



A PUBLICATION OF TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



**A movement of disciple-making  
students changing the world with the  
Word of God for the glory of God.**



**Women living out  
the Word of God  
in today's culture.**





**DECEMBER 1 | 7:30 PM**

**DECEMBER 4 | 10:00 AM**

## **There Is Another King**

Kings rise and fall. Throughout history rulers have come to power, wealth, and fame, and yet are soon replaced and then forgotten. The prophets spoke of a different kind of King. The apostles turned the world upside down with the news of another King who had come, not to reign on an earthly throne, but to reign in the hearts of men and women.

December 1: Childcare available for children birth through age two.

December 4: Childcare available for children birth through age five.

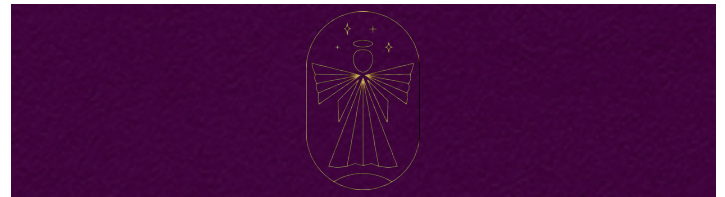


**DECEMBER 11 | 6:00 PM**

## **“A Christmas Yarn”**

At Unique Gifts from Luxurious Yarns (U.G.L.Y.), ugly is beautiful! While Samantha Ebenezer, CEO of U.G.L.Y. pulls all the strings to make sure no stitch is dropped, she encounters three mysterious visitors who not only help overcome some ugly obstacles, but bring the beautiful good news of Christmas!

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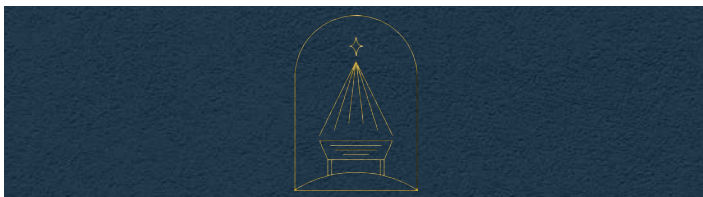


**DECEMBER 18 | 6:00 PM**

## **Christmas Lessons And Carols**

This special evening of worship we gather to hear the Christmas Story. Nine Scripture Readings, called lessons, lead us to respond by singing familiar Christmas Carols. Come and experience the beauty of God's redemptive plan and His promise fulfilled through his son, Jesus.

Childcare available for children birth through age two.



**DECEMBER 24 | 3:00 AND 5:00 PM**

## **Christmas Eve Worship**

On this most sacred of nights you are invited to bring your family and friends to a very special celebration of the birth of the Savior! Sing the songs of Christmas, and hear the story again, for the first time. Identical services, led by our Worship Teams.

Childcare available for children birth through age two.



**DECEMBER 25 | 11:00 AM**

## **Christmas Day Worship**

Join us for a time of praise, thanksgiving, and reflection on this special day.

No childcare for this service.

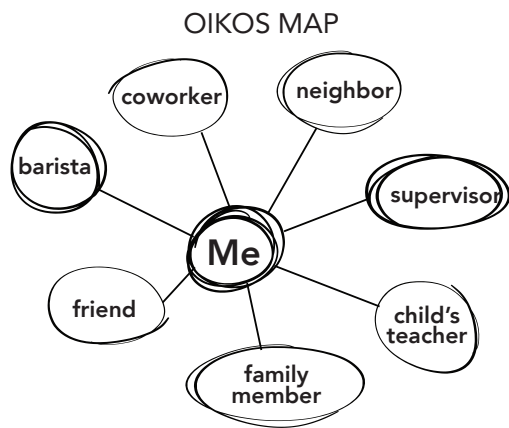


# Engage the World

Thank you to all who participated in the ENGAGE 2023 workshop in November. There were nearly 160 people involved in this exciting afternoon of mobilization and training. We learned three reasons why we MUST be pursuing opportunities to share the Gospel with those around us:

- 1) God is worthy
- 2) We were made for this purpose
- 3) People need the Lord

Participants also saw a biblical example of how God used an unlikely candidate (Samaritan woman) to take the Good News to her community. We also learned how to share our personal testimony and we made an "oikos map" for where our outreach efforts need to begin. Please join in praying for the relational networks for those who participated in the training, and ask the Lord to prepare hearts and to make a way for many Gospel conversations in the coming days.



