



Change the World for Jesus

ENCOUNTER GOD.

EQUIP BELIEVERS.

ENGAGE THE WORLD.

ESTABLISH THE CHURCH.



Greetings church family! For many years I have worked under the impression that God's people will always be a generous people. Each of you have proven my impression to be a reality. The generosity that you have displayed throughout this year has allowed us to implement a vision that we pray God will use to *Change the World for Jesus!!*

We entered our beautifully renovated Fellowship Hall debt free. We've welcomed new interns and residents. We've launched our Equip Institute. We've seen substantial growth in attendance. There is no way that we can look back upon this year and not become overwhelmed by the graciousness of our great God.

That is where generosity comes from.

Generosity is a response to the generosity of God. I have heard my whole life that you cannot outgive God. This axiom has proven true over and over again. The blessings of God are innumerable. It begins with the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Generosity is a change of perspective.

Everything that we have is truly from God, every breath and every heart beat is a gift from Him. We are not the owners, but stewards. How will we use all of God's gifts in our life, including our time, talent and resources, to advance the kingdom of God?

Generosity is a lifestyle.

Since we are blessed by God with every good and perfect gift, we seek to bless others with what we have. Since we are blessed we seek to be a blessing.

Generosity is how the gospel will advance around the world.

If we are truly going to be a people that seeks to Change the World for Jesus, then we have to be a generous people. The gospel is not shared by stingy people. Ministry is not accomplished by stingy people. The gospel ministry flows through a people that are generous with how the Lord has blessed them.

This proposed ministry budget is a plan that can help us at Taylors First Baptist Church to fulfill the mission that the Lord has given us, to *Change the World for Jesus*. In order for us to meet the need of this budget and carry out the ministry here at the church, we must continue to be a generous people.

Thank you church for your faithfulness. You have always been generous and I am confident that your generosity will continue. I look forward to 2024 with great anticipation. I cannot wait to see what the Lord will do through our church.

With much love,
Pastor Josh



QUESTIONS

Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 - 6:45 pm, Room B127:

Members of the Finance Committee and Administration are available to answer questions.

VOTE TO APPROVE MINISTRY PLAN AT CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 12, 8:30, 9:40, and 11:00 am



FROM OUR WORSHIP PASTOR

Worship is at the heart of all we do as believers, and all we do as a church. Worship is when the people of God come together to center our heart's affection and our mind's attention on God, giving Him the glory He deserves and hearing life-changing truth from His word. What happens in worship fuels every ministry of the church, and our outreach beyond the walls to the world.

As the worship-leading ministry at Taylors FBC, each person who leads with their voice or their instrument, and each person who supports through the production team, and helps deliver our services to those who cannot attend in person, is called to point people to Jesus. We love Jesus, we sing to Jesus, we sing about Jesus, we give our best to Jesus, and we serve like Jesus.

Kevin Batson, Worship Pastor

ENCOUNTER GOD

PURPOSE

Know God and Worship Him

GOAL

Individuals are changed by Jesus

MISSION

Preach and sing the Word of God

Present the gospel in truth and fullness always

Worship in a manner that is Christ exalting,
God honoring, and theologically sound



REMEDY

HIGH SCHOOL



FROM OUR EQUIP PASTOR

Each week we have over 1,000 people within our Life Group ministry from nursery to senior adults! In each area the gospel is proclaimed in truth and fullness, the Word of God is engaged, and lives are prayed for and cared for! God is working! Lives are being transformed—hearts, minds, wills, affections, relationships, purpose—and this is only possible through the generous giving of the whole church. Each member sacrificing time, talents, and their treasure to help others grow and follow Jesus! Thank you for fulfilling your role in building up the Body of Christ!

