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Night of Worship Palm Sunday, April 2, 6:00 pm

Join us on the evening of Palm Sunday for a Night of Worship where we will sing to the Lord and celebrate what He has done!



Friday, April 7, 12:00 pm

Join us at noon on Good Friday to remember His sacrifice as we gather around the Lord's table.



Sunday, April 9 8:30, 9:40, and 11:00 am

Celebrate the Resurrection and New Life! Join us in the tradition of adorning a cross with

flowers on Easter Sunday.







IMB Event – Becoming a Sending Church

This past month, Taylors FBC had the opportunity to host South Asia field leadership from the International Mission Board (IMB) for a regional mission conference. The conference was focused on helping local churches grow in their capacity for developing and sending future missionaries to the least reached people in the world. We were blessed to have eight IMB missionaries who serve in South Asia, here at Taylors FBC to lead out in the event. Pastors and mission leaders from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Missouri, and California participated and were greatly blessed by what they experienced. A few quotes below:

"The Becoming a Sending Church conference was one of the best conferences I've ever attended. The information, tools and resources I received will help me lead our church to be missions focused like never before!" — Coby (Pastor, Saint Charles, MO)

"The spiritual lostness of South Asia is overwhelming! Representing a partner church already involved in South Asia, I was encouraged by attending the IMB's South Asia Becoming a Sending Church meeting held recently at Taylors First Baptist Church in South Carolina. Being with like-minded co-laborers was encouraging. Being led and trained by missionaries and church leaders was extremely helpful. I found the Church Assessment for Sending especially valuable! I am eager to put the principles learned into practice so we can more effectively send workers into the harvest." — Bruce (Pastor of Sending, McDonough, GA)

"The "Becoming a Sending Church" conference at Taylors First Baptist Church was the best use of my outof-office time since I became a Missions pastor. The two days had just the right blend of formal instruction and round-table collaboration, and I was especially grateful for the firsthand experience and insight from the several South Asia missionaries who helped lead. Having them seated amongst us was a huge win because they seasoned every conversation that came up. I feel much more equipped to help our church become more effective at mobilizing leaders who will go to every corner of the globe with the message of salvation." — Caleb (Pastor of Leadership and Mobilization, Spartanburg, SC)

One of the challenges presented in the conferences was to set a specific sending goal for their church both in the short term and the long term. From the response of the participants, we recorded an annual sending goal of 586 people from all the pastors that attended, including Taylors FBC.

Hosting this event represents one of the ways that Taylors FBC is partnering with our IMB missionaries to multiply disciples and churches throughout South Asia. By the grace of God, we are changing the world for Jesus!





Reach Partner Update



Prayer Requests from The Abiding Church

Our partner in Los Angeles, Trenton Mueller, shared these specific requests...

Cassandra sharing the Gospel!

Cassandra is on our launch team and has been a believer for a lot of her life. She had never shared the gospel until recently. With the rhythms The Abiding Church is creating in the city and the urgency in our church's DNA to *Go and Share* Jesus in the city. Cassandra has gone from zero gospel conversations to five in the past few weeks! Praise the Lord! She even has had good follow up and several of the people she has shared Jesus with are coming to our Easter Preview Service.

John entered a discipleship relationship for the first time!

John, who was recently incarcerated, has been coming to our house church and been in our home a lot lately. I asked him if he wanted to begin being discipled by me and a few of the other men in our church. He emphatically said "yes" and now for a little over a month, John has been in weekly discipleship with us and has explained that he has always wanted this but has never had men in his life pouring into him. He is on fire for the Lord and has also been sharing the gospel in the city.

Our major challenge right now is space!

We need Taylors FBC to pray for the Lord to provide the right space. We are out growing our home. So we need to move to a bigger place. We have several meetings lined up to look at some new spaces this month. Pray that God gives us wisdom and favor as we pursue our next meeting location.

Learn more about The Abiding Church at www.facebook.com/theabidingla.

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- Reach Partner Update

The Well Church in Nashua, New Hampshire

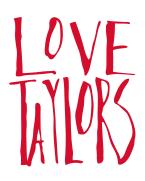
One of the young men in our church, whom we have discipled, baptized, and raised to leadership, invited one of his childhood friends to also come to the church. He was skeptical at first, but he came, because he saw tremendous life change, in his friend, Travis. Seeing what Jesus could do to change the life, Will became interested in Jesus too. After exploring, serving, and experiencing community with us, Will encountered Jesus Christ and his life has deeply changed. He's become a regular member of our church, serves on a regular basis, and is in the process of re-organizing his life around Jesus and his priorities.



