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Witness a Step of Faith

On Saturday, May 22, you are invited to come and witness a Step of Faith by twenty-six youth in the Coker Sanctuary at 6:00 pm. In this special Confirmation service these young people will answer for themselves the questions asked at their baptism. They will claim the name of Jesus Christ and accept God's gift of grace as a follower of Christ. Your presence will show your support of these young people as they take this step of faith.

The journey though Confirmation has been a step along the road to a stronger faith. These confirmands have learned what it means to be the church, to know and experience God, to understand Jesus as Lord and Savior and the power of the Holy Spirit, to hear the call to mission and ministry, and to embrace our own heritage as United Methodists.

Special thanks to the leaders that have provided guidance this year to these confirmands: Kathy Loggins, Julie Hilton, Mark Doderer, Marcy Doderer, Karen Latsko and Tricia Barton. Also thanks to our pastors that have led many of the lessons: Barbara Galloway, Damon Relder, Dave Felps, and Dave Collett.



2010 Confirmands (in alphabetical order) - Brandon Barton, JC Bennett, Blake Berryman, Daphne Chapman, Courtney Cullen, Katie Doderer, Hayley Drozdick, Kyle Fuller, Elizabeth Greer, Ashleigh Herrera, Hannah Hyche, Ryan Kempf, Caroline Kirbo, Jenna Latsko, Austin McCanless, Tyler McRae, Christopher Miller, Corey Morse, Daniel Philippus, Hallie Riojas, Brooks Roy, Grant Smith, Connor Tubbesing, Davis Tucker, Matthew Vise, Lauren Wreckle

Stewardship of Prayer

by Carmen Thompson

My husband, Bob, and I have been Coker members for four years. At Coker, stewardship is a way of life as exhibited through our membership vows of Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. Fifteen years ago our church's theme for the year was "Prayer's Alive in '95." That year totally changed my prayer life in a very positive way, and I cannot thank God enough for this blessing.

The first change in my prayer life was to give God the best time of my day. For me, that's when I first awaken each morning. When I skip that "set-aside" prayer time, my day does not go nearly as well as it does when I make time for God.

My prayer life also improved when I began using the acronym, **ACTS**, to remind me of the four elements of prayer: **Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.**

When we **adore** God, we're praising God for who God is. We're recalling a few of God's specific characteristics, such as Creator and Good Shepherd.

In contrast, the **thanksgiving** part of prayer thanks God for what God has done for me or someone I love. I feel much more thankful for all of God's blessings when I name the specific ones that I have experienced.

Supplication includes specific prayers for others as well as for me. That includes praying for my enemies or those people who may have hurt me; it's much easier to love people for whom I pray.

Another important change for me was when I learned the Prayer of Examine in which I ask God for an account of my soul. The first part of this prayer is to ask myself, "When was I aware of God's presence in my life? When did I remember to show God's love to other people?"

The second part of this prayer is to ask God, "When did I push You aside and sin?" My relationship with God is much better when I acknowledge and **confess** specific sins that I've committed and ask for forgiveness. It used to be so easy and so ineffective to ask God to forgive my sins in general. Now I can actually see positive results because I'm focused on improving those specific areas where I have not done God's will.

For a long time I struggled with how to pray unceasingly. Through the centuries Christians have tried to convert unceasing thinking into unceasing praying. Unceasing praying is allowing God's Holy Spirit to live in our hearts so that we can see our world through the eyes and heart of Jesus Christ. No one can do it all the time, but when we fail, we ask God to forgive us, believe we're forgiven, and move on.

I am very grateful to God for the opportunities available at Coker for the ongoing process of spiritual growth. I pray that we can love God and our neighbors as ourselves and help each other through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.



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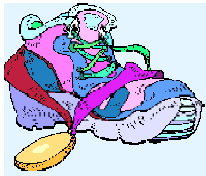
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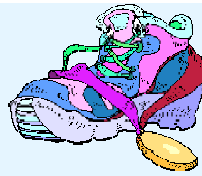
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For Children



1st Friday Family Night Wacky Olympics

Friday, May 7
6:00 - 9:00 pm



Let the games begin as families compete with each other in Coker's Wacky Olympics. The fun begins at 6:00 pm and ends at 9:30 pm. Start off by making your own family flag and enjoy a great meal together! Then it's off to the games and ending with a movie for the family. Come have fun as a family while you fellowship with your Coker family.

