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Band Led Worship
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ENCOUNTER GOD.

EVENING OF WORSHIP

Lord's Supper

SEPTEMBER 18 | 5:00 PM

Ordination of Aaron Williams, Deacon

Welcome Reception for Chris DeWease and Steven C. and their Families

Sunday, September 18 | 6:00 pm | Welcome Center

Join us as we formally welcome our two newest ministers to Taylors FBC:
Chris DeWease, Executive Pastor, his wife Laura, and their children, Hannah Kate and William, and
Steven C., Reach Pastor, his wife Debbie, and their daughter, Brooke.
We invite you to bring encouraging notes or cards to bless these families.

New Rehearsals Beginning in September

Legacy Senior Adult Choir
September 6, 1:00 pm

Regeneration Student Choir, Grades 6-12
September 18, 4:00 pm

Magical Mystery Tour: Sunday, September 25, for students interested in joining choir this year.

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





Pray for Worship Team headed to Austria!

From September 7 to 16, a group of 24 from Taylors FBC will join 75 others in a concert tour of Austria, ending with the Oberammergau Passion Play. The group will have the opportunity to present five concerts, including at St. Stephen's Cathedral and St. Peter's Church in Vienna, and Salzburg Cathedral, and outdoor concerts at Belvedere Palace and Mirabell Garden. Pray for their witness through music, and conversations they will have with listeners from all over the world.

Weekly at Taylors FBC

Sundays

8:30 am: Band Led Worship

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups
Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade (except 9/4)

9:40 am: Traditional Worship

Nursery, Preschool, Elementary, Students,
College, and Adult Life Groups

11:00 am: Taylors Worship

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups
xKid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade (except 9/4)

Evening

5:00 pm: Regeneration Student Choir, Begins 9/18

6:15 pm: Remedy for High School, Except 9/4

5:30 and 6:00 pm: Life Groups



New Groups Launch in September

Life Group for Young Married Couples

Led by Kaleb Ross in Room: C226 at 9:40 am

Life Group for All Ages

Led by Caleb Mitchell and Les Gilmore at 9:40 am
beginning September 25

Wednesdays

Family Dinner, 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Join us in the Welcome Center!

September 7: Meatloaf or Chick-fil-A

September 14: Beef Tips or Chick-fil-A

September 21: Lasagna or Chick-fil-A

September 28: Chicken Casserole 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

Pastor's Bible Study

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Worship Center

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 and Young Professionals: The Gathering

7:30 - 9:00 pm

EQUIP BELIEVERS.



FUGE Camp

Wow.....what a difference a week at FUGE made on my teenagers. Though I didn't hear from them much while they were away, when they returned home they greeted me with so much joy! As we talked through the week, I began to see how much their relationship with Jesus had become much stronger as well as the relationships with other peers. We continue to see the benefits of FUGE in our guys observing their daily study in the Bible (on their own) and quiet devotions every day. Their spiritual faith grew tremendously and they are already talking about going again next summer! What a blessing as a parent! As a Minister of Students, Josh Duncan established a great relationship with them building their trust and respect while simply getting to know them individually through conversation, games and so much more. From a parent's perspective, that is a win and we will continue to partner alongside our leaders. - Kelli Davis



FUGE was awesome! The environment was incredible and it was so cool to be around people who experience and see the world how you do. This was my first time going, and it was so much fun to spend time with my friends and get to know people I didn't know all that well before. It was so amazing to see God working in people's lives within our group and throughout the campus. It was a great time and anybody with the chance to go should go! — Megan Gillen

My boys and I didn't expect to be at FUGE this year. There were many road blocks and on the surface it didn't make sense to go. But God. He opened doors, made a way and had a clear purpose for each of us to be there. In that, he worked in incredible ways!

The theme on Wednesday was Forgiveness. I saw that word from the stage and gave a deep sigh. I remembered that pain of past walking through forgiving. Yet I knew that this word was why He called me to be at FUGE. It was time for surgery. It all began with a single, "answer should be obvious" question. I knew in that moment I had a choice: answer with the expected answer, happy answer or be honest and let the chips fall where they may. I choose to be honest. The result: a somewhat awkward conversation. After I headed to my room for a private, full on panic attack, complete with thoughts of "just end it" this wound is more than I can bear anymore. At dinner my adult leader friend and roommate, was sensitive to the Lord's leading and ask me to clarify some things from the conversation earlier. I word vomited all my emotion. She listened. Then she shared a journey of her own. Her story was soul lifting. God used her to immediately lift the oppressive weight of anxiety from my heart. God freed me from my guilt, brought clarity to my feelings and spotlighted the exact areas of repentance I needed to allow God's healing.

