

In January, the Tallowood family embarked upon a year-long journey of corporately reading God's Word. As we enter the second week of February, it can be easy to get off course as we traverse through the books of Leviticus and Numbers. When it comes to engaging God's Word, you will probably have that moment when you miss a day or two, or even a week or two. The typical response to missing or skipping time engaging with the Word is to give up and quit. I'll try again next year, you think. But the reality is that the difference between sustaining a successful, consistent reading habit and giving up is the decision to refresh.

Refreshing your Bible engagement means you don't wait to start again. It means you don't think of missing time as a failure but as a means to grow and press into your spiritual development.

Here are a few pointers from Replicate Ministries to assist you in engaging in God's Word:


- ◆ Pick up where the plan is, not where you left off. No need to check every box. Just hop right back into where the plan is currently.
- ◆ Reality Check (it's probably not the plan) – The truth is that every plan has its strengths and weaknesses. Set aside the distractions and excuses and get back on track by engaging with God's Word.
- ◆ Subscribe to our Pastor's Daily Devotionals. Duane is writing a daily devotion using our reading plan as a guide. If you get off track, use Duane's devotional thoughts to help you re-connect and get back on track.

Engaging in God's Word is critical for every believer. No matter how much we struggle making it a consistent part of our life, we know that the struggle is worth it. In short, implement repetition, celebrate what God is doing, and refresh as often as needed so we can stick with it.

Doyle Lowry, Pastor of Discipleship and Education

<p>Sunday, February 10 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 4:30 PM Deacon Meeting 4:45 PM Middle School Acteens 5:00 PM Bible Drill for Kids 5:00 PM Serve the City Planning Meeting 6:00 PM Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM Youth Sunday Night Bible Study</p> <p>Monday, February 11 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 9:00 AM Prison Ministry 9:30 AM Mother's Day Out 9:30 AM Sewing Ladies 5:00 PM Tallowood Language Learning 6:30 PM Israel Training Meeting 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM Women's Monday Night Bible Study</p> <p>Tuesday, February 12 7:15 AM Christ the King MS Bible Study 9:20 AM Women's Divine Design</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 12 9:30 AM Women's Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit 9:30 AM Women in the Word 9:30 AM Women's Joy of Living 11:30 AM Tuesday Lunch 3:30 PM Freespace: MS After School Program 6:30 PM Challenging Cancer</p> <p>Wednesday, February 13 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 10:00 AM Staff Bible Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Outreach 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 Couples Group Meeting 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 6:55 PM Royal Ambassadors 7:00 PM DivorceCare</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 13 137:00 PM Tallowood Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Tallowood Orchestra Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, February 14 6:30 AM Hudson Mann Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Standing with the Lord Study 9:30 AM Women's Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit 10:00 AM Common Grounds Conversations 10:00 AM The Gathering Place 3:30 PM Freespace: MS After School Program</p> <p>Friday, February 15 7:15 AM Father & Son Bible Study 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 8:35 AM Blessings in a Backpack Ministry 9:30 AM Morning Mosaic Study 9:30 AM Mother's Day Out 1:30 PM Senior Adult Afternoon at the Movies 5:00 PM Hispanic Youth Night at the Point 6:30 PM Praisers Dept. Social 7:00 PM Chinese Fellowship 8:00 PM Hispanic Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Saturday, February 16 7:00 AM Kingdom Basketball Games 8:00 AM Helping Hands 12:00 PM Ruth Social 7:00 PM Hispanic Music Rehearsal</p>
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Please come to the church office to claim your lost items. There is a collection of Bibles, glasses, umbrellas, etc.



Wednesday Night Outreach February 13 at 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall East

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 

AD...MIN

Do you hear what I hear? The Christmas carol asked a simple question but I wonder how often we hear different things from the spoken and written messages. The carol really asks if those around see, hear and know what the prompter does. Then concludes with "listen to what I say," meaning there is a message we all should grasp. In church life, the tasks of seeing, hearing and knowing the same thing at the same time are pretty difficult to accomplish. We have many ministries and all of them have their own concepts of how to accomplish their work. We have a common purpose, as written on the south wall of the Narthex, to make disciples. I know getting our attendance of nearly 2,000 people on the same page is a challenge. But we are trying. We have entered an agreement with a communications firm to help us do that. On some days we look like squirrels trying to cross the road at the same time. Quite a jittery endeavor. But we can do it. Do you see, hear and know the same thing as others? Likely not, I am pretty sure. But we are trying to unify our messages. Please listen.
Larry Heslip, Pastor of Administration

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SERVE THE CITY PLANNING MEETING



Today 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.