Cost ... bring a stuffed animal for the children at Ronald McDonald House.

If needed, there will be childcare for children 3 months – 3 years, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm. There will be a charge of \$5 per child and a limit of 15 children. Reservations are not needed but requested since there is a limit, please call 494-3455, ext. 245.



Travel the ocean blue with us this summer during our

Thursday Summer Fun Days

Climb aboard for the voyage of a lifetime and explore the mighty love of God!

June 10 & June 24, July 15 & July 29, and August 12
for children entering kinder - 5th grade

Cost is \$5 per child, per date ... limit 20 per date

Pick up registration forms at the Children's Welcome Table, the church office, or online at www.coker.org.



Galileo says, "It's time to register for our



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!"

June 14 - 18
8:30 am - 12:00 noon

Pick up registration forms at the Children's Welcome Table, the church office, or online at www.coker.org.

Don't forget to buy your glow-in-the-dark T-SHIRT for \$8.

REQUIRED CLASS for those working with children or youth

Child/Youth Safety Class

Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm
or Sunday, June 6 at 12:30 pm
Classes in Rector 608

Please call Cheryl to register - 494-3455, ext. 227.

Childcare will be provided.

PIP (Parents In Prayer)

by Scott Crippen

We are used by God to be examples for others. My recent health and slow recovery in some areas has left me to wonder about my purpose. My family saw the movie, *How to Train a Dragon*, last night, and I must admit I was caught off guard. Without completely giving away the ending, the main character was far from perfect. In the end, his purpose was clearly defined. He was used imperfectly to help others.

I do not claim to be a hero. Recovering from a stroke, my eyesight is not completely back, and not all of the feeling is back on my left side. I have realized that I can be OK if this does not change. This morning as I left physical therapy, my children came sprinting down the sidewalk to greet me. The looks on their faces were priceless, and, as a parent, you know what that looks like and what it means to you. You are your children's hero. No one else in the world can better play that role than you.

Psalm 127:3 *Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from Him.*



Sunday School this month ...

- **2 year olds** continue to show God's love.
- **3 year olds – kinder** will hear the stories of The Mystery of Pentecost, The Crosses, Feeding the 5,000, Parable of the Sower, and The Road to Emmaus.
- **1st-5th grades** will hear the stories of Paul and how he encountered the risen Christ and became a faithful believer who spread the gospel message with great passion.

Have you prayed to see where God is calling you? Is it with children? **Volunteers needed for Summer Sunday School for ages 2 years - 5th grade.** If you are interested, please call Becky Kirbo at 494-3455, ext. 259.



Children's Church ends May 23 and resumes September 12.

Mark your calendar ...



Children's 2010 Summer Camps at Mount Wesley

There are 2 dates offered this year for each age group.

- Entering 3rd - 4th grades ... June 13-15 & July 11-14
- Entering 5th - 6th grades ... June 20-24 & August 8-12
- Music, Art & Drama Camp, entering 4th-6th grades ... July 28-31—join Mrs. Cheryl who will be on staff at this camp.

Forms available NOW

For Adults



United Methodist Women

Meetings

- **J.O.Y.** - Tue., May 4 at 9:30 am in Wesley 802 - End of School Brunch
- **Sharing & Caring** - Tue., May 4 at 10:00 am in Wesley 703
- **Executive Board** - Tue., May 4 at 12 noon in Wesley 802
- **UMW Monthly Gathering** - Tue., May 11

Made with Love

10:00 am in Wesley 703/704

We will talk about how the creative work of our hands can honor and serve God as well as provide relaxation and renewal for our spirits.



Representatives from Coker Quilters, Care Caps, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry will show how these activities are organized to serve.

We will also make some items for sale at Cokerfest. Some require minimal sewing, but most do not. Materials will be provided.

Reflections Circle will serve a light lunch.

- **Faith & Hope** - Tue., May 11 at 6:30 pm in Wesley 806
- **Quilters** - Thu., May 13 & 27 at 1:00 pm in Wesley 805
- **Reflections** - Thu., May 20 at 9:30 am in Wesley 703
- **May 22** ... deadline for UMW Luncheon at Annual Conference in Corpus Christi



WOMEN IN THE WORD

A monthly stand-alone Bible Study. Bring your Bible and enjoy discovering more about THE WORD!

