

Why?

Why does the church rent vehicles for trips instead of owning them? I get this question every few years, usually following an increased need for vehicles or when a rented one has a problem, like the tire blow out on the recent youth mission trip to New Orleans. I agree that we may look after our vehicles better than a rental fleet owner might but the overall expense makes it too impractical to own a lot of vehicles. Having a problem with a rented vehicle is not normal. They are usually acceptable for our purposes even though we do have to pay attention to make sure we get what we requested. We have reserved vehicles at airports as well as locally and we do inspect them before driving away. We use reputable firms and we do have experienced drivers who can handle the vehicles they are asked to drive. We know that any time we take members on trips that a degree of risk is involved and we are very careful. But economically, renting just makes more sense.

Larry Heslip

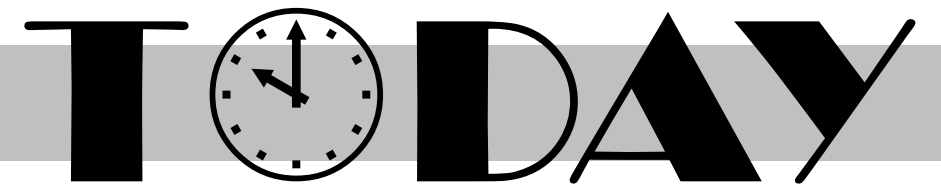
STEWARDSHIP

When our children were very young we would play word games on our road trips. An all-time favorite was one called "Count 'em one by one." This game was actually just a never-ending word list of what God had pleased, entertained, and blessed us with. Early on we mentioned insects and pets, rainbows, and favorite teachers and friends. As a bit more maturity came along, we all began to dig deeper naming some specific ways, opportunities, or talents that God was gifting and equipping us with to use in our daily lives. In reality, there was quite a bit of God-given potential in those word games and we were the stewards just driving down the road. Stewardship happens when God becomes the Lord of our lives and we become a part of what God can do with us beyond our God-given potential. Here at TBC we witness and are thankful for spirit-led stewards who serve and give as Jesus served and gave. We are blessed and count those blessings. Great joy comes by serving willingly and well, in giving by faith, and in having a desire to honor God. We please God when we use what He has given to us for His glory. "For God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Eda Smith

Lost and Found

Please come to the church office to claim your lost items. There is a collection of Bibles, glasses, umbrellas, etc.



July 30, 2017

This Week at Tallowood

<p>Sunday, July 30 Blood Drives Sign-Up 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Chinese Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship 11:15 AM Chinese Sunday School 11:30 AM Hispanic Worship 2:00 PM Sudanese Worship 2:00 PM Arabic Worship 3:00 PM Burmese Youth Worship 3:00 PM Burmese Sunday School 4:00 PM Burmese Worship 6:00 PM Sunday Evening Worship</p>	<p>Monday, July 31 9:00 AM Super Place Camp 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery</p> <p>Tuesday, August 1 Student Life Retreat Super Place Camp 9:30 AM WM Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit</p> <p>Wednesday, August 2 Super Place Camp 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 PM Adult Division Meetings 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer Service 6:00 PM Hispanic Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 PM Adult Choir practice 7:00 PM DivorceCare - Cancelled</p>	<p>Wed., August 2 cont'd 7:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, August 3 Super Place Camp 9:30 AM WM Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit 12:30 PM Watercolor Class 7:00 PM Libera Performance</p> <p>Friday, August 4 Brazil Mission Trip Super Place Camp 9:30 AM MOSAIC 7:30 PM Outdoor Summer Family Movie Night 8:00 PM Hispanic Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Saturday, August 5 Brazil Mission Trip 7:00 PM Hispanic Music Rehearsal</p>
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Tallowood Library Hours

832-320-8152

Sunday	8:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Closed Thursday - Saturday

STAFF ON CALL THIS WEEKEND



July 28-30
 Sky Howard
 & Ryan Taylor
 713-724-3704

Participating in God's Mission

During the months of September through November the pastor will lead us through a study of God's mission, particularly as we are called to join it. His preaching and the adult Bible study will be coordinated with adults following by one week the topic of his sermon. We will begin with the sermon on August 27th and the lesson on September 3rd. Below are the topics. Pray for our church as we clarify our mission!

Unit 1: Foundational Truths About God's Mission

- ♦ The Mission's Beginning
- ♦ The Mission's Motivation
- ♦ The Mission's Focus
- ♦ The Mission's Unlimited Reach

Unit 2: What God's Mission Is About

- ♦ God's Mission: Redemption and Reconciliation
- ♦ God's Mission: Restoration and Justice
- ♦ God's Mission: Embodied in Jesus

Unit 3: God's Call to You

- ♦ Experience God's Good News
- ♦ Live in Faithfulness to God
- ♦ Engage in God's Mission Together
- ♦ Tell the Good News of Redemption and Reconciliation
- ♦ Minister to People's Physical Needs
- ♦ Participate in God's Mission to Everyone

MINISTRIES

Adults

BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UP

GIVE BLOOD We have the power to save lives! Be sure to sign up today for the Blood Drive that will take place on August 6! Tables are located in the Narthex, North Tower Breezeway, outside the Dwelling (next to the Choral Hall), and third floor West Tower lobby.

Children

PANCAKE PARTY ON PROMOTION SUNDAY!

Glow Kids Ministry is serving up hotcakes on Promotion Sunday, August 20, during the 10:00 a.m. Bible study hour. Be sure to arrive on time so you can get a plate full of steaming hot pancakes with your favorite toppings, YUM!!!

