

Is Tallowood an Inviting Place?

Much research has been done on why people begin to attend a church. Are people attracted by a dynamic worship experience? A great children's ministry? An exciting student ministry? Special events? Bottom line, around 80 percent of people surveyed say they first came to the church they currently attend because someone invited them. Programs and ministries alone seldom attract people. Creating a culture of invitation in a church takes intentional effort (source: Lifeway).

Regardless of church location and demographics, it almost always comes down to one person having a conversation with another person. It's about relationships. You have the opportunity to influence those around you. Tallowood is blessed with a gifted Senior Pastor, amazing musical talent, strong Bible teaching, and a campus second to none. These are all wonderful provisions that God has provided, but these provisions do not make Tallowood an inviting place. You make Tallowood an inviting place. Begin to utilize the relationships you have to connect people to our church and to Christ.

Doyle Lowry, Pastor of Discipleship and Education

Worship Center Balcony

In order to enrich the worship experience for the 11:15 a.m. service, the balconies will be closed.

Bylaws Open Forum

A meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on February 17, 2019, in the Worship Center to discuss bylaws recommendations.

Tallowood Library Hours (832-320-8152)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. and 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Monday-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



This Week at Tallowood

Sunday, February 3

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
12:15 PM Bible Drill Super Bowl
2:00 PM Celebrate Recovery Step Study
2:00 PM Sudanese Worship
2:30 PM Financial Peace University
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 Student Super Bowl Party
6:00 PM Sunday Evening Worship

Monday, February 4

8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class
9:00 AM Prison Ministry
9:30 AM Mother's Day Out
3:00 PM Kingdom Basketball Practices
5:00 PM Tallowood Language Learning
6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery
7:00 PM Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Tuesday, February 5

7:15 AM Christ the King MS Bible Study
9:20 AM Women's Divine Design
9:30 AM Women's Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit

Tuesday, February 5 cont'd 9:30

AM Women in the Word
9:30 AM Women's Joy of Living
11:30 AM Tuesday Lunch
3:00 PM Kingdom Basketball Practices
3:30 PM Freespace: MS After School Program
6:30 PM Challenging Cancer

Wednesday, February 6

6:00 AM Men's Life
7:15 AM Christ the King MS Girls Bible Study
8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class
9:30 AM Women's SONShip Bible Study
9:30 AM Women's Morning Precept Study

9:30 AM ESOL

3:00 PM Kingdom Basketball Practices
4:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
5:30 PM Student Midweek
5:50 PM Heartlight Rehearsal
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 Become a Disciple Maker
6:30 PM Men's Life
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study Precepts
6:55 PM Girls in Action
6:55 PM Mission Friends

Wednesday, February 6 cont'd

6:55 PM Royal Ambassadors
7:00 PM DivorceCare
7:00 PM Tallowood Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Tallowood Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, February 7

9:00 AM Standing with the Lord Study
9:30 AM Women's Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit
11:00 AM Pastor's Winter Bible Study
12:30 PM Watercolor Class
3:00 PM Kingdom Basketball Practices
3:30 PM Freespace: MS After School Program

Friday, February 8

8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class
9:30 AM Morning Mosaic Study
9:30 AM Mother's Day Out
11:30 AM Merry Widows
3:00 PM Kingdom Basketball Practices
5:00 PM Hispanic Youth Night at The Point
7:00 PM Chinese Fellowship
8:00 PM Hispanic Adult Bible Study

Saturday, February 9

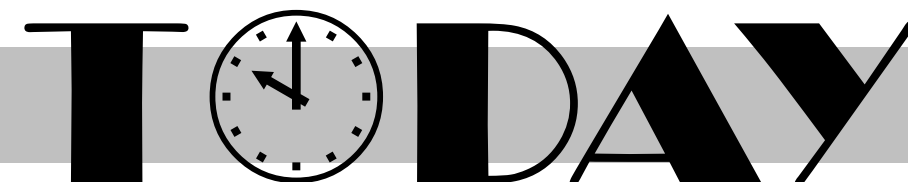
7:00 AM Kingdom Basketball Games
7:00 PM Hispanic Music Rehearsal

AD...MIN

What is that person's email address? Everyone tries to remember information about someone in our membership. Wouldn't it be nice to have some help in doing that? Because of the recent photo sessions for the online directory, there have been increasing requests for a pictorial directory. In the past, we printed such a directory every 3-4 years but we stopped that practice long ago. We now encourage members to create an account on the church website and use that instead. Please go to www.tallowood.org, click "login," enter information about your name, address and email, and create an account. If you are a member, the basic information about you should be recognized and you can create your account. This will allow you to access the directory. The church website is much more current than a printed document could possibly be. Give this a go. This will work on your computer, smart phone or TV and your other devices where you can access the church website. If we can get used to automated cars, buying your movie tickets online, UBER, door bells with cameras and pizza delivered by drones, then this will be a snap. We will find a way to offer a tutorial if more help is needed.

