

When I was a seminary student, I was a limousine driver. This was long before "Siri" or "Google Maps" or these new-fangled navigation systems onboard in our cars today. Back in the day, when traveling, one had to read a paper map. As a limo driver, I used a Mapsco (Dallas version of a Houston Key Map book) to plan my routes in order to make sure I knew exactly where to go and how to get there. Getting lost is not something that paying customers in a limousine appreciate and it can definitely have a negative impact on the much-anticipated gratuity. In spite of my best efforts and my trusty Mapsco, there were occasions I got lost.

No doubt we have all made a wrong turn or 'felt' lost even with Siri giving directions. Worse yet is when we lose our way in life. Things happen that can be confusing, disappointing, or hurtful. We can feel like we just don't know where we're heading anymore, and that feeling can be downright alarming. So, what can we do when we feel like we've lost our way?

The answer is certain: Look to God's Word. The Psalmist wrote that God's Word provides direction for life. Notice God doesn't give a map to show us the entire route in life, rather, his Word illuminates our very next step. He lights the path for one faith step at a time. "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Doyle Lowry, Pastor of Discipleship and Education

SPRING BREAK WEEK		
<p>Sunday, March 10 55+ Cruise Israel Trip 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Prison Ministry 10:00 AM Chinese Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Arabic Worship 10:50 AM Worship Choir Rehearsal 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship 11:15 AM Chinese Sunday School 11:30 AM Hispanic Worship 1:00 PM Sudanese Congregation 2:00 PM Celebrate Recovery Step Study 2:00 PM Sudanese Worship 3:00 PM Burmese Sunday School 4:00 PM Burmese Worship</p>	<p>Monday, March 11 Israel Trip 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 9:00 AM Prison Ministry 9:30 AM Sewing Ladies 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>Friday, March 15 Israel Trip 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 1:30 PM Senior Adult Afternoon at the Movies 7:00 PM Chinese Fellowship</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 12 Israel Trip</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 13 Israel Trip 8:00 AM 55+ Golf Tournament 8:30 AM 55+ Women's Exercise Class 6:30 PM Become a Disciple Maker</p>	<p>Saturday, March 16 Israel Trip 8:00 AM Helping Hands 7:00 PM Hispanic Music Rehearsal</p>
<p>Thursday, March 14 Israel Trip</p>		

AD...MIN

Details: Most of our members pay attention to the church organizations they are most familiar with, be they musical, missional or educational. But, here are the basic details about how the church is doing overall. We are down a small amount in worship and Bible study and contributions, year-over-year. There isn't enough change to create alarm unless you measure against potential. We have a healthy number of guests visiting weekly and we are thankful. And this is where you fit in: make the effort to introduce yourself and include those you don't know. It isn't enough to be friendly, we need to be relational. God will lead the people to us who should join but, funny thing, you are part of that godly relationship. Just be yourself. Ministers are supposed to take initiative and seek out people. But, sitting beside new acquaintances in our organizations and introducing them to your friends is much better. Don't worry about how to greet our guests. You may be like me and prefer handshakes to hugs. If you meet someone who wants a hug, I can help. I keep a mental list of the huggers and where they hang out. Let's work together.

Larry Heslip, Pastor of Administration

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Wednesday Night Outreach
Cancelled due to Spring Break

Committee of Committees
March 24, at 4:15 p.m. in the Chapel Reception Hall

Church Business Conference
March 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Reception Hall

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




TODAY IS 10-10-10

A group meets on the 10th of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Taste of Texas gazebo to pray together to break the bonds of human trafficking that occurs along I-10. All are welcome to join either in person or wherever you are. Since today is the 10th of the month, please pray during the Sunday School hour. Check the website at tallowood.org/10-10-10-prayer-group/ for prayer points and more information.

Spring Break Week

Due to Spring Break, most weekly activities are cancelled. Check the website to confirm events.

MINISTRIES

Bylaws Recommendation

The Bylaws Study Committee will present a motion on the following Bylaws changes on Sunday, March 24, in the 5:00 p.m. business meeting. The vote will be by secret ballot with “approve” or “disapprove” options on the entirety of the motion.

