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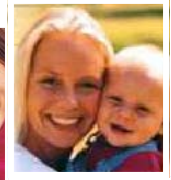
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## A NEW YEAR & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

**Moses and the Ten Commandments -**  
Wednesdays,  
January 7 thru  
February 18 from  
10:00-11:00 am  
Wesley 703. Bring  
your Bible.

This study is based  
on the DVD from the  
Biography Series  
from the History  
Channel. When  
called upon to save  
his people, this  
complex and  
reluctant prophet  
overcame his fears  
and defeated the  
most powerful  
empire on earth.

Facilitated by Jim Alexander.  
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**Esther (Beth Moore's latest study) -**  
Wednesdays, January 14 thru April 1.  
Morning class 9:30-11:30 am in Wesley 802  
& 804 and afternoons 12:30-2:30 pm in  
Wesley 704, 802, 804. Cost is \$20.

If you have ever felt inadequate, threatened  
or pushed into situations that seem over-  
powering, this is the study for you. Just as it  
was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's  
tough today. Beth peels back the layers of  
history and shows how very contemporary  
and applicable the story is to us today.

Registration will be Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> on  
the Wesley porch in between services, or you  
can call the Church office at 494-3455.  
Please make childcare reservations 48 hours  
in advance.

**The Grief Recovery Outreach Program -**  
Wednesdays, January 7 thru April 1.  
6:30 pm in Wesley 804. Led by Judy  
Senter, Med, LPC

Simply defined, grief is the normal and  
natural reaction to a significant emotional  
loss of any kind. While we never compare  
losses, any list would include death and  
divorce as obvious painful losses. Our list  
also includes many others: retirement,  
moving, pet loss, financial and health issues,  
among them. This class is limited to 15  
persons.

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**The Life and Thought of John Wesley -**  
Wednesdays, January 7 thru April 8, 6:30-  
8:00 pm in Wesley 802. Led by Dr. Charles  
Rogers. No cost.

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**Freed-Up Financial Living Seminar -**  
Sunday, February 1, a brief orientation at  
12 noon following the last service in Wesley  
703 to discuss pre-work. Seminar is  
February 6 & 7 (Friday, 6:00-9:00 pm &  
Saturday, 8:30 am-12:00 noon) in Gibbs  
1108. Led by Phil Jackson. Cost \$25.

With this course, you'll find a refreshing new  
approach to stewardship that adapts and  
focuses the unique content of the Good  
Sense Budget Course. Through six engaging  
sessions on DVD, you'll discover tools and  
develop skills to help control your finances  
so they don't end up controlling you. You'll  
get training in biblical financial principles as  
well as help and guidance to:

- Prioritize your financial goals
- Identify action steps to reduce your expenses
- Develop a personal spending plan
- Pay down your debt, and much more.

# A Note From Pastor Jim ...



Dear Coker congregation,

We were strangers, and you have not only welcomed us but embraced Rita and me as though we were long-time members of the Coker UMC family. For your many expressions of gracious hospitality, we are more grateful than we can put into words.

My only regret is the reason for our being here. Rita and I join with you in praying for Pastor Barbara's swift and complete recovery. With you we look forward to the time she resumes her role as senior pastor.

In the meantime, the members of the staff have welcomed me with open arms and have gone out their way to make my involvement as a fill-in or substitute as easy as possible. The lay leadership

has been more than helpful as I have attempted to carry out the responsibilities that are temporarily mine.

As you pray for the complete recovery of Pastor Barbara and Pastor Dave, please pray that God is able to use the time we have together in ways that are pleasing to God and beneficial to this congregation.

Pastor Jim

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**Wear your name tag and welcome Pastor Jim Mayfield & wife, Rita**

While Pastor Barbara is on a three-month restorative leave-of-absence, Pastor Jim Mayfield will be covering her duties. Following a distinguished career, Rev. Mayfield retired after serving 18 years at Tarrytown UMC in Austin. He now serves as a facilitator of clergy groups for the Texas Methodist Foundation Institute for Clergy and Congregational Excellence. Rev. Mayfield assumed his official Coker duties on December 1.