God burdened my heart to share what I had experienced that day with the students. I said, "Lord, this camp is about the kids, this is their time. I'm just a chaperone, I'm just here to encourage them." God would not let up. This night the kids were quiet, just an awkward silence and staring at each other. Lord said "Share." My heart felt like it would explode out of my chest. I obeyed. I fumbled out the words "Well, I don't want you kids to think that FUGE is just for God to work on you. God calls us adults here too, He wants to work on our hearts too." I then recounted the day in all its embarrassing detail to the kids. I confessed where I had been bitter, hurt. How I had been mad and cruel to myself with my self talk because I was a longtime Christian and knew better. How I had resisted the comfort the Lord wanted to give me through forgiveness because facing the pain of the wounding again was too difficult. I shared that in my overwhelming anxiety the budding thoughts of suicide had returned. And finally, though with much resisting the Lord, I had been obedient to speak during this time and share all of it with them. I then shared the Lord's faithfulness because of my obedience. How God quickly took the feelings of painful, overwhelming emotions away. The peace and freedom He gave me through my friend's boldness to ask me about my feeling and her vulnerability to share her journey with me. The revelation of bitterness in my heart due to lingering wounds in my soul. How God was allowing me this momentary pain because He loved me so much that He had prepared this time and place of healing for the last year. Basically, that I didn't have it all together either but God still loved me.

I finished speaking. I looked at the kids faces and didn't know what their looks might mean. There was an eternity of silence, but then, through tears some of the kids began to share. They shared areas they had been struggling with that I had shared. Josh shared. As Josh closed that time out in prayer I began to worry, "what did my boys



think? Have I embarrassed them? Are they concerned about me in a way that will take focus away from their FUGE experience?" (The devil loves to use guilt on me.) God combated that worry immediately. I turned around to have Jackson standing right in front of me. I hadn't seen this face of his before. He said "Mom, that was the bravest thing I have ever seen in my whole life." I wept and embraced my sweet boy. I told him how very much I loved him and how kind he was to say that to me. Then we all headed to the Silent Disco.

There were many other ways that Lord spoke and directed and used and healed me at FUGE camp. It is an experience I could have never expected. But God. God had a plan for the boys and me. — Farrah Norman



Rise Up Weekend

This year we decided to start a new annual event for our middle school students, Rise Up Weekend! It was a huge success as we had 50 middle school students on campus Friday night and Saturday morning. We enjoyed worship together, played games, and heard from Joseph Eskridge, Minister of Children, and Josh Duncan Minister of Students. Our students were encouraged to get out of their comfort zones and think about someone who doesn't go to church. They were challenged to pray for them by name and ultimately strive to invite them to one of our events over the next school year. Overall, the weekend was one we are looking forward to already for next year!



Fall Retreat

 taylor's
students



ENGAGING TRUTH CONFERENCE 2022

CONTEND

FOR THE FAITH

Fall Retreat

October 14-16

Students will spend an incredible weekend with their friends at Ridgecrest and the theme will be *Contend for the Faith*. At this cornerstone event, students will encounter God, be equipped to walk with Him, and be sent by Him to engage people. During the weekend, students will experience worship sessions, small groups, and solid teaching.

Sign up today on the Church Center App or at taylor'sfbc.org/events

\$149 through September 11 | \$179 September 11 through October 2



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PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Grief Support for Spouses

Begins September 28 | 6:15 pm
Room: B132-133

Grief Support for Spouses will meet from 6:15 to 7:45 pm. This eight week course is designed to provide encouragement and support for those grieving the loss of a spouse. All who have lost a spouse are encouraged to attend. Meetings include guest speakers and group discussions led by facilitators who offer insight based on their own journey through grief.

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XYZ Fellowship

Monday, September 12 | 11:15 am
Taylors Rec Center

"Xtra Years of Zest" meets monthly for fellowship, entertainment and lunch. Sign up by September 7!



Fall Back in
Time

IT'S FALL Y'ALL

Thursday, September 22 | 5:30 -7:30 pm
Taylors Rec Center

\$12 per person

Program: Guitarist/Singer Jacob Johnson
Sign up by September 18



Women in the Word

Tuesdays beginning September 13
6:30 - 8:30 pm | Student Worship Area

Wednesdays beginning September 14
9:00 - 11:00 am | Room: The Loft

Mom to Mom

Wednesdays, September 14 - March 15
9:00 - 11:00 am | Student Worship Area

ENGAGE THE WORLD.



Your Prayers “Have Our Backs”

Mike & Julie Lee, Refuge Sports Coordinators

Spiritual warfare is real. We need praying partners. Prayer is the only way we can tie up “the strong man” and enter his house to set his prisoners free. (Mark 3:27) Prayer is essential “cover” when we are sent out on mission.