Deacon Qualifications in July 17, 2016 Bylaws

B. Qualifications

1. A deacon shall meet the qualifications set forth in Acts 6:1-7 and I Timothy 3:8-12. The qualifications concerning the "husband of one wife" shall be interpreted to mean that a deacon shall not be divorced for any reason or be married to a woman so divorced. He shall exemplify this Church's concept of spirituality, missionary zeal, purity of doctrine and spirit of cooperation. He shall agree to the Purpose and Statement of Faith of this Church as set forth herein.
2. The deacon shall accept the scriptures as his supreme authority of Christian devotion and faithfulness to his own family.
3. He shall strive to exemplify the ideals of Christian living in business and civic affairs and in the recognition of his material stewardship through the tithe to his Church. He shall be committed to faithful attendance and participation in the Bible Study program, worship services and the ministries of the Church. He shall have a loving attitude and concern for others and a willingness to serve.
4. The deacon shall take a stand on certain issues which threaten the Church, the home or Christian institutions as required by the Church, and shall prayerfully study and strive to live by the principles set forth in Romans 14:13-23. Since the use of beverage alcohol and the abusive use of drugs are frequently responsible for separating men from God's fellowship, the deacon shall set a pattern of opposition to these threats and abstain from such use.

Proposed Deacon Qualifications

B. Qualifications

1. A deacon shall meet the qualifications set forth in Acts 6: 1-7 and I Timothy 3:8-12. The direct qualifications for deacons from scripture are these: full of the spirit and wisdom; worthy of respect; sincere; not indulging in much wine, not pursuing dishonest gain; keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience; be faithful to his wife; manage his children and his household well. He shall exemplify this Church's concept of spirituality, missionary zeal, purity of doctrine, and spirit of cooperation . He shall agree to the Purpose and Statement of Faith of this Church as set forth herein.
2. The deacon shall accept the scripture as his supreme authority of Christian devotion and faithfulness to his own family. As spiritual leaders in the body of believers, deacons should be found to be spiritually mature and walking in the Spirit, not in the flesh (Gal. 5:16-25)
3. He shall strive to exemplify the ideals of Christian living in business and civic affairs and in the recognition of his material stewardship through giving to his Church as taught in scripture. He shall be committed to a faithful attendance and participation in the Bible Study program, worship services and the ministries of the Church. He shall have a loving attitude and concern for others and a willingness to serve.
4. The deacon shall prayerfully study and strive to live by the principles set forth in Romans 14:13-23. The deacon shall set a pattern of opposition to the abuse of alcohol and use of illegal or recreational drugs.

UPCOMING EVENTS *Visit Tallowood.org for details.*

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR ALL SUMMER EVENTS

Vacation Bible School—June 10-14, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Glow Kids Days—July 9, 23, 30 from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
CentriKid Camp—July 15-19 at Trinity Pines

55+ GAME DAY

March 11 from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in FHW. Bring your lunch and games, beverages provided.

SENIOR GOLFERS

March 13 at 8:00 a.m. at Wildcat Golf Club—Highlands Course, registration deadline March 8.

55+ AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

March 15 at 1:30 p.m. in ET 104 to watch “Indivisible.”

55+ DAY TRIP

March 22, 10:30 a.m., travelling to Martha’s Bloomers for lunch, then The Star of the Republic Museum at Washington on the Brazos. Cost is \$24.00 per person, which includes lunch. Call Barbie at 832-320-8147 for reservations.

SIMPLY MONDAY NIGHT

March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall East. Register at tallowood.org/women. Childcare registration deadline is Tuesday, March 19.

55+ LUNCH & LEARN

March 28 from 10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in FHE. Speaker-Comedian Thomas Harvey re: “The Benefits of Laughter.” Program cost w/ lunch is \$5. Register online or call Barbie at 832-320-8147.

COUPLES NIGHT OUT

March 29—childcare available from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Register online.

FAMILY RETREAT

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

WEST HOUSTON AREA MINISTRIES 5K WALK/RUN OR 1K WALK

April 13—Spring Dash. Visit runsignup.com/Race/TX/Houston/WHAMSpringDash

SERVE THE CITY

April 27 at breakfast at 8:15 a.m. in the gym. Projects at 9:30 a.m. Register online.

FAMILY CAMP AT GLORIETA, NEW MEXICO

July 21-27 (Session 7). Visit <http://glorieta.org/summer/family-camp.php>.

PASSION2020

December 31—January 2 in Atlanta, Georgia. Visit <https://268generation.com/passion2020/>.