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Establish

Network

Our Goal is to send multiplying leaders to make disciples and establish the church in our state, within the United States, and among the Nations.





Reach WEEKEND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Go Gathering: Reach the Nations at 6:00 pm

6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Taylors Ministry Center

Everyone is invited to join us for a time to meet with International Mission Board Leadership and field personnel serving in South Asia. We will have a time of worship, a message from Brother John from the International Mission Board (IMB), as well as a panel discussion with IMB personnel serving in South Asia.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served and childcare will be provided. Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or on the Church Center App.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

One Service at 10:00 am

Message by Paul Chitwood, President of International Mission Board

Join us for an exciting celebration as we worship together, hear from the president of the IMB, as well as missionaries to South Asia. You don't want to miss this special Sunday!

Come at 9:00 am to grab some coffee, and get to know more about opportunities to *live sent* in our community and the communities of our Reach Partners by visiting the tables set up in the Welcome Center.

Nursery and Preschool will meet at 10:00 am.
No other Life Groups will meet.

At 12:00 pm we'll host a Lunch and Learn for the Palmetto Collective in the Student Worship Area.



The mission of our church is to Change the World for Jesus! The vision of Reach is to glorify God as we SEND the members of Taylors FBC to make disciples of their NEIGHBORS and among ALL NATIONS. We will see the vision fulfilled as members of the church invest in the following ways:

PRAY

As we PRAY, we express our faith in God and our complete reliance upon Him. Our specific prayer is that He would work powerfully through us, and our ministry partners, to accomplish His mission! Fervent PRAYER is a vital component in our mission strategy.

GIVE

As we GIVE, we express our faith in God and our faithfulness to His mission. On Reach Sunday, we will collect an offering to both support the work of our Reach partners, and to send members of Taylors FBC to work alongside of them on Reach trips! Sacrificial GIVING is needed for our church and our Reach partners to be adequately resourced for the mission!

GO

As we GO, we express our faith in God and our commitment to His mission. Every disciple of Jesus is called to be on mission - making disciples where we live, work and play. While all of us are being sent into our local community, some will also be sent to minister in the communities of our partners on Reach Trips. Passionate GOING with the Gospel is required for the Kingdom of God to advance!



Sunday's Guest

Paul Chitwood was elected president of the IMB in November 2018. He previously had served as executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention since 2011. For 18 years prior to that, Chitwood served as the pastor of local churches of varying sizes in Kentucky. During his pastorates, he served as chairman of the International Mission Board's trustees from 2008-10, part of his tenure as an IMB trustee from 2002-10. A native of Jellico, Tenn., Chitwood is a 1992 graduate of Cumberland College and earned the Master of Divinity and Ph.D. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a master's degree in nonprofit administration from the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. He served as a faculty member of the seminary between 2002 and 2018. He and his wife, Michelle, have four children.





Send Relief: Morocco Earthquake



On Friday night, September 8, a powerful magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck Morocco's High Atlas Mountains. In an instant, buildings were destroyed and more than 2,900 lives were lost. More than 5,500 people have been injured. Most of the damage is in remote, mountainous villages that are hard to reach. The death toll is expected to rise as search and rescue efforts continue. Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to send funds to help with the Send Relief efforts in Morocco. Please pray for the people of Morocco as they process the physical and emotional devastation of the earthquake. Recovery will be a long-term process and Send Relief is committed to staying until the job is done.

October is Our Month of Impact

October will be a very special month in the life of our church as we take a laser-like look at what it means to live SENT. We have already been on a journey through the Book of Acts as Pastor Josh has been teaching us what it means to live as ambassadors of Jesus Christ — sent by the Holy Spirit, sent to proclaim the Word of God, sent out into the world. The focus of this month is not an attempt to mobilize more people to go on Reach Trips, but rather to live each day on mission... to live sent. Even now, we are praying that this month of investment will bear fruit for an eternity of impact!



LIFE GROUPS IN OCTOBER

To really focus on living SENT, each of our Adult Life Groups will be working through a curriculum that is focused on mobilizing and equipping every member of the Taylors FBC family to engage people with the Gospel — where they live, work and play.

Week One: Vision for Gospel Urgency

Week Two: What is the Gospel and how do I share it?

