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A woman and a young girl, both wearing green and white patterned dresses, are looking down at a metal water tap. Water is flowing from the tap. The background is bright and out of focus.

SEND RELIEF *sunday*

**Learn more about Southern Baptist
compassion ministry from Send
Relief President, Bryant Wright!**

**Sunday, February 6
9:00 and 10:30 am**

**Darryl Speers, Director of Send
Relief in Los Angeles, will also join
us to talk about the progress our
new REACH partner is making.**



TAYLORS FBC DOLL MINISTRY

Every Monday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, 20+ ladies meet in the Taylors Rec Center to visit, fellowship, and make Salvation Dolls. "The Doll Ministry" of Taylors FBC began in 2010 and to-date has made and distributed over 25,000 dolls! All dolls made during the year are given away; so, at the beginning of each new year, the process starts over.

Each Salvation Doll is made with love by our workers; the oldest member, who is 98, works at home sewing the closure after the doll is stuffed. The oldest worker who attends regularly is 93. At each work station, prayers are said for that particular task: drawing the pattern, cutting the fabric, painting the faces, sewing the fabric bodies, stuffing the dolls, attaching the hair, adding ribbons for girls/bandanas for boys, and adding a "salvation beads" necklace with a card of explanation.

The dolls are distributed in many ways! You may have included one of the dolls in your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Many dolls have been taken on mission trips to Africa, Brazil, Prague, Mexico, Spain, Costa Rica, and many others. They were shared with the victims of Columbia and North Charleston floods. A local dentist, on mission to Ecuador, uses dolls as packing around his dentistry equipment when it is shipped. A local church took 100 dolls to Appalachia in 2021 and have already asked for 1000 more for this year. They are used for local missions such as the Taylors FBC Single Mom's Oil Change, Taylors Free Medical Clinic, Shepherd's Gate, and The Windsor House. The pattern has even been shared with other churches as far away as Texas and Montana to assist in starting new doll ministries. The best news is hearing that many children, and even entire families, have given their hearts to Jesus after missionaries presented them with a doll.

Opportunities to share dolls are everywhere. One member takes a tote bag full of dolls to the mall. While her husband walks, she greets children, offers them a doll, and tells them that Jesus loves them!

In 2021, a total of 2,003 dolls were made. More than 880 were given to Samaritan's Purse, the ministry headed by Franklin Graham.

We invite you to join us. Knowing how to sew is not necessary to join the group! When you join us, if you don't like your "station," just move on down the table. For further information about this ministry, contact Tricia Phillips at 864-630-1659.

A photograph of a man in a black hoodie watering plants in a greenhouse. The greenhouse is filled with rows of plants, including green leafy ones and pink flowers. The man is holding a white watering can. The greenhouse has a metal frame and translucent panels. A yellow banner is at the top right with the text 'REACH PARTNER: BOSTON' and 'Chris Causey, Lead Pastor, Encounter Church'. A white banner at the bottom left has the 'ENCOUNTER LEARNING CENTER' logo.

REACH PARTNER: BOSTON

Chris Causey, Lead Pastor, Encounter Church

ENCOUNTER LEARNING
CENTER

In roughly two months, spring will arrive, and one of the first indicators of its arrival in Boston is the incredible display of colors from the flowers in the Public Garden. The Public Garden is world-renowned for its stunning diversity of plants and flowers. What most people don't know is the plants that serve as the backdrop of social media photos have been nurtured in one of the city's 16 different greenhouses. These greenhouses allow plants that would not survive in the frozen soil of winter to thrive in the springtime here. The presence of those greenhouses enables the city and its various parks to be so breathtakingly beautiful and alive each spring.

I think those greenhouses illustrate how God is using you here in our city. Our ability to plant and grow spiritual fruit here is because of your prayers there. Your bold prayers rooted in the richness of Christ fertilize our works of faith and allow us to see spiritual fruit here. One of your most recent spiritual greenhouse projects is our preschool. Your prayers and partnership have allowed us to overcome barrier after barrier and establish what I believe will be one of the greatest schools in our region. We have already gained so much attention and favor from the parents in our community. Since you started praying for our 22 spots to be filled up the spring, we have already had 10 different families tour our school. Over the next couple of weeks, we should begin to hear whether they will be enrolling. Still, interestingly when you started praying as a church for those 22 spots, we could literally measure the response to your prayers through website visits and scheduled tours. I want to encourage you to continue to pray that God will open the door and fill those 22 spots this spring which sets the stage for us to be fully enrolled by the fall.

