

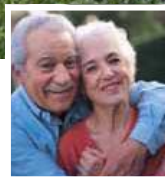


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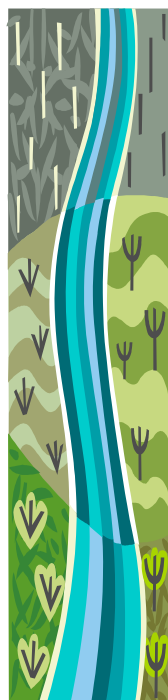


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## THE DEEP RIVER OF PRAYER Retreat

Saturday, JULY 11

8:30 am - 12 Noon • Wesley 703-704



Faith is like a deep river flowing with prayer and spiritual practices. Sometimes the river carries us and sometimes we navigate its movement. Men, women, youth, and young adults are invited to examine *how it is with your soul and how it goes with your prayer life* on a quiet, uninterrupted morning of guided prayer and meditation.

Facilitator Linda Keen, member of Coker and The Upper Room (Nashville) Academy for Spiritual Formation Forum, will offer a blend of active and contemplative prayer practices surrounded with music, snacks, and cool air-conditioning. We'll explore: Praying all ways, Obstacles to prayer, Where we are on the prayer continuum, Experiencing styles of prayer, Renewing our prayer life, Unceasing prayer, and Praying with the saints.

Consider this time and the \$10 fee an investment in the future. Confidential scholarship is available. Call Carmen Thompson, 481-7199. No one will be turned away. Register in the Gazebo by Sunday July 5. Info brochure in the church foyer or check it out at [www.coker.org](http://www.coker.org). Coker Spiritual Enrichment Ministries are dedicated to enriching and strengthening spiritual leaders in God's Church. God has blessed us. The time is now. We are ready.

# Giving because of Love

## Do You Love Me?

*"But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Corinthians 8:7 NIV).*

At the core of giving is love. When you love someone you want to give to them. **You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.** If you love God, it will show in your generous lifestyle. One can claim to be a Christian. One can claim to love God. But there is one test of one's love. "Just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

God doesn't need your time. God doesn't need your money. God wants what your giving represents - your heart. God is a generous giver. "For God loved the world so much that He gave" (John 3:16 NLT). You can become like God and be a generous giver.

Cheerful givers say, "I'm going to give. It all belongs to God anyway. God gave it all to me. I wouldn't have anything without God so I'm going to give to God and trust that God will take care of my needs." Fearful givers say, "I can't afford to do this. I can't afford to give. I've got to watch out for what is mine. I've got to protect myself." Cheerful or fearful?

Giving is as much an act of worship as singing, praying, praising, and listening. Giving says, "God, I love You so much I want to give back to You. Everything I have comes from You. I want to give back to You."

Adapted from "Tell God You Love Him by Giving to Him" by Rick Warren, Purpose Driven Connection Daily Devotional for June 5, 2009. ©2009



## Help is available

### A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them--tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of Coker UMC who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, coping with a cancer diagnosis, going through a divorce or separation, battling a chronic illness (or caring for a spouse or parent who is chronically ill), experiencing a great deal of stress, facing the loss of a job -- or encountering any of countless other life challenges.

Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Steve Austin (492-3372) or Peggy Caravantes (408-0767). **Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!**



If you want to become closer to your spouse but aren't sure how to do it or where to turn, then here are some pointers to get you started:

\*Websites that are geared toward Christian Marriages:

[www.marriagepartnership.com](http://www.marriagepartnership.com) [www.RealRelationships.com](http://www.RealRelationships.com)

\*Books that are great for strengthening your connection:

"Love and Respect" by Emerson Eggerichs

"The 5 Love Languages" by Gary Chapman

"Your Time-Starved Marriage" by Les and Leslie Parrot

"The Love Dare" by Stephen and Alex Kendrick

If you find that you are having more than reconnection issues, **Northeast Counseling Ministry** can be another resource to help resolve issues in your marriage.