Will has even started inviting his unsaved friends to come! Will was one of seven recently baptized. Check out the YouTube video of Will's testimony by visiting https://youtu.be/VIEcFJe-J1Q.

Prayer Request

We are gearing up to start having a second service on Sundays and it'll be a big change for our church. In the middle of a busy season with a huge egg hunt and Easter Sunday, the change will definitely be challenging. Pray for alignment - that God will keep us all united, and that many hearts would be open to Jesus, amongst our lost friends, co-workers, neighbors, and family.



Mission 1:27 Support Group

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 pm in Room B127 | Everyone can do something!

Are you a foster or adoptive parent? Or are you interested in supporting foster and adoptive parents? Join us for the Mission 1:27 Support Group led by Laura Dewease. The group will provide a time for encouragement, support, sharing, and community. All who are currently fostering/adopting, have fostered/adopted, or are interested in understanding more are encouraged to join us. Childcare is provided.

Love Taylors Ministry Highlight Mission 1:27 Giving Closet

The Giving Closet was established to be an arm of ministry that supports fostering and adopting families here at Taylors and in our community by providing families with basic needs such as clothing and baby items. The Giving Closet exists and thrives because of the generous donations, both of items and finances, from our faithful Taylors FBC members. We are thankful for the immense support that we receive and praise the Lord for His work in and through this ministry.

Donate to the Giving Closet by placing new and gently used items in the bins off the Welcome Center!

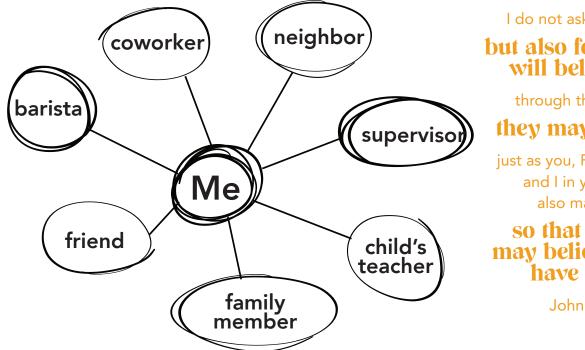
- Pajamas for ages 0 to 15
- Clothing for ages 0 to 15
- Undergarments for ages 0 to 15
- Toys for all ages
- Diapers and Wipes
 - Cribs

- Formula
- We do not accept household items or adult clothing.

Engaging the Lost... Where do I start?

This gospel sharing tool and visual is called an OIKOS map. OIKOS is a Greek word that means household, representing someone's immediate sphere of influence. This visual serves as a prayer map and evangelism strategy for you as you seek to reach those close to you but far from God. It begins with the inner circle which represents you. You are surrounded by people where you live, work, and play that you have the potential to reach with the gospel. Imagine how rapidly the gospel could spread as those whom we influence begin to share with the people close to them but far from God. The idea behind an OIKOS map comes from John 17:20 where Jesus prays for the people that His disciples will reach.

Would you consider developing your own Oikos map and begin to pray for each person daily? Would you ask the Lord to give you the opportunity to share your testimony and the gospel with them?



I do not ask for these only,

but also for those who will believe in me

through their word, that

they may all be one,

just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us,

so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:20-21

Pray ASAP

Please consider downloading a free prayer app that will guide you on how you can pray for the advance of the Gospel in South Asia. Each day you will receive a brief prayer request written by field workers in South Asia, including the name of a distinct unengaged and unreached people group.

Scan the QR code to the right or visit prayasap.org to download the app.



Strategic and informed prayer for work among South Asians



prayerasap.org







Taylors FBC... Engaging our Neighborhoods and the Nations with the Gospel of Jesus!

It's the goal of Taylors FBC to mobilize every member of the body to be "on mission" in our neighborhoods and among all nations. It's exciting to see the growing enthusiasm among our members for the work of evangelism locally. It is also exciting to see a significant number from our church going to places outside of our community to serve. On Sunday, March 26 we conducted our annual orientation for those whom our church will be sending on Reach Trips this year. We have 12 trips on the calendar for 2023, and nearly 150 people registered to participate. That number represents almost 10% of our average worship attendance. Praise the Lord! The list of remaining trips in 2023 is listed below so that you can begin to pray for the ministry of each of our Reach Teams. If you'd like to know more about how to become involved in the Reach ministry, please email us at reach@taylorsfbc.org.