Jeremy Thompson, Equip Pastor

EQUIP BELIEVERS

PURPOSE

Make Disciples who Make Disciples

GOAL

Individuals Walking with Jesus | Life Transformation

MISSION

Teach believers to know and engage the Word of God

Equip believers to live out the gospel by participating in spiritual disciplines

Develop leaders who equip believers for the work of ministry





FROM OUR REACH PASTOR

The vision of the Reach ministry is to glorify God by sending the members of Taylors FBC to make disciples of their neighbors and among all the nations. There are 42,000 lost people living within a 3-mile radius of our church, and there are 3,180 unengaged unreached people groups living around the world. These numbers reflect unprecedented need and incredible opportunity for us as a church to double down on our efforts to engage the lost, make disciples and establish churches. In our own community, and in the communities of our partners who serve in LA, New Hampshire and South Asia, there is much work to be done! I am excited about the growing passion at Taylors FBC to see every member mobilized to play a part in fulfilling the Great Commission. Thanks for your generous giving that provides the resources to serve our local community while sharing the Good News. Thanks for making it possible to support our NAMB and IMB partners, and to send church members to labor alongside of them in their church planting efforts. Together we are changing the world for Jesus!

Steven C., Reach Pastor

ENGAGE THE WORLD

PURPOSE

We will spread the knowledge of God's glory by making disciples of all nations.

GOAL

A growing number of Taylors FBC members living as "sent-ones" in their neighborhoods, our nation and among the nations of the world

MISSION

We will mobilize and equip members to share the gospel with urgency

We will provide opportunities to love and serve others.

We will send individuals and families to make disciples of all nations.





ESTABLISH THE CHURCH

PURPOSE

Equip and Send Church Planters and Missionaries

GOAL

Consistently sending multiplying leaders to make disciples and establish the church in our State, within the United States, and among the Nations