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**Coker Day School: 494-5061  
Mother's Day Out: 494-4481**

### Ministers

#### **Senior Pastor**

Pastor Barbara Galloway-Edgar  
(on leave Dec. 1, 2008-March 1, 2009)

#### **Senior Executive Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Jim Mayfield  
ext. 242

#### **Associate Pastors**

Rev. Sharon Stewart, ext. 226  
Rev. Dave Felps, ext. 224  
Rev. Dr. Roy Taylor, ext. 238

#### **Minister of Music & Arts**

Rev. Dave Collett, ext. 239

#### **Program & Support Staff**

#### **Director of Adult Education & Fellowship**

Gail Hatcher, ext. 230

#### **Director of Children's Ministries**

Cheryl Kendall, ext. 227

#### **Director of Student Ministries**

Mary Anne Waldrip, ext. 269

#### **Church Business Administrator**

Jodie Sell, ext. 231

#### **Admin. Asst. / Campus Coordinator**

Sheri Halford, ext. 262

#### **Pastors' Secretary**

Sue Osborn, ext. 261

#### **Membership Coordinator**

Donna Emery, ext. 232

#### **Communications Coordinator**

Betty Sheaffer, ext. 233

#### **Media Director**

Jason Roe, 380-2423

#### **Financial Administrator**

Janice Gentry, ext. 222

#### **Nursery Supervisor**

Lynn Fitch, ext. 245

**Coker UMC**  
**Leadership Training**  
Saturday, January 10, 2009  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Lunch will be provided

For all Committee Chairs, Staff, Clergy, and the Council Leadership Team

# For Children



## Wednesday Night Bible Adventure

6:30 – 7:30 pm...Upstairs  
Rector every week  
Kinder – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Ever wanted to be a spy with a spy glass and all? Come to Bible study and help us search for clues and discover Jesus.



Sunday School this month ...

- 2 year olds will know that Jesus loves them and that they can show that love to others.
- 3 year olds – kinder will hear the stories about Jesus being Baptized, Jesus in the Wilderness, Parable of the Mustard Seed, and the Prodigal Son.
- 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will explore the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000.

## HeBrews Coffee Hour

Head on over to The HeBrews Coffee Shop to join other parents of young children! Join us for some coffee, visit with other parents, & pick up some new ideas. Different topic each month.

Wednesday, January 21

9-10 am in Wesley 801

No fee, No fuss - Just a lot of fun!  
Childcare available in Wesley 701

\*Annie Viers, a Marriage and Family Therapist and member of Coker, will be on hand to answer parenting questions and share a great cup of coffee!  
Sponsored by Day School & Mother's Day Out

For 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their friends ...

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Retreat

January 23 & 24, 2009

Spend a fun-filled, activity-laden night at the church. All the fun starts Friday at 6 pm and continues until Saturday at 8 am. Cost is \$20 - covers all activities, meals and t-shirt.

Deadline to register is January 18. If you did not receive a registration form, forms are available in the Church office or at the Children's Welcome Table on Sunday mornings.



No 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Kids' Klub or Kiddie Co-Op this month. We will meet again February 6<sup>th</sup>.

# News from Boy Scout Troop 285

## Fiesta Parade Tickets on sale now!

- Friday, April 24 - Battle of Flowers
- Saturday, April 25 - Fiesta Flambeau

\$10 per ticket for each parade

Seats are on Broadway, between Brooklyn & 6th

Contact Jennie at 954-7999 or email  
[T285Fiesta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:T285Fiesta@sbcglobal.net).

## Congratulations to the following scouts who exemplify the tenets of the Scout Oath and Scout Law:

- Life Scout Robert Laird, age 14, who organized a coat drive during November. Through his leadership the troop collected 550 coats. Of that number, the troop delivered 200 to Travis Park UMC for their Coazon Ministries program, 134 to Templo Aleluya in Piedras Negras, 70 to the Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry, and the balance to other charities.
- First Class Scout Lex Lopez, age 12, who organized a shoe & sock drive for the families of Templo Aleluya. Through his leadership the troop collected and delivered to Templo Aleluya 154 pairs of shoes and socks.
- First Class Scout Christian Vazquez, age 12, who organized an Angel Tree project for the children of Templo Aleluya. Through his leadership the troop generously donated and delivered 77 Christmas packets containing 200 gifts for the children.



