

Aim at Nothing, Hit it Every Time (Part One)

We have all heard the saying: “if you aim at nothing, you’re sure to hit it every time.” Yes, the statement is cliché, but if we are honest, there is some truth to it. What are we taking aim at as we begin a new year at Tallowood? In the next couple of weeks, we will consider five targets for 2019 to aim toward.

Target #1: Increase our attendance in worship and in Bible study.

The purpose of this goal is not simply to be a “big church,” but rather to carry out the Great Commission (to reach and teach) that Jesus gave us. We want as many people as possible to be brought into close proximity to the gospel so that they will hear about Jesus. Attending a worship service and a Sunday morning Bible study is a starting point for most people on the journey to spiritual maturity. Here are some things you can do:

Commit to be regular in your attendance to both worship and Bible study each week. Make Sundays a priority to be in attendance for yourself and for your family. In a recent survey, only 23% of Americans indicated they attend every week, 23% about once a month, and 57% indicated they seldom or never attend. Personally invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to come and visit our church. Leverage social media to tell others about Tallowood.

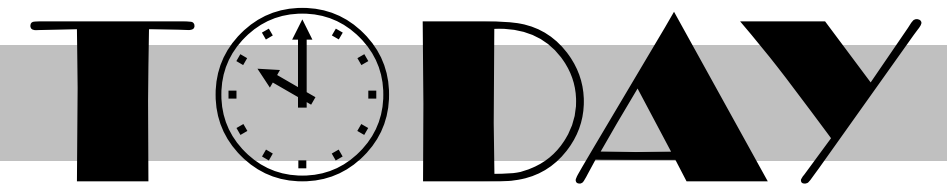
Target #2: Help people get connected.

We can only make disciples when people who join stick around. How do we help people see that they really belong, and that the best way to grow spiritually is to be a committed part of the body? What you can do:

As a member, embrace the vision/mission of our church – “to make relationships, make disciples, and make an impact.” Are you intentional in making relationships? Are you learning and living like Jesus? If you are not, find a place to serve. Use your gifts and abilities to serve at Tallowood.

Next week, we will consider three more targets for the new year. Let’s take aim in 2019.

Doyle Lowry, Pastor of Discipleship and Education



January 6, 2019

This Week at Tallowood

<p>Sunday, January 6 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 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 Burmese Sunday School 4:00 PM Burmese Worship 4:30 PM Sonlight Rehearsals 5:00 PM Info Meeting - India Mission Trip 5:00 PM Bible Drill for Kids 6:00 PM Sunday Evening Worship</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 8 cont'd 9:30 AM Women's Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit 11:30 AM Tuesday Lunch 3:00 PM Kingdom Basketball Practices 3:30 PM Freespace: MS After School Program 7:00 PM University of North Texas A Capella Choir performance</p> <p>Wednesday, January 9 6:00 AM Men's Life 7:15 AM Christ the King MS Girls Bible Study 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 3:00 PM Kingdom Basketball Practices 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Outreach 5:30 PM Heartlight Rehearsal 5:30 PM Student Midweek 5:50 PM Children's Choirs Rehearsal 6:00 PM High School Acteens 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer Service 6:00 PM Hispanic Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Men's Life 6:55 PM Girls in Action 6:55 PM Mission Friends</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 9 cont'd 6:55 PM Royal Ambassadors 7:00 PM Tallowood Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Tallowood Orchestra Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, January 10 6:30 AM Hudson Mann Prayer Breakfast 9:30 AM Women's Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit 10:00 AM Common Grounds Conversations 10:00 AM The Gathering Place 23:00 PM Kingdom Basketball Practices 3:30 PM Freespace: MS After School Program</p> <p>Friday, January 11 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 9:30 AM Morning Mosaic Study 9:30 AM Mother's Day Out 3:00 PM Kingdom Basketball Practices 6:00 PM Couple's Night Out</p> <p>Saturday, January 12 7:00 AM Kingdom Basketball Games 7:00 PM Hispanic Music Rehearsal</p>
<p>Monday, January 7 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 9:00 AM Mondays - Prison Ministry 3:00 PM Kingdom Basketball Practices 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM Trail LifeTroop 220</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 8 7:15 AM Christ the King MS Bible Study</p>	

Larry Bertrand Celebrates 40 Years at Tallowood!



Larry Bertrand will celebrate forty years at Tallowood this week. He has served the church as Minister to Junior High Students, Family Minister, and Associate Pastor. He and Debbie have raised their three sons, Scott, Chad, and Brad, at Tallowood and all three live in Houston at the present time, allowing grandchildren to be a vital part of life for Larry and Debbie. Larry has touched the lives of our membership in many ways but his leadership in pastoral care has been exemplary. Thank you, Larry, for serving the Lord through your ministry at Tallowood.

Winter Bible Study with Pastor Brooks “Getting Ready to go Home”



Thursdays:
January 3 and 17
February 7 and 21
March 7 and 21
11:00 a.m. in the gym
Lunch available after study

Betsy Samu Celebrates 25th Anniversary!

Betsy Samu has served as our Business Manager for 25 years this week. We are thankful for her dedication to our church and for her skills in managing the financial operations of the church. While it is impossible to enumerate all of her contributions to the life of the church, her skills in working with our staff, her insights in facility décor, and her willingness to help our members have been substantial contributions to the ministry of the church. Thank you Betsy.