## HOW TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY



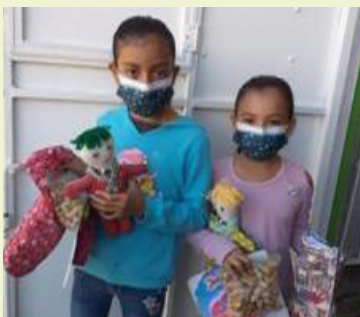
## Follow Up Event EXPLORE 2023

January 22 | 4:00 - 6:00 pm

We will be learning more outreach strategies and tools, as well as the details about Reach Trip opportunities for the coming new year.

Applications for 2023 Reach Trips will be available at this workshop.

Sign up on the Church Center App or at [taylorsfbc.org/events](https://taylorsfbc.org/events).



## Taylors FBC Doll Ministry

Taylors FBC has an amazing team of ladies that meet weekly to make dolls that are literally sent around the world to help spread the good news of the Gospel. To date they have made and sent out more than 25,000 dolls. Praise the Lord! These dolls (and the Gospel message) are shared in our community, as well as through the ministries of various ministry partners, in the USA and abroad. Join in praying that the Gospel will be heard and that many will repent and believe!





# WMU Banquet and Program

December 7 | 6:30 pm | B132/133  
Dinner served 5:15 - 6:10 pm

We will be blessed to learn about the work that God has been doing through IMB missionaries, Stan and Dottie, who recently retired after serving many years in the Philippines. Please make plans to come and hear how God's kingdom is advancing in that part of the world.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering – As a Southern Baptist Church, we partner with nearly 47,000 of our sister churches to send and support 3,500 missionaries through the International Mission Board (IMB). Our missionaries are making disciples and planting churches in some of the most dark and difficult places around the world. In 2021, the IMB reported that the gospel was shared 592,408 times, and there were 176,795 baptisms and 22,744 new churches planted. PRAISE THE LORD!!

We often think of our missionaries as the ones who are making great sacrifices in order to serve as Christ ambassadors around the world. This is certainly true! However, it is also true that Taylors FBC has historically demonstrated sacrifice in the ways we have supported the work of missions with generous giving. Our Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 4 - 10 and we will be collecting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering throughout the month of December. As the Week of Prayer approaches, would you consider asking the Lord of the harvest to grant you the grace to be more fervent in your praying and more sacrificial in your giving to support the work of the IMB? 100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering go directly to support IMB missionaries serving around the world. Imagine what could happen if we ALL made significant sacrifices to be involved in God's global mission.





# Engage at Christmas

Thank you for the ways your generosity is impacting many through "ENGAGE at Christmas" ministries.

Thanks to the generous members of our Taylors FBC family, over 40 children from Brook Glenn Elementary will receive Christmas gifts this season! What a joy it is to be able to bless these students! Thank you, church family, for showing the love of Christ to these families.

Over 350 Operation Christmas Child Boxes were collected and delivered to Charlotte, NC, on November 20. These boxes will be delivered around the world, and distributed through outreach events, to share and show Christ to those who may not know Him. We are thankful to Dan Johnson, church member as well as President of Joshua's Way, and his wife, Kim, for leading the team and our Operation Christmas Child efforts. We also thank each Taylors FBC member who participated in caring for children around the world this Christmas season.

We invite you to continue to give! Pick up a Send Relief Gift Catalog in the Welcome Center or visit [catalog.sendrelief.org](http://catalog.sendrelief.org) to select gifts online. This catalog includes specific needs requested from our NAMB and IMB missionaries!