9:30-10:30 am (9:15 for coffee) in Wesley 802; the first Thursday of each month - **May 6**
Sponsored by UMW; led by Pastor Barbara

Promoting Men's Ministry at Coker May Opportunities

- **UMM** - every Monday at 6:30-7:30 am in Wesley 703/704. Contact Tom Ellis at 490-5128 or email tellisaia@aol.com for more information.
- **Golf Outing** - Sunday, May 2 at the New J.W. Marriott Hill Country Resort is FULL.
- **Saturday, May 22** - Angel Food Distribution. Contact Jack Collins at 408-1677 or collins_jack@sbcglobal.net.



SAF & CALLL in May



Thursday, May 6 ... 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in Wesley 703/704

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP meets for their monthly Pot Luck Luncheon. Bring a dish to share and enjoy good food and fellowship. Our program will be presented by Pastor Damon Relder who will tell us about his "Bridge Experiences" (continuation of his visit last year).

Thursday, May 6 ... 6:30 pm in Bulverde at the STAGE Theatre

Father's Day is a warm and touching comedy based on Eric Chappell's hit TV series, HOME TO ROOST. Call Peggy Keesee at 541-9092 to make a reservation.

Friday, May 14 ... 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

CALLL's destination is the LADY BIRD WILDFLOWER CENTER in Austin. There will be a guided tour for 45-60 minutes in the gardens with a Texas Sculptors exhibit, the Shou Ping Sculpture exhibit in the McDermott Learning Center, and a Native Plant Bonsai display of native trees under the rose arbors near the McDermott Learning Center. Lunch, on your own, will be at the Center's Cafe. Plants and other items will be on sale in the store area. TOUR (all inclusive) - \$8.00; BUS - \$4.00.

Monday, May 24 ... 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

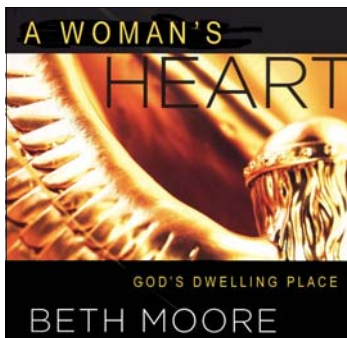
CALLL's SECOND docent-led tour of the new J.W. Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa. Lunch on your own at their Cibolo Moon Cafe. Tour - free; bus - \$2.00.

Friday, May 28 ... 9:30 am - 1:00 pm in Wesley 703/704

CALLL's Brown Bag Lunch/Games Day. Bring your lunch. Decaf coffee and water will be provided. The game-of-the-day is Mexican Train. Sign up is not required. Just come and enjoy the fun - we'll teach you how to play if you don't know.

SAF-Senior Adult Fellowship

CALLL-Coker Adult Life-Long Learning



Women's Summer Bible Study

You are invited to enter the sanctuary of God and let Him reveal marvelous mysteries to you. This in-depth, biblical study explores the fascinating account of the building of the tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its variety of meanings for your walk with God today. You will be challenged to prepare

your heart, like the holy of holies, to become a home for His love and glory - a dwelling place for the Most High God.

Tuesday evenings, June 8 - August 17, 2010

6:15 - 8:30 pm

Upper Room, Gibbs Building

Book - \$20

Registration begins May 1.

Call the Church Office at 494-3455; call Tina Engle at 872-3304; or email DwellingPlace@live.com

Snacks and drinks provided.

Reaching out ...

May Mission Moment

Our House San Antonio

Our House San Antonio is a nonprofit organization serving adults with severe mental illness. We follow the internationally acclaimed "clubhouse" model of rehabilitation that has been in existence for over 60 years and has helped countless people with mental illness to become more self-sufficient and to live more meaningful lives.

We are not a residential facility. We are a day program that centers on the work-ordered day, which has a powerful emphasis on equality, self-respect, empowerment and acceptance. Members have the opportunity to participate in various work activities, such as cooking, office work, education and career development. This work-ordered day is structured so that it is engaging and motivating by its very nature. Members who are able also have the opportunity to move into employment positions in the community through the support of clubhouse staff.