# For Adults



## United Methodist Women

### Meetings

- **JOY** - Tue., Jan. 6 at 9:30 am in Wesley 802
- **Sharing & Caring** - Tue., Jan 6 at 10:00 am in Wesley 703
- **Monthly Gathering** - Tue., Jan. 13 at 10:00 am in Wesley 703/704
- **Faith & Hope** - Tue., Jan. 13 at 6:30 pm in Wesley 802
- **Quilters** - Thu., Jan. 8 & 22 at 1:00 pm in Wesley 805
- **Reflections** - Thu., Jan. 15 at 9:30 am in Wesley 703



## SAF & CALLL in January



### Wednesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28 ... 10:00 - 11:00 am in Wesley 703

CALLL offers a new study, "Moses and the 10 Commandments," a History Channel series. Bring your Bible. See the front page of this Courier for more information.

### Thursday, January 8 ... 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in Wesley 703/704

**Senior Adult Fellowship** meets for the monthly pot luck lunch. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a program by Cary Clack of the San Antonio Express-News.

### Friday, January 16 - 7:45 am - 2:00 pm

Join CALLL for a tour of the Toyota plant. Toyota will use their bus for the tour so we are limited to 40. Make your reservation soon. Lunch on your own at Bud Jones Restaurant.

### Friday, January 30 ... 10:00 am - 1:00 pm in Wesley 703

**CALLL's monthly Brown Bag Lunch/Games Day.** Bring your lunch; decaf coffee and water will be provided. We have a variety of games or bring your favorite. Sign up is not required. Just come and enjoy the fun.

**You MUST make a reservation to go on tours or trips. Stop by the CALLL table on Sundays or call Margaret Griffin at 341-4080.**

SAF-Senior Adult Fellowship

CALLL-Coker Adult Life-Long Learning

### Ways to start off the New Year

According to historians, the celebration of the New Year is the oldest holiday. Ancient Babylonians first observed it in the spring about 4,000 years ago. In 153 B.C., the Roman Senate declared January 1 as New Year's Day.

The early church started to hold religious observances that coincided with pagan celebrations. Some denominations still mark Christ's circumcision on New Year's.

The tradition of making resolutions dates back to the Babylonians who often promised to return borrowed farm equipment. Using a baby to symbolize rebirth and the new year dates back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians.

Modern-day New Year's customs often focus on prosperity. In Spain, people eat 12 grapes at midnight, hoping to have 12 happy months to come. The Dutch eat donuts because another year has come full circle.

One of the best ways to start off the New Year is by spending time in prayer. Look back on God's many blessings during the completed year and ask for His guidance in the year to come. Also consider starting the tradition of praying for people around the world on New Year's Day.



### Prayer Shawl Friendship Coffee

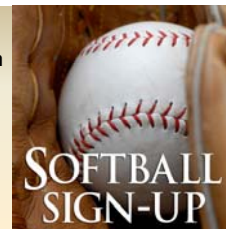
Knitters and crocheters are gathering to bless finished prayer shawls, work on new prayer shawls, visit, and teach interested ladies the art of both needlecrafts.

**Please join us on Monday, January 12  
10:00 am in Wesley 703/704.**

If you are interested in learning how to make prayer shawls, don't be timid. We can get you started working with beautiful, colorful yarn in an art form that is fun and rewarding. Contact Valera Tasto, 492-4486 or Mary Eck, 492-1322.

### Spring Softball

Coker is forming a co-ed team and a men's team to play in a recreational softball league starting in March. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jason Roe at 380-2423 or [jason.roe@coker.org](mailto:jason.roe@coker.org). Both teams are open to anyone ages 16 and up. Come play!



### Promoting Men's Ministry at Coker

#### Upcoming January Events and Opportunities:

- Every Monday in January - UMM breakfast and Bible study; 6:30 am in Wesley 703/704. Tom Ellis at 490-5128 or [tellsaia@aol.com](mailto:tellsaia@aol.com)
- Sunday, January 11 - Golf with the Guys at Silverhorn Golf Course. Bill Waldrip at 857-8431 or [bill@flatrockadvisors.com](mailto:bill@flatrockadvisors.com)
- Sunday, January 11 - "Wild at Heart" study begins at 7:00 pm in Wesley 802. Mike Porter at 452-1770 or [MikePorter@clearchannel.com](mailto:MikePorter@clearchannel.com)
- Wednesday, January 14 - Lunch with the Guys; 11:30 am at Luby's on 281 & Bitters. Ed Von Dran at 930-2834 or [evondran@atei97.com](mailto:evondran@atei97.com)
- Saturday, January 24 - Angel Food Ministries. Jack Collins at 408-1677 or [collins\\_jack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:collins_jack@sbcglobal.net)