Annie M. Viers, MA, LPC, LMFT  
490-4419

Celeste Inman, M.Ed, LPC, RPT  
[www.necministry.org](http://www.necministry.org)

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# For Children



**Vacation Bible School....July 20-24**  
**8:30 am-12:30 pm Kinder thru completed 5th Grade**  
**REGISTER NOW!**

**Come to CAMP E.D.G.E. - Experience & Discover God Everywhere**  
Pick up your registration form at the Children's Welcome Table on Sunday, in the church office during the week, or online at [www.coker.org](http://www.coker.org).



Travel to the Bayou with us this summer during our **Thursday Summer Fun Days** - "Where fearless kids shine God's light"

**July 9, August 6 and 20**

*for kids entering kinder – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*

Cost: \$10 per child per date, not to exceed \$25 per family per date. Limit is 25 children/each date. There are still a few spots open, so sign up soon! Pick up your registration form at the Children's Welcome Table, church office, or online at [www.coker.org](http://www.coker.org).

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**MISSION 45**

**Get your VBS/Summer t-shirt now at the Children's Welcome Table on Sunday or in the church office during the week.**



**Congratulations to the new Eagle Scouts of Troop 285:**

Sean Haley  
Cameron Harris  
Ramsey Nassar  
Steven Otake  
Diego Soza



**Give a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible and share what the Bible means to you**

Would you like to make a donation toward the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles and write a personal letter to one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, letting them know what your Bible means to you?

We are also looking for 4 persons, youth and adult, who would spend about 15 minutes on one Sunday with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class during Sunday school and talk to the children about what the Bible has meant in their lives. You are encouraged to bring your first, most cherished and/or currently used Bible.

If you are interested, please call Cheryl Kendall, 494-3455, ext. 227.



**Join us for Summer Sunday School ...** where the Bible comes to life by the waters. Have fun learning about favorite Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments.

**No Children's Church during the summer.** Take this time to worship as a family.

**MOTHER'S DAY OUT NEWS:** Limited space is available for fall classes. Our new 12 month old class is beginning September 8. Call Terry Ueckert at 494-4481.

**REQUIRED CLASS** for those working with children or youth

**Child/Youth Safety Class**  
Wednesday, July 15  
6:30 pm in Gibbs 1106

Call Cheryl to register - 494-3455, ext. 227.



Check out **PARENT'S INFO** at [www.coker.org](http://www.coker.org) Go to Children's Ministries, then Parent Information

# For Adults



## United Methodist Women

### Meetings

- **NO J.O.Y., Sharing & Caring, or Executive Board in July**
- **Quilters** - Thu., July 9 & 23 at 1:00 pm in Wesley 805
- **Faith & Hope** - Tue., July 14 at 6:30 pm in Wesley 806
- **Reflections** - Thu., July 16 at 11:30 am; Bev Evans - Luncheon Hostess, 403-9357

### VBS Snack assignments - bring to Wesley Hall foyer at 9:00 am:

- July 20-J.O.Y.
- July 21-Sharing & Caring
- July 22-Reflections
- July 23-Quilters
- July 24-Faith & Hope

### Telephone Prayer Line NEWS

If you have served on the Telephone Prayer line, please call 494-2772 (Denny Graham) or email, [edg32131@aol.com](mailto:edg32131@aol.com) if you wish to continue as a prayee on three different weeks from October, 2009 to September, 2010. I will continue to remind you when your date comes up for sharing prayers on the telephone. Everyone has been great in contributing prayers. If you have email, I will send you the directions and schedule. Otherwise I will mail you, if you would give me your address. If your phone has changed, please let me know. If you cannot serve, please contact me as soon as you can.

Thank you, Denny Graham



## SAF & CALLL in July



### Thursday, July 2 ... 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in Wesley 703

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP meets for their monthly Pot Luck Luncheon. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a film on US History, appropriate for our celebration of 1776.

### Thursday, July 2 ... 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Bring a friend to Coker's annual Patriotic Pops Concert with ice cream treats afterward. Always a wonderful musical feast!

