

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

In the business world, a good vision statement is within or just beyond grasp but not yet attained. It gives a picture of what a company aspires to be. The vision statement's value lies in the fact that it draws confident, motivated people to see that vision realized and so, in effect, it "pulls" people in the same direction toward the vision. It is a tool to bring into reality that which is not. Proverbs 29:18 in the King James Version gives a compelling reason for the church to have a clear vision statement—"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

The leadership of this congregation spent several hours together over three different weekends earlier this year considering an appropriate mission statement and vision statement. Simply put, the mission statement describes what we intend to be doing notably well in, say, five years. Similarly, a **vision statement** describes *who we intend to be in five years*. Our mission statement should bring focus to our activities (what we do) and the vision statement should *help refine our character*.

Now, I don't typically use the King James (translated in 1611) or the New King James (revised in 1994) Versions of

the Bible, although I have both on my shelves and refer to them from time to time. I was struck by the difference in this verse in these two versions of the Bible.

The KJV is the most quoted version of this verse, but the NKJV sounds almost entirely different: "Where there is no revelation ("prophetic vision," in footnotes) the people cast off restraint..."

The newer version reflects a greater wealth of understanding of the ancient usages of the Biblical languages. Other versions of the Bible that have been translated in the recent decades agree. The NIV, for example, reads, "Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint..."

What's my point? A vision statement like ours certainly has value in pulling us in the same direction, and *one* vision (as opposed to division) absolutely makes us stronger. But the real power in a vision

statement rests in its **origin**. Was it divinely revealed to us? Were the words received as clearly as a prophetic utterance?

Divine revelation from God is like a bit in the mouth of a horse. It harnesses the power in a productive direction. It is the difference between a horse plowing a field and a horse running wild in open country. This is why we all prayed during the season before Easter (and continue to pray) for greater receptivity to the Holy Spirit. Jesus told us that the Holy Spirit will reveal all things to us (John 14:26).

I believe that inasmuch as we were able to hear, the Lord was speaking to us about our vision. And I am committed to building on it until the Holy Spirit reveals more that He wants us to know. I will encourage our elders to revisit our vision statement frequently and ask the Lord if there is more clarity He wants to give us. Until then, I encourage you to consider the revelation that He has given us: *We are inspired, empowered and used by the Holy Spirit to change lives through prayer and service with the love of Jesus Christ.*

~CPC Vision Statement, 1/16

-Steve



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congregational meeting



Congregational Meeting and Potluck Meal will be held after church and Bible classes on Sun., Sept. 18, in Fellowship Hall. There will be reports from the pastor, the youth director, the church treasurer and election of leaders. (Please bring a dish to share.)

AROUND CUMBERLAND

In Brief

"God's purposes always have God's provision" (J. Blanchard). Come **PRAY** with us Tuesdays at 6pm, beginning again 9/13, in the Fireside Room!

Most weeks (except the second Wed. of the month) the **CP Achievers** meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 at Buns Over Texas and then come to the church's Fell. Hall at noon for games. They would love for you to join them *any* Wed.


The **Deacons** will meet on *Tues., Sept. 6* this month (note change of day). Please meet in the Library at 6:30.

Our **Wednesday evening Bible study** will begin again after Labor Day. Join us at 6, beginning Sept. 7th for a study of **Isaiah** with Dowe Mayfield in the church library.

Our new Kyle Idleman **AHA** study will begin Thurs., Sept. 8, at noon in the Fireside Room. Come see how to awaken honesty & action in YOUR life.

Ladies, don't forget **WHAM!** (Women Helping Advance Missions) meeting Sat., Sept. 10, 10am in the *Estes Center* (note change of location). We will work on missions awareness and outreach projects.

The **Session** will meet Mon., Sept. 12, 6:30 in the Library this month. Don't forget to pick up Session packets on Sun., Sept. 11.

 **CP Achievers** will have their monthly **Potluck and Program** Wed., Sept. 14, beginning at 10:30am in Fell. Hall. Come join our **Summer Olympic Review** this month!

Ministry team leaders, meet in the Fireside Room Mon., Sept. 19, 6:30pm. Meet with your teams afterward at 7:00.



Pumpkin bread baking three Saturdays in Sept.: 10, 17 & 24. Join us in the Estes Center kitchen 9am-2pm!

Welcome, New Youth Director— Stephen Simpson & Wife Abbey!