The implications of a fully enrolled preschool would be catalytic for our church and for church planting in general for the Boston area. It would increase our influence with hundreds of people not connected with our church, create a financial model that would allow us to plant at least 4 more churches by 2030, and be even more like Jesus in our community. Alongside your prayers, one of the responses that we've seen was a local Christian college that wants to explore pointing students who desire to go in the ministry to us to help prepare them. My hope and desire is that as the school and church grow, this pipeline of preparing future leaders will also grow and allow us to replicate schools that replicate churches that swing wide the gates of heaven and close the gates of hell tightly.



LOVE TAILORS Day

Saturday, April 2
**is set aside to shower our
community with acts of service.**

We will work on many of the same projects as last year as well as embark on a few new projects. It's our desire to work closely with ministries and organizations where we can serve throughout the year and build on-going relationships. Talk with your Life Group about where you can serve together or sign up as an individual for your project of choice. Signups open February 23!



THE IMPACT OF GREER CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER

By Louise Rogers, H.E.L.P. Minister

Greer Christian Learning Center is able to operate because of the generous gifts of time, talent, and funding from donors like Taylors FBC. As both a member of Taylors FBC and as an employee of GCLC, I see firsthand the value of those gifts. The following excerpts are from a letter written by one of our students who had been removed from her home due to extreme and predatory violence. Her words are a powerful picture of God's grace and mercy. If you would like to learn more visit www.greerchristianlearningcenter.org/get-involved.html.

"This program has been so beneficial to me, because it is nothing like what I expected it to be. When I thought about Christianity and a Christian Learning class, I thought about all the people I knew who had shoved religion down my throat, but this class was nothing like that. In the semester I spent here, I have learned so much and it hasn't been forced upon me. I've been through my fair share of traumatic events, but I am here today because God has other plans for me. My life could have been cut short so long ago, but I am here because Jesus Christ has a plan for me, a plan to help others going through something similar to what I went through. I have opened my heart, mind, and eyes to Jesus Christ and I've accepted him as my Lord and Savior. With the knowledge of Jesus Christ that I have gained, I know that the Lord has prepared a place for these amazing people at the center and He has prepared a place for me, you, and all His children. This program has completely changed me and I will forever be thankful for the support. This class is so amazing and I recommend it to anyone who is lost and searching. This class will open your eyes and heart, and change you forever." – 9th grade student at Greer High School



MOM TO MOM CHRISTMAS ELVES!

The moms in the Taylors FBC Mom to Mom ministry shopped for special gifts with their little ones during the month of November. The recipients of these gifts were a group of children "adopted" through a local nonprofit organization called Operation Santa SC, who served almost 900 children this Christmas!

Operation Santa SC's mission is to provide basic necessities to Greenville County Elementary School children who otherwise would not experience the joy of gifts during the holidays.

After shopping, the moms then participated in a fun evening of wrapping and filling each child's bag. As a result, many children woke up to a happy Christmas morning because of the effort and generosity of our sweet, caring moms at Mom to Mom. We were thankful to be a part of the Operation Santa SC program!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Celebrate baptisms, new members, anniversaries and more.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Elton and Mary Todd
Joined December 5, 2021
by Letter



Tully & Dawn Stoudemayer
Anna, Carmen, Elijah,
& Gabriel
Joined December 12, 2021
Tully, Dawn, Gabe, Eli, & Anna
by Letter. Carmen by Statement.



Pam Snellings
Joined December 12, 2021
by Letter



Shane & Andrea Barrett
Joined January 2, 2022
by Statement



Scott and Angie Norwood
Joined January 9, 2022
by Statement



Delia Parker
Joined January 9, 2022
by Baptism



Kyle & Amy Pruitt
Joined January 9, 2022
by Statement



Kylie Reid
Joined January 9, 2022
Pending Baptism



Dan & Mariana Wyatt
Joined January 9, 2022
Dan by Statement
Mariana by Baptism



Rion & Susan DeMars
Rebekah & Hanna
Joined January 23, 2022
by Letter



Jamie & Elizabeth
Holcombe
Ella, Ava, Addy
Joined January 23, 2022
by Letter



Caleb & Ashley Sanders
Joined January 23, 2022
by Statement

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Body of Christ, through believer's baptism: Delia Parker and Mariana Wyatt

IN MEMORIAM

Frances Smith

May 27, 1928 - November 13, 2021

Sol Hooker, Jr.