# ♪ Music Notes ♪



*Piano Duet*  
*Sunday, January 25, 2009*  
*3:00 pm in the Sanctuary*



Christine  
Debus

Kasandra Keeling and Christine Debus will present a program of romantic piano duet music with works by Brahms, Rachmaninoff and Schubert. Dr. Keeling is currently the Coordinator of Keyboard Studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio where she teaches applied piano. She has performed extensively in the United States, Canada, Mexico and China. French born Christine Debus is currently staff accompanist at UTSA where she teaches and coordinates accompanying and performs in both student and faculty recitals. Arriving in the United States in 1986, she performed extensively in the Washington D.C. area before moving to San Antonio. She has recently toured the southwest region of France as the pianist of the Hemisphere Quartet.



Kasandra  
Keeling

## Thank You!

Thank you to those who have made their financial commitment known to Coker UMC through a pledge to the 2009 church budget. A pledge is an indication of what you intend to give in the coming year. From the gifts you receive from God, pledging a specific amount to the Church is a discipline. We give the first, the best of what we have been given, not what is left over. Your pledge is a way to allocate the first fruits of your gifts to God. As you commit to giving to Coker, Coker commits to being a good steward of your gifts. Your pledge allows the church leadership to discern what financial resources will be available and to responsibly set the financial budget for Coker's ministry in 2009. The United Methodist Church asks members to promise to support the church by their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Many have been negatively impacted by the economy and the poor stock market performance. However, the needs of the church continue despite the state of the economy. In difficult times, the church needs to grow its ministry and outreach even more. Your gifts – great or small – are needed and appreciated.

Some may think that pledging is a thing of the past. Pledges are helpful to the church. But pledging is even more important to the givers in setting their personal priorities. Members and regularly attending visitors are encouraged to commit to the work of God through Coker UMC by making a financial pledge. A pledge enables you to prayerfully discern what regular, intentional giving you will make in 2009. If you have not yet made a pledge to Coker UMC, it's not too late. Just fill out a pledge card found in the pew and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thank you for your financial commitment to Coker UMC.



**Have you made  
a PLEDGE?**

# Reaching out ...

## January Mission Moment

### Pastor's Benevolence Fund

Every week people come to Coker seeking assistance. Sometimes it is a Coker member who has fallen on hard times through loss of a job, medical bills, or family crisis. A pastor discreetly works with the person to help them through the situation.

Other times someone from the community is looking for assistance – with food, utilities, rent, medication. In those cases we work with community ministries particularly CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry). By relying on the expertise of other ministries and pooling resources, we are able to help families get the support they need.

All this assistance is made possible through your generous support to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund. We faithfully use the funds you entrust to us to help people through difficult times.



The Coker Guyana Team is preparing to go to Guyana again February 12-21, 2009. Now is your opportunity to join the team and be a blessing to the many adults and children that the team works with in Guyana. Plans will begin soon for the projects the team will work on, so now is the time to get involved. Please pray about God's calling you to join this important trip. Call Pastor Sharon Stewart in the church office or Ken Baker at 413-0202.

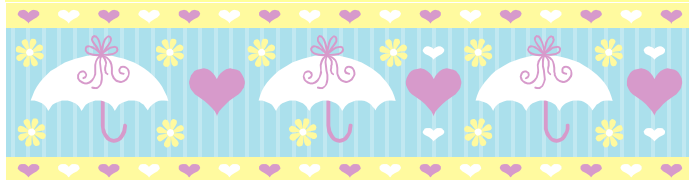
### MAIN MENU PACKAGE - \$30

Sign up in the Gazebo between services on Sundays, Jan. 4 & 11



Distribution - Saturday, January 24 ...  
8:30-10 am

During January the Guyana mission team is collecting **small, collapsible, new or gently used "tote" type umbrellas** for the senior ladies at the Holy Family Home. Umbrellas are needed daily for sun and rain protection. A collection box is located outside the church office.



