


Definition of creature comfort: something (such as food, warmth, or special accommodations) that gives bodily comfort.

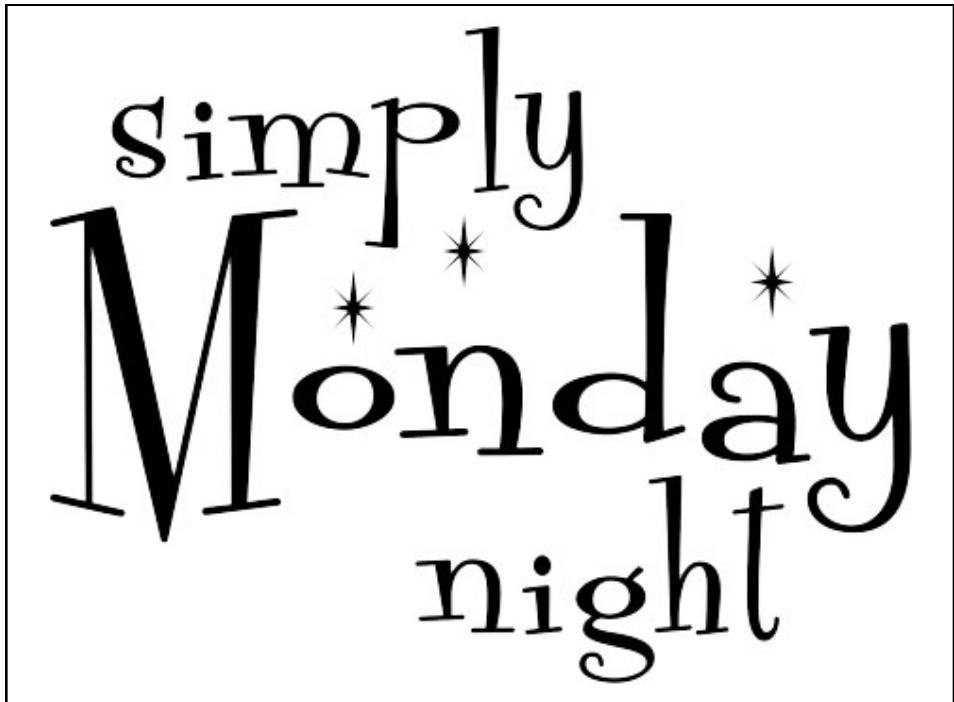
As I write this article I am getting ready for a camping trip to Big Bend National Park. I love adventure and the great outdoors; however, I find that I often hesitate to “rough it” when it comes to camping. In fact, I just received a new self-inflating sleep pad to make my stay more comfortable. I am hopeful that it will give me a better night’s sleep. Regardless, I have learned that if I am not willing to be uncomfortable, then I will miss out on some great adventures.

Now, being comfortable and having so many amenities that make me comfortable are not bad. However, being “comfortable” can become a detriment to my spiritual health. Without real need, I have little dependence upon God.

I love Tallowood and I love working with an amazing group of men and women on our staff. As a staff, we have begun to pray that God will not allow us to get too “comfortable” spiritually. We are praying for God to do a great work. We long to see God use our church to accomplish His purpose. Will you join us in praying that God will prune us and prepare us that we may learn to be more dependent upon Him. Let’s not allow comfort to cause us to miss out on a great adventure.