### Thursday, July 23 ... 6:30 pm in Bulverde

The Stage Theatre is presenting "Barbara's Blue Kitchen". This countrified musical is a tasty down-home dish tinged with gentle humor, affection, and wisdom. Make your reservations with Peggy Keesee at 541-9092.

### Friday, July 24 ... 9:30 am - 1:00 pm in Upstairs Gibbs lobby

CALLL's Brown Bag Lunch/Games Day. NOTE LOCATION CHANGE. 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.

### Friday, July 31 ... 9:15 am - 2:00 pm at Wounded Warrior Center

Join CALLL for a free guided tour of the Wounded Warrior Center at Ft. Sam Houston. Lunch on your own at Earl Abel's. Bus is \$2.00.

**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

### Promoting Men's Ministry at Coker

#### Upcoming July Events and Opportunities

- Every Monday in July - UMM breakfast and Bible study; 6:30 am in Wesley 703/704. Contact Tom Ellis at 490-5128 or [tellisaj@aol.com](mailto:tellisaj@aol.com)
- Saturday, July 25 - Angel Food Ministries. Contact Jack Collins at 408-1677 or [collins\\_jack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:collins_jack@sbcglobal.net)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coker Guidebook & Directory coming

We are in the process of updating our annual Guidebook & Directory for Coker UMC. This book helps us all to know more about the who, what, where, when, why, and how of our church. The book is being provided at no cost to Coker, including the mailing to each family and is subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it.

If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call Sheri Halford in the church office at 494-3455, ext. 262.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home, and are they all included in your membership record?

Please update your information and let us know if you do not want your information published. This book will be sent to our congregation and to those who advertise in it. The mailing list will not be sold or shared. Call Donna Emery, membership coordinator, with your updated information at 494-3455, ext. 232 or email her at [donna.emery@coker.org](mailto:donna.emery@coker.org).



UPDATE



# Reaching out ...

## July Mission Moment

### Habitat House 2009

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, Inc., is an ecumenical Christian non-profit housing organization working in partnership with God's people in need to build simple, decent, and affordable homes. In the past, Coker had committed to building five homes over the past ten years, a home every two years. Last year we completed that commitment and Coker is proud of its involvement.

**This year Coker will be co-sponsoring a Habitat House with Trinity Baptist Church, and our goal is \$25,000.** We hope to co-sponsor a home each year in the future. How about giving a gift of a "square foot"?

When a home is built for a Habitat family, it's not just a home – it's a new beginning in a new neighborhood, a neighborhood where homeowners share the same values, love and commitment to a better life. There are countless stories of families whose lives have been changed because they were given an opportunity to move from poverty housing, with all its injustices and despair, to a Habitat neighborhood.

As we consider our personal commitment to Habitat, we are reminded of the scripture in Luke, "to whom much is given, much is required." The Mission Committee believes this scripture applies not only to us as individuals but to the Church as a whole.

We must continue to share our blessings with those less fortunate. Thank you for your gifts to this wonderful outreach ministry.



**Buy a Square Foot and Help a Family in Need.**  
For just \$50, you can help build Coker's 5th Habitat home and help a San Antonio family in need. Pick up a Habitat House bank and fill it to the roof!

**\$ 50 =  
1 SQ FT**

### Mission Project for Sunday School Classes and other organizations

#### Help CAM feed the hungry!

The summer months are busy at the CAM Food Distribution Center - giving out over 100 bags of groceries per day. Please help.