In the clubhouse environment, members claim a space where they can regain what was taken from them by their mental illness – their dignity and worth as human beings. This is why our motto is "patienthood to personhood". We believe in treating people with mental illness as persons of worth who have something to contribute, and this philosophy has reduced psychiatric hospitalizations for our members by nearly 60%.

Because we are not a clinical or government-supported program, we rely on the generosity of our community to help us continue doing our good work. There are many ways to support our program: through volunteer work, by making a financial contribution, or by donating an in-kind gift or service.

For more information about Our House, please call 798-1619, or visit our website at www.ourhousesa.org.



Coker's FOOD PANTRY

open on Thursdays each week
12:00 noon - 2:00 pm
in Annex 2

On Sunday, May 16, we will be collecting "Spring Cleaning" products for our Food Pantry. Please watch your Sunday School announcements and the Sunday Connection for a list of items needed. There will be collection bins around the campus on that Sunday only - please bring your donations on May 16 only.



Sign up in the Gazebo between
services on Sundays,
May 2 & 9

Distribution - Saturday, May 22
8:30-10:00 am

Next trip to Piedras
Negras, Mexico is
May 7-9. If you want to
go, please call Kathy
Griffith for more
information, 545-1558.

Volunteer help needed at Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM):



- Answer phones
- Sort used clothing
- Fill food bags
- Make daily lunches
- Handle client mail processing

Also need donations of blue jeans, socks, underwear, and hygiene items for men and women.

There is a CAM donation box in the church office. Thank you for your help.

Memorials given from March 7 to April 12, 2010 in memory of

Alla Ray Lyons—Pat Runge, Connie Trietsch

Betty Hinshaw (grandmother of Timothy Andrew Davis)—Maggie May Davis

Billee Corn (Judy Bryant's mother)—Bill & Rebecca Harrison, Reese & Gela West, Jacqueline Moore

Bill Coleman—Jack & Ginny Trawick

Bob Jones' mother—Jack & Ginny Trawick

Burnell Dietrich—Lou Teuton

Charles Greinke—Red & Nancy Corbitt, Lou Teuton, Ben & Nancy Tucker, Floyd Piper, Dick & Dorothy Morton, Rick & Sue McManus, Jaye & Patricia Jarrett

Dale Durr (Mike Teders' step-father)—Jack & Ginny Trawick

Ken Huedepohl—Lou Teuton

Mary Beth Nelson (Ellen Alkire's sister)—Red & Nancy Corbitt, Dick & Dorothy Morton, Dave & Anita Oberle

Mary Florence (Pam Philippus' sister)—Jack & Ginny Trawick

Mike Campano—Flight Safety Services Corporation, Gary England, Ed & Lill Hilton, Michael & Donna Spangler

Terry Sutton (Kathy Sutton's son)—O. D. & Elsie Lancaster, Vic & Bettye Hauser

Tom Collard—Red & Nancy Corbitt, Dick & Dorothy Morton, Rick & Sue McManus

Games to play and Game to eat



Coker United Methodist Church



2nd annual COKER MEN'S MINISTRY

WILD GAME BBQ DINNER

MAY 15, 2010

Adult - \$10
Under 13 - \$5
Under 3 - no charge



Message by
Pastor Damon Relder

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

On Sunday in the Gazebo or in the church office during the week

ACTIVITIES @ 3:00 PM

Coker UMC Park

DINNER @ 6:00 PM

Coker UMC Scout Lodge

- Various Wild Game Entrees
- Dutch Oven Desserts by Troop 285
- Musical Entertainment
- Hunter Safety Course offered
- Horseshoes, Washers, Volleyball & Softball
- Campfire Sing-Along

Proceeds Benefit Members of Scout Troop 285

The Coker 2010 Budget Report

We celebrate reaching a record high \$2,089,676 for our Stewardship of Gifts Pledges in support of Coker's 2010 ministries and mission outreach. Our pledges are the cornerstone for building our annual budget.

The Coker Church Council Leadership Team adopted the Coker 2010 budget at their March 16, 2010 meeting. The adopted budget represents projected Total Revenues of \$2,446,000 and projected Total Operating Fund Expenses of \$2,521,905. This equates to a -\$75,905 deficit budget for 2010.