Cumberland is excited to welcome Stephen Simpson to our church staff as youth director! Stephen grew up attending church in Lubbock, Texas, at Agape State Temple. In 2005 he rededicated his life to Christ at Harvest Church as a youth leader, having felt a strong call on his life and a strong love for helping kids. With his passion for God and youth, he has enjoyed serving in any area that God calls Him. In 2012, the Lord called him to join a music ministry (Soldiers Of God) as the youth director, and he travels and serves at many Christians festivals, sharing music and reaching out to youth across the US! In March of 2016 Stephen's life was completely changed as he was joined with his amazing wife, Abbey (Beckham) Simpson. They were dedicated to finding a church home that would fit their blended family of six children and their callings, and God lead them to Cumberland. Stephen had been praying to be able to do more for the youth in our community, and was blessed to be offered a youth position at Cumberland. The Simpsons are looking forward to helping impact our youth for the Kingdom of God! Welcome to the Simpson Family! Our prayers are with you!

Thank You!

Dear Fellow Church Family,

Thank you so much for the meal you sent for my daughter and me. We enjoyed it so much. I think I will make it now. Got stitches out and still swollen, but better. Thanks for your prayers, ~Marilyn Jamison

From the Deacon's Bench

by Tim Rickman



It is hard to believe fall is around the corner. The Pumpkin Patch is coming, and the deacons are excited that the Ugandan Children's Choir will perform at the "Party in the Patch" on October 16th. If you are able, please help in the Patch, our biggest event of the year. Pumpkin bread is being baked, 2 quilts are ready to auction, story time is organizing, signs and brochures are getting made and the pumpkins are about to be harvested. Scott and Eddie Fanning are doing a great job organizing this event! Please call them at 806.790.6433 to see how you can help!

The deacons are staying busy with several ministries. We have started a new Blessing Bag ministry for those who need a hand up. The bags contain a \$5 gift card for McDonalds, water, a snack and information about our church. We have already run out of the bags but will make more! Please pick one up in the narthex.


Carpenter's Church provides ministry for the Lubbock homeless. They offer the only free showers open to the public in Lubbock. Many of our displaced friends on the streets depend on the free showers and donated personal hygiene products. The deacons help by collecting travel size hygiene items including: shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, razors, shaving cream, etc. Please deliver any of these items to the bag in the church narthex.

Also, thank you to everyone who brought macaroni and cheese for the Texas Boys Ranch in August. These donations will help fill their pantry and the stomachs of many needy children right here in Lubbock.

There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.
~Deut. 15:11

Weekly Meetings

Sunday Services—Sanctuary	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 & 11:00
Sunday Coffee Break—Fell. Hall	10:30
Tuesday Staff Meeting—Office	1:00
Tuesday Prayer Time—Fireside Rm.	6:00
Wednesday CP Achievers—Buns Over Texas	11:00
Games to follow in Fell. Hall	
Wednesday Bible Study—Library	6:00
Wednesday Youth —Estes Center	7:00
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary	7:00
Thursday Bible Study—Fireside Room	Noon
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

 Our turn at Family Promise is 9/9/16. Please sign up in the church narthex to contribute food.

Monthly Meetings

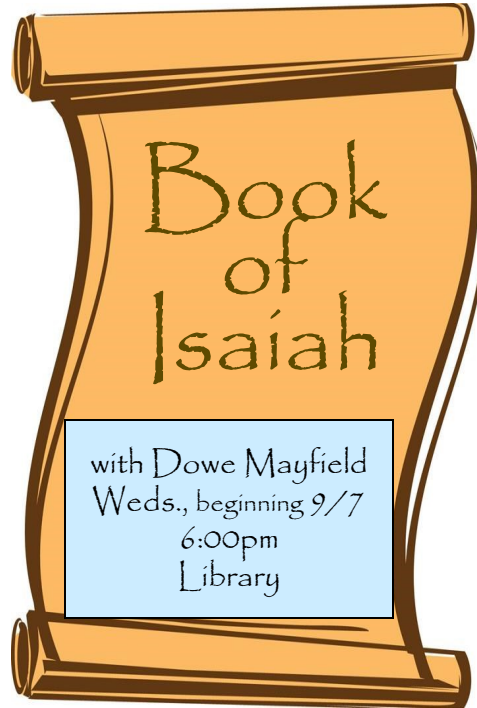
Deacons Meeting (Library)	Sept. 6, 6:30pm
WHAM! (Library)	Sept. 10, 10:00am
Session Meeting (Library)	Sept. 12, 6:30pm
Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside)	Sept. 19, 6:30pm
Regular Ministry Teams	Sept. 19, 7:00pm

Around Cumberland

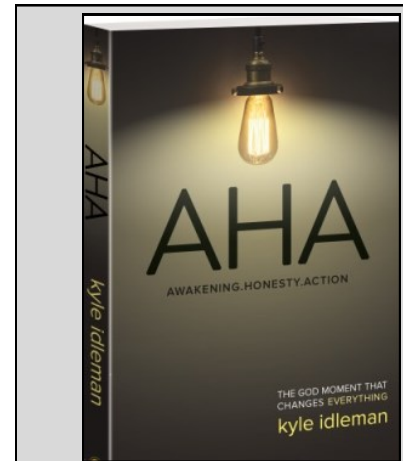


Tuesday Prayer Time

with
Cindy Chitwood
Tues., 6:00pm
Fireside Room
(beginning 9/13)



with Dowe Mayfield
Weds., beginning 9/7
6:00pm
Library



with Pastor Steve
Thurs., beginning 9/8
Noon
Fireside Room

Here's your opportunity to *Invite* SEEKERS!



