

Why?

Why did the flower beds get changed when they were still in full bloom? We have seasonal changes in the flower beds. If we don't make a change on time we will miss the peak times when we want the buildings to look their best. I, too, liked the last floral selections but our aim right now is December. We have so many people attend our services for the Christmas season that we need to plan ahead to make the beds look their best. We generally want the entrances to look their best for Christmas, Easter and mid-summer. Entrances constitute an important impact on guests and members alike. Entrances say a lot about the way we care for the facilities and they make a statement for all of the services, weddings, funerals and other activities of the church. We are blessed to live in a mild winter environment where flowers can flourish from December-February. The colors of the season can often be expressed inside the buildings but it is the outside that may affect the passers by. I recall a statement from a pastor-emeritus at a former church. He said, "The church looks so nice. It is a shame that so many people will never see the inside of it." Maybe, just maybe, the simple testimony of a well cared for facility can encourage someone to ask about our God and who knows, they may come inside.

Larry Heslip

Today...



Membership Discovery Class

November 18
9:45 a.m. in the Grand Room
(West Tower 3rd Floor)

Committee of Committees

November 18, 2018, at 4:15 p.m. in WT 214/216

Church Business Conference

November 18, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the WT 214/216

TODAY

November 18, 2018

This Week at Tallowood

<p>Sunday, November 18 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 9:45 AM Membership Discovery Class 10:00 AM Chinese Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Arabic Worship 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship 11:15 AM Chinese Sunday School 11:30 AM Hispanic Worship 2:00 PM Celebrate Recovery Step Study 2:00 PM Sudanese Worship 3:00 PM Burmese Youth Worship 3:00 PM Tallowood Chamber Concert Series 3:00 PM Burmese Sunday School 3:30 PM Tallowood Choir Rehearsal 4:00 PM Burmese Worship 4:15 PM Committee of Committees 4:30 PM Sonlight rehearsals Cancelled 4:45 PM Christian Life Committee</p>	<p>Sunday, November 18 cont'd 5:00 PM Church Business Conference 6:00 PM Sunday Evening Worship</p> <p>Monday, November 19 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery 6:45 PM GriefShare</p> <p>Tuesday, November 20 9:30 AM Women's Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit 11:30 AM Tuesday Lunch 6:45 PM Trail Life</p> <p>Wednesday, November 21 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 9:30 AM Women's - SonShip Bible Study 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Cancelled 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 PM Adult Division Meetings - Cancelled 5:50 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 21 cont'd 6:00 PM Hispanic Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 PM Single Guys Small Group - Cancelled 6:55 PM Girls in Action 6:55 PM Mission Friends 6:55 PM Royal Ambassadors 7:00 PM DivorceCare</p> <p>Thursday, November 22 Happy Thanksgiving Offices Closed</p> <p>Friday, November 23 Thanksgiving Holiday - Offices Closed 6:00 PM Joshua 4th Friday Fellowship - Cancelled</p> <p>Saturday, November 24 2:00 PM High School Acteens 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	

	WEEKEND PHONE
	NUMBER FOR EMERGENCIES
	713-724-3704



Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

Church Business Meeting Today
The only business meeting scheduled for this fall will take place today. Items to be considered are: a recommendation to change the bylaws regarding deacon qualifications, a recommendation for disposition of funds remaining from the last fiscal year and a recommendation to form a search committee to seek a Minister of Missions. This meeting will be held in WT 214/216 at 5:00 p.m. The Committee of Committees meeting will take place in the same location at 4:15 p.m.

TALLOWOOD MISSIONS...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PRODUCES DISCIPLES 2. PLANTS CHURCHES 3. PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY 4. PROVIDES KINGDOM RESOURCES

MINISTRIES

Adults

ADVENT DEVOTION

Devotional Books for Advent and Christmas designed for individuals, families, and small groups. are available today in the Narthex or church office.

Children

TOY DRIVE



The Toy Drive collection continues through December 2. The grade that brings the most toys will get a special Christmas breakfast in December! Pick up a Toy Drive flyer at the Children's Welcome Desk for a full list of toys.

FAMILY ADVENT BOXES

Tallowood wants to help your family celebrate advent. Pick up a Family Advent Box (one per family) filled with Advent devotionals and fun family activities. Advent boxes will be available on November 25 and December 2 in the West Tower lobby.

LIVING NATIVITY

Glow Kids Ministry is presenting a Living Nativity before each morning service on December 2, 9, 16, and 23. Our children will be representing Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and angels. We invite everyone to come see our children leading and helping to prepare us for worship. *Children who want to participate must register at tallowood.org.*

CELEBRATE JESUS



Join us Wednesday, December 12, in the East Courtyard from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Have fun dressing up in Bible costumes, visiting with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, ride a camel and donkey, make a Christmas craft, and enjoy some hot chocolate and gingerbread cookies. Hamburger dinner with all the trimmings is available for \$5 per person / \$20 maximum per family.