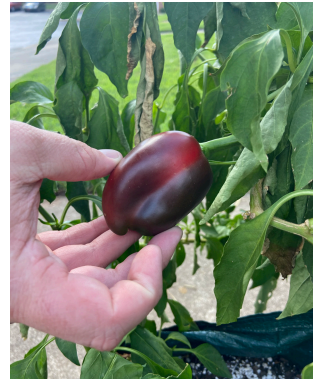
Week Three: How do I share my salvation testimony?

Week Four: With whom do I share?

This is a great month to join a Life Group! Visit taylorsfbc.org/life-groups to see the groups.

Community Outreach

Members of Taylors FBC, ENGAGED in the mission of God – serving people and sharing the Good News!



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Join Our Reach Partner



As local churches seek to welcome, serve and learn from their refugee and immigrant neighbors, many encounter challenges that prevent our new neighbors from fully integrating and flourishing in our communities.

We invite you to join us for a conversation in exploring how the church and the local community can provide love, welcome and support to our newest neighbors through advocating for their holistic well-being as they struggle with unique vulnerabilities.

Join Bri Stensrud (Women of Welcome), Pastor Charles Kenya (Neema Church), Kristel Acevedo (Transformation Church), Dr. Tony Beam (North Greenville University), as well as Matthew Soerens and Todun Afolabi from World Relief as we explore God's heart for the sojourner and how we can share the love of Jesus to our neighbors in both word and deed.

Register here: <https://worldrelief.org/upstate-sc/welcoming-the-stranger/>



Worship in October

Psalm 147:1 says “Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.”



Night of Worship

October 29 | 6:00 pm | Taylors Picnic Shelter

Join us Sunday night October 29 at 6:00 pm for an Outdoor Night of Worship down at The Taylors Picnic Shelter! As the psalmist writes, “It is good to sing praises to our God;” This special service is for the church body to worship outdoors in the beauty of God’s creation, to sing, share scripture and to encounter the Lord together.

Parking will be available at the ball fields and at the picnic shelter. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Stay and enjoy ice cream following the Night of Worship!

Worship in November



EVENING OF WORSHIP

Lord's Supper/ Memorial Service

Sunday, November 19 | 5:00 pm

On Sunday, November 19, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together and observe our annual memorial service remembering those in our church family who passed away in 2023. Join us for a time of Scripture, songs, and encouragement.

Worship in December



*Christmas
at Taylors*

SAVE THESE DATES!

Taylor's Christmas Worship "What Child is This?"

November 30 at 7:30 pm | December 3 at 10:00 am

Children's Musical: "Miracle on Main Street"

December 10 at 6:00 pm

Christmas Lessons and Carols

December 17 at 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24 at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

Taylors Students



16:13 Guys Event For 6th to 12th Grade Guys

November 3 - 4 at Taylors FBC

Join us for an event for the guys of Taylors Student Ministry to spend intentional time together through worship, teaching, activities, and fellowship. Bring a friend and sign up today!

Cost is \$30 and includes food, activities, and a t-shirt. Beginning October 1, sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.

Winter Retreat

February 9 - 11 at Asbury Hills

Join us for our Winter Retreat! We will be heading to Asbury Hills for a weekend of biblically-centered worship, engaging teaching, and intentional time with small groups. There will be outdoor activities, fellowship with one another, and new memories to make with Taylors Students!

Sign up between October 15 and January 14 for \$189, or between January 15 and 28 for \$219, at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App.



FUGE Camp

July 15-20 at North Greenville University

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.

Cost: \$389. Secure your spot with a non-refundable payment of \$100 at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App beginning October 1.

Taylor's College



The college ministry here at Taylor's FBC has been experiencing an exciting and vibrant season of growth, marked by an increased hunger for the Word of God and a deep sense of community among students. The blessings from the Lord are sweet and evident. One of the biggest evidences is having to relocate The Gathering, our Wednesday night mid-week gathering, to the Taylor's Ministry Center to accommodate everyone.

This surge in growth is a testament to the genuine eagerness of students to dive into their faith and engage with the teachings of the Bible. The hunger for God's Word has ignited a desire genuinely learn about Jesus and develop a more profound connection with their faith. This semester we have been studying the names of God each Wednesday night and recognizing His character through those names. Without fail, we are hearing testimony each week of how God has provided, been their peace, and proved faithful in these students' lives.

