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Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: **Chuck** Yeager, **Katy** Kuhlman, **Dot** Margheim, **Gloria** Markovich, **Silver** Richardson (grandson of Pat Richardson who is serving in Afghanistan) and **Garth** Sloan (who is stationed in Iraq). If you have prayer requests for the Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 281-484-9243.

See Missions Display in Hallway

When you have a chance, stop by the missions display in the hallway by the narthex. There you can find samples of food and other items which are needed at SeAM, and other information on donating these. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

FROM THE PASTOR

Want to be blessed? Really blessed?

Then give your testimony.

In Acts 4:33, the author tells us "With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all."

Perhaps you're thinking right now (as I am), just how bad do I want to be blessed?! "Giving my testimony" -- I'm getting nervous just thinking about it! The words have unpleasant connotations for us. We think of scruffy-looking folks standing on street corners waving a big Bible and shouting out loud. And indeed, God does call some people to testify in just such ways.

But God calls every single one of us to offer our testimony in some way every day. We may have a chance to speak a word of kindness to someone in the line at the grocery store. We might have a chance to help somebody change a tire, and simply say, "I'm happy to help you, because Jesus always helps me." We might come to the defense of someone who's getting pushed around, or treated unjustly.

But it doesn't count just to be nice. We have to live our lives like people who believe in the Resurrection of Jesus. We have to live like redeemed people who want everybody else to have the chance to be redeemed, too.

The best part is, the more we act boldly to testify to our faith, the easier it becomes, and pretty soon we can't do without it. This is really true; I promise! Try it and see.

I hope to see you in worship on June 3. It's going to be a special morning.

And don't forget your jar of "Change to make a change" -- all the money we collect will go to evangelism and mission opportunities -- yet more testimony!

Blessings from your pastor,
Sandra Smith



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Congratulations to Our Graduates!

This time of year marks a very important time for some special members of Cokesbury who are graduating. Nikki Raines and Brian Sawyer graduated from high school. Congratulations and best wishes to them from their Cokesbury family. Please let us know of others from our church family who graduated from high school or college and we will salute them in future issues.

Nikki Raines graduated from Clear Brook High School where she was active in band for three years. At Cokesbury, Nikki was very active in MYF. She attended UM ARMY work camps for the four years she was eligible, our first youth ever. She also participated in other youth service projects (road cleanup, SeAM)



Nikki has also been active in Cokesbury's music. She has assisted with Children's Choir and played handbells. She also sang in various special music events with her sister and mother and other women.

During high school, Nikki worked at Baybrook Mall and as a lifeguard at Baywood Country Club. Nikki plans to attend Texas Woman's University to study nursing with the goal of becoming a registered nurse. Nikki is the daughter of Kirsten and Darrel Raines and the sister of Kiri and Gavin.

Brian Sawyer graduated from Dobie High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society. He was the captain of the varsity swim team and member of the water polo team. Among his many other activities, Brian was editor-in-chief of the literary magazine and an editor of the Dobie newspaper. He was also active in drama and served as a club officer. He had acting roles in many of the Dobie productions and was also involved with set design. Brian participated in four contest shows for UIL one act plays.

Here at Cokesbury, Brian was active in our youth group. He helped the needy through three years of UM ARMY work camps. He also participated in other MYF service projects including Helping Hands, road cleanup and SeAM.

Brian worked as a lifeguard at the Sagemont pool for several summers where he also did pool maintenance. Brian will attend Texas Tech to major in architecture. He is the son of Cathy and Doug Sawyer, the brother of Daniel and the cousin of Amanda Bates.



Financial Peace University Starts June 5

Want to be debt-free and able to build the savings you need? Financial Peace University is for you! The 13-week course begins Tuesday, June 5. Child care is provided at no cost. In fact, children who are old enough will participate in their own "how to save money" class! Cost of the course is \$96.25, which may be paid out over the length of the course. This includes a workbook which will be useful to you both now and in the future.

Come and bring a neighbor -- this could change your life for the better!

Welcome to Our 2007 Confirmation Class

On Sunday, May 27, our 2007 Confirmation Class became members of the church. They are shown below with Pastor Sandra. From left to right, they are Jeremy Alan Johnson, Sarah Marie Merrill, Angela Anniel Lawrence, and Heather LeAnne Pues. Jeremy, Angela and Sarah professed their faith in Christ and were confirmed. Heather professed her faith in Christ and was baptized.



June 3- The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the first wedding anniversary of Cary and Jeannette Piecznski. They are also in honor of the birthday of Julie and the forty-fourth wedding anniversary of Julie and John Hoover from John.

June 10- The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Karraker from Dollie and Richard Philpott and Tresa, Jerome, Sierra and Samuel.

UMW Plans Outing to Wesley Center

Cokesbury's UMW will be going to Wesley Community Center for our June meeting which is on June 12. We will meet at the rear parking lot of the church at 9:00 a.m. as we need to be there at 10:00 a.m. We will have lunch at the center. Please let your circle chairperson know if you plan to attend as we need to have enough transportation available. All ladies of the church are welcome, but please let us know ahead of time.

-Jean Bonds

The MYF Corner

Here are some of the events the youth are planning for this summer:
 June 3-9 - UArmy in Huntsville, TX
 June 15-24 - Camp Redcloud in Colorado for Senior High
 June 25-29 - Lakeview camp for Junior High
 July 9-13 - JUMMP
 August 1-3 - Schlitterbahn

-Peter Bonanno



What A Night of Power!

Thanks to all the Children's Choir members who showed us the source of our true power at their spring play. Thanks to everyone involved.
 And speaking of power: the lead act of the the Young Singing Angels really belted out the vocals.