## Are you experiencing a "Winter" in your life?

**Stephen Ministers are here to help you.**

In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience "winters" in their personal lives. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, support, and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Steve Austin (492-3372) or Peggy Caravantes (408-0767). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



**Northeast Counseling Ministry**

Just a reminder of our services and that we are here for you.

- Play therapy for ages 2-11, adolescents, adult individual, marital, pre-marital and family counseling
- Areas we specialize in: loss/grief, depression, anxiety, divorce, & more
- Manageable fees using a sliding scale based on annual household income

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please contact:

Annie Viers, M.A., LMFT, LPC 602-8193  
Celeste Inman, M.Ed., LPC 602-2203

# Worship

**Saturday, January 3**  
Communion

5:00 pm in Coker Chapel

**Sunday, January 4**  
Epiphany  
Communion

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services

*Celebrate!* 11:00 am in the Upper Room

NO Children's Church

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**Saturday, January 10**  
5:00 pm in Coker Chapel

**Sunday, January 11**  
1st Sunday after the Epiphany

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services

*Celebrate!* 11:00 am in the Upper Room

11:00 am - Children's Church

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary  
Emmaus-Led Worship

**Saturday, January 17**  
5:00 pm in Coker Chapel

**Sunday, January 18**  
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services

*Celebrate!* 11:00 am in the Upper Room

11:00 am - Children's Church

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**Saturday, January 24**  
5:00 pm in Coker Chapel

**Sunday, January 25**  
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services

*Celebrate!* 11:00 am in the Upper Room

11:00 am - Children's Church

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**Weekday Communion**  
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

## January Prayer Focus

"I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send', and who will go for us?" Isaiah 6:8

### Monday

Creator God, help me to know You - to focus on Your nature.

### Tuesday

In my prayerful listening, may I hear only Your summons.

### Wednesday

The threads of my call can only be woven by You, Lord.

### Thursday

Providence will open my path as I become aware of your direction.

### Friday

A right relationship with you, Lord, is my goal. Then and only then will I radiate You.

### Saturday

Almighty God, your power and strength have infused my being.

### Sunday

Penetrate my soul, Lord, as You prepared Isaiah for profound change.

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**DIAL-A-PRAYER: 979-2654**

Hear a new prayer of comfort and encouragement each day of the week.

**Prayer Room in Sanctuary's Narthex open daily**

Save the date ...



The next Healing and Wholeness Communion Service is Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00pm. Come... watch... sing... be silent or participate. Witness and share the compassion of Christ.

**RESOLVED ... to faithfully participate in Emmaus**

Start off the New Year right and join the Coker Emmaus Community on

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009**

**Emmaus Gathering ... 5:30 pm in Wesley 704**

**Emmaus-led Worship ... 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

*Fourth Day Speaker - Wendy Reyes*

Music led by Karen and Michael Stewart from Spring Creek UMC

A brief meeting and Communion led by Pastor Roy Taylor

Childcare is available in Wesley Hall.

**ALL ARE WELCOME. YOU WILL BE BLESSED.**

You do not have to have been on a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis Flight to participate.



Each Week:

SUNDAY

- 7:00-9:30 am - Breakfast
- 7:40 am - Agape Singers
- Worship - 8:15, 9:30 & 11 am in the Sanctuary; Celebrate! at 11 am in the Upper Room
- 8:15 am – Men’s Breakfast Club
- 9:30 am - Catch the Spirit Membership Class
- 9:30 am - Sunday School for all
- 11 am - Children’s Church (Not on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)
- 11 am - Prayer Group
- 4:30 pm - Sing For Christ Youth Choir
- 5:30 pm - Youth Dinner
- 6 pm - CSM Confirmation
- 6 pm - Middle & High School CSM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY

