



COKER COLUMBARIUM

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Coker Columbarium Ministry

MISSION



The Mission of the Coker Columbarium Ministry is to provide a final resting place, consecrated in a spirit of dignity and reverence, for the ashes of loved ones at eternal rest with our Lord.

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
John 14:2

WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?



A Columbarium...

- Is a dedicated, consecrated, permanent structure.
- Has Chambers or compartments designed to hold the ashes of individuals in boxes known as Urns.
- Serves as the final resting place for loved ones.

Having a Columbarium on Coker church grounds...

- Revives the age-old tradition of the church to serve its members from baptism to death.
- Is a statement of our faith in the resurrection, the life everlasting, and the church triumphant.
- Is doubly appropriate as the final resting place for the earthly remains of those who, in life, loved the church.

WHY A COLUMBARIUM AT COKER?



It fulfills the Church's mission to oversee the spiritual life of our congregation from baptism through life to death.

The Coker Columbarium setting is a modern version of an old-time church cemetery which --

- Allows for ease of visitation by surviving family, friends and fellow worshippers during regular church visits.
- Serves as a serene spot for reflection, meditation and prayer.
- Provides a substantial financial advantage over the costs of a traditional cemetery burial.
- Recognizes the legacy of the original Coker family and extends the reverence of the Coker Cemetery to the Columbarium.
- Is Eco Friendly, conserves land and the environment.

THE COKER COLUMBARIUM WILL...



- Be an open air structure with freestanding Vaults within the Columbarium structure:
 - Each Vault will contain a number of Chambers.
 - Each Chamber can accommodate up to two Polished, Lacquered, Bronze Urns (Boxes).
 - Each Chamber will have a Solid Granite Faceplate which will be engraved with names, dates of birth and death.
- Include a Memorial Wall holding Memorial Plaques available for remembering a loved one.
- Allow for visitation by family and friends during regular church hours.

COLUMBARIUM TIMELINE



- The Columbarium will be built in Phase I of the Coker Master Campus Building Plan.
- Construction is dependent on site availability, in accordance with the Coker Master Campus Building Plan.
- The Coker Master Campus Building Plan is dependent on the sale of the church property on the corner of West Ave. and the Wurzbach Parkway. A contract for purchase of the corner is expected to close by end of 2019.

A TEMPORARY SOLUTION AVAILABLE NOW



Columbarium Cabinets

- Already in the Coker Chapel.
- Secure and locked, serving as the Temporary Columbarium.
- Holds the Polished, Lacquered, Bronze Box Urns, with Urn ID plates, which will be relocated to the completed Coker Columbarium Vaults.

Memorial Plaques

- Engraved, Granite Memorial Plaques may be displayed in the Chapel now and will be relocated to the completed Coker Columbarium Memorial Wall.

TEMPORARY COLUMBARIUM CABINETS in COKER CHAPEL



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SCHEDULE OF FEES



- **One Chamber**, accommodating up to 2 Bronze Urns
Exclusive Use **\$3,000**
\$2,500 is tax deductible
- **One-half Chamber**, accommodating 1 Bronze Urn
Non Exclusive Use **\$1,500**
\$1,250 is tax deductible
- **One Granite Memorial Wall Plaque** **\$ 600**
\$450 is tax deductible

Payment is accepted by cash, check, or credit card.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST?



Columbarium Chamber cost includes:

- Chamber Space for Bronze Box Urn(s) in perpetuity.
- Polished, Lacquered Bronze Box Urn(s) with an Urn ID Plate and all Chamber hardware.
- Engraved Granite Faceplate.
- Opening and Closing of the Chamber at time of inurnment.
- Perpetual Care and Columbarium Maintenance.
- Maintenance of Document Records by Coker UMC.

Memorial Wall Plaque cost includes:

- Engraved Granite Plaque and hardware.
- Placement on Memorial Wall.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION OR APPLY?



- Contact Gail Hatcher, Coker Director of Adult Ministries and Fellowship, to request an appointment, 210-494-3455 and to complete the appropriate agreement forms.

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.”*

Matthew 11:28



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