You are making a difference in the lives of others! Taylors FBC exemplifies generosity!



## Home Repair Team, A Love Taylors Ministry

The Taylors FBC Home Repair Team provides essential maintenance and home repairs to those in our church and community who are in need of assistance. Many thanks to all in our body who give generously to provide financial resources that enable our Home Repair Team to use their skills to serve others. The Home Repair Team, consists of over 50 people with various gifts and skills, and they stay busy in and around our community serving others and sharing the love of Jesus.

The team recently purchased materials and provided labor to replace an unsafe deck for one of our senior adult church members. This team included Bart Miller, Don Odom, David Massie (team leader), Drew Johnson, Jim Glandon, Justin McDaniel, Logan McDaniel, and Rob Dandridge. An additional team including John King, Steve Alwart, Dan Wyatt, and David Massie replaced damaged siding for another church member.





## Women in the Word

Women in the Word wrapped up their E3 study of different prayers throughout the Bible and are now excited to begin *Better: A Study of Hebrews* by Jen Wilkin. Women in the Word will start back on Tuesday evenings beginning January 17 and Wednesday mornings beginning January 18. Let us know that you will be joining us! Sign up on the Church Center App or at [taylorstfbc.org/events](https://taylorstfbc.org/events).



## Mom to Mom

Mom to Mom finished their fall semester with their annual Mom to Mom Fall Brunch on November 16. This year in Mom to Mom, there are nearly 100 moms involved in the ministry, from our very own Taylors FBC ladies to ladies from surrounding communities, and other neighboring churches. Mom to Mom offers community for moms of all ages, wisdom from Mentor Moms, and truthful encouragement through the studying of God's Word. Mom to Mom will continue in their study of "Heart Talk" beginning January 11.

## Shop our Online Bookstore!

Shop with "10 of Those" through our online bookstore curated with books from our Ministerial Team plus many more!

*Only \$1 Shipping!*





## Make Disciples who Make Disciples

The most important step to connecting at Taylors FBC is getting involved in biblical community, and Life Groups are the best place to start. The purpose of our Life Groups is to make disciples who make disciples.

The goal of Life Groups is Life Transformation! We desire to see every life transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ Jesus – Growing in the knowledge of God, Obeying His will, and Fulfilling His mission!

Life Groups provide a small group community, where people can engage God's Word together, pray for one another and care for one another's needs.

Find a Life Group at [taylorsfbc.org/life-groups](http://taylorsfbc.org/life-groups) or contact Beth in the Equip Office at [bethc@taylorsfbc.org](mailto:bethc@taylorsfbc.org).



## Guest Services Spotlight

We are thankful for each of our wonderful volunteers who serve on the Guest Services Team, Sundays wouldn't look the same without their smiling faces!

In particular, the smiling face of Johnnie Thompson! Johnnie is a team player through and through, and loves welcoming our guests and members almost as much as he loves opening the door for them. He is sure to bring a smile to anyone's day and for that we are thankful. Thank you Johnnie for serving on our team!



## Christmas Break Tumbling Camps

December 20 and December 29

3 - 4 year olds: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

5 - 10 year olds: 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Sign up in the Church Center App or at  
[taylorsfbc.org/events](http://taylorsfbc.org/events)



"Our middle and high school boys connected together for our first ever 16:13 Guys Event! They had a night and morning of worship and "Apache relays," where they worked together to achieve a greater goal. It was amazing to see these young men worship and draw closer to Christ while hearing the gospel, learning how to be a man of God, and working together doing "manly things!"

They completed a relay race where they were tasked to work together while completing six events. This was an incredible representation of how the body of Christ works together to grow the kingdom! God is truly at work in the lives of our young men at Taylors FBC and we are in constant prayer that they are growing to be the MEN that God has called them to be!"

