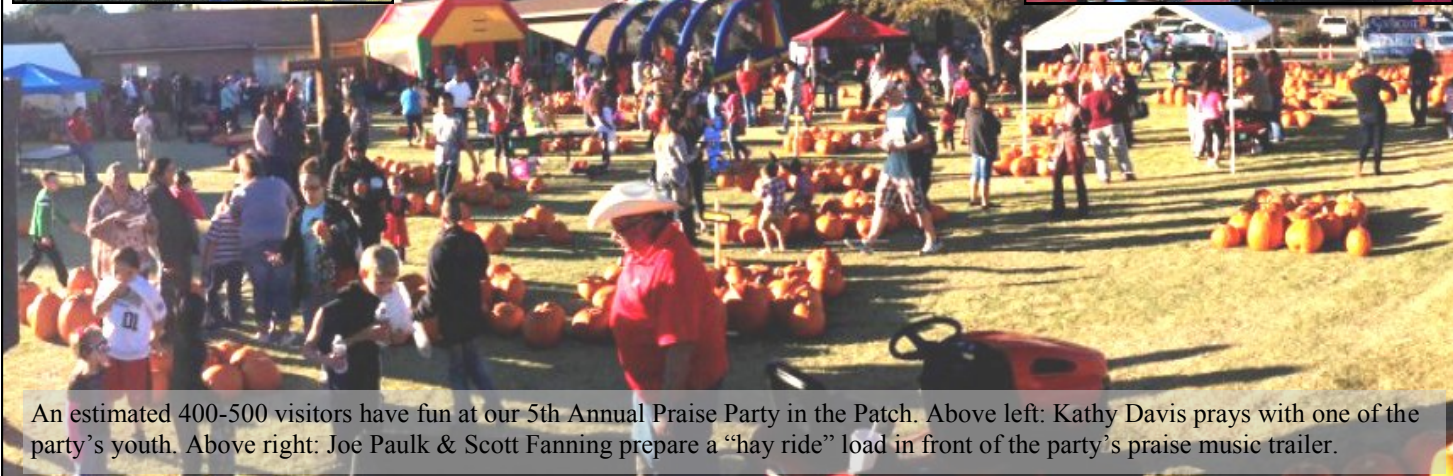
Above left: Bobby Hughes wins an award at the 2015 Pumpkin Patch Car Show.



About 90 helpers come to our second pumpkin unload.



Top to bottom: BayLynn Doles, Erin Loafman & Edie Fanning get a jump start on unloading the semi.



An estimated 400-500 visitors have fun at our 5th Annual Praise Party in the Patch. Above left: Kathy Davis prays with one of the party's youth. Above right: Joe Paulk & Scott Fanning prepare a "hay ride" load in front of the party's praise music trailer.



November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;"> 9:30 Classic Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:30 Coffee Break 11:00 Praise Service 11:00 Bible Classes 4:00 Bell Choir (FH)* </div>	2 6:30 Deacons Meeting (L)+	3 12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	4 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 John Bible Study (L)+ 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	5 Noon <i>Forgotten God</i> Pastor's Bible Study (Fireside Rm.)	6 10:00 Caregivers Support Group (L)+	7 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)
8 See Sunday schedule above.	9 6:30 Session Meeting (L)+	10 12:30 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	11 10:30 CPA Potluck & Program (FH)* 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 John Bible Study (L)+ 7:00 Choir Rehearsal  VETERANS DAY	12 Noon <i>Forgotten God</i> Pastor's Bible Study (Fireside Rm.)	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> (SP) [∞] Strategic Planning to the Highest Power® </div>	14 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 9:00 (EC)** <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 10:00 WHAM!! Meeting (L) 3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.) </div>
15 See Sunday schedule above.	16 6:30 Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside Rm.) 7:00 Ministry Teams	17 12:30 CPC Staff Mtng 6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	18 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 John Bible Study (L)+ 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	19 Noon <i>Forgotten God</i> Pastor's Bible Study (Fireside Rm.)	20	21 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)
22 See Sunday schedule above. 3:00 Decorate for Christmas & 5:00 Christmas Prayer & Worship 	23	24 No CPC Staff Mtng 6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	25 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* No John Bible Study (L)+ No Choir Rehearsal <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Church office closed for Thanksgiving </div>	26 No <i>Forgotten God</i> Pastor's Bible Study <div style="text-align: center;">  Thanksgiving DAY </div>	27	28 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 3:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)
29 See Sunday schedule above.	30					
(L)+ - Library	(FH)* - Fell. Hall	(EC)** - Estes Cntr	CPA - Cumb. Presb. Achievers			

December 2015

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Prayer Focus: Pray for our church leaders and the leadership workshop they will be attending. See Pastor Steve's article on the front page of this OUTLOOK (p. 1) for specific prayers.