December 11, 1936 - November 22, 2021

Jo Bruce

May 25, 1927 - December 19, 2021

Wilma Smith

April 14, 1938 - December 20, 2021

David Sammons

February 23, 1950 - December 22, 2021

Jim Ward

September 13, 1936 - January 3, 2022

Nita Mayson

September 24, 1937 - January 6, 2022

Bob Kerns

June 20, 1951 - January 7, 2022

Bill Williams

July 29, 1930 - January 12, 2022

Bob Bible

October 2, 1937 - January 15, 2022

Ellen Rogers

December 13, 1943 - January 18, 2022

Joyce Coates

October 8, 1930 - January 20, 2022

STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER

Month to Date

Budget Receipts: \$425,830

Actual Receipts: \$405,649

Actual Spent: \$393,249

Year to Date

Budget Receipts: \$4,684,129

Actual Receipts: \$4,187,404

Actual Spent: \$4,458,980

DECEMBER

Month to Date

Budget Receipts: \$425,830

Actual Receipts: \$1,330,743

Actual Spent: \$557,941

Year to Date

Budget Receipts: \$5,109,959

Actual Receipts: \$5,518,146

Actual Spent: \$5,016,921

WAYS TO GIVE

Give in the Church Center App or at
taylorstfbc.org/give

Bring your tithe and offerings to the Church Office

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Place offerings in the dropbox on side entrance
to the office after hours.

**On Sundays and Wednesdays, place your
contribution in one of the Giving Boxes** located in
the Welcome Center or Worship Center foyers or in the
basket as you exit the Worship Center on Sunday.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

Mario Saavedra — 1 year of service

Kevin Donahoo — 1 year of service

SUNDAY STATISTICS

	12/5	12/12	12/19	12/26	1/2	1/9	**1/16	1/23
Nursery.....	31	33	35	12	29	37	0	41
Preschool	33	58	39	14	31	52	0	62
Elementary	0	73	59	0	37	60	0	73
Students	0	106	81	0	60	76	0	97
College.....	0	0	15	0	0	9	0	40
Adults.....	0	552	480	0	399	523	0	529
Life Group Total	97	916	818	42	622	862	0	939
Morning Worship* ...	1,138	1,191	1,110	670	953	1,154	433	1,215

*Includes online attendance **Campus closed due to weather



WELCOME MELISSA MAYER

We are excited that Melissa Mayer has joined our Taylors FBC team as our Children's Ministry Assistant. Melissa started attending Taylors FBC in February of 2020 and has been very involved in the college ministry. Melissa is a recent graduate of Bob Jones University with a degree in Educational Studies and is recently married to her husband, Daniel.

She will work alongside Mallory Gilmore to support our Minister of Children, Joseph Eskridge, and our Minister of Preschool, Molly Holder. We are excited to have Melissa aboard!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING TAYLORS FBC

Jeanie Eskew. Jeanie has served as Ministry Assistant to the Children's Ministry Team since 2019. She has been an incredible blessing to us and so many others and will be greatly missed. Please be praying for Jeanie and Maxie as they begin this next stage of their lives together.

Samantha Bagley. Samantha has been serving the last two years as the Recreation Ministry Assistant and has been a faithful, gifted and professional part of the Rec Ministry team. She has accepted a new position at Fairview Baptist Church as the Director of Recreation and Outreach. Please pray for Samantha as she embarks on this new faith adventure.

Kristin Evans. Kristin has served Taylors FBC for the past six years, first as the REACH Coordinator and then the Administrative Coordinator. She has been an invaluable part of our team. Please pray for Kristin as she begins this new chapter as a full-time mom to her children, Jack and Benjamin.

Haley Dean. Haley has served as the REACH Coordinator since 2019. She has accepted an administrative position with NHE, Inc., a property management company in Greenville. We will miss Haley's positive attitude and willingness to help wherever and whenever needed with the various ministries of our church. Please pray for Haley as she begins this new phase in her career.



JOY IN THE MORNING

New Devotional written by over 300 Worship Pastors

We believe in the value of both corporate worship, as we gather together on Sundays, and private worship, as you spend time alone with God. A new resource is available to help you worship the Lord in your quiet time each day. Written by over 300 Worship Pastors across America, our own Worship Pastor, Kevin Batson, as well as Josh Morton (our former Orchestra Director), and Randy Kirby and Dave Dupree, from First Simpsonville and Washington Baptist respectively, are included as writers. Each devotional is based on a scripture passage, includes questions for reflection, and closes with a prayer. Copies are available in the Church Office or in the Connection Center for \$10 each.