Food Needs:

- Canned Vegetables (14-15 oz. cans) - green beans, tomatoes, corn, carrots, mixed vegetables, etc.
- Canned Meats - tuna, spam, stew, etc.
- Canned Fruits (14-15 oz. cans) - fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, pineapple, apricots, applesauce, etc.
- Canned Soups (10 3/4-15 oz. cans) - chicken noodle, potato, tomato, cream of mushroom, vegetable, etc.
- Pasta - macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, noodles, etc.
- Breakfast Food - cereals, oatmeal
- Miscellaneous - peanut butter (18 oz.), jelly, jam
- Beans & Juice for Sack Lunches - pop-top can pork & beans (8 oz.), pop-top can orange juice (6 oz.), fruit cup



**Sign up in the Gazebo between services on Sundays, July 5 & July 12**

**Distribution - Saturday, July 25  
8:30-10:00 am**

Join us for

## Patriotic Pops & Ice Cream Social Thursday, July 2 at 7:30 pm



**The Coker Chancel Choir, Coker Orchestra, soloists and special guests**  
**Dave Collett, Conductor      Duane Hoff, Conductor**

Come along on a paddlewheel steamboat race, stand and cheer American heroes past and present, tap your toe and sing along to American classics like *Stars and Stripes Forever*, *God Bless America*, and *Salute to the Armed Forces*. The Chancel Choir, Orchestra and special guests Russ Murphy and Alissa Anderson present our fifth annual musical salute to America with favorite patriotic selections and rousing Americana favorites. Join us for an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social in the gym following the concert. The Patriotic Pops concert is always SRO (standing room only) and is a great way for your family to kick off the 4th of July weekend! Seating is available at 6:45 pm.

Nashville-based Singer/Songwriter Russ Murphy returns to Coker to sing John Denver and Glenn Campbell favorites and two of his new songs in honor of the brave men and women serving our country across the globe. Russ is an Inspirational Country Music award-winning composer and singer. We are also fortunate that Coker's own emerging opera star Alissa Anderson can be with us to sing a set of spirituals before she heads to New York for the remainder of July!

### **About The Arts at Coker...**

*The Arts at Coker* is a series of programs that celebrate the performing and visual arts at Coker United Methodist Church. All events are open to the general public and are presented at no or nominal charge to the greater San Antonio community. In order to present outstanding programs and events, free-will offerings are taken and donations are accepted. A portion of this year's donations will go to an area organization that supports our service men and women here and abroad.



### **Music Ministry Fall Registration**

Look out for the flock of flamingoes and their new special guests hovering around the registration tent between services on August 16, 23 and 30 by the Wesley Building. Come sing, ring and play with us next fall!

## Sacred Harp Singing National Convention at Coker

You are invited to **COME and SING**

**Saturday, July 25 ... 10 am-3 pm in the Upper Room, Gibbs Building**

**Sunday, July 26 ... 9:30 am-2:30 pm in the Scout Lodge, Coker Park**

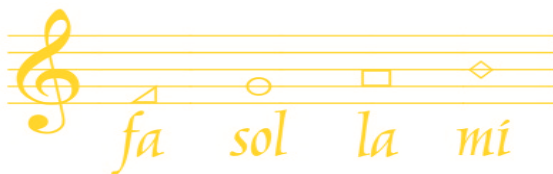
The *Sacred Harp* is an anthology of lively hymns that have been in continuous publication since 1844. The music is printed with four different shapes for the noteheads to the syllables of the scale, "fa sol la fa sol la mi fa" to help people learn to sight read. In the traditional style, the music is first vocalized by singing through the tune using the fa-sol-la syllables, followed by singing the words to the hymn. Many of the hymns are familiar and are found in most church hymnals. The hymns are sung unaccompanied, and the singers typically face each other sitting on four sides of a hollow square, with strong voice and strong beat. This type of sacred singing has been in existence for many years and has been sung in Texas for over 150 years.

Singing will be from the 1991 revision of *The Sacred Harp*. Tune books will be available for use and for purchase.

A free-will offering will be collected. No admission charge.

