March 2023



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"We value, love, and instruct precious children reflecting the heart of Christ." 18

Luke 18:16

Fellowship Hall Renovation Complete

The Fellowship Hall received a complete upfit — raising the ceiling height in the center of the room, sound booth installation, LED lighting, painting, and carpeting. We also installed new audio-visual equipment to enhance worship and events.

We thank Caldwell Constructors, Inc, and Ronald Geyer at Good City Architects for their expertise and leadership.

The entire project was completed debt-free thanks to the generosity of church members. The Fellowship Hall is an essential space for the ministry of the church.





New England Reach Trip

Recently a small team spent several days in New England engaging in ministry with our North American Mission Board (NAMB) partners who live and work there.

In Boston we heard an encouraging report from Chris Causey, pastor of Encounter Church. Despite significant challenges over the last couple of years, it is evident that this has also been a time of substantial growth. By the grace of God, lives are being transformed through the ministries of Encounter Church, and their influence is touching more and more people. Praise the Lord!

The team also spent a couple of days in New Hampshire, where the value of our partnership with NAMB church planters was confirmed. With very few healthy evangelical churches and significant spiritual realities, the team saw a place of great need. As we spent time with Pastor Scott Kearney (who was with us on Reach Sunday '22) and Pastor

Chris, both from The Well Church, we were encouraged by their commitment to their church and community, as well as their endurance.

Just across the border in Vermont, we visited with church leaders at Riverbank Church, who are seeing God work powerfully through their ministry, resulting in literally hundreds of professions faith. As we participated in an evening worship service with them, we observed their commitment to gospel clarity and gospel urgency. After the service they showed us their "YES to Jesus" wall, where they have literally filled an entire wall with the names of those who have come to know Christ through their ministry. It was a beautiful display of the power of the Gospel at work through this young church. These victories have not been without a fight. The pastor shared several examples of how the powers of darkness have attempted to prevent the work from going forward, but to no avail. By the grace of God, the church is growing rapidly and has already started another church and has plans to start many more.

Would you pray...

...that God would help the many affluent in the city of Boston to recognize their need for salvation and for Chris Causey as he leads Encounter Church in how to reach them?

...for Scott Kearney and The Well Church, that God's will would be done as they seek to establish presence for the long term?

...for the church in VT to effectively disciple these new believers in a way that would produce disciples who make disciples?

...for our three teams that will be partnering in 2023 with Encounter Church and The Well Church (Boston Egg Drop, Regeneration Student Choir and the Nashua Triple Play) to prepare spiritually by abiding daily in Christ and walking in obedience to His will?



Love Taylors Day April 1

Save the Date! Our annual Love Taylors Day will be on Saturday, April 1, so mark your calendars and plan to join us as we go out into the community to serve our neighbors and show the Gospel by acts of service. Be sure to talk to your Life Group about your project assignment.

Sign up with your Life Group or in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.

Los Angeles Assessment

Josh Duncan, Minister of Students, and Steven C., Reach Pastor, were able to spend a few days in Los Angeles (LA) with church planters in a workshop hosted by the SEND Network. Sixteen churches from across LA came to develop intentional plans to partner together to multiply churches among the millions of people in LA. It was exciting to see Will Browning, a former SC pastor and our partner, leading that network, casting a God-sized vision for the church planters to pursue together.



Pray for a kingdom-mindset to mark the hearts of each of the

pastors/planters in LA that will enable them to truly cooperate in their efforts, for the Glory of God.



About three years ago a Southern Baptist Convention church in Tennessee sent two church planters and a few families to Anaheim, CA, to plant a church. That team established Echo Church. Already Echo Church has grown to a place where they have been willing to send a core group to plant a new church in Pasadena, CA. Trenton Mueller and his family have begun meeting weekly with their core team to worship, study the Word, and prepare for the official launch of the church, hopefully this fall. There was a unique kindred spirit with Trenton and his passion for and commitment to bold and broad gospel proclamation. Church planting in the New Testament is built on that strategic activity.