While we did not achieve a balanced budget for 2010, this budget is a significant improvement over the -\$207,602 deficit budget we adopted for 2009. By the end of last year, we had reduced the actual 2009 deficit to -\$43,966.

In March, Coker secured a 5-year, 5% interest rate loan, and with a funding supplement from our Capital Reserve Fund, replaced our 7% interest rate Wells Fargo loan containing a 2012 balloon payment. This will save us money in 2010 and future years.

Coker Church is in good financial condition. The Coker Finance Committee will closely monitor this budget during 2010 and, if necessary, make budget adjustments to insure we do not end 2010 in a deficit.

We will do our utmost to honor your faithfulness through our service in Christ's name and use your gifts wisely to honor God.

Ralph Beck
Chairperson – Coker Finance Committee

Health & Wellness Events



Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease

presented by Tiffany Rives, Program Director
Alzheimer's Association of San Antonio

Wednesday, May 19
6:30 - 7:30 pm in Wesley 804
Refreshments provided

It may be hard to know the difference between age-related changes and the first signs of Alzheimer's disease. Ask yourself: Is this something new? For example, if the person was never good at balancing a checkbook, struggling with this task is probably not a warning sign. But if their ability to balance a checkbook has changed a lot, it is something to share with a doctor.

Some people may recognize changes in themselves before anyone else notices. Other times, friends and family will be the first to observe memory, behavior or abilities. To help, the Alzheimer's Association has created a list of warning signs for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

We're on the MOVE to end Alzheimer's ... we invite you to join us.

Automatic Electronic Defibrillators needed

Due to two health crises on our campus last year, many have suggested that we need automatic electronic defibrillators. The Health and Wellness Ministry has decided to purchase 3 of these AED devices for Coker. This apparatus is used to facilitate CPR and/or provide an electrical shock to restart a heartbeat. It is a lifesaving device we feel is necessary to protect the many congregants and visitors who come to the Coker campus.

The recommended brand that we want to purchase costs \$1,700. If you are interested in contributing or helping with this project, please call Sharon Ford at 545-0076.

The Food Pantry is looking for nurses who are willing to check blood pressures

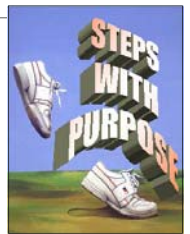
of our patrons on
Thursdays from 12 noon
until 2:00 pm. Please call
Sharon Ford at
545-0076 if
you can serve.



Let's enjoy the glorious outdoors and get some exercise! Join us in the Steps With Purpose ministry walks in nearby parks. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and family.

•May 22 ...Friedrich Park at 2:00 pm

More info? Contact Michelle Swanson:
email swansonmichelle48@yahoo.com or
cell 287-8237.



Parking Lot Safety EVERY DAY!



Make Coker's Parking Lot

The
Safety Zone

DO:

- Hold children's hands
- Save handicap spaces for those in need
- Be aware of others driving or walking

It's About Safety!

DON'T:

- Talk on phone or text while driving
- Go fast - 5 mph is the speed limit
- Go the wrong way - follow the arrows

It's About Awareness!

It's About Caring!

From the New Initiatives Committee



What's Your Passion?

Growing churches grow new ministries. Most new ministries are the result of a “champion” who has a passion for a new ministry and channels that passion to help establish the new initiative. Pastor Barbara says, “We want to empower Coker members to initiate new ministries that honor God. That is why Coker UMC established a New Initiatives Committee. The Committee will help new ministries get started and provide ‘seed’ funding.” The New Initiatives Committee chaired by Bill Mitchell insures new ideas, ministries, outreach, and community services are given the opportunity to grow, so Coker disciples can serve Christ through prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

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- Pastor Barbara

A “new initiative” can be started by any Coker member who feels led by the Holy Spirit to establish a new program, ministry or outreach to serve our Lord Jesus Christ through Coker UMC. The new initiative should be in alignment with the mission and goals of Coker UMC make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The member “champion” must be committed to work to establish the new initiative. Interested? If you have a passion for a new Coker ministry, please contact Bill Mitchell at 494-1815 or wmitchell@satx.rr.com.

Have you thought about being a Lay Reader in worship?