Coker UMC is pleased to host this second Sacred Harp Singing Convention. Sacred music has always been an essential and exciting part of worship services at Coker Church. Sacred Harp singers bring a wealth of American music history in raising the shape note hymns on the Coker campus which takes us back to our roots in this location beginning in 1836.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME, SING, LISTEN!**



## Memorials given from May 13 to June 15, 2009 in memory of

**Ann Carlyon**—David & Deborah Blackerby

**Brad Cozens**—Lou Teuton, Bob & Lois Alexander

**Buddy Hahn** (Gus Hahn's brother)—Dave & Anita Oberle, Jack & Ginny Trawick, Ed & Mary Beth Ladendorff

**Byron Cole**—Lou Teuton

**Denson Hinton** (Mike Hinton's brother)—Jack & Ginny Trawick

**Dixon O. Brown** (former member)—Bob & Lois Alexander

**Floreene Murray** (Gus Hahn's sister)—Lou Teuton

**Frances Vordenbaum**—Jack & Ginny Trawick, Ben & Nancy Tucker, Michael Robbins, John & Virginia Keiser, Mary Lynne Montgomery, Ford & Merry Neilsen, Phillip & Martha Gaston, Cathy Wall

**George Powers**—Jackqaline Powers

**Lee Nell Merritt** (former Choir Director)—Lou Teuton, Bob & Lois Alexander

**Marguerite Puck**—Dave & Anita Oberle, Cathy Wall, Joe Ed & Elnor Lamb, Rod & Peggy East and Armin, David & Patricia, Doris & Verl Green, Bo & Carolyn Greer, Betty Janicke

**Randolph Massie** (Marilyn Angel's father)—Jim & Shirley Adamek, Questors Class, Dave & Anita Oberle

# Health Needs Survey Report



## Health & Wellness

### Coker Health & Wellness Committee Health Needs Survey Report - May, 2009

God calls us to minister to each other and to spread His word through loving acts of kindness. He desires that we be in union with Him in body, mind and spirit. He asks that we be good stewards of our physical bodies and emotional health as well as our spiritual selves as we seek to glorify His name. In response to this call, the Coker Health & Wellness Committee desires to minister to the health and wellness needs of our congregation and community.

The Health Needs Survey 2009 of our congregation was completed by 338 individuals in May. Respondents ranged in age from 12-91 years. Of those who responded, 60% were 51 or more years old. Coker's membership reflects 44% in the category age 51+ years. Female individuals (60%) represented the majority of those surveyed. Respondents were eager to share their ideas, offer their talents, and commit to service.

Overall, respondents were extremely interested in learning about taking care of their physical bodies through nutrition/healthy foods/cooking demonstrations (137) and fitness activities (135). Respondents also wanted to learn more about cancer prevention and latest treatments (110), dementia (Alzheimer's) prevention and treatments (95), and long term care issues (78). Depression signs, symptoms, and treatment (74) were also identified as an area of interest.

Individuals (68%) strongly indicated they would attend a health seminar and would prefer the seminar be offered on a Wednesday evening (85). A Health Fair also received strong support (70%), and Sunday morning (105) was the best time indicated for this event.

Finally, 62% of those responding would volunteer if Coker decides to operate a food bank. Comments included those who would like to support this mission through volunteering time and organizational skills, donating food, and involving Coker's Boy Scout Troop 285.

The results of this survey are important in the life of Coker and the community. Participants identified interests and needs which indicate ways that Coker can minister to individuals, small groups, our congregation and the community. People are eager to participate through their attendance and by sharing their talents.

Survey results are available to anyone requesting them by contacting Sherry Hatcher, [suburbanmom511@satx.rr.com](mailto:suburbanmom511@satx.rr.com) or 210-490-0582. The results can be organized in many ways, by age group (Ages 0-18, 19-35, 36-50, 51-65, and 66+) as well as by topic. In addition, all comments are organized and referrals can be made to connect people with similar interests or needs. Please contact Sharon Ford, Chairperson for the Health & Wellness Committee, if you would like to help in any way. She can be reached at: 545-0076 or [ssqford@earthlink.net](mailto:ssqford@earthlink.net).

**God has blessed us, the time is now, and we are ready! Watch for all the ways the Health & Wellness Committee will be spreading God's love!**



**HEALTHMILES**

**It's never too late to sign up online and get fit with your Virgin Healthmiles Pedometer.**

**Healthmile Rewards**

**donated to Coker UMC to date - \$25.**

Sign up as an "individual" at [www.virginhealthmiles.com](http://www.virginhealthmiles.com) and start earning rewards while getting fit.