Los Angeles

LA Send Relief - Taylors Students: Los Angeles, CA Our students will assist LA Send Relief in outreach activities to marginalized people in the city	June 9 – 16 of Los Angeles
Church Planting Network: Orange County, California Prayer walking, evangelism, and other ministry activities in partnership with four church plants	July 20 – 27 in LA
Marriage Retreat for Church Planters: Los Angeles, CA Host a marriage retreat for nearly 30 church planter and leadership couples	July 28 – August 3
South Asia	
Sri Lanka Church and Community: Sri Lanka Encourage and equip local believers; Invest in a network of local church planters	August 4 - 13
Himalayan Valley Outreach: Nepal Work alongside local believers to share Good News; Encourage our "laborers" that live and w	November 3 - 12 ork there.
New England	
Boston Outreach: Boston, MA Assist Encounter Church in their egg drop outreach event in their community	March 30 – April 2
Be the One – Regeneration Student Choir: Nashua, NH Servant-relational evangelism / block parties / concerts / outreach event	June 23 – July 1
Triple Play: Nashua, NH Encourage and serve The Well Church; Assist The Well Church in a community outreach event New Hampshire church planting network	September 14-17 ; Equip and empower the
Love our Laborers	
Park Outreach with Fireweed Ministry: Anchorage/Sutton, Alaska Back Yard Bible Club and evangelism	June 3 – 11
Day Camp for Bhutanese and Nepali Youth: Jamestown, NC	June 18 – 24

Sports Camp and Academic Support to assist the church in building relationships with Bhutanese and Nepali youth and families in partnership with Refuge Sports.





Life Group Highlight



I, along with Andy and Dawn Vanasse, have the privilege of leading the Young Professionals Life Group here at Taylors FBC. We are made up of 20- and 30-year-olds who are college-graduate age and are in the workforce. We started in 2021 with a small but dedicated group of regular attendees and we have been blessed by the Lord's faithfulness to see wonderful growth in attendance and participation. The Young Professionals come from a wide variety of backgrounds including education, workplace and hobbies. Our group has cultivated a wonderful, welcoming attitude towards our visitors that is truly empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Another blessing to see as a leader has been witnessing the love for the Scriptures grow during our time together. In 2022 and early 2023 we worked through Galatians and 1 Peter. We just finished the book of Jonah using the new E3 Narrative Study Method and are excited to be starting the book of Colossians soon. God has been working in our group by building this community as described in the book of Acts through the teaching of the Word, having times of fellowship, eating together and praying for one another. We have even seen the Lord raising up new leaders from inside the group and it is exciting to see their development. We are trusting and believing that what God has started in us, He will continue!

— Mark McKenna

Learn more about Life Groups at taylorsfbc.org/life-groups!

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18





Mom to Mom

Mom to Mom enjoyed their annual Spring Brunch on March 15. Cameron Burroughs led us in a time of worship and Marilyn Nutter inspired and challenged everyone with her message entitled *Cultivating to Grow: Here a Little, There a Little.* We are thankful for the growth we have seen as we wrap up another wonderful year of Mom to Mom, and are excited to watch our moms continue to flourish!

Mom to Mom provides an opportunity for moms to be encouraged and equipped to grow in their walk with Christ while cultivating and enriching their relationships with their husbands and children. Through small group discussions and the leadership of mentor moms, participants are encouraged to dig into God's Word to determine who we are to be as moms in today's world. We invite you to join Mom to Mom in August 2023.

tsm students



Graduation Weekend

For Senior Students and Their Parents May 6: Graduation Banquet May 7: Graduation Recognition Services

Celebrating our Senior Class of 2023! High school graduates and their parents are welcome to come to celebrate this exciting time in the life of their student with food and fellowship. We will have a Graduation Banquet on Saturday, May 6, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Student Worship Room and recognize graduates in the Worship Services on Sunday, May 7.

Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events and submit your graduate's information by April 23!

FUGE Camp

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SEE YOU AT

For All Students July 17 – 22 | North Greenville University Cost: \$379 / \$100 deposit

Why FUGE? For students, a week at camp is exciting, fun, loud, and sometimes even messy. But those things don't bring about life-change on their own. 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. There is a \$100 deposit and spots are limited this year so be sure you sign your student up today!

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



FUGECAMPS 2023



Spring Retreat showed me that God is on the MOVE.