- 6:30 am – UMM Breakfast & Study
- 9 am – Co-ed Exercise

TUESDAY

- 6:30 pm - Rhythms of Praise
- 7 pm – Families of AA Group

WEDNESDAY

- 9 am – Co-ed Exercise
- Mid-Week Manna-begins Jan. 7
- 5:00-6:30 pm - Dinner
- 5:30 pm - Coker Young Musicians
- 5:30 pm - Coker Children’s Ensemble
- 6:00 pm - Worship in Chapel
- 6:30 pm - Kids’ Bible Adventure
- 6:30 pm/7:00 pm - Classes for Adults
- 7:00 pm - CSM Youth Bible Studies
- 7 pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 10 am - Hearts in Tune
- 6 pm - S-Anon Group (12-step program for families of sex addicts)
- 6 pm - Festival Bells Jubilee
- 7 pm - Celebrate! rehearsal
- 7 pm - Al-Anon Group
- 7 pm - Moving Spirit Dancers rehearsal

FRIDAY

- 9 am – Co-ed Exercise
- 5 pm - Overeaters Anonymous Group

SATURDAY

- 10 am - Parents of Adult Children with Addictions group
- 5 pm – Worship Service

CSM - Catalyst Student Ministries

Please note that committee meetings are listed in the Sunday Connection calendar.

# January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> New Year's Day •Church Campus closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Communion
<b>4</b> •Communion •7:00-9:30 am-Breakfast resumes •Angel Food sign up	<b>5</b> •Day School and Mother's Day Out resume	<b>6</b> •6:30 pm-Down Syndrome Support	<b>7</b> •10:00 am-Moses & the 10 Commandments study begins •Mid-Week Manna resumes; new studies begin	<b>8</b> •11:30 am-Senior Adult Fellowship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> •9:00 am-3:00 pm-Lay Leadership Development Training •Mission Moment
<b>11</b> •Mission Moment •Angel Food sign up •5:00 pm-Emmaus Gathering •6:00 pm-Emmaus-Led Worship •6:00 pm-2009 Youth Mission Trips Informational Meeting	<b>12</b> •10 am-Prayer Shawl Coffee	<b>13</b> •10 am-UMW Monthly Gathering	<b>14</b> •9:30 am or 12:30 pm-Beth Moore Study begins •Mid-Week Manna	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> •7:45 am-CALLL tour of Toyota Center	<b>17</b> •Blood Pressure checks after worship
<b>18</b> •Blood Pressure checks after worship	<b>19</b> •Church Office closed 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> •Mid-Week Manna	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> •8:30-10 am-Angel Food Distribution
<b>25</b> •3:00 pm-Arts at Coker presents Piano Duet	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> •Mid-Week Manna	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> •10:00 am-CALLL Brown Bag Lunch/ Games Day	<b>31</b>
					<b>3rd Grade Retreat</b>	
					<b>Middle School Mid-Winter Retreat at Mt. Wesley</b>	

## Joys



- From Army Fisher House - The residents and staff of the Fisher House would like to thank you for your recent donation. We sincerely appreciate your support. Clearly you have a huge heart for our military families.

### We want your news!

Deadline for articles for the FEBRUARY Courier is **January 15**. Contact Betty Sheaffer at 494-3455, ext. 233 or e-mail [betty.sheaffer@coker.org](mailto:betty.sheaffer@coker.org).

### Church Campus closed

- January 1, 2009
- January 19, 2009

Get involved ...



Looking for volunteers to

help with our Audio/Video Ministry.

Training is available. Contact Jason Roe at 380-2423 or [jason.roe@coker.org](mailto:jason.roe@coker.org).

## Gifts...as of Nov. 30, 2008

	2008	2007
Income	\$2,137,068	\$2,177,282
Expenses	- 2,162,904	-2,030,920
Balance	\$ - 25,836	\$ 146,362

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### November Mission Moment

Gulf Coast Hurricane Relief - \$4,627

## Presence

### November 15 & 16

Worship-842 Sunday School-481

### November 22 & 23

Worship-897 Sunday School-482

### November 29 & 30

Worship-934 Sunday School-452

### December 6 & 7

Worship-964 Sunday School-503

### December 13 & 14

Worship-1,191 Sunday School-440

Church Office open

Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
494-3455

### Emergencies after hours or on weekends:

- Pastor Sharon Stewart ... 507-2840
- Pastor Dave Felps ... 262-8465
- Pastor Roy Taylor ... 830-981-5747