Pray for Trenton and his team to abide faithfully and to see God work powerfully through them to bring much fruit.

Pray for the many who Josh and Steven were able to share the gospel with that they would sense the stirring of the Spirit and recognize their need for Christ.

Pray for three teams who will travel to LA this summer, that God would be preparing the way for them to be of great service--Taylors Students, Serve and Assist, and the Marriage Retreat for LA Church Planters Reach trips.

Because of your generosity and prayers, partnerships in New England and LA are pushing into the darkness! Thank you!



Pray and Give

Learn how Southern Baptists are helping in Turkey and Syria and how you can pray and give: sendrelief.org/projects/turkey-syria-earthquake/





In early March, Taylors FBC will be hosting International Mission Board (IMB) leaders serving in South Asia at an event called "Becoming a Sending Church." This regional event, for pastors and mission leaders, is focused on strengthening the local church's capacity to send laborers to the neglected harvest fields of South Asia.

Pray for missionaries traveling from the field and for their families who will be left behind. Pray for participants to receive fresh insights that will help them lead their churches to respond appropriately to the Great Commission. Pray for more laborers for the harvest.



Week of Prayer for North American Missions

Pick up a Prayer Guide for the Week of Prayer for North American Missions in the Reach area.

Give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering which goes to train, resource, and send more than 2,400 missionaries across the United States and Canada.

Because of your giving, Southern Baptist churches have planted more than 9,400 churches in North America since 2010. One hundred percent of gifts go directly to the missionaries for their use in the field.

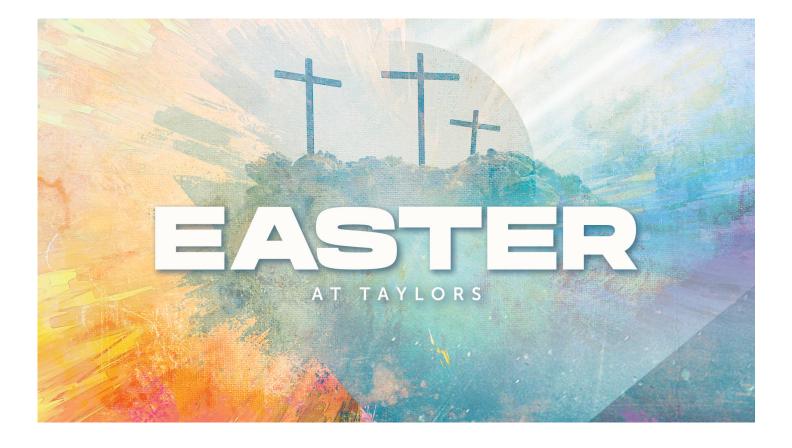
How are our Annie Armstrong gifts are used?

- Helps fund outreach events and worship facility rental costs
- Provides training resources, Bibles, and other discipleship materials
- Financially supports church planters and their families, including emergency travel assistance

Ways to Give

- Use the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering envelopes mailed with your monthly tithe envelopes or pick one up at the Reach area
- Give Online at taylorsfbc.org/give
- Give in the Church Center App







Join Us in Italy!

Taylors Worship is traveling to Italy in July 2024

We invite you to join us as we travel to Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa, and more. Singers and non-singers are welcome! We will perform five ministry concerts, including St. Mark's Cathedral, Venice. Contact Diann Greer at the Worship Office for more information or pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center.





Ladies Latte Night

Sunday, March 5 | The Loft | 6:00 pm

Join us for ladies latte night Sunday evening, March 5, at 6:00 pm. Hannah Smith will be leading us through a guided time in God's Word and making personalized floral arrangements. This is a great event to invite a friend or roommate too! Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



Sunday Lunch

March 12 | Building C, Welcome Area | 12:00 pm

Menu: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert

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



Spring Breakfast

Saturday, April 22 | 8:00 am

Dr. Nathan Finn, Teaching Pastor, will present how to be a godly man in your home.