Wednesday Night Outreach
January 9 at 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall East

A Memorial Statue Placed

A statue has been placed near the church fountain as a memorial. The fountain is also a memorial gift, as are a significant number of buildings, windows in the Worship Center, musical instruments, and landscape features on our campus. The church has practiced honoring memorial requests but not identifying publicly or labeling such gifts. We are thankful for the loving attention our members extend to one another.
Larry Heslip

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

MINISTRIES

Adults

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE AND DAILY DEVOTIONALS WITH THE PASTOR

New Bible reading plans are available in the Narthex or church office. It is also available on an app at readsripture.org. The Pastor will base his Daily Devotionals on this plan. Subscribe at tallowood.org. If you currently receive the email devotionals, you will continue in 2019.

DEACON MEETING

Sunday, January 13, 4:30 p.m. in WT 315.

BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UP

GIVE BLOOD We have the power to save lives! Sundays, January 13 and 20, sign up for the Blood Drive that will take place on January 28! Tables are located in the Narthex, North Tower breezeway, outside The Dwelling (next to the Choral Hall), and third floor West Tower lobby.

MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP


January 26 from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall West. Join us for our Marriage Prep Workshop where we will cover all the bases as we provide resources to help equip engaged couples for the future and ask questions that make a difference. Cost is \$60 per couple which includes materials, continental breakfast, and lunch.

Children

REGISTER NOW FOR BIBLE DRILL

BIBLE Drill Bible Drill begins January 6 at 5:30 p.m.! The first night of Bible Drill is for parents and children. There will be a brief parent meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Room, followed by the first session of learning. Register at tallowood.org.

5TH DIMENSION BOWLING & PIZZA PARTY

 5th graders, join us Sunday, January 27, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at BOWLMOR Lanes, 925 Bunker Hill Road. Cost is \$15 and includes pizza, bowling shoes, bowling, and FUN! Bring a pair of socks. Notarized medical release form required. Register at tallowood.org.

Children's Music & Missions

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR KIDS THIS WEEK

M&M We are excited to see you this week—January 9 at 5:50 for Choir for ages 3 through 5th grade, and at 6:55 for Missions for ages Pre-Kinder through 5th grade. Eligibility by age: Music Time for 3's - 3 years old by September 1, 2018; Pre-Kinder - 4 years old by September 1, 2018; Kinder - in Kindergarten this school year; 1st-5th grades in that grade this school year. For more information about choir, contact Susie Low, 713.468.8241, ext. 8145. New members are welcome. For more information about missions, contact the Missions office at the church.

Families

COUPLES NIGHT OUT


Friday, January 11. This is an event for married and engaged couples of all ages! We will provide questions for you to discuss while out on your date that will help you in life, marriage, and your faith in Christ. Childcare is available from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Tallowood for those who have a need. Childcare reservations can be made through today. Sign up at tallowood.org/CNO and get ready for a wonderful date night with your spouse.

FAMILY RETREAT


April 5-7 at Camp Tejas—*Unplugged...to plug into what matters most.* Register at tallowood.org/familyretreat beginning January 2.

55+

55+ DAY TRIP

 The 55+ Trip for January is on Friday the 11th. We will leave Tallowood from the front parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and travel to Lone Star Flight Museum. It is located in its new home at Ellington Airport. The museum displays many artifacts related to the history of flight. After our tour we will go to Kelley's restaurant (country cookin') for lunch. The cost for this trip is \$12.00 per person. To make reservations, call Barbie Batura at 832-320-8147.

LUNCH & LEARN

 Thursday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., in FHE. Guest Speaker: Larry Bertrand — “Helping Families with Final Arrangements.” Program cost is \$5 payable at the door (includes lunch). Make a reservation online or call Barbie in the church office.

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/fireworks
- 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 church front parking lot by 6:00 p.m. via county bus. If you have any questions, call Kevin Cummings at 434-249-8869 or 713-443-7817.



Men

HUDSON MANN PRAYER BREAKFAST

 Thursday, January 10, in Fellowship Hall West at 6:30 a.m. Join us for fellowship, breakfast, intercessory prayer time, and the sharing of a Christian testimony. You really don't know another man until you have heard his testimony.


Missions

INFORMATION / INTEREST MEETING

January 6 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall West regarding the mission trip to West Bengal, India.

Preschool

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

 Preschool Ministry is collecting cans of soup for Gano Mission Center January 6—February 3. Collection bins will be located throughout the first floor of the West Tower.


Students

SPARK 2019

SPARK will be January 18-20, 2019! All students are invited to enjoy a weekend of large group teaching times, staying in host homes of TBC members, small group Bibles studies, praise and worship, fun activities, awesome games, lots of fellowship, and more! The cost is \$100 per student. Registration ends January 16. All students must have a current medical release form on file with the Student Ministry office. Sign up today at tallowood.org/students!

Women

SPRING BIBLE STUDIES

 Register now for Women's Spring Bible studies. Women's weekly groups begin the week of January 14. We have many topics to choose from with length of study varying by class. Whether you are seeking morning or evening, we have options for you. Go to tallowoodwomen.org for a weekly schedule and a complete list of class descriptions.

Study Spotlight:

SonShip: Come Follow Me. This is a small discipleship group. Each week, group members share about what God is teaching them. God continues to reveal Himself as the group prays together and experiences the transformation brought about by the Holy Spirit.