Meet John Honoré at Lay Reader Training May 11 and 17

The Worship Committee is inviting all laity to read scripture in worship. We hope to double the current list of lay readers. We recognize that many may be willing but don't feel comfortable reading aloud in a large group setting.

Here's the solution ... attend one of the two fun and pain-free training classes offered in May for lay readers by Pastor Dave Collett and KSAT 12 Meteorologist and Coker member John Honoré. You'll get hands-on experience at the pulpit with lots of practical suggestions to be a successful reader from John and Pastor Dave. Dates are:

**Tuesday, May 11 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
and
Monday, May 17 at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

A third class, if needed, will be available on Thursday, May 20 at 6:00 pm. All current lay readers are asked to come for a refresher for effective reading along with first-time readers. Sign up in the Gazebo on Sunday, May 2 and 9 between services to let us prepare for you to attend. Contact Pastor Dave Collett (494-3455, ext. 239) for more information.



Worship and Prayer

Saturday, May 1

Communion
5:00 pm in Chapel

Sunday, May 2 5th Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-35

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

Celebrate! 11:00 am
in Upper Room

No Children's Church

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Saturday, May 8

5:00 pm in Chapel

Sunday, May 9

6th Sunday of Easter

John 14:23-29

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

Celebrate! 11:00 am
in Upper Room

11:00 am-Children's Church

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Saturday, May 15

5:00 pm in Chapel

Sunday, May 16

7th Sunday of Easter

John 17:20-26

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

Celebrate! 11:00 am
in Upper Room

11:00 am-Children's Church

Saturday, May 22

5:00 pm in Chapel

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-12

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

Celebrate! 11:00 am
in Upper Room

11:00 am-Children's Church

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Saturday, May 29

5:00 pm in Chapel

Sunday, May 30

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 5:1-5

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

Celebrate! 11:00 am
in Upper Room

No Children's Church

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Wednesday Worship

6:30 pm in Chapel

(May 26 - last one until fall)



May Prayers

"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."
Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

Monday

Father, Help us to stand "in the gap" for one another. Amen.

Tuesday

In heaven and on earth, Lord Jesus, you are our common denominator. We praise you. Amen.

Wednesday

Almighty Father, weave our lives together so that we may be strong in you. Amen.

Thursday

Help us to forgive one another, Counselor of all, that we might stand strong in your love. Amen.

Friday

Guide us as we reach out our hands in praise to you, O Exalted One. Amen.

Saturday

God Our Father, join my hand with my neighbor's hand that we might stand together in honor and obedience to you. Amen.

Sunday

O Gentle Giant, wrap us in your loving arms and never let us go. Amen.

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.



YOU are invited to share Holy Communion with our Emmaus Community on Sunday, May 16.

Whether you have ever been to an Emmaus-sponsored worship service or not, **YOU are invited to worship & share Holy Communion** with the Coker Emmaus Community **Sunday, May 16**. You do not have to have been on a Walk to Emmaus to participate.

Refreshments at 5:30 in Wesley 703/704. **Music and worship** begin at 6:00 in the Sanctuary (music by **New Star Shining**). The **Speaker** will be **Debbie Garza**. Child care will be provided in the Wesley Nursery.

Please join us. We will all be blessed.

Emmaus Community ... Don't forget our May 16 Care Bexar Emmaus Gathering at the Scout Lodge in Coker Park at 5:00 pm. Of special importance is the consecration of the Men's Walk Team (Erwin Keller, Lay Director).

Save the date ...



Healing Service

Monday, June 7

7:00 pm

Historic Coker Chapel

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

Each Week:

SUNDAY

- 7:30-9:15 am - Breakfast (last on 5/9)
- 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 - Connecting at Coker Membership Class
- 9:30 am - Sunday School for all
- **11 am - Children’s Church** (Not on 1st Sunday)
- 11 am - Adult Sunday School
- 3 pm - Youth Band
- 4 pm - Sing For Christ Youth Choir
- 5 pm - Youth Bells
- 6 pm - Confirmation-last class on 5/16
- 6 pm - Middle & High School CSM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY

- 6:30 am – UMM Breakfast & Study
- 9 am – Co-ed Exercise
- 7 pm - Youth Education on Addiction
- 7 pm - Al-Anon Group
- 7 pm - LAA-12 Step Program