One of the significant impacts of this growth has been the transformation in the lives of the students. As they become more dependent on God and immerse themselves in His teachings, they are learning to ask meaningful and thought-provoking questions about life, purpose, and their faith. The reliance on God has fostered a sense of unity and genuine friendships among the students, encouraging them to support and uplift one another in their college journeys.

God has been so kind to us in allowing us to plant seeds and see them grow. We are moving into the Month of Impact with excitement to see how God is going to develop a "sending culture" within this ministry. The college ministry at Taylor's FBC remains committed to creating an environment where students can cultivate a strong foundation in their faith and witness God's name being magnified through their lives. We hope to develop "deep roots and strong limbs" each week. With God's blessings, the college ministry is excited to embrace the future and see the incredible ways God will continue to work in the lives of the students, making His name great and impacting the world around them.



XYZ Fellowship

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

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



2023
IT'S FALL Y'ALL
KICK-OFF TO FALL
OCTOBER 19 | 5:30 PM

Join us for our annual fall celebration for Taylor's Senior Adults and Guests 60+!
Wear the colors of your favorite football team and join us for It's Fall Y'all.
Entertainment will be by vocalist Lyn Westafer. Cost: \$12 includes dinner.

Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events by October 15.

The banner features a green background with diagonal lines. On the left, there is an orange football, a yellow whistle, and a red hand pointing up. On the right, there is a red football helmet and a red and yellow cleat. The text is centered and uses various colors and fonts to create a festive, sports-themed look.



Taylor's Family Campout



Join us for Family Campout!

October 27-28 | Taylor's Rec Picnic Shelter

Join us for a beautiful night under the stars. The cost is \$35 per family and includes dinner, campfire snacks, and breakfast. Last year was such a fun time of fellowship as the kids played freely and the parents connected in good conversation around the campfire.

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





Hunter Clamp — Establish Resident!

Hunter Clamp is our newest Establish Resident! He is a South Carolina native and a graduate of North Greenville University (NGU). As part of the Establish Residency, he will have the opportunity to earn a Master of Arts degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS), as well as work alongside our ministry team to gain first-hand experience in ministry and missions. We are thankful to have Hunter with us and expectant of where God will send him!



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PRE-ACADEMY

Our family has been at Taylors First Pre-Academy for over a decade. Our youngest is in K5 at Taylors and our other three boys are thriving in public school and we have the wonderful staff at Taylors to thank for that. The educators have instilled in all our children a love of learning at an early age that they have carried with them. We are so grateful for such a wonderful school.

— Brooke Caudill

Stay Connected at Taylors FBC

Wednesday Nights

Family Dinner, 5:15 - 6:10 pm

October 4: Lasagna with salad, peas, and garlic bread, or Chick-fil-A

October 11: Barbecue chicken with mac and cheese, purple speckled beans, and butter beans, or Chick-fil-A

October 18: Breakfast with bacon or sausage, grits, eggs, gravy, and biscuits, or Chick-fil-A

October 25: 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 and at taylorsfbc.org/events.

Weekly

Taylors Worship: Rehearsals

Worship Choir, 6:15 pm

Orchestra, 6:30 pm

Traditional Choir, 7:20 pm

Grief Support for Spouses

6:15 - 7:45 pm | Room B132/133 (through 10/18)

Equip Institute

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Room B232-233

Pastor's Bible Study

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Taylors Children: Nursery and Konnect

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

Taylors Students: Rise for Middle School

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

Taylors College and Young Professionals: The Gathering

7:30 - 9:00 pm | The Loft

Monthly

Moms on Mission

October 4: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Room C126

Mission 1:27 Support Group

October 4: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Room B127

Sunday Mornings

8:30 am: Band Led Worship

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups

Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade (except 10/1)

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 10/1)

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Our Church Family

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

Welcome New Members



Adam Black
September 17, 2023
by Letter



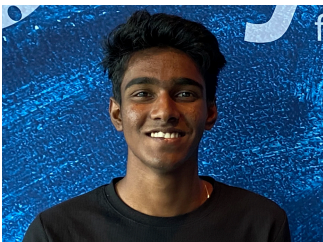
Samuel Blevins
September 17, 2023
by Statement



