

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coker Sacred Harp Singing Convention San Antonio, Texas

You are invited to COME and SING ...

*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 me 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 freewill offering will be collected. No admission charge.



July 25 & 26, 2009  
at Coker United  
Methodist Church  
in San Antonio,  
Texas

**Singing times:**

**Saturday...in the Upper  
Room, Gibbs Building**

**Singing school-  
9-10 am**

**Convention singing-  
10 am-3 pm**

**Sunday...in the Scout  
Lodge, Coker Park**

**Convention singing-  
9:30 am-2:30 pm**

**Saturday Noon Meal-at Coker...**  
Pot Luck, local singers requested  
to bring a dish to share.

**Sunday Noon Meal-at  
Coker...**Texas BBQ prepared by  
Coker's United Methodist Men

Coker UMC is located near the San  
Antonio International Airport, off US  
281 between Nakoma & Bitters Rd.

See MAP on back for directions and  
hotels.

**For Convention  
information, call  
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**ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME, SING, LISTEN!**



The Coker United Methodist Church family 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.

Coker is named for John "Jack" Coker, a South Carolina native, who fought bravely in the Texas War for Independence in 1836. He was rewarded for his service with a land grant of 644 acres. The Coker community decided that a church should be built, and worship began in 1883. Coker Church has been in this holy place for 126 years. Praise God!



# Directions to Coker UMC and Hotels

## HOTEL INFORMATION

### HOMEGATE STUDIOS & SUITES

11221 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas 78216  
(210)342-4800

### MICROTEL

15314 Hwy 281 North, San Antonio, Texas 78232  
(210)404-1900

### COMFORT SUITES

14202 Hwy 281, (800)916-4614

### SUPER 8

Hwy 281 & Nakoma, (210)342-0062

### COURTYARD-MARRIOTT

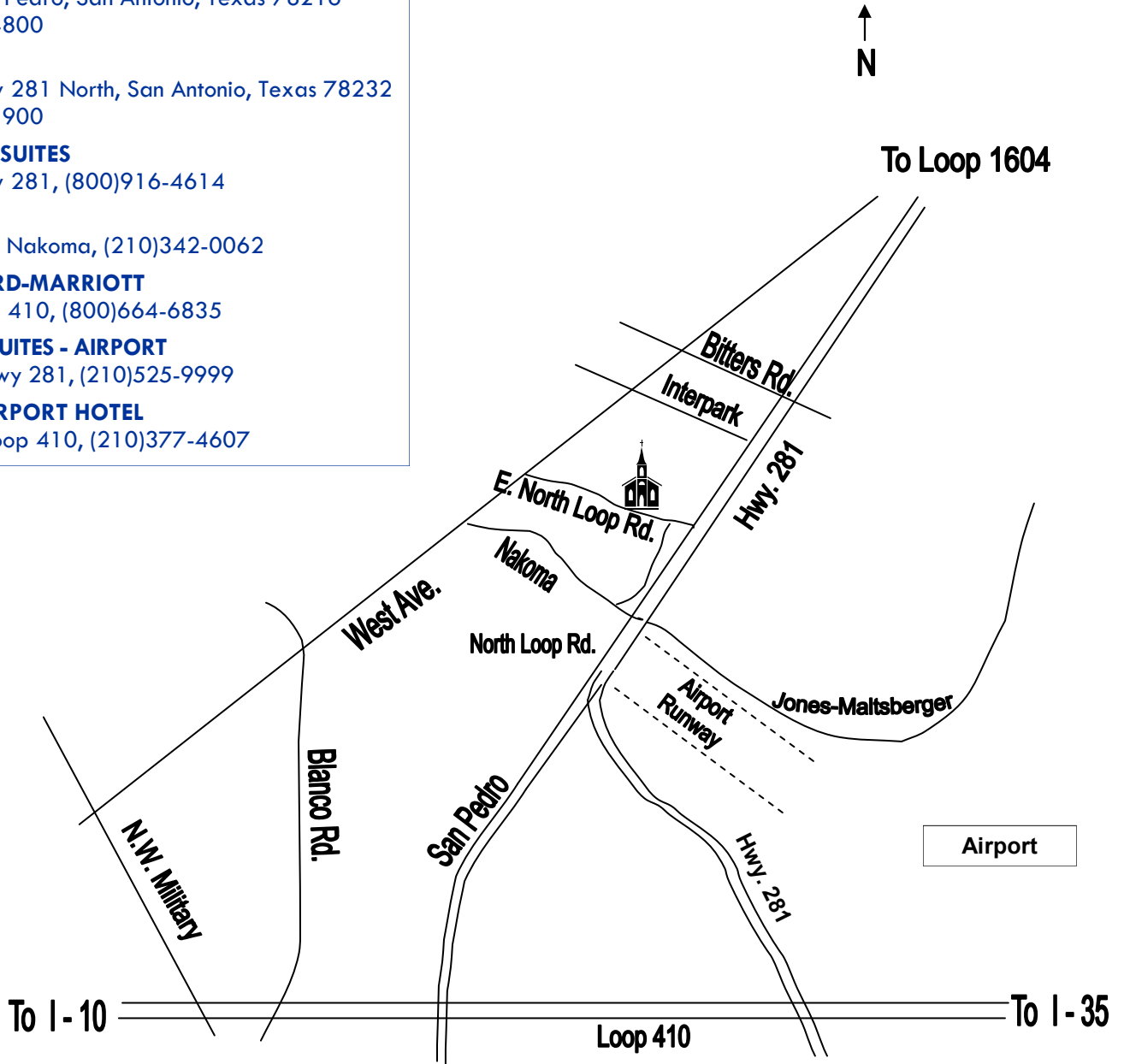
80 NE Loop 410, (800)664-6835

### EMBASSY SUITES - AIRPORT

10110 N Hwy 281, (210)525-9999

### HILTON AIRPORT HOTEL

611 NW Loop 410, (210)377-4607



Directions to Coker UMC, San Antonio:

*From the North on Highway 281:* exit at the Bitters Rd. exit and go through the light at Bitters Rd., staying on the access road. Look for the Coker UMC sign on your right (after Interpark Dr.). Turn right at the green North Loop Road sign, and drive until you come to Coker UMC on your right.

*From the South on Highway 281:* exit at Bitters Rd., take the turn-around, and go south on the access road. Turn right at the green North Loop Road sign, and drive until you come to Coker UMC on your right.

*From the West on Loop 410:* take the West Ave. exit and go outside the Loop (north), past N.W. Military, Blanco Rd., and Nakoma. Turn right one block past Nakoma on North Loop Rd., and drive to Coker UMC on your left.

