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## Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your prayers for health and healing:

The family of Jack Kestler on the death of his daughter Marian Wall, the family of Bob Newlin on the death of his sister, **Charlotte Davis, Katy Kuhlman, Carolyn Lofland, Janis Shields, Betty Biggins, Teresa Mauney's** parents, our new pastors, all those working on our Mobile Medical Clinic, those undergoing medical tests, and for all our servicemen and women who are serving overseas.

If you have prayer requests for the Prayer Chain, please call the church office, 281-484-9243.

## FROM THE PASTOR

This is the time of year when our children move up a grade in school and some of them graduate from high school or college and go on to futures that are both exciting and challenging. This is the time when we become aware of something important that is going on around us all of the time, children and young people growing up. When we live in the houses where kids are, we are very aware of the process all of the time. But after that time in our lives, we might forget.

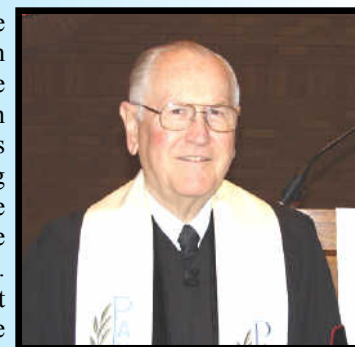
Let's remember. It is one of the most important things that happen in our world. Young people are becoming the persons they will be. And the people

who will run the world are emerging. That is important. And growing up is not easy. It is hard work. It can also be frightening. There are challenges to be faced every day. Lots of young people have to do their growing up under difficult circumstances. Many are making almost heroic efforts to become all that they can be. Young people really need for us to understand and appreciate what they are doing.

One of the most important things we can do is to build homes and communities and a world that are good places for children and young people to grow up. Another is to say something encouraging to every child or young person you know. Just speaking to one of them, or calling them by name, affirms their personhood. Let's back our kids.

Grace and Peace,

*Jim Fellen*



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## We'll Miss Ms. Donna and Ms. Peggy

After 20 years of leading The Cokesbury Kids, with Ms. Peggy by my side for 15 of those 20 years, we have decided that it is time to take our final curtain call. We've had the privilege of watching many children grow up as they went through their elementary school years while participating in The Cokesbury Kids and we love each one of them. We've directed the children in 31 stage presentations and, of course, sanctuary singing on the second Sunday of every month from October through May. It has been a wonderful time! We thank you all for the support you have given to our ministry over the years.

Amy Smith has agreed to take over the choir and we will work closely with her as that transition progresses. This will leave a vacancy for the Young Singing Angels director. If you love children and want to serve God in this ministry, please let Marsh or Amy know. God Bless you and keep encouraging our children!

**Donna Bane  
Peggy Smith**



## Choir Presents Musical About Joseph

The Children's Choir presented their spring musical "Joseph-From The Pit to the Palace" on Sunday May 17. The Young Singing Angels were the opening act. The combined casts are shown above. Thanks to all who helped put on a great show!



**May 24** - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Koontz by JoAnn Koontz.

**May 31** - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 18th birthday of Stephanie and Michael Schwartz by Mom, Dad, and Samantha.

## End of Year Pool Party

The end of the school year is just around the corner. To celebrate, the Children's Ministry invites all kids completing Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade this 2008-09 school year to a pool party. The celebration will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to noon at Pearland YMCA (281-485-6805) located at 2700 YMCA Drive, Pearland. Siblings and families are invited. NO DROP-OFFS!!!! A sign up sheet is on the Children's Ministry bulletin board. Snacks will be provided!!!! You may call the YMCA for a list of pool rules. See you at the pool.

-Alison Myers

## College Bible Study Class

**Starting June 7 at 9:45 a.m.-Room 210**

For information, contact Chudi Abajue 281-974-2443 or chudiabajue@hotmail.com

## Sign Up for Vacation Bible School

Camp E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School at Cokesbury is June 15-19 from 6:30 - 8:45 each night. Are you ready to hike through God's world? An information table is in the Commons and sign up sheets are available.

Please sign up to help if you are able to volunteer and you may also begin registering your children to attend. Our program is FREE and open to all children from potty trained

3 year olds to those entering the fifth grade during the upcoming school year. Our theme this year is camping out at Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere). For more information, please contact Alison Myers at 713-870-7361.



## Come to Mother/Daughter Brunch June 13

The Stafford/Wyatt UMW Circle will have their annual Mother/Daughter event benefiting The Bridge on Saturday, June 13. It will be a brunch and start at 10:00 a.m. and run until noon. This fiesta themed event is sure to be a lot of fun. There will be live entertainment, and a silent auction with a twist. Tickets are now on sale. So, mark your calendars, grab your mom, daughter or a friend and join us for a morning of food and fun that helps a lot of moms and children in need.

-Stafford/Wyatt Circle

## By The Numbers

May 17

8:30 a.m. Service.....65  
9:45 a.m. Service.....30  
10:30 a.m. Service.....102  
Total.....197

Save Time!

E-Mail Your Article To The Paper  
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## Spotlighting Cokesbury's Graduating Seniors

Please join us in congratulating the following Cokesbury members who are graduating from high school. They will be recognized during the 11 a.m. service this Sunday, May 24.

**Anna Aquilar** is the wife of Ray Aquilar and mother to Christian and Dominic. She just received her GED on Wednesday, May 20. Anna was chosen to speak at her commencement to share her story about having to drop out of school. Halfway through her senior year, Anna and her mother were in a car accident and Anna had to drop out of school in order to take care of her mom. Anna will soon take her math placement tests and plans to go on to Alvin Community College to receive training to become a Sonographer for a Cardiovascular Surgeon.