— Adam Pace, 6th Grade Small Group Leader

"On Friday night at 16:13 event, the students were led in song by Scott Norman and heard a powerful message from Pastor Josh Powell on Biblical Manhood, centered on our text of 1 Corinthians 16:13. They were encouraged not to fall for culture's stereotypical expectations of men, but to be vigilant and firm in their faith. The students enjoyed a frantic Apache relay race and a delicious beast feast. On Saturday, our students heard from different men in the church during breakout sessions about how to exercise and develop biblical manhood in various areas: creativity, outdoorsmanship, tradesmanship, and student life. The young men enjoyed the sessions as several of them had hands on practical learning experiences included fly fishing, graphic design, and craftsmanship. God is at work and it's so exciting to see what He's doing firsthand in the lives of these young men."

— Mark McKenna, 11th Grade Small Group Leader





What an incredible semester for Taylors College! We are so excited to see students from all across the country visit and join in with Taylors College this semester, 20 states and 3 countries to be exact. God is so good, and he is making himself evident in the hearts of our students. We are praying that our college students become great commission minded as we develop a culture of sending in this ministry and our church. We are so expectant for 2023! To God be the glory!

### Christmas Party | December 7 | 7:30 pm in the Loft

The Gathering will resume January 11.



### Converge | February 3 - 5 | N. Myrtle Beach, SC

Converge, sponsored by the South Carolina Baptist Convention, is an experience for college students and young adults who are passionate to see Jesus move in their generation.

Learn more and sign up on the Church Center App or at [taylorsfbc.org/events](https://taylorsfbc.org/events).



## Christmas Dinner

December 16 | 6:30 pm  
Student Worship Room | Cost: \$15

Menu: Steak, Baked potato, Salad, Rolls, Dessert  
Sign up on the Church Center App or at [taylorsfbc.org/events](https://taylorsfbc.org/events).



## XYZ Fellowship

Monday, December 12, 11:15 am  
Monday, January 9, 11:15 am

Sign up by December 7 or January 4 on the Church Center App or at [taylorsfbc.org/events](https://taylorsfbc.org/events).

# Our Church Family

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

## Welcome New Members



**Porter Hine**

Joined September 17, 2022  
by Baptism



**Anthony Bennett**

Joined October 30, 2022  
by Baptism



**Nancy Crevison**

Joined November 6, 2022  
by Letter



**Patrick and Keri Harmon**

Joined October 30, 2022  
by Letter



**Jennifer Harris**

Joined November 6, 2022  
by Letter



**Alexandria Leppard**

Joined November 20, 2022  
by Baptism



**Eddie and Paula  
McWhirter**

Joined November 6, 2022  
by Letter



**Gabriela Mendoza**

Joined November 6, 2022  
by Watchcare



**Tracey and Marcia Pryor**

Joined November 6, 2022  
by Statement



**Frank and Becky Wingate**

Joined November 6, 2022  
by Statement

### Photos Not Available

**David and Karla Haley**

Joined October 30, 2022  
by Statement

**Nathan and Sydney Rackley**

Joined November 20, 2022  
by Pending Baptism

**Desiree McNutt**

November 27, 2022  
by Baptism

**Jeffrey and Wanda Wright**

November 27, 2022  
by Statement

## Stay Connected

### Subscribe to Taylors FBC Emails

Visit [taylorsfbc.org](https://taylorsfbc.org) and click "Sign up for email announcements" at the bottom of the page.

### Download the Church Center App

Google Play or The App Store.

