

THE INFORMER OF THE
FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 1, 2015

From the Pastor...

I am thankful. Just what do those words mean to you? During the month of November there will be numerous posts on social media regarding what people are thankful for in their lives. I struggle with this a bit...why only in November? Don't get me wrong, I am "thankful" for those who do recognize what they have been given. But...why not be thankful all year long?

There are numerous verses found in the Bible that states thankfulness should be a part of our everyday living. It should be in our hearts, our minds, our actions, our every bit of being. As people are being told to be ready for God, acknowledging those who have built up the kingdom and refreshing their memory as to how to act as God's children, the writer of I Thessalonians 5:18 states, **"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."** Give thanks at all times. What a wonderful idea for all of us to practice. It is right to give thanks and praise!

Installation of Our New Pastor

The Installation of our new pastor by Red River Presbytery is scheduled for Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The Commission, named by the Red River Presbytery, consists of Rev. Roosevelt Baugh, pastor of the St. Mark CPC in Fort Worth, Rev. Linda Howell, Elder David Farrow of St. Mark CPC and Elder Bill Bischof of Denton First CPC. The Worship Service will be followed by a light reception. We would love to have all of you in attendance: members, regular attendees and friends. If you need a ride, please contact one of the elders or the church office.

Upcoming Events

November 1
All Saints' Day

November 8
Pastor Installation; 6:00 p.m.

November 15
Deadline to order Poinsettias
Deadline to order Advent Books

November 22
Dedicate Loaves and Fishes
Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Meal
Hanging of the Greens

November 26
Thanksgiving

November 29
First Sunday in Advent
Food Collection
Elder Nominations

Attendance and Offering

Oct. 4	32	\$2,538.62
Oct. 11	25	\$1,209.00
Oct. 18	30	\$ 263.05
Oct. 25	39	<u>\$2,115.38</u>
Total Offering		\$6,126.05

Average Needed/Month \$7,440.00

God is GREAT! God is GOOD! 2015 Loaves and Fishes Offering

Guatemala is a country in Latin America with extreme poverty. Guatemala has the highest rate of malnutrition for children under the age of 5 in all of Latin America and the 4th highest in the world. Casa de Fe y Oracion Cumberland Presbyterian Church is located in Mixco, near the capital Guatemala City. When the church conducts a special children's event, children fill the building. And most of those children come hungry.

The goal for this year's Loaves & Fishes Offering is to start a new ministry that is built around a Hot Lunch program for children. It will involve a daily lunch, in addition to medical, nutritional, physiological, education and spiritual care as needed.

We will dedicate our offerings for this mission on November 22 during the morning worship service.



Highlights of the Fall Meeting of Presbytery *(of interest to First Cumberland Presbyterian church)*

- Met with the Faith CP Church in Tulsa, OK on October 17, 2015.
- Approved Kathy McIntire and Kristi Lombard (and others) as Delegates to 2016 General Assembly in Nashville, TN, June 20-24, 2016.
- Approved the Pastoral Relationship of First Denton CPC and Rev. Kristi Lombard.
- Approved the Commission for the Rev. Kristi Lombard's Installation Service. Those serving: Rev. Roosevelt Baugh, Rev. Linda Howell, Elder David Forrow and Elder Bill Bischof.
- Dissolved the Whitney and Mangum CP Churches. Mangum property was approved to become a Residential Center for mothers and children of the area.
- Heard and received many reports from Denomination representatives, Boards and Committees.
- CPW of Red River Presbytery will have a one day retreat at Lake Murray, OK, on May 14, 2016. More information will be distributed soon.

Communion will be celebrated on November 1. This is also All Saints Day.

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Coming Soon!

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Beginning the first Wednesday of Advent, December 2, an Advent Bible Study will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. Bring your lunch, enjoy the fellowship of others and learn more about God!

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Pastor's Church Office Hours:
Mon.—Thurs.: 9:00 a.m.—Noon
*Except 1st Tuesday of the month.

Wednesdays: 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Other Afternoon/Evening Hours are available by appointment or for meetings.

Pastor Kristi is available at all times for emergencies & crisis of families and friends of the church. Please call her cell number.

Prayers and Praises

Keep in prayer: Oleta Hodges, Debra Rush, Erin Justice, Gerald Davis, Don Lounsbury, Martin Blake, Peggy & Bascom Kaemp.

Praises: Dedication of **Martha W.'s** grandson in Michigan.

Thanks to: **Billy Roy** for an exciting night of music! **Glenn D.** for painting the pastor's office and other repairs.

Our Sympathy to: the family of **Lucille Rader. Dean P.** on the death of his uncle, Barnett J. Walker.

Please order and remit payment for your Poinsettias and Advent books by November 15.

Go Ahead! Mark Your Calendar! December 2015

6: 2nd Sunday in Advent
Bring Toys for Denton County Toy Store

7-12 Bethel University Mission Group
staying with us while working at CPCH

13: 3rd Sunday in Advent
Elect, Ordain and Install Elders
Christmas Craft Sale, Bake Sale
& Sing Carols, 5:00 PM

20: 4th Sunday in Advent
10:15 a.m. Christmas Brunch
Take home poinsettias

24: Christmas Eve Communion
Come & Go, 5:00-6:30 PM

Super Sunday School

We invite all children and youth (and young at heart) to participate in Super Sunday School beginning at 9:00 a.m. on November 1, 8, and 15. The youth will be led in lessons about Chrismons by Jay and Hannah Lindsay. Cheryl McQueen will be helping the youth design and make new Chrismons for our Chrismon tree that is in the sanctuary during Advent.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Following the Worship Service on November 22, we will gather together for a Thanksgiving meal. The turkeys and rolls have been generously donated so plan to bring all the fixings to go with them! No need to sign up, just bring what you want.

Hanging of the Greens

Make plans to stay after the Thanksgiving meal to help decorate our beautiful sanctuary for the Advent Season. Our poinsettias will arrive on the next Saturday to adorn the sanctuary as well.

First Sunday in Advent November 29, 2015

Our tradition has been to collect and dedicate different items throughout Advent to help our community. The first Sunday in Advent will be our Food Collection. All donations are given to the Denton Community Food Bank. Each person is challenged to bring the equivalent of at least one meal for a family.

Currently most needed food includes: canned fruit, tuna or canned chicken and canned meals like SpaghettiO's, chili or stew. Money is always helpful and can help purchase other needed supplies.

Also, the Elder nominations by the Session will be announced on this Sunday. A Congregational Meeting to elect, ordain (if needed) and install will be held on December 13 after the Worship Service. Nominations from the floor can be made at this Meeting. Please make sure the person being nominated has been asked and has agreed to serve.



A Wonderful Time Was Had By All...