Meet the Equip Team

Pictured Left to Right Kathy Dority, Minister of Connections Josh Duncan, Minister of Students Daryl Hopkins, , Minister of Recreation Jeremy Thompson, Equip Pastor Jerry Long, Minister of Pastoral Care Joseph Eskridge, Minister of Children Alex Smith, Minister of College and Recreation Outreach Not pictured: Molly Holder, Minister of Preschool





Spring Bible Study with Mom to Mom

Mom to Mom is finishing up another wonderful year studying God's Word through the book "Heart Talk" by Linda Anderson. There has been a record attendance this year as mom's have grown spiritually, "cultivated" community with other moms and received guidance through our Mentor Moms. We are looking forward to culminating our year in "Heart Talk" with a Spring Brunch...but there's more. Mom to Mom is excited to announce a new spring Bible Study on Wednesdays, March 29 - May 10, at 9:00 am and we invited all women to join us!

Do you want to learn more about Jesus — who He is, why He came to earth, and how you can

really know Him? Mom to Mom is inviting you to join us for a seven-week Bible study that will answer these three questions and more! Our very own Hannah Smith will be leading us in studying "Matchless" by Angie Smith. Be prepared to deepen your understanding of Jesus in His historical and cultural context; learn more about Him as our friend; allow the truth of who He is to confront every growing doubt and be better equipped to share the story of Christ with others! Childcare is available. Sign up by March 22 in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.





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

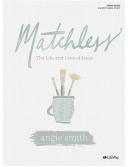
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For All Students July 17 – 22 | North Greenville University Cost: \$379 / \$100 deposit

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.

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



FUGECAMPS 2023



Caption of the Event

Captivated 2023 was such a sweet time for us girls to be able to spend time with and encourage each other! This year we had the pleasure of being taught by Cyndi Thompson (my mom). In our sessions our main focus was on Colossians 3:3." For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." Though it's simple, she reminded us that we die to our earthly selves and live alive in Christ Jesus. Not only did we hear this great message, we got to split up into breakouts and dive deeper, such as testimony, prayer, and being an image bearer. Not to mention, the great worship, games, and food we got to enjoy. My favorite was the silent disco!! — Grace Thompson, 11th grade







Captivated 2023 was a blessing in so many ways! We kicked off the weekend with fellowship, games, worship and a wonderful message from Cyndi Thompson on what it means to be a godly woman. Listening to Cyndi share her testimony and the wisdom she has gained from the Lord throughout her life really ministered to my heart as I'm sure every other heart in the room. I know for me, it spurred me on to keep going, keep seeking the Lord, be eager to taste and see that He is good, listen for Him and know His voice. This means to be intentional with my time and grow deeper in intimacy with my Heavenly Father. Praise God for speaking through Cyndi!

The Saturday breakouts were on Testimony, Prayer, and Image Bearers. I believe those are three topics that will help these girls learn what it means to be a godly woman and how to put it into action. A friend of mine told me that we all have the same God sized Holy Spirit within us, it is never too early to grow in an intimate relationship with Jesus through prayer, sharing our testimony, and being a reflection of our Holy Father that is restored through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This generation is now and they are mirrors and lights in this world. We ended the weekend with karaoke! Every smile brought so much joy to my heart.

I am so grateful to have been a part of this event. God is good, He is faithful, and He is Sovereign. I believe He is working in the life of these students and it is a blessing to witness it.

Natalie Pace, Small Group Leader

This Captivated I learned the characteristics of a godly woman and how to be like one! It was such a fun weekend of fellowship and games and food. We got to have a Silent Disco which was a blast. We broke in to sessions and I got to learn about how to share your testimony. We also had a pancake breakfast, nacho bar, and a ton of desserts! Saturday we had karaoke where we got to go up on stage and sing in front of the whole group. I'm so thankful for our Taylors Students girls and all the women that helped make Captivated happen!