We are called to be on the move for Christ. We have to move towards Him. We have to move towards the danger. We are called to move towards others and share the Gospel and advance the Kingdom. We learned about deep fakes and how real believers in Christ listen, obey, repent, and move. We learned to be courageous in a world full of caution. To have extreme obedience in opposition. To be resilient in a world full of resistance. This retreat showed how God is at work in people's lives. His faithfulness and goodness is evident and we are called to be on the move and to spread His Word all over.

Anna Claire Littlefield, 12th Grade

I learned the great things that God has planned for

this generation. Seeing our group get to disconnect from the world was empowering and encouraging. I learned the importance of being bold with the people who are close to me. I am very blessed to be in such a great student ministry with great leadership who guide us in our lives.

Levi Powell, 11th grade



spring Retreat

MOVE was such an incredible experience! I learned so much about moving towards God.

It really put into perspective how many of the people around me, including my friends, I could be sharing my faith with. If the Gospel is the most important thing in my life, why doesn't everyone around me know about it? I felt called by God to start looking around at who in my life I could start planting seeds in through my faith. I also learned a lot about how our lives and the world around us tend to act fake, often putting on a show so it looks like we're acting godly, even when we aren't truly following God. I learned that I should move towards God in a way that isn't fake, living openly for Him and not being afraid of where my faith in Him may lead.

Kendylmae Jann, 10th Grade

I could feel God moving me.

This weekend I learned so much and I'm thankful I had the opportunity to participate in this year's Spring Retreat. I loved how the preacher used deep fakes as examples. I would have never thought of people that way. It gave me a new perspective of someone I don't want to be. I also learned that the mission of God is dangerous. We have to go towards the danger and toward the lost. We can't just watch people continue to sin and not do anything about it. When I heard him say this, I realized that no matter how scared I might be or if I get embarrassed, it's God's Word being spread. It's to help them see how great Jesus is. I'm so glad I attended Spring Retreat because it was truly life changing.

God did so many amazing things!

Showing students what is a deep fake and understanding the next steps in life are just a few things God did for us. I enjoyed every moment of this retreat as it grew me both as a listener and a leader. Thank you Taylors Student Ministry for this wonderful trip, the opportunity to worship, and see God's glory with these students.

Harris Henderson, Worship Team



Jennah Lawrence, 9th Grade







BREAKFAST APRIL 22 8:30 AM

Sign up by April 19 in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.

ESTABLISH NETWORK

Internships

We are excited to offer our Establish Network Internships for 2023. Our internships provide the opportunity for college students to spend the summer in hands-on ministry within one of the following areas: Worship, Communications, Children, Students, College, Reach, and Rec.

Our goal is for every intern to grow in: Spiritual Formation, Ministry Preparation, and Professional Development.

We will be accepting applications through April 16. Visit taylorsfbc.org/interns for more information.



XYZ Fellowship

Monday, April 10 | 11:15 am | \$8

XYZ Fellowship, " Xtra Years of Zest," is an outreach ministry of Taylors First Baptist Church to senior adults, ages 55 and up, throughout the community.

April Program: "Serving the Lord through Drama and Devotionals" — Paul White, Senior Adult Pastor at City View First Baptist Church in Greenville

Sign up by April 5 in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



Thursday, April 13 | 5:30 pm \$12/person The BJUgrass Band featuring Bob Jones University President Dr. Steve Pettit

Sign up in the Church Center App, at taylorsfbc.org/events, or in the Church Office through Sunday, April 9!





Dance Day Camps

June 7, June 14, June 26, July 3, July 31

Ages 3 - 4, 12:00 - 2:00 pm | Ages 5 - 10, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

\$30 per day camp

Weekly Tumbling Classes

June 8 - 29

Ages 2 1/2 - 3, 9:30 - 10:00 am | Ages 4 - 5, 10:00 - 10:45 am | Ages 6 - 10, 10:45 am - 11:30 am

\$30 for the classes

Kids Adventure Day Camp

June 20 Grades 5K - 5th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$10 for the camp

Grant Harrelson Basketball Camp

July 10 - 13 Grades 1st - 5th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$100 for the camp

Tumbling Day Camps

July 11* | July 20* | July 25* | August 4**

*Ages 3 - 5, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Ages 6 - 10, 12:30 - 3:00 pm **Ages 3 - 5, 12:30 - 2:30 pm | Ages 6 - 10, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

\$30 per day camp

Weekly Intro to Jazz and Ballet

July 12 - August 2 Ages 2 1/2 - 3, 12:00 - 12:30 pm | Ages 4 - 5, 12:30 - 1:15 pm Ages 6 - 10, 1:15 - 2:00 pm

\$30 for the classes

Cheer Camp

August 1

Ages 4 - 10, 12:30 - 5:00 pm | Split by Ages 4 - 5 and 6 - 10 | Demonstration at 4:45 pm

\$30 for the camp

Tennis Camp

August 2 - 4

Ages 6 - 10, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$40 for the camp

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

Our Church Family

Celebrate new members, anniversaries, stewardship, and more.