YOUTH

After Labor Day,
the **youth** will begin
meeting on Weds.
in the Estes Center,
7-8:30pm.

Sept. 7th will be the
first get-together!



Night of Praise & Worship

Tues., Sept. 27, 6:00pm
Sanctuary

Pumpkin Patch Schedule

Tent Set-up

Sept. 30 6:30pm

Unloading

Oct. 1, 8, 15 9:00am

Patch Hours

M-F 2:00pm-7:45pm

Sat. 9:30am-7:45pm

Sun. Noon-7:45pm

Party in the Patch

Sun., Oct. 16 4pm - 7:30pm



Are you able to
hold a child's hand,
offer a hug, lead a game,
feed a snack, teach a lesson,
help with a craft?
Then we need *you* on Satur-
days at 2:00 in the
Estes Center!

We often are especially in need of
extra hands to help with crafts!

Please contact Cynthia Paulk today
and let her know what you can do
to help with
our

A Place 4 Kidz



September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule <div> 9:30 Classic Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:30 Coffee Break 11:00 Praise Service 11:00 Bible Classes </div>				1	2	3 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 2:00 A Place 4 Kidz (EC)** 4:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)
4 Communion Sunday See Sunday schedule above.	5  LABOR Day Church Office Closed	6 1:00 CPC Staff Mtng 6:30 Deacons Meeting (L)+ No Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	7 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 Isaiah Study (L)+ 7:00 Youth (EC)** Choir Rehearsal	8 Noon AHA Study (Fireside Rm.)	9	10 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 9:00 Bread Baking (EC)**  10:00 WHAM!! Meeting (EC)** 2:00 A Place 4 Kidz (EC)** 4:00 Worship Team
11 See Sunday schedule above.	12 6:30 Session Meeting (L)+	13 1:00 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	14 10:30 CPA Potluck & Program (FH)* <i>Summer Olympic Review</i>  Noon Games (FH) 6:00 Isaiah Study (L)+ 7:00 Youth (EC)** Choir Rehearsal	15 Noon AHA Study (Fireside Rm.)	16	17 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 9:00 Bread Baking (EC)** 2:00 A Place 4 Kidz (EC)** 4:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)
18 See Sunday schedule above. Noon Congregational Meeting & Potluck (FH)* 	19 6:30 Ministry Team Leaders (Fireside Rm.) 7:00 Ministry Teams	20 1:00 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:00 Prayer Time (Fireside Rm.)	21 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 Isaiah Study (L)+ 7:00 Youth (EC)** Choir Rehearsal	22 Noon AHA Study (Fireside Rm.)	23	24 8:30 Men's Breakfast (Red Zone Café) 9:00 Bread Baking (EC)** 2:00 A Place 4 Kidz (EC)** 4:00 Worship Team Practice (Sanct.)
25 See Sunday schedule above. Installation & Ordination of New Church Leadership 	26	27 1:00 CPC Staff Mtng (Office) 6:00 Prayer Time (Sanctuary) Night of Praise & Worship	28 11:00 CPA (Buns Over TX) 12:00 Games (FH)* 6:00 Isaiah Study (L)+ 7:00 Youth (EC)** Choir Rehearsal	29 Noon AHA Study (Fireside Rm.) <div>9/30, 6:30pm Pump. Patch Tent Set-up</div>	30	
(L)+ - Library	(FH)*- Fell. Hall	(EC)**- Estes Cntr	CPA - Cumb. Presb. Achievers			

October 2016

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Praise

Kathy Davis' friend LaDonna making great progress after stroke, Deborah Hart's son Sam's deployment postponed until mid to late Nov., Wanda Martin's surgery went well, youth lock-in, Kingston Perez doing well, Marilyn Jamison's successful knee replacement, Tyler Hill settled in NYC, marriage of Wesley & Jessica Rickman, Deborah Hart's son Sam & his wife Natasha safe travels and move to Ft. Hood, Stepheni Perez & Simone Doles recoveries from emergency surgeries, Sam Lively's friend home after brain surgery, Paulks' daughter & granddaughter's safe return from mission trip, Ron Dingle's daughter DelRonda doing well after surgery

General

Chris Woelfel (increase of carpentry business), Darnell Dingle's elderly friends Don & Pat (moving away), Sally Renfro (travels back from IN), Zack Cummings (starting school in Midland), safety for students/teachers/administrators, Cindy Chitwood travels to Houston & CO