We are in the North Carolina Triad, laying the initial groundwork for a church plant among Nepali speaking peoples. They are two of the top ten unreached immigrant people groups in NC and in America, coming from Hindu and Buddhist backgrounds. Refuge Sports will serve as a ministry partner to help build relationships using soccer and education programs. God is moving things in place to bring our pastor for the new church, and his family, to the U.S. While we wait for his visa petition to be approved, we are the “feet on the ground” and truly being the hands and feet of Christ to these people. God is so evidently at work and we have already celebrated one baptism!

As we thank God for Taylors FBC and pray for you, please pray for us, for our partner churches in North Carolina – Life Community Church and Rich Fork Baptist, and for our church plant pastor. If you would like to get our prayer updates for LIFE Nepali Church, email Mike Lee at LifeNepaliChurch@gmail.com.





Serve the Sent

In February, J & K came to our church and asked if we would be willing to step in and serve the ones that have been sent by Jesus to share the Gospel in the same area as them. As a church body this was an incredible opportunity to step into a need in a unique way that was presented to us, but it would take close to 100 people being willing to be on mission for a week. The people of Taylors FBC stepped up to the plate and sent 91 to go serve the sent. Below are testimonies from K and her daughter, S, about the impact that made on their family and those who serve with them.

Serve the Sent was one of the best parts of my summer! I got to see all my friends I hadn't seen in years and get back together with friends I live with but hadn't seen all summer. The youth program was really awesome and my friends and I had so much fun worshipping, playing games, and learning about God. I really learned a lot about God during my time at *Serve the Sent* and it was cool to discuss things in Bible study with other Third Culture Kids. One Bible story we studied was Peter walking on water and our takeaway from that was to keep our eyes on God and not the storm around us. Overall it was a really amazing experience and I can't wait for the next one! - S

"And the meetings were AWESOME by the way. Our whole family was strengthened and encouraged and loved. " We are still getting notes like this one from coworkers about our gathering last month for *Serve the Sent*. During our time together, we sensed such a joy and celebratory spirit as we had opportunities to share how God has been at work over the last five years. The Word was rich as it was preached from the stage and discussed around tables. The worship in our heart language was a sweet gift and the time we were able to spend praying corporately encouraged our hearts. We all left excited and ready to return to our places of service and push back darkness. We have the privilege of living on the edge and seeing God's Kingdom come in places it hasn't before and thanks to you, we were reenergized to keep our hands to the plow. Thank you for rocking our babies and crafting with our kids and banqueting with our teens and playing instruments and making technology work and keeping us secure. We need you to do what we do and we saw you partnering with us in so many tangible ways. We are hopeful about the future! - K.



Home Repair Team

Our wonderful Home Repair Team dug through tough ground and was able to complete a new wheelchair ramp for Dennis Scarborough. Dennis, a U.S. Veteran, and family member of Taylors FBC members was so happy and thankful to have his new ramp. Thank you to our Home Repair Team members who worked diligently to get the job done: Bill McManus, Billy Lee, Chandler Fleck, David Massie, Dan Wyatt, Jim Glandon, John King, Keith Cunningham, Rob Dandridge, Roger Arledge, Roger Newton, Ross Greene, and Steve Alwart.



ESTABLISH THE CHURCH.

We believe the best way to multiply is by seeking to Establish the Church. This is what many people refer to as church planting. Our three-pronged strategy includes....

RESIDENCY

We will start a residency program as a training ground for pastors, ministers, and leaders. It will be a place for them to learn and grow with the intention of sending them out to lead the new churches. We will work with our partners to prepare these residents to serve in our state, our nation, or among the nations, wherever the Lord may call them.

REPLICATION

We will be doing on our campus what we want to reproduce. On Sunday mornings we now have three vibrant worship services. The addition of the Band Led service, not only creates more space for people to join and be a part of our church, but it is also a place that we can train up and send out people to start new churches.

RENOVATION

As we look to the future with the plan of planting more churches, our campus must be equipped. We want our home campus to be as healthy as possible in order that we can be a strong sending church, and the healthier we are, the more we will be able to reproduce.



The Fellowship Hall Renovation is underway.

The completed project will be the location of the Band Led Worship Service. The space will continue to function as an important large multipurpose space after the improvements are completed. The room will be transformed by removing the track system and opening the center of the room to the roof deck. There will be new audio, video, and lighting components to enhance the functionality for events, and worship. The project is scheduled for completion in late fall, but we know that there are potential delays due to supply chain constraints. You can see updates on the projects and photos of the work on the monitor outside the Fellowship Hall. Please pray that the Lord would bless this project and that this space would have a significant impact on the ministry of Taylors FBC.