TUESDAY

- 7 pm – AA Group

WEDNESDAY

- 9 am – Co-ed Exercise
- Mid-Week Manna ends 5/12
- 5:00-6:30 pm - Pizza
- **6:30 pm - Music, Prayer, Communion, Teaching in the Chapel**
- 6:30 pm - Kids’ Outflow study
- 6:30 pm - Adult Outflow study
- 6:45 pm - CSM Youth Outflow study
- 7 pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 10 am - Hearts in Tune (last on 5/20)
- 12 noon - Lunchtime Bible Study
- 12 noon-2 pm - Food Pantry open
- 6 pm - S-Anon Group
- 6:30 pm - Celebrate! Band 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.

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ●9:00 am-Race for the Cure Brunch ●5:00 pm-Communion
2 ●Communion ●Angel Food sign up ●12:15 pm-Children’s Choir End-of-Year Pizza Party	3	4 ●6:00 pm-Down Syndrome Support	5 ●No Mid-Week Manna dinner	6 ●9:15 am-Women in the Word Bible Study ●11:30 am-Senior Adult Fellowship ●6:30 pm-Play at Bulverde Theatre	7 ●1 st Friday Family Night 	8 ●Mission Moment
9 <i>Mother’s Day</i> ●Mission Moment ●Angel Food sign up ●Last Breakfast until fall	10	11 ●10:00 am-UMW Monthly Gathering ●6:00 pm-Lay Reader Training	12 ●No Mid-Week Manna dinner	13	14 ●8:00 am-CALLL outing	15 ●6:00 pm-Wild Game Dinner 
16 ●Blood Pressure Checks ●Bring cleaning supply items for Coker’s Food Pantry ●5:30 pm-Emmaus Gathering ●6:00 pm-Emmaus-Led Worship	17 ●1:00 pm-Lay Reader Training	18 ●9:30 am-Cancer Care Caps Sewing Group ●7:00 pm-Rhythms of Praise Drum Circle	19 ●6:30 pm-Child/Youth Safety Class ●6:30 pm-Alzheimer’s Program	20 ●Last Hearts in Tune until fall ●6:00 pm-Lay Reader Training	21 ●Last day of school for Day School & Mother’s Day Out	22 ●8:30-10 am-Angel Food Distribution and Food Pantry open ●2:00 pm-Steps with Purpose at Friedrich Park ●6:00 pm-Confirmation in Sanctuary
23 PENTECOST ●9:00 am-Senior Breakfast ●Senior Recognition at 11:00 worship ●Last Children’s Church until Sept. 12	24 ●9:00 am-CALLL outing	25	26	27	28 ●9:30 am-CALLL Brown Bag Lunch/Games Day	29
30	31  ●Church Campus closed					

Joys

Congratulations

- John & Liz Palmer on the birth of their granddaughter, Jamie Lee Palmer, 3/11
- Joe Ed & Elnor Lamb on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Parker Elise Bauerlein, 3/26
- John & Betty Morey on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia Grace Morey, 3/29
- Paul & Tina Tyler on the adoption of their son, Parker Rene Tyler, who was born 4/1; grandparents are Art & Velma Tyler

Thank You

- From Reba Walton & family ... Thank you for the nice reception for Bob. We are grateful for your generous donation of food and time.
- From Bonnie & Jerry Owen ... Thank you for your many prayers and hospital visits, especially the pastors and Stephen ministers. God bless all the nice people at Coker.
- From Lucille Teuton ... Thank you for the beautiful Easter lily. It couldn't have come at a better time as I was feeling bad that day, and it made me feel as if someone really cared.

