

# COKER NEWS & GATHERINGS



## Set Your Discipleship Goals — Take the Assessment

What's your next step? Take our Spiritual Formation Assessment — a simple tool to help you discover the right opportunity for your growth. No wrong answers — just an honest look at where you are currently, and where God is calling you. Find it in the Sunday email, on the Coker App, or the front page of [Coker.org](http://Coker.org).



## College Colors Sunday — Sept. 6

Wear your college colors — or any team you love — to church next Sunday! Aggies, Gators, Longhorns, Raiders, Roadrunners, whatever your team, show your colors. It's a fun way to close out summer together over Labor Day weekend. All services, all locations!



## San Antonio Worship Night—Sept. 20 6:00–7:30 PM | Coker Sanctuary

Something special is happening. Coker Methodist Church & First Baptist Church of San Antonio are coming together for one powerful evening of worshipping Jesus Christ. Two historic congregations, one night of praise, rooted in The Word, led by The Spirit. Invite someone and be part of this.



## Fall Classes

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**“Gather and Grow”** Wednesdays thru Nov. 18.  
RSVP for Dinner by Sunday evenings.

**The Plan** begins Sept. 10. A 3-yr discipleship journey through spiritual disciplines.

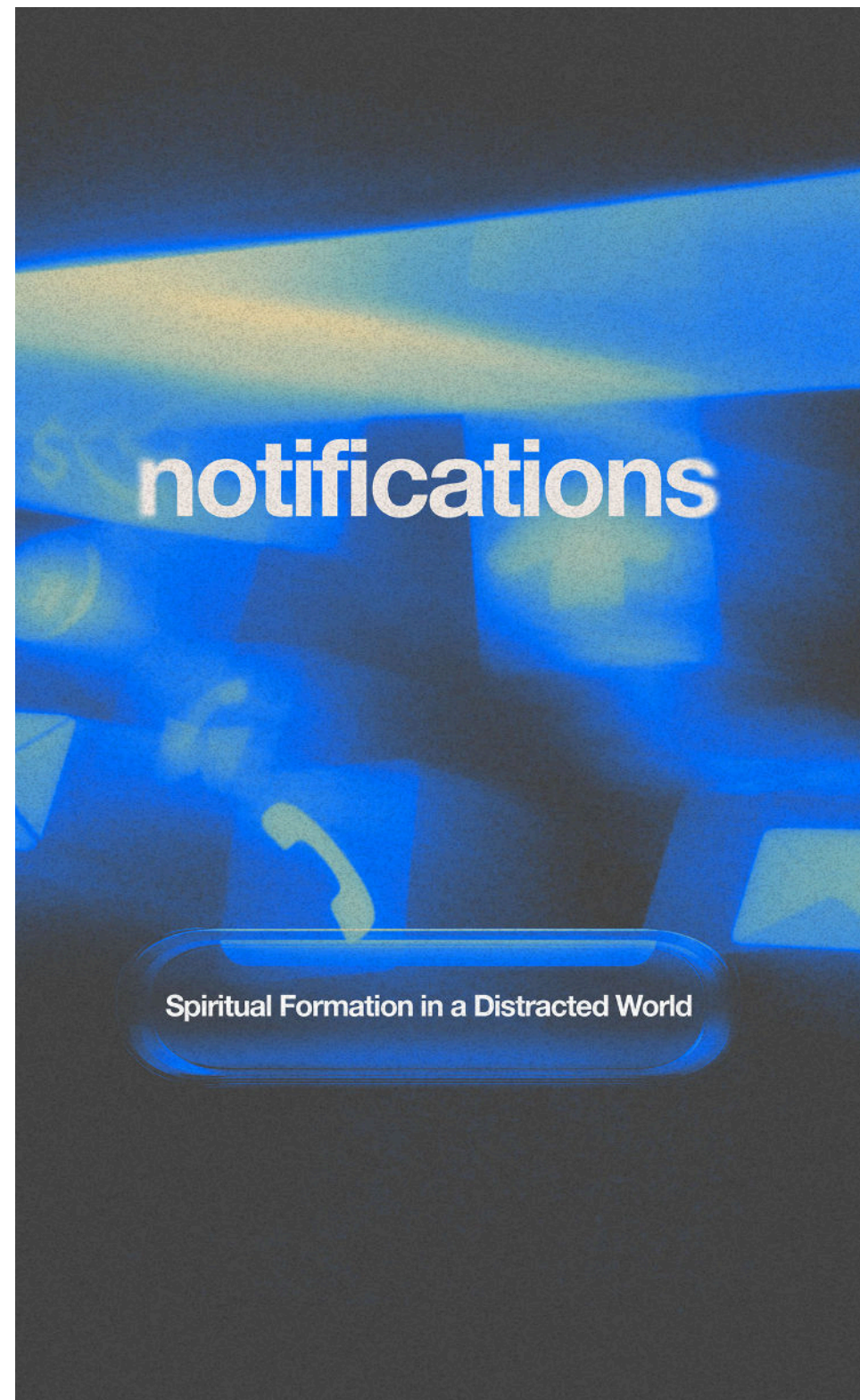
Additional Bible studies:

**Anchored** (Tuesdays, Sept 8)

**Epic of Eden: Ruth** (Mondays, Sept 14)

**Gospel of John** (Zoom - Mondays, Sept 14).

**Sacred Marriage** for Couples starts Sept. 10  
And More!



Love God + Serve Others + Change the World  
For more upcoming events visit us at  
[www.coker.org/events](http://www.coker.org/events)

## TODAY'S WORSHIP at 8 AM

14th Sunday after Pentecost - August 30, 2026

**PRELUDE** - Brethren, We Have Met to Worship - arr. Joel Raney

### WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** - I Stand Amazed in the Presence #122

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** and **GLORIA PATRI** #691/#33

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - Joys and Concerns

### UNISON PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Kind and loving God, we confess that we are often reluctant to take up our cross and follow you. We cling to comfort and avoid sacrifice with apathy overtaking a heart of devotion for you. Forgive us and bless us with the courage to follow you wherever you lead. We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### HYMN SING

### OFFERING OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND PRESENCE

**OFFERTORY** - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - Trevor Crawford, soloist  
by Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Jack Schrader

**\*DOXOLOGY** #682

### \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON** Colossians 3:1-3 NRSV David Zimkowski

**SERMON** "Where Are We Going?" Rev. Dr. Adam Knight

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

### COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** - Higher Ground - vs. 1-3 #329

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**\*SENDING FORTH** - Higher Ground - vs. 4 #329

**POSTLUDE** - I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - arr. Mark Hayes

\*Please stand, as able

## FIRST TIME GUEST?

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today! At Coker, we have a place for you to belong and a plan to grow in Jesus. Come by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex or outside the Sanctuary so we can meet you, or visit [Coker.org/Events](http://Coker.org/Events) to sign up for the next Connecting at Coker!

## NOTES

"Where Are We Going?" - Colossians 3:1-3 NRSV

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### Clergy

Rev. Dr. Adam Knight, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Damon Relder, Senior Associate Pastor  
Rev. Clay Smallwood, Pastor of NextGen Ministries  
Rev. José Mercado, Pastor of Coker Español

### Music and Worship

Paul Trejo, Director of Contemporary Worship  
Dr. Mark Humphrey, Director of Music and Worship Arts  
Mary Lowder, Organist

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