**Dakota Loftin**, son of Markul and Melissa Loftin, is graduating from Dobie High School in June and will attend the University of Houston Honors College. He plans to major in Business and/or Finance. At Dobie, he has participated in the FFA program, the debate team, the football and golf teams, and the Chess and Science clubs. This year, he was Debate Captain and played on the Varsity golf team.



Since joining MYF, he has attended U.M.ARM.Y, JUMMP and has volunteered at Crossroads mission and SeAM. He also assisted with Children's choir for several years. He works part time at Clear Creek golf course.

**Johnny Hite**, the son of Linda and Rod Hite, has been home schooled since sixth grade. He is active in both the YMCA teen programs and Cokesbury Methodist Youth Group and Youth Band. At Cokesbury, Johnny has attended youth service work camps during both junior high (JUMMP) and high school (U.M.ARM.Y).



Johnny has been taking dual credit classes at San Jacinto College South Campus for two semesters and intends to earn an Associates Degree in Business there before transferring to the University of Houston to major in History with a minor in Business.

**Alex Johnson** is the son of Laurel and Arthur Johnson. He will graduate from J. Frank Dobie High School in June. Alex has received the Academic Excellence Award and is graduating in the top 10% of his class. He has been active in the National Honor Society and works on the webmastering team that maintains the school's web site.



Alex has been attending Cokesbury since he was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He is very active in MYF and will attend U.M.ARM.Y for the third time this summer. Alex plans to attend the University of Houston in the fall and major in Business Management.

**Gavin Raines** will graduate from Clear Brook High School on June 4. Gavin is the son of Kirsten and Darrel Raines. He will complete high school having attended the Engineering and Science Small Learning Center at Clear Brook.



Gavin played trumpet in the Marching and Concert Bands for over two years. He also played lacrosse for the Clear Creek district team for 2 years.

Gavin has been the sound board operator for the 8:30 service at Cokesbury for the past 4 years. He was active in the youth program for many years. He sang with the children's choirs and eventually helped run the sound for the children after moving on to Junior High. He also attended two JUMMP work camps with MYF.

Gavin has worked while in high school starting at the age of 15. He currently works at Abe's Cajun Market.

Gavin will attend either University of Texas at San Antonio or San Jacinto Junior College starting next fall.

**Michael Schwartz Jr.** will graduate from Dobie High School in June. He is the son of Paige and Michael Schwartz, Sr. He was an active member of the National Honor Society and received awards for academic excellence. He was selected to participate in the UIL English his sophomore and junior years and UIL Economics his senior year. Michael was a starting varsity football player for the Dobie Longhorns his junior and senior year and was chosen First Team 22-5A All-District Linebacker and First Team All-State Academic. Michael also played golf for Dobie's varsity golf team.



Michael is involved with Cokesbury's youth program and works part time at Clear Creek Golf Club. He participated in JUMMP (junior high work camp) and attended Red Cloud adventure camp with the youth the last two summers. He plans to attend Trinity University in the fall to pursue a career in Engineering.

**Daniel Sawyer** is the son of Cathy and Doug Sawyer. Daniel will be graduating from Dobie High School this June. While at Dobie, Daniel excelled at many sports playing on the football, basketball, baseball, water polo, and swim teams. He was also a Cheerleader Escort and won Cheer Escort of the Year in 2009. In 2008, he made the Baseball 2nd Team All District and in 2009 he was named MVP of the Varsity Swim Team.



Daniel also stood out academically at Dobie being commended in Math and Social Studies on the TAKS test and placing 3rd in the Dobie Math Relay. Daniel plans to attend college in the fall and has currently been accepted to Blinn Junior College in Brenham.

Daniel was active in youth activities at Cokesbury. He attended work camps in both junior high school (JUMMP) and high school (U.M.ARM.Y).



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Sunday, May 24th Senior Recognition at the 11am service. Luncheon to follow. No regular MYF that evening due to Memorial day weekend/and Annual Conference.

Friday, May 29th - FREE CONCERT for the Cokesbury church family! Come hear the music stylings of Chris Crump. If you like the music of Jimmy Needham & John Mayer, you'll love Chris!

Time: 7pm in the fellowship hall! Bring your friends!

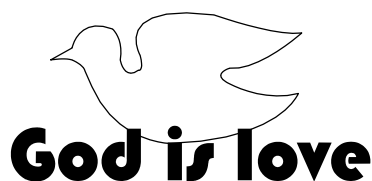
Sunday, May 31st Putt Putt Fun House @ 2pm Cost: \$20. We will meet there!!

Sign up for Schlitterbahn on the youth bulletin board by June 5th. Cost: \$75

In His Grip,  
Christie Burnette, Youth Director

### Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.



### Come Help Spruce Up The Parsonage

Our new minister (Bill Newcomb, his wife, Oleta, and their son, Adam) will be moving into the parsonage in June. Come out and help to get it looking its best. We will have work days at the parsonage on Saturday, May 30 and Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. The main activities will be painting and cleaning. Call me if you have any questions.

-Johnny Lemaster  
Trustee Chairman

### Men To Take A Summer Break

The Cokesbury Methodist Men will take a summer break with no meetings for the next few months. Look to the Courier and the bulletin for the resumption of meetings.

Thanks to everyone who purchased our shrimp. We still have a few frozen packages for purchase in the kitchen.

### It's Your Turn To Help With Helping Hands

The following folks have signed up to help with Helping Hands for the next two weeks:  
**4th Sunday:** Barbara Craft, Jo Felts, Denice Grays, Nancy Hensley, Suzanne Houck, Janice Johnson, Tracey Moore, Peggy Smith, Linda Trevathan, Kris Wallis, Carol & Jerry Yeaney

**5th Sunday:** New Beginnings Sunday School Class