Baptisms

Madeline Elyse Huffman and
Lillian Virginia Highley on 3/21
Ethan Charles Drago on 4/11
Jill Marie Deaven on 4/17



Hospitals & Rehab

- St. Luke's Baptist - Brad Hickman
- Methodist - Betty Greene, Melody Moore
- Methodist Children's - Parker Tyler
- Regent Care on Blanco - Florence Van Sickle
- Stone Oak Care Center - Bill Moseley
- Silver Tree Rehab in Schertz - Dorothy Perez

Sympathy

- Pam Philippus & family on the death of her sister, Mary Florence, 3/15
- Family of William M. Coleman upon his death 3/15
- Family of Howard Franklin Connor upon his death 3/19
- John Myers & family on the death of his mother, Maria Myers, 3/29
- Kathy Sutton & family on the death of her son, Terry Sutton, 4/5
- Kambi Deuel & family on the death of her grandmother, Eula, 4/11
- Jean Hahn & family on the death of her brother, Marion Marshall, 4/12
- Bob Jones & family on the death of his mother
- Wendy Reyes & family on the death of her grandmother, Margaret Ellis
- Sam Young & family on the death of his mother

Presence

March 20 & 21
Worship-835 Sunday School-447

March 27 & 28
Worship-1,135 Sunday School-487

April 3 & 4 - Easter Weekend
Worship-2,102

April 10 & 11
Worship-871 Sunday School-454

Gifts...as of March 31, 2010

	Month	YTD
Income	\$ 192,234	\$ 625,214
Expenses	- 216,796	- 602,699
Balance	\$ - 24,562	\$ 22,515

March Mission Moment
Youth Mission Trips ... \$2,958

Church Office open
Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
494-3455
DIAL-A-PRAYER ... 979-2654

Emergencies after hours or on weekends:

- Pastor Barbara R. Galloway...896-5085
- Pastor Damon Relder... 542-6068
- Pastor Dave Felps ... 262-8465
- Pastor Dave Collett ... 889-5903

If you are unable to reach one pastor in case of an emergency, please contact another pastor.

DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles
for June, due May 15

Contact Betty Sheaffer at
494-3455, ext. 233 or email
betty.sheaffer@coker.org



Monday, May 31 ...
Church Campus
Closed



Katie & Jason Adkison

Welcome New Members



Jean McCain



Elizabeth & Adam Payne
and Levi



Sunday Night CSM

6:00-7:30 pm - 6th & 7th Graders **CONFIRMATION** *Dive In*

- May 2 Writing the Creed, led by Pastor Damon
- May 9 NO class - Mother's Day
- May 16..... Rehearsal for Confirmation ... one parent needs to attend
- May 22..... Confirmation Worship Service at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary; Banquet following worship
- May 23..... Middle School Mission Trip Meeting



Catalyst UMYF

- May 2 regular UMYF
- May 9 NO evening activities - Mother's Day
- May 16..... High School Mission Trip Meeting
Middle School - Game Night
- May 23..... Middle School Mission Trip Meeting
High School - Senior-led night
- May 30..... NO evening activities - Memorial Day
holiday weekend



Reminder ...

There will be no snack suppers in May. The Upper Room lobby will be available at 5:30 pm if you would like to bring a brown bag and eat together.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

OUTFLOW

everyday outreach
for everyday youth



Our Outflow study will continue through May 19. We will take a 2-week break from Bible Study on May 26 & June 2.

Mission Trip News

- **Tuesday, May 11** ... Adult Sponsors Meeting at 6:30 pm in Gibbs 1106. This meeting is for the adults that are going on the summer mission trips.
- **Sunday, May 16** ... High School Mission Trip Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Upper Room, Gibbs. This will not be a parent meeting. What you owe will be mailed to you by May 10; all forms and balance will be due at this meeting on May 16.
- **Sunday, May 23** ... Middle School Mission Trip Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Upper Room, Gibbs. Parents, come at 7:15 for information. What you owe will be mailed to you by May 10; all forms and balance will be due at this meeting on May 23.



SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

All graduating high school seniors will be honored at a breakfast on Sunday, May 23 at 9:00 am in the Gym. Scholarships will be awarded at the 11:00 worship service in the Sanctuary. The June Courier will list all of the graduating seniors, along with pictures from the breakfast and of the scholarship recipients.

Boys and Girls Chrysalis Flights

Applications are now being accepted for both 10th-12th grade boys' and girls' Chrysalis flights this summer. Boys Flight 333 is June 23—26 and Girls Flight 338 is July 21—24. Applications can be downloaded from www.umcswtx.org and click on Emmaus/Chrysalis, or pick one up in the church office. The cost is \$110; if you need scholarships or partial scholarships, contact Billy Cade, 854-3450 for boys or Cheryl Kendall, 862-3957 for girls.