- Macy Powell, 9th grade

I had the privilege of volunteering at the Captivated, a weekend focused on pouring into the young women students of our church.

Cyndi Thompson spoke on the characteristics of a godly woman and what it looks like to die to self and truly be alive in Jesus! She said, a godly woman "knows her Father's voice" and that really resonated with me. She used the story of Mary Magdaline when Jesus appeared to her after his resurrection. She was so distracted and distraught that she didn't recognize Him at first but then He said her name and she instantly knew His voice. It is so easy to get distracted and overwhelmed with all the chaos that surrounds us but we have to be able to discern His voice from the rest and it needs to be His Word that we listen for. It's my prayer that it resonated with those young ladies as well. We then broke up into small groups and the girls were able to dive a little deeper into discussion.

In the Image Bearer of God breakout session, we spent the time in scripture discussing how vastly different God says we are to be versus what the world tells us to be. God designed each of us uniquely different with different gifts and talents and he has called us to reflect those aspects of God to others. What's even better is that the closer we draw to Jesus; the more closely we reflect His image. Such rich teaching! — Heather Greene, Life Group Leader





Captivated was a fun learning experience for me. I was able to hear from Cyndi Thompson on how to be a godly woman, which I hadn't heard much about before. Some of the characteristics she listed I hadn't thought of, so it was very eyeopening. I also really enjoyed being together with other girls of different ages and pouring our hearts out to God in worship. Seeing all of us come together for one sole purpose is what I want to experience every day. — Rebekah DeMars, 12th grade









Rec'd Moms is a group for moms with children ages five and under meeting every other Tuesday morning.Your children will have time to play, you'll connect with other mothers, and enjoy coffee, tea, and conversation.Each session we will have new activities.

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



NEW IN MARCH

Gentle Beginner Yoga — Wednesdays, 4:00 - 4:45 pm Men's Pick-up Basketball — Monday Nights

HAVE IDEAS?

We are interested in your ideas for new classes, games, and how we can serve you best. Contact Dawn Vanasse at 864-292-4058 or dawnv@taylorsfbc.org.

SUMMER CAMPS

Camps are coming this summer — dance, tumble, adventure, pickleball, basketball, and tennis. Be on the look out for more information and how to sign up.

MEMBERSHIP

In order to utilize the facilities, everyone is required to join the Taylors Rec Center. Guests are allowed two visits, free of charge, before joining.

Full Facility Membership Includes Walking Track, Cardio/Weight Room, Group Fitness Classes, Gymnasium, Game Room, WiFi, Cafe.

Learn more at taylorsrec.com!



Friday Mornings

ESTABLISH NETWORK



Internships

We are excited to offer our Establish Network Internships for 2023. Our internships provide the opportunity 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 beginning March 15 through April 16. Visit taylorsfbc.org/interns for more information.

Taylors Institute Seminar

March 5 | 4:00 pm

Dr. Nathan Finn, Teaching Pastor, will present "Why We Can Trust the Bible." The seminar will include a preview of the Taylors Institute with a 45 minute presentation on the topic followed by a time for attendees to ask questions.

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





XYZ Fellowship

Monday, March 13 | 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.

March Program: "Helping Seniors Thrive" Tom Turner, President/CEO South Carolina Baptist Ministries of Aging

Sign up by March 8 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 Monday, March 13, through Sunday, April 9!



Our Church Family

Celebrate new members, anniversaries, stewardship, and more.