Larry Heslip, Pastor of Administration

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tacklehunger.org

The GAs will be collecting money to be given to Mission Centers of Houston for their food pantry. We encourage everyone to give \$1.

Winter Bible Study with Pastor Brooks "Getting Ready to go Home"



Remaining Thursdays:
February 7 and 21
March 7 and 21

11:00 a.m. in the gym
Lunch available after study

MINISTRIES

Adults

WINTER BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BROOKS

“Getting Ready to go Home” - Thursdays are February 7 & 21 and March 7 & 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the gym. Lunch available after study.

DEACON MEETING

February 10 at 4:30 p.m. in WT 315.

Care


CHALLENGING CANCER

Join us for this support group for cancer survivors and their caregivers. Based on the video series, *Challenging Cancer*, in which professional Christian counselors share what the Lord has taught them through their own personal journeys with cancer. Sessions begin Tuesday, February 5, in WT 320 at 6:30 p.m. Register online at tallowood.org/challenging-cancer/.

DIVORCE CARE

A 13-week seminar to help people facing the challenges of divorce while moving toward rebuilding their lives. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in ET 108 beginning February 6. No charge; register at tallowood.org/divorcecare/.

GRIEF SHARE

 Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Fireplace Room beginning February 18. This 13-13-week video series features Christian experts and an interactive group sharing time for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. At each session, a video is shown concerning an issue related to grief and loss. These videos feature people who have experienced grief firsthand and speak on a wide variety of subjects important to the grief recovery process. After the video, attendees become part of a small support group to discuss what was viewed and what is going on in their own lives. Register at Tallowood.org/griefshare/.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

FPU is a class that will show you a biblical model of handling money. This course is designed to help both singles and couples make a budget, live a debt-free life, and change their financial future. Cost for the course materials is \$95. Classes will meet in The Dwelling beginning February 20 at 7:00 p.m. Register at tallowood.org/fpu/.

Families

FAMILY RETREAT

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

55+

55+ DAY TRIP



The 55+ trip for February is Friday the 8th. We will leave the church front parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and travel to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. We will view their traveling exhibit “Death by Natural Causes” which includes snakes, spiders, sharks, and much more. “The things you fear the most are the least of your worries.” This is a popular exhibit and has been at the museum several times. Our ticket will also allow us to see the Egypt, Gems, Faberge’, and Dinosaur halls. The cost of this trip is \$18.00. Lunch will be on your own at the museum. To make a reservation, call Barbie Batura at 832-320-8147.

Men

HUDSON MANN PRAYER BREAKFAST



Thursday, February 14, 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 can’t know another man until you have heard his testimony. This month’s guest speaker is Doyle Lowry.

Missions

ACTEENS

10th grade Acteens are assisting the WMU of Union Baptist Association in collecting school supplies and new and gently used books for refugee children in our community. Collection boxes will be located in East Tower, West Tower, North Tower breezeway, and the Narthex through February 10. Thank you for helping families in Houston.

SERVE THE CITY PLANNING MEETING



Sunday, February 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room (located behind the lobby reception desk). Shannon Rutherford will be available to answer questions and review mission opportunities. Serve the City is scheduled for Saturday, April 27.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

This is a weekend food program for children who are at risk of going hungry between Friday lunch and Monday breakfast. We need volunteers to assemble weekend food bags every Friday morning starting February 1-May 23 at Tallowood in ET 108, from 8:30—10:30 a.m. To get started, we will be providing food bags to 50 children at Westwood Elementary. To volunteer, visit the Missions webpage at tallowood.org/missions or contact Susie Grace ([kssrgrace@gmail](mailto:kssrgrace@gmail.com)) or Liz Conner (lconner61@comcast.net). Join us!

Prayer

PRAYER REQUEST SUNDAY

Sunday, February 10. Prayer request cards will be available in all worship services. Baskets will be located in the Narthex and at the rear exits to the Worship Center for collecting the cards. Tallowood staff will be in prayer over these requests on Tuesday, February 12.

Preschool

LITTLE BLESSINGS

Are you expecting a new little blessing? Please let us know by completing a Little Blessings card at the Preschool Welcome Center or by filling out the online Little Blessings form on the preschool page at tallowood.org/preschool.

Singles

NEW YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TODAY

A new Bible Study for Young Professionals begins today at 10:00 a.m. in NT 210. This is a new class for people just out of college, starting their careers, and looking for a new community. Contact Keith Riley for more information.

Students

SUPER BOWL PARTY TONIGHT

Join us for the Student Ministry Super Bowl Party tonight in the Point from 5:00—9:00 p.m. Bring your friends and watch the game, have fun activities, plenty of snacks, and hang out! We need middle school students to bring drinks; 9th and 10th grade students to bring chips, dips, and salty snacks; and 11th and 12th grade students to bring sweet treats!