Welcome New Members



Grady Bayne Joined March 12, 2023 Pending Baptism



Grant Pilkington Joined March 19, 2023 by Statement



Kaitlyn Dority Joined March 12, 2023 by Baptism



Carolyn Schlock Joined March 26, 2023 by Letter

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Sue Holt Joined February 19, 2023, by Statement

Walter Torres Joined March 12, 2023, by Statement

William Thrasher Joined March 26, 2023, by Statement

Sunday Statistics

	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
Nursery				37
Preschool				
Elementary	71 .	65		66
Students	108	112		
College		55		
Adults	628 .	560		625
Life Group Total	1,039 .	966		1,008
Morning Worship				

Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ, through believer's baptism: Kaitlyn Dority

In Memoriam

Patricia Compton June 4, 1936 - March 11, 2023

Leo Fellwock September 26, 1938 - March 1, 2023

John Hutcheson November 29, 1932 - March 18, 2023

Bunny Isgett March 25, 1951 - March 13, 2023

Joel King January 2, 1980 - March 9, 2023

Steve Rutledge January 8, 1938 - March 5, 2023

Seminary Scholarships

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

Fall Semester Deadline is May 30

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

Thank You!

Thank you for the kindness shown to me following the death of my daughter. I appreciate the prayers, cards, calls, food, visits, and every expression of love shown to me. — Mae Goodgame

Staff Anniversaries

APRIL

Renee Morton — 33 years of service Anita Tolliver — 7 years of service Mason Freitas — 5 years of service Dawn Vanasse — 1 year of service

February Stewardship

MONTH TO DATE

Budget Receipts	\$486,892
Actual Receipts	\$403,839
Actual Spent	\$463,298

YEAR TO DATE

Budget Receipts	\$973,784
Actual Receipts	\$732,119
Actual Spent	\$924,737

Ways to Give

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In the Church Center App

Online at taylorsfbc.org/give

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

Bring your tithe/offering to the Church Office

Mail your tithe/offering to the Church Office

Place your contribution in one of the Giving Boxes

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

Legacy Giving: Give through your estate as a bequest



Welcome Kayla Campbell

Kayla Campbell has recently joined our team as the Reach Ministry Assistant and she will be reporting to Steven C., our Reach Pastor.

She was previously employed by Clemson University where she used her creative and communication skills in her marketing and administrative roles. She has a Digital Media Marketing degree from Maranatha Baptist University. She relocated to Greenville from Illinois in the summer of 2022, and she joined our church in January 2023.



Online Bookstore!

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Welcome Ashley Eskridge

Ashley Eskridge has recently joined our team as a parttime Receptionist. She shares these responsibilities with Cheryl Cruell and Nancy Clayton to ensure we have adequate coverage in the Church Office.

She is no stranger to us as she joined our church in November 2018 when her husband, Joseph, was called as our Minister of Children. They were high school sweethearts from Tangier Island, Virginia, population 600.

Ashley and Joseph have three children, and she has a Public Relations/Advertising degree from Liberty University.

Weekly at Taylors FBC

Sunday Mornings

8:30 am: Band Led Worship

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade (except 4/2)

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 (except 4/2)

Evening

5:00 pm: Regeneration Student Choir 6:15 pm: Remedy for High School

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Wednesday Evenings

Family Dinner, 5:00 - 6:10 pm Join us in the Fellowship Hall!

April 5:	Beef stew, green beans, salad, and cornbread or Chick-fil-A
April 12:	Barbecue, baked beans, potato salad, and slaw or Chick-fil-A
April 19:	Breakfast with sausage or bacon, grits, eggs, and gravy or Chick-fil-A
April 26:	Taco soup or chicken and rice soup with salad, and cornbread 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 | Fellowship Hall

Taylors Children: Nursery and Konnect6:30 - 7:30 pm | Doors Open at 6:15 pm

Taylors Students: Rise for Middle School6:30 - 7:45 pm | Cafe Opens at 6:15 pm

Taylors College and Young Professionals: The Gathering 7:30 - 9:00 pm