SUNDAYS

taylorsfbc.org/worship/services



Traditional Worship: 9:00 am

Taylors Worship: 10:30 am



9:00 am

Nursery | Preschool | Elementary | Middle/High School
College | Adult | Young Professionals

10:30 am

Nursery | Preschool | Adult
Kids Worship for Elementary (except 1st Sundays)

Evenings

Regeneration Student Choir: 5:00 pm
College Bible Study: 5:30 pm
Remedy for High School: 6:15 pm

WEDNESDAYS

taylorsfbc.org/wednesdays

Family Dinner, 5:15 - 6:15 pm

February 2: Barbecue or Chick-fil-A

February 9: Taco or Chicken & Rice Soup or Chick-fil-A

February 16: Ham or Chick-fil-A

February 23: Breakfast with Bacon and Sausage or Chick-fil-A

Reservations are required by the Tuesday prior and are non-refundable. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events

Taylors Worship: Rehearsals

Worship Choir, 6:15 pm / Orchestra, 6:30 pm
Traditional Choir, 7:20 pm

Parish Nurse Office Open

Health Counseling / Monitoring, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Pastor's Bible Study

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Taylors Children: Nursery and Konnect

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Doors Open at 6:15 pm

Taylors Students: Rise for Middle School

6:30 - 7:45 pm | Cafe Opens at 6:15 pm

Taylors College: The Gathering

7:30 - 9:00 pm

New!
**Engaged & Young Married
Life Group**
Begins February 13
Sundays at 9:00 am

Life Group Leaders:
Maxie and Jeanie Eskew
Bryan and Jessica Leppard
Room: B234

EVENTS AT TAYLORS

Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App.



Spring Children's Musical

May 15 | 6:00 pm

"Sermon on the Mound" presented by Taylors Kid's Music. Our Preschool Choirs will also sing!



ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Lunch with the Staff

February 27 at 12:00 pm

Join us for a free, casual lunch in a relaxed setting with a group of people who, just like you, want to learn more about Taylors. Middle and high school students are invited. Childcare is available.

Starting Point

Sundays, March 6 - 27, 9:00 am, Room B127

Starting Point provides a basic introduction to Taylors FBC and will help broaden your understanding of who we are and what we believe. All new and prospective members are encouraged to participate in Starting Point to better understand our mission and values as well as our view on what it means to know Christ and follow Him.

Sign up in the Church Center App or taylorsfbc.org/events.



Big Bowl Game | Singles

Sunday, February 13 | 5:30 – 10:00 pm

Join us in the Taylors Rec Center for a tailgate to watch the Bowl Game. Bring your favorite tailgate snack to share. Drinks provided. Bring a folding chair. Come for all or part of the game!

Signup Required!

Sunday Lunch

February 20 | 11:45 am | Fellowship Hall

Join other single adults for a delicious home-cooked meal and a time of Fellowship.

Menu: Taco or Chicken Soup, salad, corn bread, dessert. Cost: \$6

Signup Required!



The Gathering

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in The Loft

Bible Study

Sundays at 5:30 pm in The Loft

Invite a friend to join you for a time of diving into God's Word.



XYZ Fellowship

February 14 | 11:15 am

"Xtra Years of Zest" meets monthly for fellowship, entertainment and lunch. The February meeting features Tom Barrett, Worship Minister at Brushy Creek Baptist Church, with lasagna for lunch. Sign up by February 2!

Spring Fling

Thursday, April 28 | 5:30 pm

Featuring dinner and The Regals Quartet
Signups open in March.



Group Fitness Classes

Looking to get fit, build community and fellowship? Check out one of our Group Fitness Classes this month!

taylorsfbc.org/fitness

Precepts Bible Study

Tuesdays, February 1 - March 8 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Find out more or sign up at taylorsrec.com!



Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App.

Captivated Event

February 11 - 12 | 5:00 pm | Girls' Event

Join us for an over-night event for the girls of Taylors Student Ministry to spend intentional time together through worship, teaching, activities, and fellowship. Meals will be provided. Pack your sleeping bag, bring a friend and sign up today!
Cost: \$25, includes meals, activities and t-shirt
Sign up by February 6!

Paintball with the Fellas

February 19 | 10:30 am | Guys' Event

Fellas, let's go play paintball! Meet at church and we'll go to Red Fox Games and get a few games in. Dress appropriately and invite a friend! Cost: \$40, includes paintballs, gun rental, and lunch
Sign up by February 13!

Spring Retreat

D-NOW on the Road

March 11 - 13 | Ridge Haven

We will be heading up to Ridge Haven in Brevard, NC, for a weekend of high energy worship, engaging teaching, and intentional time with small groups. Cost includes meals, activities, and t-shirt. Sign up by February 6 for only \$149! Cost increases to \$179 through February 27.

FUGE

July 18 - 23 | Union University, TN

Every moment spent at FUGE is intentional. Camp programming is designed to take students out of their normal routine and place them into an environment that is focused on life-change through relationship with Christ.
Secure your spot for \$100!