Children's Music & Missions

ONE BETHLEHEM NIGHT PRESENTED BY CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Sunday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. You don't want to miss this presentation by Children's Choirs. There will be 5 stables with singing children. Plan now to join us!

Culinary

GINGERBREAD HOUSE PARTY



December 1, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In FHE. Reservations are now being accepted for the Gingerbread House Party, Parents or grandparents are invited to bring your children for a morning of decorating houses and Christmas fun. Cost is \$35.00 per house. Please call or email Jan Smith at jksmith@tallowood.org or 713-468-8241, ext. 8151 to reserve your place by November 21. Payment is appreciated in advance. Space is limited!

Families

SAVE THE DATE

April 5-7, 2019. Family Retreat to Camp Tejas with special guest leader, Steven Jones, on staff at Kingsland Baptist Church and Houston Baptist University. He is married and the father of 5 children, ages 12 and under. Detailed information and registration begins online January 6, 2019.

55+

55+ DAY TRIP



The 55+ trip for December is on Friday the 14th. We will leave the church front parking lot at 3:30 p.m. and travel to The Crighton Theatre in Conroe. We will see the play, "Glitz, The Little Miss Christmas Pageant." This production is about ten girls competing for the annual Christmas crown and their problems obtaining it. But in the end the true Christmas spirit becomes the winner. Dinner will be on your own at Spring Creek Barbecue. The cost for this trip is \$19.00 per person. Call Barbie Batura at 832-320-8147 for reservations.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

It's time to select the 2019 Astros games you would like to attend. Early selection is necessary in order to secure the desired seats, discounted pricing, and to ensure we reserve a county bus for the games. Game dates, teams, and ticket prices (prices include \$2 per ticket for driver expense) are as follows:

- 4-23-19 Minnesota Twins - \$ 23 - Tuesday night game
- 5-23-19 Chicago White Sox - \$29 - Thursday night game
- 6-14-19 Toronto Blue Jays- \$33 - Friday night game and fireworks afterwards
- 7-23-19 Oakland Athletics - \$23 - Tuesday night game
- 8-22-19 Detroit Tigers - \$29 - Thursday night game
- 9-17-19 Texas Rangers - \$33 - Tuesday night game



Chosen game commitments are due no later than January 15 and payment must be made no later than January 31. Checks are to be made payable to Tallowood Baptist Church and handed to Kevin Cummings directly or mailed to him at 1931 Springwell Dr., Houston, TX 77043. On game day we will leave from the front parking lot of the church by 6:00 p.m. via county bus. If you have any questions, call Kevin Cummings at 434-249-8869 or 713-443-7817.

Library

LIBRARY NEWS

If you missed seeing the Tallowood veterans display last Sunday, the pictures are back in the Library. We also have the veterans scrapbook which is on display all year long. Come by the library to see your Tallowood veterans.

Music

POINSETTIAS FOR THE WORSHIP CENTER

You may contribute one or more of these plants in honor or memory of a love one.

Each plant costs \$30.00 and can be ordered online or at the church office. Order deadline is December 16.

TALLOWOOD CONCERT SERIES BEGINS TODAY

2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The newly launched Tallowood Concert Series begins today with a concert titled Molto Expressivo featuring Hyeok Kwon, cello; Jisu Shin, violin; and, Sunjung Lee, piano. The trio will perform works by Piazzolla, Rachmaninoff, and Schubert. Admission is free.

Preschool

CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION

Preschool and Children's Ministries are collecting toys for the Christmas Store at Mission Centers of Houston on November 18, 25, and December 2. Preschool toys can be dropped off in red collection tubs that are in West Tower.

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Students

HS WINTER RETREAT

November 30-December 2 at Pine Cove Silverado in Columbus, Texas. All high school students are invited to join us for a weekend filled with praise and worship, large group teaching times, small group Bible studies, zip lines, camp fires, fun games, and more! The registration deadline is November 28. Every student must have a medical release form on file with the Student Ministry office. Students must register by November 14 to guarantee t-shirt size. Register online at tallowood.org/students today!

COWBOY CHRISTMAS DATE CHANGE

Wednesday, December 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the east lawn. Please note the date change.

Women

COOKIE CONNECTION WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Sign up today for a night of fun and fellowship as we come together to serve our community! We will prepare boxes of cookies to be distributed through Urban Outreach, The Source for Women, and several other mission organizations. Dinner will be provided. Reserve your spot for dinner and childcare at tallowood.org/women. Reservation deadline is November 25. Admission fee is 2 dozen cookies (homemade or purchased).