Jared and Olivia Blount
September 17, 2023
by Statement



Rudie Boehme
September 10, 2023
by Baptism



Abishai Cherian
September 17, 2023
by Watchcare



Trish Clark
September 17, 2023
by Letter



Caroline DeJesus
September 3, 2023
by Statement



Tim Fitzgerald
September 17, 2023
by Statement



Kayley Harmon
September 10, 2023
by Baptism



Connor and Allyson
Pearce
September 17, 2023
by Letter



Ivy Peterson
September 10, 2023
by Baptism



Solomon Stephens
September 17, 2023
by Watchcare

Sunday Statistics

	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24
Nursery	25	46	44	39
Preschool	45	71	65	60
Elementary	64	97	92	84
Students	85	97	98	93
College	59	63	45	54
Adults	607	741	632	685
Life Group Total.....	981	1232	1087	1125
Morning Worship....	1306	1452	1281	1394
Lord's Supper			527	

Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ through believer's baptism: Rudie Boehme, Kayley Harmon, Ivy Peterson

In Memoriam

Jo Nelson

October 6, 1938 - August 22, 2023

Staff Anniversaries

OCTOBER

Daryl Hopkins — 30 years of service

David Plumblee — 19 years of service

Nancy Slice — 13 years of service

August Stewardship

MONTH TO DATE

Budget Receipts	\$486,892
Actual Receipts	\$464,790
Actual Spent	\$437,915

YEAR TO DATE

Budget Receipts	\$3,895,134
Actual Receipts	\$3,268,835
Actual Spent	\$3,716,895

Ways to Give



In the Church Center App



Online at taylorstfbc.org/give



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



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Mail your tithe/offering to the Church Office



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Kathy Dority

Retiring in November

Kathy Dority, Minister of Connections, will be retiring November 2. Kathy came to Taylors First Baptist Church in 2005 as the Minister of Adults. Since that time she has worn many hats, most recently Minister of Connections where she has had the opportunity to oversee Taylors Women, Love Taylors, Connections, and other ministries. In all of her roles she has led with integrity and faithfulness. We are thankful for her ministry and her impact on the lives of many!

Join Us for a Retirement Celebration Honoring Kathy Dority

November 5 | 3:00 - 5:00 pm
In the Welcome Center

Welcome Ira McCoy, Production Director

We are excited to welcome Ira McCoy as our new Production Director. Ira was most recently a realtor working in the Spartanburg area, but brings a wealth of experience to the Media Ministry, having worked at Biltmore Baptist in Asheville and at Upstate Church. He and his wife, Aubrey, have been married for five years and live in Campobello. He will begin full-time on October 15. Welcome, Ira!

Production Team Luncheon

Sunday, October 22 | 12:00 pm | Connection Center

If you are interested in serving, or currently serve, on the Production Team on Sundays, please join us for this free lunch. Come meet Ira and hear from him, as well as Scott and Kevin, our Worship Team Leaders. Sign up online or in the Church Center App.



Physical Therapy Lunch and Learn

October 10 | 12:15 - 2:00 pm

Mary Kay Heffernan with Elite Integrated Therapy Centers will be discussing vertigo — how to recognize it and ways to treat it. Bring other questions! Our guest Physical Therapist is willing to administer screenings on any other issues. Lunch will be served.

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

Basketball League

We have teams for children, age four, through adults. Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App by October 17.

We need coaches for 1st - 2nd grade boys, 3rd - 5th grade girls, 6th - 8th grade boys and girls, and men's teams.

We also need volunteers to be door greeters, prayer partners, and overall encouragers during this basketball season. This is a way we can serve our members and guests as they enter our facility this season.

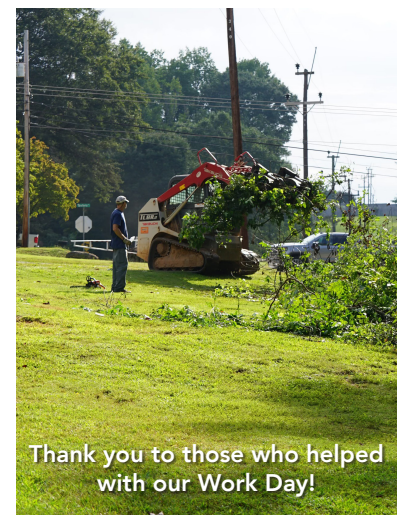
Please contact Dawn Vanasse to volunteer at dawnv@taylorsfbc.org.

Thank You

Thank you, Mike Ramsey, for helping guide our Mens Community Basketball league. It was a great summer.



We have weekly cycling classes.
Visit taylorsrec.com!



Thank you to those who helped
with our Work Day!