

COKER NEWS & GATHERINGS



Gather and Grow Wednesdays | 5:30–7:30 PM

Have you joined us for Wednesday night dinner yet? Gather and Grow is an all-church dinner and a deeper dive into Sunday's sermon — for every age. Kids and students have their own programming, so bring the whole family. Every week stands on its own. RSVP by Sunday on the Coker App or at Coker.org/Events



Larkspur Nurse's Clinic Donation Drive September & October

Help us love our neighbors at Larkspur Elementary! During September and October we're collecting items for the school nurse's clinic: pillows, blankets, Sprite, Gatorade, Goldfish, graham crackers, kids' clothes and shoes (elementary sizes), Band-Aids, heating pads, and lice shampoo. Drop-off details at Coker.org/Events.



San Antonio Worship Night—Tonight 6:00–7:30 PM | Coker Sanctuary

It's here! Coker and First Baptist Church of San Antonio worship together tonight in the Sanctuary at 6 PM. Stay after the morning service, grab lunch, and come back for a powerful evening of praise and unity in Christ. Childcare provided. If you invited someone — thank you. If you haven't, there's still time. See you tonight.



Pastor's Welcome Dinner — September 27

New to Coker? You're invited to a free dinner with our pastoral team next Sunday, September 27, from 5:30–7 PM upstairs in the Gibbs Building. Enjoy a catered meal from Nicha's while you get to know our pastors and learn how to get connected. Register at Coker.org/Events.



TODAY'S WORSHIP at 8 AM

17th Sunday after Pentecost - September 20, 2026

PRELUDE - Immortal, Invisible - arr. Charity Putnam

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN OF PRAISE** - O Worship the King #11

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Joys and Concerns

UNISON PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Loving God, we confess that we frequently grumble and doubt your provision and care. We envy others and fail to trust in your grace. We foolishly think we can do it ourselves, when in reality, we can do nothing worth doing without you. Forgive us, and teach us to be grateful, graceful and generous. 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 - "Inscription Of Hope" Agape Choir
by Z. Randall Stroope

***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** Luke 13:1-5 NRSV Bobbie Zimkowski

SERMON "Why Do Bad Things Happen?" Rev. Dr. Adam Knight

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** - Give to the Winds Thy Fears-vs. 1-3 #366

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

***SENDING FORTH** - Give to the Winds Thy Fears - vs. 4 #366

POSTLUDE - God Will Take Care of You - arr. Lyndell Leatherman

*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. Please stop by the welcome desk to visit with Rich Holt or a connections team member after the service.

NOTES

"Why Do Bad Things Happen?" - Luke 13:1-5 NRSV

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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