

At Tallowood, we have a clear and concise statement of what a disciple of Jesus Christ is and does: “a disciple of Jesus Christ follows Him, learns from Him, lives like Him, and leads others to do the same.” As the Pastor of Discipleship and Education, I am praying for God to give our church a clear, concise and intentional strategy to make disciples who will make disciples.

I read a blog post (discipleship.org) by Bobby Harrington, who began a collaborative community of men and women committed to the discipleship lifestyle – being disciples of Jesus and making disciples of Jesus. Harrington provided some probing questions that churches should ask to help them address how they make disciples:

- How does our church define discipleship? (see above)
- What does a disciple look like?
- Do we have an intentional process of discipleship?
- Does our church know the process?
- How does this process relate to the purpose of the church?
- Has our church prioritized distinct practices that relate to the discipleship process?
- Does our church practice the principle of abandonment based on the idea that activity doesn't always mean productivity? (ouch)
- How does our church measure maturity?
- How does our community describe our church?
- Do our church families spend more planned time in a week at church with each other or in the community with non-believers?


Will you pray with me about how we move forward with developing a strategy that will lead us to become a disciple-making church? Prayerfully consider being involved in this intentional movement.

Doyle Lowry, Pastor of Discipleship and Education

<p>Sunday, February 17 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Chinese Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Arabic Worship 11:10 AM 55+ Cruise Trip Meeting 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 Open Forum 4:30 PM Sonlight Rehearsals 4:45 PM Middle School Acteens 5:00 PM Bible Drill for Kids 6:00 PM Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM Youth Sunday Night Bible Study</p> <p>Monday, February 18 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 9:00 AM Prison Ministry 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery 6:45 PM GriefShare 7:00 PM Women's-Monday Night Bible Study</p> <p>Tuesday, February 19 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 9:30 AM Women in the Word</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 19 cont'd 9:30 AM Women's - Joy of Living - Spring 11:30 AM Tuesday Lunch 3:30 PM Freespace: MS After School Program 6:30 PM Challenging Cancer 7:00 PM Trail Life - Troop 220</p> <p>Wednesday, February 20 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 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30 PM Student Midweek 5:45 PM Adult Division Meetings 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 6:55 PM Royal Ambassadors 7:00 PM DivorceCare</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 20 cont'd 7:00 PM Tallowood Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Tallowood Orchestra Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, February 21 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 3:30 PM Freespace: MS After School Program</p> <p>Friday, February 22 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 2:00 PM Joshua 4th Friday Fellowship 5:00 PM Hispanic Youth Night at The Point 7:00 PM Chinese Fellowship 7:00 PM HS Laser Tag 8:00 PM Hispanic Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Saturday, February 23 7:00 PM Hispanic Music Rehearsal</p>
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Winter Bible Study with Pastor Brooks
“Getting Ready to go Home”



Remaining Thursdays:
February 21
March 7 and 21

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

Membership Discovery Class
 February 24, 9:45 a.m., Grand Room (West Tower 3rd Floor)

Membership Discovery If you are new to Tallowood and are considering membership, we invite you to come and learn more about joining Tallowood. You will have an opportunity to meet with our Pastor, Dr. Duane Brooks. Ministry programming is available for children and students.