#### July Nutrition Hint

Summer is a great time to add fresh fruit to your diet! Try some of the following:

- BLUEBERRIES - Rich in antioxidants which may help fight cancer and prevent macular degeneration. Like cranberries they may help protect against urinary tract infections.
- APPLES - Eating the skin with the flesh gives you 15% of your daily fiber needs, and they are loaded with antioxidants.
- KIWIS - Contain twice as much Vitamin C as an orange, ounce for ounce.
- STRAWBERRIES - Excellent source of Vitamin C and other antioxidants. A few a day may be good for diabetics, heart patients, and inflammation.
- ORANGES - A single orange gives you a full day's Vitamin C and potassium. The membrane around each slice may help you lower cholesterol.
- BANANAS - High in potassium, low in sodium. May be good for blood pressure, stroke prevention, and preventing stomach ulcers.
- GRAPES - Contain resveratrol, a powerful antioxidant, that might help fight heart disease.
- PAPAYAS - May help improve digestion. Provides a lot of Vitamin C and folate.



(Summarized from Ladies Home Journal/Nutrition/May 09)

# Worship and Prayer

## Saturday, July 4

Communion  
5:00 pm in Chapel

## Sunday, July 5

### 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion

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

*Celebrate!*

11:00 am in Upper Room

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## Saturday, July 11

5:00 pm in Chapel

## Sunday, July 12

### 6th Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Celebrate!*

11:00 am in Upper Room

## Saturday, July 18

5:00 pm in Chapel

## Sunday, July 19

### 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Celebrate!*

11:00 am in Upper Room

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## Saturday, July 25

5:00 pm in Chapel

## Sunday, July 26

### 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Celebrate!*

11:00 am in Upper Room

## July Prayer Focus

*Faith is the confidence that we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.*

Hebrews 11:1 NLT

### Monday

Holy One, take away my unbelief.  
Amen.

### Tuesday

I know you are there, Lord, even though I cannot see you. Thank you for always loving me. Amen.

### Wednesday

Lord, let my faith be contagious to others with whom I come in contact. Thank you. Amen.

### Thursday

Father, when I begin to doubt, please lead me back to your instruction book, the Bible, so I can be refreshed in your word. Amen.

### Friday

Cling to me as I cling to Your word, oh my God. You are my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

### Saturday

God, my God, when the faith of my brothers and sisters in Christ waivers, let me be Your example. Amen.

### Sunday

Almighty One, help us to remember that through You, all things are possible, if we only believe. Amen.

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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 ...



## Healing Service

Monday, August 3

7:00 pm

Historic Coker Chapel

Witness and share the compassion of Christ. Invite a friend, pray for others, be still and know.



Remember to include WORSHIP in your vacation plans!

## YOU are Encouraged to Worship at an Emmaus-Sponsored Service



Whether you have ever been to an Emmaus-sponsored worship service or not, **YOU are invited to worship** with the Coker Emmaus Community on **Sunday, July 12th**. You do not need to have been on a Walk to Emmaus to participate.

**Refreshments** at 5:30 in Wesley 703-704. **Music and worship** begins at 6:00 in the Sanctuary. Pastor Barbara will celebrate **Holy Communion**. Child care will be provided in the Wesley Nursery.