Come Help Jay Celebrate

Jay Standridge will be celebrating her 90th birthday this Saturday, June 2, in a special way. All are invited to come and help her celebrate here at Cokesbury at 2:00 p.m in the commons area. She has emphatically stated "no gifts please," just the honor of your presence.

Home Meetings Will Start Soon

Want to meet with the pastor? She wants to meet with you! Home meetings have been scheduled throughout June. These will be informal gatherings in peoples' homes, and everyone is invited. This is a time to ask questions, offer feedback, and brainstorm about Cokesbury's present and future. A schedule of meetings dates and times will be available Sunday morning, June 3. We are also in need of a few more people to host a meeting -- would you please check your schedule? We want everyone to be involved!

Your Change Can Make a Change

Have you scrounged around in the bottom of your purse, checked the pockets of your slacks, looked around in the car or dug under the sofa cushions? In other words, how is your "change jar" looking? As soon as it is full of coins, bring it back to the church. Your change can make a change in somebody's life. All of our proceeds will go to evangelism within our own community, and missions projects that can make a real difference to somebody. Every little bit counts. Thanks for your help!

Talents Program Is Growing

Have you checked the commons area lately? Our "talents program" money is going to work! There are tables there for your use. On one of those tables, you can find goods and services offered by your very talented friends. Please encourage them by purchasing their items. (Start now for birthdays and Christmas!) And of course, you are invited to bring your own goods and services for sale also. If you haven't picked up your \$2 seed money, see an usher. You will want to take part in this program. Everything we have made will be taken up the last Sunday in August, and we want to have a good return on our money! All of it will go to help us pay our mission askings beyond our doors -- our apportionments.

It's Your Time to Help with Helping Hands

The following folks have signed up to help with Helping Hands for the next two weeks:
First Sunday: Jean Bonds, Charlotte Davis, Gloria Hurley, Sandy Lawrence, Laura Morgan, Lotus Ricketts, Winnie Smith, Jeff and Char Vochoska and Carmen Wilhite.
Second Sunday: Linda Garies, Laurel Johnson, Billie Kestler, Carolyn Lofland, Herb Parker, Cathy Pleasants, Charlene Provence and Lois Seeley.



Music Notes



With my daughter's (Kristen's) graduation behind me, I have now completed teaching in Deer Park for the year as well, and am at church much more.

Some plans are taking place already for the next school year, and included are: a Choir Chime program, a youth choir for next year, expanding our chancel and handbell choirs, and planning some outreach activities for all our music groups. Come and be a part of a growing and exciting music ministry "team" at Cokesbury UMC!

--See me, and God bless you!
 In Him, *Marsh*

Summer Fun For Kids and Moms

Are you looking for inexpensive activities to do with your children this summer? Cokesbury has the answer. The Moms of Cokesbury Can DO Kids will be hosting a playgroup every Wednesday for the month of June and July from 9:30 am to 11 am. The first playgroup will be on June 6th and rumor has it the activity is a water day. Water balloons, mini pool, sprinkler, bubbles and more will be provided. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy a picnic after the activity. Other activities planned are an arts day, trips to the zoo and the fountains at Kemah boardwalk. All activities are geared for children entering the 5th grade or younger. Please contact Alison Myers for details at 281-648-9808 or kevali313@sbcglobal.net.

-Jackie Glass

Dulin Circle Notes

The Dulin UMW Circle met on Tuesday, May 22 in the home of Joyce Garner with 11 members and one visitor present. Circle Chairman Ellie Melanson opened the meeting with a devotional and inspirational readings. The program on women of faith was given by Jean Bonds. After the meeting, a wonderful lunch was enjoyed by all. Thank you Joyce for hosting our circle. The next meeting will be September 25.

-Jean Bonds

Breneman Circle Meets

Twelve ladies met on May 22 in Peggy Smith's home for the Breneman Circle's last meeting for this spring. Donna Northrup led the group. Mary Hackward gave the devotional. Pat Heugatter was our welcome guest. Donna Northrup presented an inspirational program taken from the novel by Anne Rice titled *Christ the Lord Out of Egypt*.

Mary Hackward, Annaabelle Fookes, and Betty Sutton have begun our visiting program with a recent visit to shut-in Belle Walty. A visit to another shut-in is being planned. Our next meeting will be in September and all Cokesbury ladies and their guests are invited.

-Betty Sutton

Thank You From Lotus Ricketts

Dear Friends,
 Both Jay and I want to thank you for your generous retirement gift. It will really come in handy as we hope to do some long awaited traveling. It has been said that true happiness is having a job which enables you to do something you love to do. Truly, you afforded me that opportunity for more than twelve years, and I want to thank you for that as well. Being able to make music while working with wonderful people, and in service to my Lord, was such a blessing to me.

Jay and I will be returning to our Cokesbury home in the near future. So I would like to finish with the words of an old hymn. " May God be with you till we meet again. "

In Christian love,
Lotus



Treasurer's Report

Giving for May 14

Budgeted.....	\$10,893
Bond Fund.....	\$40
CDO Income.....	\$705
Youth Minister Giving.....	\$15
Designated Giving.....	\$94
Total Giving.....	\$11,747

Giving for May 21

Budgeted.....	\$6,245
Bond Fund.....	\$115
CDO Income.....	\$300
Youth Minister Giving.....	\$15
Designated Giving.....	\$623
Coke Income.....	\$110
Total Giving.....	\$7,408

Bank Balances

Operating.....	\$2,923
Bond Fund.....	\$1,184
Designated Savings.....	\$49,604
Total.....	\$53,711

Four months apportionments are paid.

-Sandy Hinson, Treasurer

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name

By The Numbers

May 27

8:30 a.m. Service.....	87
9:45 a.m. Service.....	53
11:00 a.m. Service.....	136
Total Attendance.....	276