Welcome New Members



Hunter Clamp Joined February 12, 2023 by Letter



David and Sharon Furniss Joined February 12, 2023 by Statement



Garrett Hartenburg Joined February 12, 2023 by Statement



Shayne and Kristen Newcomb Joined February 12, 2023 by Statement



Thomas and Sara Beth Crowe Joined February 12, 2023 by Letter



Tanner and Kinsey Garrick Joined February 5, 2023 Kinsey by Baptism Tanner by Letter



Lynn Marquis Joined February 12, 2023 by Statement



Robert and Camille Thompson Joined February 12, 2023 by Letter

Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ, through believer's baptism: Kinsey Garrick

In Memoriam

Lisa Hamby November 26, 1959 - January 26, 2023

Mary Jane Ashmore February 4, 1936 - February 1, 2023

Rick Lambert January 23, 1942 - February 14, 2023

Elaine Taylor February 18, 1941 - February 16, 2023

Don Batson May 2, 1935 - February 23, 2023

Montine Mitchell August 4, 1938 - February 24, 2023

Sunday Statistics

| | 2/5 | 2/12 | 2/19 | 2/26 |
|------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|
| Nursery | 53 | 39. | | 42 |
| Preschool | 8 | 62. | | 67 |
| Elementary | 62 | 86. | 77 | 84 |
| Students | 102 | 101. | | 113 |
| College | 14 | 36. | | 40 |
| Adults | 635 | 569. | 611 | 614 |
| Life Group Total | 979 | 978. | 1,025 | 1046 |
| Morning Worship | 1,397 | 1,411. | 1,443 | 1505 |
| Lord's Supper | | | | |

Staff Anniversaries

MARCH Diann Greer — 19 years of service Doug Fredricks — 2 years of service

Photos Not Available

Lela Crowe Joined February 12, 2023 by Watchcare

Sue Holt Joined February 19, 2023 by Statement

January Stewardship

MONTH TO DATE

| Budget Receipts | \$486,892 |
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| Actual Receipts | \$328,280 |
| Actual Spent | \$461,438 |

YEAR TO DATE

| Budget Receipts | \$486,892 |
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Ways to Give

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In the Church Center App

Online at taylorsfbc.org/give

Bring your tithe/offering to the Church Office

Mail your tithe/offering to the Church Office

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

Legacy Giving: Give through your estate as a bequest

Volunteers are Needed on Sundays in Taylors Children!

Children's Welcome Team 9:20 - 10:00 am or 10:40 - 11:15 am

Teachers and Assistants 8:30, 9:40, or 11:00 am

Contact Melissa Mayer, **Taylors Children Ministry**

Assistant, at melissam@taylorsfbc.org to learn more.

Welcome Hunter!

Hunter Clamp recently joined our team in the area of Maintenance. He is a South Carolina native and a recent graduate of North Greenville University (NGU). He's no stranger to Taylors First Baptist, as he's been actively apart of our College Ministry over the last few years.



While he loves sports, playing his guitar and all things outdoors, he is eager to return to NGU and complete graduate studies, with a goal of one day becoming a Pastor.

We are excited to have Hunter on our team.

Shop our Online Bookstore!

Shop with "10 of Those" through our online bookstore curated with books from our Ministerial Team plus many more! Click on the link on our homepage at taylorsfbc.org.







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 3/5)

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 3/5)

Evening

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

Stay Connected

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Download the Church Center App Google Play or The App Store.

Connect on Social Media @taylorsfbc @taylorsstudents @taylorsclg @taylorsrec @taylorswomen @taylorschildren

Wednesday Evenings

No Dinner or Activities on March 22 due to Spring Break!

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

March 1: Turkey and dressing with sweet potato crisp, green beans and coleslaw or Chick-fil-A
March 8: Breakfast with bacon/sausage, grits, eggs, biscuits, and gravy or Chick-fil-A
March 15: Pork loin with gravy, potatoes with cream sauce, and broccoli with cheese sauce or Chick-fil-A
March 29: Baked spaghetti, salad, corn, 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.

Taylors Worship: Rehearsals

Worship Choir, 6:15 pm Orchestra, 6:30 pm Traditional Choir, 7:55 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