### Connect on Social Media

@taylorsfbc

@taylorsstudents

@taylorsclg

@taylorsrec

@taylorswomen

@taylorschildren



## In Memoriam

**Dot Gregory**

June 9, 1944 - November 3, 2022

**Ann Grimble**

May 8, 1927 - November 13, 2022

**Tip Hudson**

November 25, 1967 - November 10, 2022

**Marvin Ooten**

March 21, 1947 - November 7, 2022

**Mike Saunders**

July 7, 1939 - November 16, 2022

## Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ, through believer's baptism: Anthony Bennett, Porter Hine, Alexandria Leppard, Desiree McNutt, Emma Wise

## Stewardship

**OCTOBER**

**MONTH TO DATE**

Budget Receipts: \$452,021

Actual Receipts: \$398,316

Actual Spent: \$467,988

**YEAR TO DATE**

Budget Receipts: \$4,520,207

Actual Receipts: \$3,941,388

Actual Spent: \$4,356,780

## Staff Anniversaries

**DECEMBER**

Hilda Fazio — 15 years of service

Larry Atkins — 4 years of service

Joseph Eskridge — 4 years of service

Melissa Mayer — 1 year of service

**JANUARY**

Delores Stansell — 22 years of service

Randall Eskew — 18 years of service

Kathy Tankersley — 18 years of service

Susan Eskew — 6 years of service

Jerry Long — 5 years of service

Margret Bowen — 2 years of service

Josh Powell — 2 years of service

## Sunday Statistics

|                          | 11/6  | 11/13 | 11/20 | 11/27 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Nursery.....             | 30    | 33    | 28    | 36    |
| Preschool.....           | 34    | 48    | 37    | 59    |
| Elementary .....         | 51    | 72    | 70    | 81    |
| Students .....           | 91    | 95    | 88    | 95    |
| College .....            | 25    | 23    | 22    | 30    |
| Adults .....             | 495   | 586   | 571   | 592   |
| Life Group Total.....    | 800   | 947   | 892   | 932   |
| Morning Worship...       | 1,256 | 1,331 | 1,257 | 1,252 |
| Evening of Worship ..... |       |       | 265   |       |

## WAYS TO GIVE



In the Church Center App



Mail your tithe or offering to the Church Office



Online at taylorfbc.org/give



Place your contribution in one of the Giving Boxes



Through online banking — set Taylors FBC as a payee in your banking system



Other Giving: Give through your charitable trust, charitable annuity, or your IRA Required Minimum Distributions



Bring your tithe or offering to the Church Office



Legacy Giving: Give through your estate as a bequest

# Weekly at Taylors FBC

## Sunday Mornings

### Special Sundays:

#### December 4 — *There is Another King*

One Worship Service at 10:00 am

Childcare available birth through age five

#### December 25 — Christmas Day

One Worship Service at 11:00 am

No childcare available

#### January 1 — New Year's Day

One Worship Service at 11:00 am

Childcare available birth through age five

### Regular Schedule:

#### December 11 - 18 and January 8 - 29

#### 8:30 am: Band Led Worship

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups

Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade

#### 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

Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade

### Evening

5:00 pm: Regeneration Student Choir (resumes 1/8)

6:15 pm: Remedy for High School (resumes 1/8)



## Rise Up

Kids' Led Night of Worship

Presented by Preschool and Elementary Kids' Music  
with Regeneration Student Choir and Adult Ensemble

Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm

## Wednesday Evenings

No Activities December 14, 21, or 28

Resumes January 4

### Family Dinner, 5:00 - 6:10 pm

#### Join us in the Welcome Center!

December 7: Beef tips with rice and fried okra or Chick-fil-A

January 4: Meatloaf with hash browns and lima beans or Chick-fil-A

January 11: Breakfast with sausage/bacon, grits, eggs, and gravy or Chick-fil-A

January 18: Taco or Chicken and Rice Soup with salad and corn bread or Chick-fil-A

January 25: Lasagna with salad, peas, and garlic bread 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](http://taylorsfbc.org/events).*

### Taylors Worship: Rehearsals

Worship Choir, 6:15 pm

Orchestra, 6:30 pm

Traditional Choir, 7:55 pm

### WMU Banquet and Program, December 7

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Room: B132/133

### Pastor's Bible Study Resumes January 4

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Worship Center

### Taylors Children: Nursery and Konnect

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

*Children will be rehearsing for the spring Night of Worship, "Rise Up." (see left)*

### 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