Sympathy

Erin Loafman's friend Julie at passing of her father, family of Holly Hester's dad, family of Helen Hunt

Service

safety & comfort for first responders in Lubbock & nationwide, Hester's son Matthew (Stateside), Gerald Files' grandson Christopher (Stateside), Deborah Hart's son Sam (Stateside), Mary Rogers' grandson Robert (Stateside), Karen Caldwell's grandson Joe (Stateside), Mercers' grandson Judd (Stateside), Chris Reid (Stateside)

Health/Recovery

Doris Lowry (recovering at Covenant after fall), Wanda Martin (recovering at Trust Point after surgery), Lane Martin (health issues), Kathy Davis' friend LaDonna (recovering from stroke), Genevieve Potts' sister Virginia (recovery from fall), Marilyn Jamison (recovering from knee replacement), Rod Johnson (blood clots & aortic aneurism), Candy Baack's niece Rikki (ICU with complications from autoimmune disease), Jerrie Pridmore (autoimmune treatments), Kingston Perez (NICU at UMC); **HOSPICE:** Genevieve Potts' brother-in-law Al (recovering from fall); **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** Kathy Davis' friend LaDonna, RoseAnn Lively's Aunt Lupe (surgery) & cousin Paul (chemo), Ross & Holly Hester's 7-yr-old niece Abigail (bone cancer, chemo), Ray Sparkman's friend Sim, Darnell Dingle's friends—Kathy (surgery) & Ronda & Margaret (chemo)

Kingdom Work - Ministries of Cumberland:

Pumpkin Patch, Sam Lively's Mission plans to Nicaragua, strategic planning application, 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 Sept. - Westminster Presbyterian - Elliott Powell, St. Matthew Methodist Church - Rob Lindley, Strong Tower Christian Church - Javier Jaurez

11 Sept. - Calvary Chapel - Ben Martinez, Christian Life Assembly of God - John Murdoch, Oakwood Deaf Mission - Scott Steggs

18 Sept. - First Church of the Nazarene - Michael Page, ACTS Church - Field Bennings, Greater Works COGIC - Billy Moore

25 Sept. - City View Christian Fellowship - Gary Kirksey, Bacon Heights Baptist Church - Jason Atchley

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, Billy & Elaine Mitchell, Mary Lou Moore, Martha Payne, WE Pierce

TREASURER'S TALK

By Richard Trussell

Using Your RMD

Required minimum distributions (RMDs) generally are minimum amounts that a retirement plan account owner must withdraw annually starting with the year that the account owner reaches 70 ½ years of age. The purpose of the RMD rules, which are established by the Internal Revenue Service, is to ensure that people don't just accumulate retirement accounts, defer taxation, and leave these retirement funds as an inheritance.

A charitable tax break for IRA owners is now permanent thanks to the tax package passed in December 2015. Individuals who are age 70 ½ and older can transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRAs directly to charity at **any time during the year**. These transfers count as part of the yearly required minimum distribution.

There are several tax breaks for these direct IRA payouts to charity. The distribution counts toward your RMD without increasing your adjusted gross income. That can be a big help if you don't itemize and can't deduct charitable contributions. In addition, keeping the money out of your adjusted gross income could help you avoid the Medicare high-income surcharge or make less of your Social Security benefits taxable. Of course, the donation to the charity in this case cannot also be deducted.

Stewardship Report, July 2016

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Avg. Weekly Attendance	67	63
Sunday Offering	\$17,585	\$121,672
Other Income Sources	\$14,408	\$103,863
Total Income	\$31,993	\$225,535
Total Operating Expenses	\$32,241	\$229,653
Bldng. Loan Princ. Balance		\$937,936.39



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 joy@cpclubbock.com | www. cpclubbock.com
 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: 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

<u>Sundays</u>	9:30	Classic Worship—Sanctuary
	9:30	Bible Classes
	10:30	Coffee Break—Fellowship Hall
	11:00	Cumberland Praise—Sanctuary
	11:00	Bible Classes
<u>Tuesdays</u>	1:00	Staff Meeting—Office
	6:00	Prayer Time—Fireside
<u>Wednesdays</u>	11:00	CPA's Lunch—Buns Over Texas
	12:00	CPA's Games—Fellowship Hall
	6:00	Wed. <i>Isaiah</i> Study—Library
	7:00	Youth —Estes Center
		Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
<u>Thursdays</u>	Noon	Thurs. <i>AHA</i> Study—Fireside Rm.
	8:30	Men's Breakfast—Red Zone Café
<u>Saturdays</u>	2:00	A Place 4 Kidz—Estes Center
	4:00	Worship Team Practice—Sanctuary