Strategic Planning to the Highest Power

Praise

Pumpkin Patch, Pumpkin Patch Car Show, Praise Party in the Patch, Sam Lively's travel safety & great mission report from Honduras, Kimber Davis (travel safety), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert selected for officer candidate school (returning to States), Deborah Hart's son Sam selected for captains' school (returning to States), Rain! Charles Cargill's mass was NOT cancerous!

Sympathy

family of Genevieve Potts' nephew Keenan, family of Karen Reid's friend 4-yr.-old Brolin, family of Juanita Craig's daughter-in-law Jo

Service

families of plane accident victims in Afghanistan, Gerald Files' grandson Christopher (stateside), Deborah Hart's son -Sam (Afghanistan), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert (Spain), Caldwell's grandson Joe (stateside), Mercers' grandson Judd (stateside), Chris Reid (stateside)

General

Deborah Hart's friend Telisa (personal difficulties)

Health/Recovery

Simone Doles (health issues), Genevieve Potts' friend Johnny (health issues), Diana Akins (cataract surgery 10/17), Patricia Simpson & Linda Howell (surgeries Nov. 10), Cindy Chitwood's son-in-law Jeff (surgery Nov. 6) & brother Jeff (mass on back) & niece Britney (treatment in Dallas), Dorothy McCarty (recovering at home); **HOSPICE:** Kathy Davis' friend Todd; **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** Ramani's brother Nick Mire, Linda Howell's brother Tony, Pam Gutierrez's sister-in-law Trish (chemo), Joy Doles (chemo), RoseAnn Lively's Aunt Lupe (chemo), Deborah Hart's friend Donarex

Kingdom Work - Ministries of Cumberland:

recovery of lost money for missions in India (located but not yet in hand), outpouring of the Holy Spirit on CPC, children's/youth ministry, revival, WHAM's outreaches, Fanning ministry at LCDC, CPC Ministry Teams Melonie Park South neighborhood/Coachlight Apts.

Kingdom Work - Other Congregations:

1 Nov. - Christian Life Center - Joe McCord, Christ the King Cathedral - Ben Kasteel

8 Nov. - Covenant Life Fellowship - Greg McCowen

15 Nov. - Macedonia Full Gospel Baptist - James Kelly, The Worship Center - Todd Turnbow, Redeemer - Dusty Thompson

22 Nov. - Church on the Rock - Jackie White, Redeemer Lutheran Church - Brian Dupre, Seventh Day Adventist - Jeremy McCombs

29 Nov. - LakeRidge Baptist Church - Raif Turner, Mt. Vernon Methodist - Gene Cochran, Praise Center - Samuel King

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, Joe Caldwell, Helen Hunt, Ann McLaren, Anna Montgomery, Mary Lou Moore, Martha Payne, WE Pierce, Laura Yates

TREASURER'S TALK

By Richard Trussell

Fund Raising Versus Giving

One responsibility of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Finance Ministry is to encourage and promote stewardship. Stewardship is more than a label. It is a framework for living. There is tremendous freedom of mind in knowing and believing that God owns it all, and that money is nothing more than a resource provided by God to allow us to accomplish his purposes on this earth. Money is never an end in itself.

One definition captures the heart of biblical stewardship: "Biblical stewardship recognizes that God's resources should be deployed through God's people to accomplish God's mission." Raising money for ministry is itself part of ministry.

What is the difference between fund raising and giving? Fund raising is collecting money from other people in return for a product or service or a reward or a recognition. Giving is what happens when we challenge ourselves to give out of our own resources for spiritual reasons. Stewardship gives us the luxury of giving focused attention to what God has given us, rather than devoting energy to acquiring more and more.

Stewardship Report, Sept. 2015

	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Avg. Weekly Attendance	60	66
Sunday Offering	\$14,778	\$149,924
Other Income Sources	\$15,872	\$150,407
Total Income	\$30,650	\$300,331
Total Operating Expenses	\$32,081	\$290,346
Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance		\$992,479.73



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 Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Sam R. Estes, Jr.
 Church Treasurer: Richard Trussell
 Choir Director: Carolyn Hefner
 Organist: Sue Smith
 Housekeeping: Corina Bermea
 Administrative Assistant: Joy Doles

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Elders

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

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

Deacons

Craig Hart '16
Deborah Hart '16
Genevieve Potts '16
Tim Rickman '16

Edie Fanning '17
Teresa Hill '17
Greg Akins '18
Don Cranford '18
Karen Reid '18

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

9:30 Classic Worship—Sanctuary
 9:30 Bible Classes
 10:30 Coffee Break—Fellowship Hall
 11:00 Cumberland Praise—Sanctuary
 11:00 Bible Classes
 TBA Youth

Tuesdays

4:00 Bell Choir—Fellowship Hall
 12:30 Staff Meeting—Office
 6:00 Prayer Time—Fireside

Wednesdays

11:00 CPA's Lunch—Buns Over Texas
 12:00 CPA's Games—Fellowship Hall
 6:00 *Gospel of John* Bible Study—Library
 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

Noon *Forgotten God* Study—Fireside Room

Saturdays

8:30 Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café
 3:00 Worship Team Practice—Sanctuary