**We will all be blessed.**

# July 2009

**Each Week:**

**SUNDAY**

- 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 - Sunday School for all
- 11 am - Prayer Group
- 3:30 pm - Youth Band
- 4 pm - Sing For Christ Youth Choir (only on 7/12)
- 5 pm - Youth Bells (only on 7/12)

**MONDAY**

- 6:30 am – UMM Breakfast & Study
- 9 am – Co-ed Exercise
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Group

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

- 9 am – Co-ed Exercise
- 7 pm - “Ignite” CSM Youth Bible Studies & Worship
- 7 pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal (not on July 8 or July 15)

**THURSDAY**

- 6 pm - S-Anon Group (12-step program for families of sex addicts)
- 6 pm - Festival Bells Jubilee (not on 7/2)
- 7 pm - Celebrate! rehearsal
- 7 pm - Al-Anon Group

**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.

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                              | Wed                                 | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Celebrate with us!<br>Patriotic Pops Concert & Ice Cream Social<br> |   |                                  | 1                                   | 2   | 3   | 4  |
|  |   |                                  |                                     | •11:30 am - Senior Adult Fellowship<br>•7:30 pm - PATRIOTIC POPS CONCERT & Ice Cream Social | •Church Campus closed                       | •Communion   |
| 5  | 6   | 7                                | 8                                   | 9   | 10  | 11   |
| •Communion<br>•Angel Food sign up  |   | •6:30 pm - Down Syndrome Support |                                     | •10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Children's Summer Fun Day   |   | •Mission Moment<br>•8:30 am-12 noon-Deep River of Prayer Retreat             |
| High School Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA - July 5-12  |   |                                  |                                     |   |   |  |
| 12   | 13  | 14                               | 15                                  | 16  | 17  | 18   |
| •Mission Moment<br>•Angel Food sign up<br>•5:30 pm - Emmaus Gathering<br>•6:00 pm - Emmaus-Led Worship   |   |                                  | •6:30 pm - Child/Youth Safety Class | SFC Youth Choir Tour to Dallas July 16-19   |   |  |
| 19   | 20  | 21                               | 22                                  | 23  | 24  | 25   |
| •Blood Pressure Checks<br>  |   |                                  |                                     | •6:30 pm - Senior Adults at Bulverde Stage Theater  | •9:30 am - CALLL Brown Bag Lunch/ Games Day | •8:30-10 am - Angel Food Distribution<br><br>•Sacred Harp Singing Convention |
| VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm  |   |                                  |                                     |   |   |  |
| 26   | 27  | 28                               | 29                                  | 30  | 31  |  |
| •Sacred Harp Singing Convention  | •3 <sup>rd</sup> Mother's Day Out Summer Session begins |                                  |                                     |   | •9:15 am - CALLL outing                     |  |
| Boys' Chrysalis at Coker   |   |                                  |                                     |   |   |  |

## Joys

### Congratulations

- Sue & Rick McManus on the birth of their grandson, Elijah "Eli" Timothy Williams, 5/19; parents are Kim & Jason Williams
- Stacey & Jeff Blattner on the birth of their son, Matthew Randy, 5/22; grandparents are Carol & John Blattner

### Thank You

- From Our House SA - Thank you for your generous gift to our ministry.
- From Ft. Sam Houston Warrior & Family Support Center - Thank you for your generous contribution and support.
- From the Lutz family - Your generosity, meal, and memorial service meant so much to our family. Thank you for your kindness.
- From Bertha Alford - Thank you to all of the pastors of Coker UMC, Stephen Minister members and friends for their many visits during my long hospital stay. Not a day passed without someone from Coker coming and offering a prayer. My Prayer Shawl has become my "security blanket".
- From Betty Sheaffer - My recovery from knee replacement surgery has been made easier because of your prayers, cards, phone calls, and other blessings you sent my way. Many thanks to the loving Coker family.

Dear Coker Family,  
 Mere words can not express my sincere and deepest appreciation for your expressions of love shown for me in all of the cards, gifts, and farewell wishes as I prepared to leave Coker UMC. I felt your love for me and will continue to praise God for your blessings. My prayers for you will continue and my love will never cease. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!  
 Blessings and Peace,  
 Rev. Sharon Stewart

## Hospitals & Rehab

- Methodist - Charles Greinke
- Christus Santa Rosa NW - Jennifer Ueckert
- Healthsouth RIOSA - Renda "Jean" Reaves