*Doyle Lowry, Pastor of Discipleship and Education*

<p><b>Sunday, March 17</b>                  Israel Trip 2019                  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                  2:00 PM Tallowood Concert Series Reception                  3:00 PM Tallowood Concert Series                  3:00 PM Burmese Sunday School                  4:00 PM Burmese Worship                  4:00 PM Church Bible Drill Competition                  4:30 PM Sonlight Rehearsals                  6:00 PM Sunday Evening Worship</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 19 cont'd</b>                  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><b>Wednesday, March 20</b>                  6:00 AM Men's Life                  7:15 AM Christ the King MS Girls Bible Study                  8:30 AM 55+ WM Exercise Class                  9:30 AM WM SONShip Bible Study                  9:30 AM WM Morning Precept Study                  9:30 AM ESOL                  4:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner                  5:45 PM Adult SS Director Meeting                  5:50 PM Heartlight Rehearsal                  5:50 PM Children's Choirs Rehearsal                  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 WM Bible Study -Precepts                  6:55 PM Girls in Action                  6:55 PM Mission Friends                  6:55 PM Royal Ambassadors                  7:00 PM DivorceCare                  7:00 PM Tallowood Choir Rehearsal                  7:00 PM Tallowood Orchestra Rehearsal                  7:00 PM Financial Peace University</p>	<p><b>Thursday, March 21</b>                  9:00 AM Standing with the Lord Study                  9:30 AM WM Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit                  11:00 AM Pastor's Winter Bible Study                  3:30 PM Freespace: MS After School Program</p> <p><b>Friday, March 22</b>                  8:30 AM 55+ WM Exercise Class                  9:00 AM Blessings in a Backpack Ministry                  9:30 AM Morning Mosaic Study                  9:30 AM Mother's Day Out                  1:00 PM Joshua 4th Friday Fellowship                  5:00 PM GA Mission Study/Sleepover                  5:00 PM Hispanic Youth Night at The Point                  7:00 PM Chinese Fellowship                  8:00 PM Hispanic Adult Bible Study</p> <p><b>Saturday, March 23</b>                  GA Mission Study/Sleepover 12:00 PM Ruth Social                  7:00 PM Hispanic Music Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>Monday, March 18</b>                  Israel Trip 2019                  8:30 AM 55+ WM Exercise Class                  9:00 AM Prison Ministry                  9:30 AM Mother's Day Out                  5:00 PM Tallowood Language Learning                  6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery                  6:45 PM GriefShare</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 19</b>                  7:15 AM Christ the King MS Bible Study                  9:20 AM WM Divine Design                  9:30 AM WM Baby Boot Camp Strollerfit                  9:30 AM WM Joy of Living</p>		



Ladies, join us for an evening of simplicity Monday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall East. Enjoy fellowship, praise and worship led by Leslyn Jacks, and time in the Word. The speaker for the evening will be Pam Harris. Register now at [Tallowood.org/women](http://Tallowood.org/women).

*Childcare registration deadline is Tuesday, March 19.*

**Membership Discovery Class**  
 March 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.

**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 

**AD...MIN**


**So, what is that odor in the Worship Center?** You may recall that we did a lot of work last year in the Worship Center, replacing the theatrical and chandelier lighting power cables to the tune of \$200K. As a large spider lift was being removed from the Worship Center the workers tore a couple of large holes in the carpet in the center aisle. Having no reserve stock of carpet that would match we were left with only one choice, change the carpet. We have done that, but only on the first floor. So, you may be picking up the smell of new carpet, and possibly glue, from the work we accomplished this week. We ordered the carpet last fall after the Finance Committee and church approved the expense from the remaining funds from the last fiscal year. Thank you church for being generous and making the upkeep of our property a priority.

*Larry Heslip, Pastor of Administration*

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

**Final Lesson—Thursday, March 21**

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



# MINISTRIES

## Care

### MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP

Join us for one of our Marriage Prep Workshops, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. this coming Saturday, April 6, in Fellowship Hall West. 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. Register online at [tallowood.org/marriage-prep-workshop/](http://tallowood.org/marriage-prep-workshop/).


### CHALLENGING CANCER

Join us for Challenging Cancer, a support group for cancer survivors and their caregivers. Based on the video series in which professional Christian counselors share what the Lord taught them through their own personal journeys with cancer. Tuesdays in Room WT320 at 6:30 p.m. Register online at [tallowood.org/challenging-cancer/](http://tallowood.org/challenging-cancer/).