TODAY IS PRAYER REQUEST SUNDAY

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.

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.

MINISTRIES

Adults

WINTER BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BROOKS

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

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 began 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. No charge; register at tallowood.org/divorcecare/.

GRIEF SHARE



Beginning Monday, February 18, in the Fireplace Room. This 13-week video series featuring 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 first-hand and speak on a wide variety of subjects important to the grief recovery process. Following the video, there is small group discussion about what was viewed and what is going on in the attendees personal lives. Register online at tallowood.org/griefshare/.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Beginning February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in The Dwelling. 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. Register at tallowood.org/fpu/.

Children's Music & Missions

PREKINDER CHOIR—HELP NEEDED ASAP

Jimmie O'Quinn needs 3 workers right away. Whether or not you sing, you can help. If you read your Bible and pray, you can help. If you love God, you are qualified. The children need dedicated adults to teach them God's Word. Contact Jimmie O'Quinn at 713-468-8241, ext. 8145.

Families

FAMILY RETREAT

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

PASSION2020

Be a part of the 60K+ 18-25 year olds at Passion2020 in Atlanta, Georgia, December 31-January 2. There are opportunities for hundreds of volunteers (doorholders) as well. Visit <https://268generation.com/passion2020/>. For more information, contact Jerome Smith at jsmith@tallowood.org.

FAMILY CAMP AT GLORIETA, NEW MEXICO

July 21-27 (Session 7). As you make plans for this coming summer, consider going with us to Family Camp at Glorieta. Steven Jones, from Kingsland Baptist Church, Rice and Houston Baptist will be the key speaker for the week. Visit <https://glorieta.org/camps/family-camp/>. Contact Jerome Smith at jsmith@tallowood.org with questions.

55+

MERRY WIDOWS



Ladies, you're invited to join us each month for fellowship and to play games like Skip-Bo and Canasta. Bring your own lunch, and additional games if desired. Beverages are provided. The second Friday of each month (February 8) from 11:30-2:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room.

GAME DAY



Monday, February 11, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in FHW. Join us to fellowship and play games like Dominoes, Bridge, etc. Bring your friends, favorite game, and your own lunch—beverages provided.

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

Join us Friday, February 15, at 1:30 p.m. in ET 104 to watch “I Can Only Imagine!” Free snacks and beverages—no reservations required!



55+ DAY TRIP



The 55+ trip for March is on Friday the 22nd. We will leave the church front parking lot at 10:30 a.m. and travel to Martha's Bloomers for lunch. Then we will go to The Star of the Republic Museum located at Washington on the Brazos. As you enter the star-shaped building you are immersed in the nation of Texas. This museum is full of artifacts from the period including rifles, clothing, and items depicting daily life in Texas. We may even see bluebonnets on this outing! The cost is \$24.00 per person, which includes lunch. To make reservations, call Barbie Batura at 832-320-8147.

TALLOWOOD SENIOR GOLFERS



This month's tournament will be held Monday, February 25, at Cypress Lakes Golf Club. The \$52.00 fee includes range balls, tee time, cart, lunch, and prizes. The 8:00 a.m. shotgun start features the "Tallowood Bramble" format. Entry deadline is Wednesday, February 20. Place checks in Senior Golf Box in the Activities Center. Clois Smith is the Tournament Commissioner.

Library

LEISURE READING

Valentine's Day is this Thursday. We have many Christian writers who have great romance series. Come by to check out some leisure reading.

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 today. Thank you for helping families in Houston.

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 through May 23 at Tallowood in ET 108, 8:30–10:30 a.m. Four volunteers are needed every Friday. Sign up to volunteer at tallowood.org/missions or contact Susie Grace at kssrgrace@gmail.com or Liz Conner at lconner61@comcast.net. Join us!

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

Join us for Bible Study for Young Professionals 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.

Women

10-10-10



Today and around the world millions of men, women, and children are held captive in some form of human trafficking, primarily in forced labor or sexual slavery. We gather to pray for the victims on the 10th of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Taste of Texas restaurant gazebo at Interstate 10. Today we ask that you pray wherever you are at 10:00 a.m. for these victims. For information on how to pray specifically, visit tallowood.org/10-10-10-prayer-group/.