## Sympathy

- Family of Lillian Smart who died 1/28
- Jan Jeffries & Joe Jeffries on the death of their son, Justin Jeffries, 11/13
- Fran Garrett & family on the death of her cousins, Paul Yappfe, 11/17, and Phyllis Bryom, 11/28
- Bruce Oehley & family on the death of his uncle, Peter Oehley, 11/18
- Carla Berryman & family on the death of her brother, Lonnie Chapman 11/20
- Don Leonard & family on the death of his father, Dale Ellis Leonard, 11/22
- Rich Simmons & family on the death of his mother, Mary Elizabeth Simmons, 11/27
- Beth Hilburn & family on the death of her mother, Hazel Stephens, 12/7
- Beau Campbell & family on the death of his brother, David Campbell, 12/10
- Family of Margaret Cobb who died 12/10
- Sheri Halford & family on the death of her brother-in-law, Kenneth Moses, 12/10
- Cece Elliott & family on the death of her father

## Memorials given November 15 to December 12, 2008 in memory of

**David Parker** (Nancy Corbitt's brother)—Dave & Anita Oberle, Deac & Jean Davis, Daravene Thomas, Charlotte Swayze

**George Atkinson**—Sharleen Burleson, Jan Bielser, Al Stewart

**Mary Elizabeth Simmons** (Rich Simmons' mother)—Seekers Sunday School Class

**George Cosbohn**—Group O, Inc., Jon & Tiffany Siskey, James & Miriam Nordstrom, John & Shirley Trout, William & Lori Lyness, John & Julie Williams, Betty Cline, Jack & Jean Collins, Al Stewart, Roselyn Keils, Daravene Thomas, Michael & Marietta Oliver, Duane & Rose Schnell, Larry & Rita Donlin, Bill & Janet Scott, Dorothy Thompson, Richard & Carol Mitchell, Mary Hemesath, Wanda Cecil, Vic & Bettye Hauser, Jim & Gloria Baker

**Jim Durant** (Carla Berryman's father)—John & Sue Berryman

**JoAnn Gadberry**—Therrel Martens & April Simpson

**Joe Blond** (John Palmer's cousin)—John & Liz Palmer

**Robert Woodall** (Joe Ed Lamb's brother-in-law)—O. D. & Elsie Lancaster

**Roger Bowles** (relative of John & Liz Palmer)—John & Liz Palmer

**Ruth Morton** (Margarett Christal's mother)—Therrel Martens & April Simpson

**Ruth Cole** (Margaret Griffin's sister)—Deac & Jean Davis, Jim & Gloria Baker





## Wednesday Night Bible Study

**6:45-8:00 pm John Gibbs Building**  
**Join a small group Bible study starting**  
**January 7**

Small groups offer a place to connect with other believers in fellowship; to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own small group of disciples



did; to meet the needs of others in your group in ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to worship God through practicing godly behavior.

**2009 Midwinter Revolution**  
 A spiritual retreat you won't want to miss out on



- Middle School – January 30-February 1 at Mt. Wesley; registration deadline - January 11
- High School – February 13-16 (this one has an added day since it is a holiday weekend); registration deadline - January 25

Cost \$100 - Scholarships are available  
 Registration forms are available in the lobby of the John Gibbs Building.

## Sunday Night CSM

**5:30 pm - Dinner \$3**  
 (NO dinner on Jan. 4)  
**6:00-7:30 pm - Youth Group**

### CONFIRMATION Dive In

January 4 ..... No Class  
 January 11 ..... The Bible as a Guide & Tool for Christians  
 January 18 ..... Who is the God We Worship?  
 January 25 ..... Worship/Hymnal



### MIDDLE SCHOOL

January 4 ..... The New Year - What's in store for you?  
 January 11 ..... Mission Trip Informational Meeting  
 January 18 ..... Phil Wickham Concert - \$10  
 January 25 ..... Regular UMYF



### HIGH SCHOOL

January 4 ..... Keeping Our Resolutions  
 January 11 ..... Mission Trip Informational Meeting  
 January 18 ..... Phil Wickham Concert - \$10  
 January 25 ..... Accountability - What Is It and Why Do We Need it?

### 2009 Mission Trip Informational Meeting High School & Middle School

**Sunday, January 11**  
**\$3 Dinner at 5:30 pm**  
**Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Upper Room**  
 Discuss 2009 upcoming youth activities & events  
 Fill out a new "2009" Medical Form  
 Fill out Overnight Mission Trip Forms