## Sympathy

- Joan Whitehead & family on the death of her cousin, Doug Davis, 5/17
- Mike Hinton & family on the death of his brother, Denson Hinton, 5/18
- Stefan Hays & family on the death of his father, Kevin Hays, 5/27
- The family of Frances Vordenbaum who died 5/31
- Armin Puck & family on the death of his wife, Marguerite Puck, 6/2, Trish Cloud's mother, Peggy East's sister, and Carolyn Greer's cousin
- Jane Robichaux & family on the death of her husband, Thomas J. "Buddy" Robichaux, 6/7
- Barbara Loomis & family on the death of her mother, Iris Bennett, 6/11
- Reba Walton & family on the death of her husband, Robert "Bob" Walton, 6/15
- Joyce Hagle & family on the death of her husband, Carl M. Hagle, 6/17

## Presence

- May 16 & 17**  
 Worship-1,026 Sunday School-488
- May 23 & 24**  
 Worship-746 Sunday School-416
- May 30 & 31**  
 Worship-1,216 Sunday School-477
- June 6 & 7**  
 Worship-828 Sunday School-452

## Gifts...as of May 31, 2009

|          | 2009         | 2008         |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Income   | \$ 1,092,937 | \$ 1,028,584 |
| Expenses | - 1,000,759  | - 912,139    |
| Balance  | \$ 92,178    | \$ 116,445   |

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### May Mission Moment

Our House of San Antonio ... \$1,852

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

### Emergencies after hours or on weekends:

- Pastor Barbara Galloway ... 830-981-5116
- Pastor Damon Relder ... 684-1363
- Pastor Dave Felps ... 262-8465

## Baptisms

Nikolas Dale Mabry  
 Aubrey Juliana Joiner  
 Sydney Elizabeth Joiner



Independence DAY

Church Campus  
 Closed  
 July 3

**DEADLINE:**  
**Newsletter Articles**  
**July 15**

Contact Betty Sheaffer at  
 494-3455, ext. 233 or e-mail  
[betty.sheaffer@coker.org](mailto:betty.sheaffer@coker.org).



Sabrina Barendt



Mark Edwards  
 with Holly Dietert-Edwards



Billie Sutton



Anne & Frank "Van" Van Breedam  
 Joan Glenewinkel  
 Martha N. Smith  
 Stuart, Lynn & Clarice Young



**Stand UP. Stand OUT! – High School Mission Trip 2009**

- July 5-12 to New Orleans ... pray for the group as they take their love of Christ to Louisiana.

🎵 **Youth Choir Tour to Dallas** 🎵

- July 16-19 ... pray for the choir as they take Christ's love to Dallas through music.



**Attention Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders ...**  
**Lunch & Bowling - Wednesday, July 22**  
**Cost-\$15.** Leave at 12:30 pm from the Gibbs building; return at 3:30 pm.  
**Money & medical form due July 12.**

**High School Lake Trip to Lake LBJ** - July 16 at 10:00 am to July 17 at 3:00 pm. **Cost-\$15.** Incoming 9th graders welcome. **Money & forms due by July 5.**

**Middle School Mystery Trip** - August 3 at 8:00 am to August 4 at 8:00 am. **Cost-\$25.** Sign up at the Middle School Table in the Gibbs building. **Money & forms are due by July 26.**

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**Ignite Wednesday Night Bible Studies**

Join us each Wednesday evening in the Upper Room at 7:00 pm for Bible study and worship. For the glory of God we will pray, sing, and hear His Word spoken through scripture. Great way to spend a summer evening.

Religion is not a nagging parent, nor is it a report card keeping track of our achievements and failures and grading our performance.

Religion is a refining fire, helping us get rid of everything that is not us, everything that distorts, dilutes or compromises the persons we really want to be, until only our authentic selves remain.

-Harold Kushner



**Welcome summer interns!**

Coker is blessed with two wonderful interns for the summer. Both Ricky Fink and Morgan Powell attend A&M University and are interested in pursuing careers in youth ministry. They have already been leading Sunday school and building relationships with the youth and are working alongside the student ministry staff on all summer ministries and outings.