ARE YOU READY TO GLOW?

Children's Ministry Glow Party is back! Children entering 1st through 5th grade are invited to this BRIGHT event that will light up the halls of Children's Ministry the evening of August 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room. This special event is off the charts fun—think neon and glow from head to toe! Plan to wear white. Registration opens August 1.

Children's Music & Missions

WORKERS NEEDED

We're preparing for this year's children's choirs. Please help us teach the children. Areas needing help are: (1) Music Time for 3's. Needed: Accompanist & Worker. Contact Director Lyn Reeves at lynda_reeves@att.net. (2) 1st Grade Choir. Needed: 2 Workers. Contact Director Diane Guthrie at dianew.guthrie@yahoo.com or Director Holly Nederveld at nederv@usa.net. You can also contact Susie Low, Children's Choirs Coordinator at slow@tallowood.org. Choirs meet Wednesday nights, September 6, 2017, through May 9, 2018, except December 13, 20, 27, 2017, and March 14, 2018. Thanks for answering this call for help!

55+

55+ DAY TRIP



The 55+ day trip for August is Saturday, August 12. We will leave the church front parking lot at 1:00 p.m. and travel by Harris County bus to see the Liberty Opry. The music will be classic oldies starring Johnny Foster and other guests. Since the show does not begin until 4:00 p.m. we will have a late lunch around 2:30 p.m. After the performance we will return to Tallowood and not have a late evening. Lunch

will be on your own at Ann's Seafood. Cost is \$16.00 and space is limited. To make a reservation, call Barbie at 713-468-8241, ext. 8147.

TALLOWOOD SENIOR GOLFERS



Tallowood Senior Golfers will enjoy one of Houston's "Premier" golf courses Tuesday, August 22. The Wildcat Golf Course at 12000 Alameda Road promises a fun golf experience with friends. The course designed by architect Roy Case strives to replicate the splendor of Scotland's famed links courses. We'll play the Highlands Course which offers breathtaking views of downtown Houston. The format will be a "Tallowood Scramble" with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. The \$48 entry fee is due by Friday, August 18. Place your check in the Senior Golf box in the Activities Center. If mailed, a reply to receiving your check will be given. Mail checks to Clois Smith, 22426 Silvermist Ln., Katy, TX 77494. Guests are welcome! Clois Smith is Tournament Commissioner.

CRUISE REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED!



Sailing to the Caribbean March 4-11, 2018. Reservations are being taken now to sail on Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas! Ports of call are Cozumel, Grand Cayman, and Jamaica. Information packets can be picked up in the church office—see Barbie. Registration deadline has been extended to August 31. Sail with us!

Missions

PERSPECTIVES FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Perspectives is a 15-week life and learning opportunity that will change the way you view the world around you. In it you will have your eyes opened to the heart and purpose of God and how you can take part in His work all over the world. Register online at tallowood.org or contact Cheryl Richardson at crichardson@tallowood.org.

DONATIONS NEEDED

There is a need for a refrigerator and king size mattresses for a family. If you would like to donate either or both, call the Missions office.

Music

LIBERA CONCERT

August 3 at 7:00 p.m., the world renown British Boys Choir will perform here at Tallowood! Tickets are \$15 and \$25 and can be purchased online.



The worship center is a place for sacred worship. Please finish your refreshments before you enter and dispose of containers in trash receptacles.

Preschool

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Join us in the Tallowood courtyard on August 4 at 7:30 p.m. *Lion King* will be shown at 8:00 p.m. There will be door prizes and fun movie snacks! Bring your blanket, lawn chair, and friends!

PRESCHOOL MEET THE TEACHER

Wednesday, August 16, 6:00-7:00 p.m., find out who your child's new Sunday School teacher will be when we promote on August 20. You will find their new room and hear about what they will be doing in Sunday School. This event is for birth - Kindergarten only.

SUNDAES WITH THE PASTOR



This event is for 5-year-olds and their parents. You are invited to meet the Pastor, take a tour of the Worship Center, and eat sundaes on the playground. We will meet in the Worship Center Narthex at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16.

VIPs NEEDED

Sign up to be a VIP for the 11:15 worship service! WE NEED YOU! Do you enjoy holding babies and playing with toddlers? Do you like telling children about Jesus? If so, we have a spot for you as a Preschool VIP! To sign up, go to the Tallowood website Preschool page or stop by the Preschool Welcome Center.

Women

BROOKWOOD TOUR - AUGUST 1

Brookwood is a God-centered educational, residential, and entrepreneurial community for adults with disabilities located in Brookshire. Their campus includes group homes, a health clinic, activities buildings, a gift and garden center, and the Café at Brookwood. To learn more about this ministry, join Jen Whittenberg for a walking tour of their facility on Tuesday, August 1, at 9:45 a.m. followed by an optional lunch in their Café. Space is limited. Sign up TODAY at tallowood.org/women or call Jen Whittenberg in the office at ext. 8117.

SELF-CARE AND SERVICE

Self-care is essential for the lifestyle of servanthood. We look to Jesus as our model for serving and how He retreated to the mountains for prayer and solitude. Join us for a seminar to discover how to care for ourselves so that we may most effectively serve others. Led by Katelyn Keeling, Pastor's Summer Intern and student at University of Mary Hardin Baylor, on Wednesday, August 2, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 6:00-7:00 p.m. (childcare available for evening session). Register online at tallowood.org/women or call Jen Whittenberg at ext. 8117.

WOMEN'S FALL REGISTRATION OPENS THIS WEEK

Watch for an email with the details!