## Children

### REGISTER NOW FOR ALL SUMMER EVENTS!


### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

 June 10-14, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. Join us for VBS week as we step back in time to Athens exploring some of the adventures that the Apostle Paul experienced! For kids entering Kindergarten through those who have completed fifth grade. This event has no charge. Register at [tallowood.org](http://tallowood.org).


### AFTER VBS SPORTS CAMP

More information at [tallowood.org](http://tallowood.org). Registration link for Sports Camp will be sent in your VBS confirmation e-mail.

### GLOW KIDS DAYS

 July 9, 23, and 30 from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Sign up to participate in Glow Kids Art Day, Water Day, and Serve Day. This event is for kids who have completed 1st-5th grade. Register now at [tallowood.org](http://tallowood.org). This event has no charge.

### CENTRIKID CAMP

 July 15-19 at Trinity Pines. This overnight camp is for kids who have completed 3rd-5th grade. Early Bird registration cost is \$335. After April 15, cost is \$385. Register now at [tallowood.org](http://tallowood.org).

## Children's Music & Missions

### MUSIC & MISSIONS

Hope you had a great Spring Break! Wednesday Night for Kids will meet this Wednesday, March 20. Choir at 5:50 and Missions at 6:55.

## Families

### COUPLES NIGHT OUT (CNO)

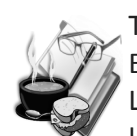
Couples Night Out is an event for married and engaged couples of all ages! Our next CNO is scheduled for Friday, March 29. Childcare is available from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Tallowood. We want every couple to have a nice date night enjoying the time together. Questions will be provided for you to consider while on your date. Register online at [tallowood.org/CNO/](http://tallowood.org/CNO/).

## 55+


### BOOMERS & BEYOND CONFERENCE

May 2-3 in Waco, Texas. Join the Kyle Lake Center for effective preaching at Baylor University's Truett Seminary for a time of edification and renewal featuring several speakers including Pastor Duane Brooks. Visit [baylor.edu/truett/BBConference](http://baylor.edu/truett/BBConference) for more information. Cost and travel details to be announced; registration will begin March 24.


### LUNCH & LEARN WITH SPEAKER-COMEDIAN

 Thursday, March 28, 10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall East. Speaker-Comedian Thomas Harvey will present "Benefits of Laughter." 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. *You will place your lunch order before the trip.*

### TALLOWOOD SENIOR GOLFERS


 This month's tournament will be held Wednesday, March 13, at Wildcat Golf Club—The Highlands Course. The \$52.00 fee includes range balls, tee time, cart, lunch, and prizes. The 8:00 a.m. shotgun start features the "Tallowood Scramble" format. Entry deadline is Friday, March 8. Place checks in the Senior Golf Box in the Activities Center. John Wesson is the Tournament Commissioner.

## Missions

### CLOTHES CLOSET

The Clothes Closet is in need of clothing for boys and girls sizes 2T and 3T, and girls sizes 4-12. Also needed is baby clothing, sizes newborn—18 months. Shoes are needed for all sizes, newborn and up.


### SERVE THE CITY

 Saturday, April 27—join us for this all-church opportunity to bless our community and make an impact. Fellowship breakfast starts at 8:15 a.m. in the gym. Projects start at 9:30 a.m. Free childcare available for babies—kindergarten. Register online to volunteer. Childcare registration deadline is April 21.

### WHAM SPRING DASH


April 13—Tallowood is a sponsor for our local missions partner WHAM (West Houston Area Ministries) for their 5k walk/run or 1k walk. Sign up at [runsignup.com/Race/TX/Houston/WHAMSpringDash](http://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Houston/WHAMSpringDash).

### GA MISSIONS STUDY/SLEEPOVER

 March 22-23 at Tallowood. Sign up with your classroom teacher. Girls in Action is for girls in grades 1 through 5. They learn what it means to live a missional lifestyle while they participate in Bible study, missions projects, and engaging activities.

## Preschool

### LITTLE BLESSING

 Are you expecting a new little blessing? 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](http://tallowood.org/preschool).