

# COKER NEWS & GATHERINGS



## End of Summer Wrap-Up, Fall Kick-Off

August 14, 6-9 PM | Prayer & Intercession over the Family Life Center  
August 16, 9:30 AM | Grand Opening Family Life Center  
August 16, 9:30 & 11 AM | Blessing of the Backpacks  
Interested in Fall Bible Studies and Groups? Now is a great time to jump in! Check out [Coker.org/Events](https://coker.org/Events)



## Gather and Grow | Wednesdays, August 19–November 18 5:30–7:30 PM | Family Life Center

Gather and Grow is a brand new all-church Wednesday evening gathering for every age — come enjoy dinner together, build relationships with fellow believers, and go deeper in God's Word. Each week, the pastor who preached the previous Sunday will lead a deeper dive on that week's sermon. Every week stands on its own, so come when you can — no catch-up required. RSVPS REQUIRED BY SUNDAYS,



## GriefShare | Mondays, August 17–November 23 1:30–3 PM | Wesley 703/704

Walking through the loss of a loved one? You don't have to do it alone. GriefShare is a video-based grief recovery program with a workbook and caring support group discussions, designed to help you find comfort, hope, and healing. Workbook is \$25, and scholarships are available. Note: NO class on Sept. 7 (Labor Day). For more information or to sign up, contact: Gail Hatcher at [gail.hatcher@coker.org](mailto:gail.hatcher@coker.org) or the church office at 210-494-3455. Visit [Coker.org/Events](https://coker.org/Events)



## Confirmation Class September 11, 2026 – January 24, 2027 11 AM–12 PM | Wesley Room

Students in grades 8 and above, along with a parent, are invited to begin exploring what we believe and why. Students will have the opportunity to confirm their faith in Christ and officially join Coker as full members. Parents are expected to attend all classes with their student. Class starts Friday September 11 with a retreat weekend and then runs on Sundays (plus a Saturday Serve Day). For more information contact: Clay Smallwood at [clay.smallwood@coker.org](mailto:clay.smallwood@coker.org)



## TODAY'S WORSHIP at 8 AM

11th Sunday after Pentecost - August 9, 2026

**PRELUDE** - O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing - arr. Victor Labenske

### WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** - Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven #22

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

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

### UNISON PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord of all, we confess that we have been overwhelmed by the storms of life. We fail to step out in faith and trust in your provision and power. Forgive us and help us keep our eyes fixed on you. 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** - "Take My Life, That I May Be" Agape Choir  
Dexheimer-Pharris/ Sedio

**\*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** Mark 9:14-27 NRSV Rick McManus

**SERMON** "When We Doubt" Rev. Dr. Adam Knight

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

### COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** - Praise Him! Praise Him! #148

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**\*SENDING FORTH** - Praise Him! Praise Him! - Refrain #148

**POSTLUDE** - Higher Ground - arr. Lloyd Larson

\*Please stand, as able

## FIRST TIME GUEST?

Welcome! Thank you for worshiping 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

"When We Doubt" - Mark 9:14-27 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 and La Cabaña

### 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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