Lost and Found

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

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

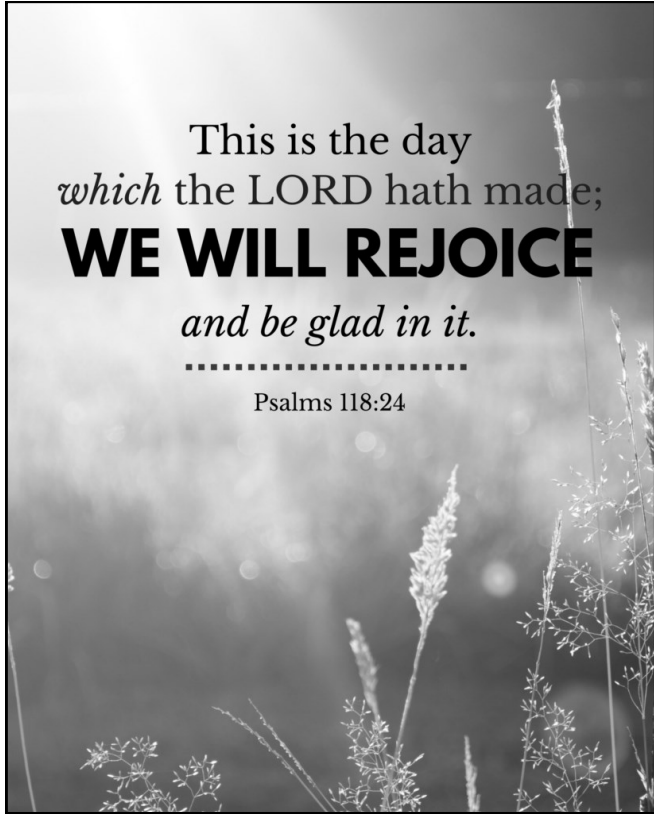
713-724-3704 

AD...MIN

I usually try to add a thoughtful and occasional humorous insight into our church in this brief article. But this one is serious. *The Houston Chronicle* has published a series on abuse in the church. Please know that we have taken, and will continue to take, the protection of all members very seriously, particularly the safeguarding of minors. Our personnel policies address abuse within employee ranks and we instituted background checks about fifteen years ago for all people who work with minors. We want anyone to report to ministers any action that is inappropriate but we can always improve our practices. And we will. We are looking at ways to better codify and explain our procedures across all age groups. Our first concern is for any person who is victimized by any inappropriate behavior. Due to the changing methods and efficiencies of safeguarding members, I anticipate that this will be a dynamic exercise with constantly improving methods. We have increased the use of video cameras on campus. We use a national database for background checks and will use that company's material to train our leaders. We use off-duty HPD or other local police as security for on-campus events. We are working to make sure we do the right thing, the right way, to protect the church family. *The Chronicle* articles have not prompted us to begin protecting our members. But they have prompted us to do better, be even more vigilant and to report to you regarding our procedures.

Larry Heslip, Pastor of Administration

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This is the day
which the LORD hath made;
WE WILL REJOICE
and be glad in it.

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 Psalms 118:24

BYLAWS OPEN FORUM TODAY

A meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. today in the Worship Center to discuss bylaws recommendations.

MINISTRIES


Adults

WINTER BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BROOKS CONTINUES

"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

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.

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LUNCH & LEARN



Thursday, February 28, 10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall East. Mike Melchiorre will present "Simple Budgeting for Retirees." The program cost is \$5 per person and includes lunch—payable at the door. Contact Barbie at 832-320-8147 for reservations. Join us!

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

ONLINE CARD CATALOG

Have you ever wondered if the church library has a certain book or certain title? You can find out on your computer. Go to the Tallowood website. Choose RESOURCES, then choose LIBRARY. Scroll down to the box that says "ONLINE CARD CATALOG." Click and you can search by title, author, subject, or key word. If you need other assistance, call the church library during operating hours.

Missions

THE CLOTHES CLOSET

The Clothes Closet is in need of clothes and shoes for boys and girls – clothes: newborn to 18-months, 2T, and 3T. Shoe sizes for boys: 6,7, 8 and for girls: 8-10. Items can be dropped off at the reception desk, 2nd floor West Tower.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you to all who contributed to Souper Bowl of Caring. The GAs collected \$2,201.61 that will be used in our community to help feed those in need.

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

MOTHERS DAY OUT REGISTRATION

Fall registration (for September 2019-May 2020) begins March 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the West Tower Welcome Center.

Students

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

D groups for 6-12th graders will be on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in The Point. For the winter term we are studying the book of Philippians. Join us this week at D groups!

HIGH SCHOOL LASER TAG

All 9-12th grade high school students are invited to come play laser tag with us Friday, February 22, from 8:30-10:00 p.m. at Battlefield Houston. The cost is \$20 per student. Registration is available online. All students must have an online Battlefield Houston waiver and a current medical release form on file with the Student Ministry office. Register today!

ALL YOUTH PAINTBALL

All 6-12th grade students can now register for all youth paintball online! We will meet at Tallowood at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, and travel to TXR Paintball to play games and then have lunch before returning to Tallowood by 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per student. Students should also bring extra money for extra paintballs, water, and snacks at TXR paintball—plus money for lunch after paintball. All students must have a current medical release form on file with the Student Ministry office and complete the online TXR Paintball waiver. Register today!

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.