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OUR VALUES



Expectant **WORSHIP**



Multiplying **DISCIPLE-MAKERS**



Reaching the **UNREACHED**



Everybody **SERVES**



Innovative **FAITH**



Generous **GIVING**



Life **TRANSFORMATION**

Our Church Family

Celebrate new members, baptisms, anniversaries, stewardship, and more.

Welcome New Members



Kenneth Walker
Joined August 7, 2022
by Statement



Ally Hyman
Joined August 14, 2022
by Baptism



Megan Robinson
Joined August 14, 2022
by Baptism



Joshua Benkendorf
Joined August 28, 2022
by Watchcare



Randy and Ashley Harreld
Joined August 28, 2022
by Statement



Drew and Suzanne Hines
Joined August 28, 2022
by Letter



Eric and Tinsley Ponder
Joined August 28, 2022
by Statement
Eric by Letter
Tinsley by Statement



Nathan Pulliam
Joined August 28, 2022
by Watchcare



Kevin and Karie Reither
Joined August 28, 2022
by Statement



Morgan Rowe
Joined August 28, 2022
by Watchcare



**Cendy Wheeler
Maddy Kussoth**
Joined August 28, 2022
by Letter



Daven and Rebecca Yarlett
Joined August 28, 2022
by Letter

Photo not available: John and Clair Doar, Robert Doar
Joined August 7, 2022 by Statement

Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ, through believer's baptism: Caroline Bump, Ally Hyman, Megan Robinson

Sunday Statistics

	**7/31	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28
Nursery	43.....	52.....	40.....	39.....	40
Preschool.....	32.....	51.....	92.....	64.....	70
Elementary	0.....	55.....	86.....	86.....	87
Students	0.....	61.....	73.....	130.....	131
College	0.....	39.....	35.....	58.....	50
Adults	0.....	567.....	643.....	646.....	648
Life Group Total.....	106.....	910.....	1,062	1,116	1,102
Morning Worship* ..	847....	1,175....	1,348 ...	1,760	1,469

*Includes online attendance ** One Service

Staff Anniversaries

AUGUST

Kathy Dority — 17 years of service

Wally Harris — 4 years of service

Mallory Gilmore — 3 years of service

Stewardship

JULY

MONTH TO DATE

Budget Receipts: \$452,021

Actual Receipts: \$450,006

Actual Spent: \$457,242

YEAR TO DATE

Budget Receipts: \$3,164,145

Actual Receipts: \$2,793,602

Actual Spent: \$3,001,189

Ways to Give

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

During the week, bring or mail your tithe or
offering to the Church Office.

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

Seminary Scholarships

Taylors Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships to Southern Baptist seminaries.

Fall Semester Deadline is November 30

To learn more about Taylors Foundation and apply for a scholarship visit taylorsfbc.org/taylors-foundation

Welcome Steven

We are excited to welcome Steven C. to the team as our Reach Pastor. He and high school sweetheart, Debbie, have been married for 32 years; together they have 5 children and 4 grandchildren. Steven has a passion for Missions and Ministry. He and Debbie have served side by side throughout Asia for 17 years, in addition to pastoring a church here in South Carolina. He has a love for all things sports, when he's not spreading the Message of the Great Commission, you might find him fishing, golfing or just enjoying the beauty and creation of the great outdoors. You might be surprised to learn that he is a Carolina native, growing up in the town of Ninety-Six. He received degrees from both Charleston Southern University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Welcome Aboard!



Taylors Rec

Taylors Rec seeks to make God known in our community through the use of sports, fitness, and leisure activities. Our desire is to provide activities that will refresh and strengthen the heart, soul, mind and body. We provide quality, Christ-centered recreational activities and fitness for people of all ages with the goal of creating platforms for building dynamic relationships and good health. Taylors Rec Center has memberships and rental spaces (picnic shelter, classrooms, gym, ball fields) available for church members and the community.

Rec Center Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm

Wednesday: 6:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 6:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Learn more at taylorsrec.com



Group Fitness Classes

Now that many of us have settled into our fall schedules, take some time to check out one of our Group Fitness classes! Visit taylorsrec.com for the class schedule. All classes are available to Taylors Rec Center Members. Guest passes are available!

Precept Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm Beginning September 13 at Taylors Rec Center

Join us as we study Romans, chapters 1 - 5. This text explains the foundational doctrines of our faith — original sin, justification, redemption, and propitiation. Gain an excellent grasp of the doctrine of salvation!

Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsrec.com.



Basketball League

Registration is open beginning Wednesday, September 7, for age four through adults

We are in need of coaches in all age groups. If you are interested in coaching please contact Dawn Vanasse at dawnv@taylorsfbc.org.

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