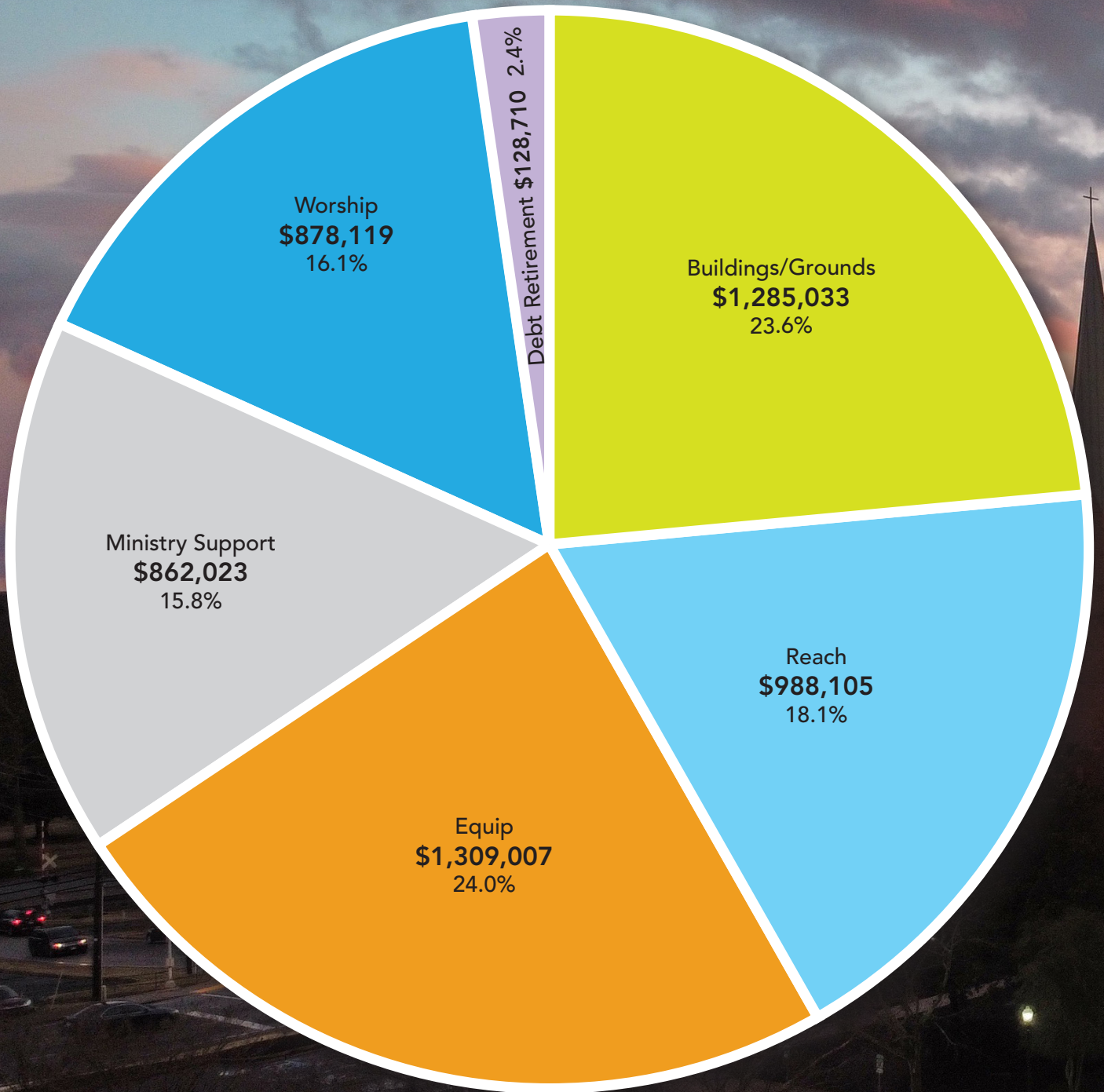
MEANS

Provide opportunities to serve within the Equip and Engage ministries

Explore a calling in ministry through serving as an Intern within the Equip or Reach Ministries

Equip and Send church planters and missionaries through the Establish Network Residency





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Josh Powell, Lead Pastor



REACH **\$744,250**

Southern Baptist Mission Offerings **\$545,000**

Cooperative Program	\$408,750
International: Lottie Moon Offering	\$81,750
North American: Annie Armstrong Offering	\$27,250
State: Janie Chapman Offering	\$10,900
Local: Three Rivers Baptist Association	\$16,350

Local **\$68,200**

Love Taylors	\$23,000
Benevolence: \$14,000	
Evangelism & Outreach: \$7,000	
Leadership Development and Other: \$2,000	
Ministry Partners	\$40,000
Greer Community Ministries: \$2,000	
Piedmont Women's Center: \$2,000	
Taylors Free Medical Clinic: \$25,000	
Greer Christian Learning Center: \$2,000	
Macedonia's Call: \$1,000	
Band of Brothers: \$2,000	
Connie Maxwell: \$2,000	
Good News Club Taylors/Woodland: \$4,000	

Serving Ministries \$3,000

Support Ministries \$2,200

National **\$49,000**

Bodolosky Support	\$4,000
Bhutanese Nepali Church, NC	\$2,500
National Church Plant: Encounter Church	\$2,500
National Church Plant: Los Angeles City #1	\$25,000
National Church Plant: New England #3	\$10,000
National Church Revitalize/Plant	\$5,000

International **\$29,500**

Davis Lar ICF	\$8,000
Mission Partnership/Nora Vos	\$2,500
IMB South Asia Partnership	\$15,000
Woman's Missionary Union	\$4,000

Equipping, Conference, and Connections **\$52,550**

13.6% OF 2024 MINISTRY PLAN



2023 brought so much joy in the lives of our preschoolers here at Taylors FBC. We are so thankful for the generosity of our church so we can continue to minister to parents, families, and children of all ages. Because of God's grace and mercy, we are able to partner with parents to create environments where preschoolers encounter God through worship in our Sunshine Room, be equipped with God's Word through our Gospel Project curriculum, and engage the World with the Gospel. Our purpose is to change the world for Jesus!

Molly Holder, Minister of Preschool



Taylor's Children exists to create environments for children that will have them consistently talking to God through prayer, listening to God through His Word and loving God in obedience. The curriculum that we use on Sunday and Wednesday is Christ-Centered and will have them chronologically walking through the Bible. We desire to equip them in how to dig into God's Word for themselves and think about their responsibility to share the Good News with others. We are always overwhelmed when we think about the generosity of time at Taylor's FBC with having more than 150 volunteers serving with Taylor's Children!

Joseph Eskridge, Minister of Children

EQUIP

\$211,338

Adult / Leadership Development	\$60,888
Preschool / Elementary	\$36,500
Students	\$45,900
College / Single Adults	\$36,800
Senior Adult / Pastoral Care	\$13,300
Women / Men	\$17,950

3.9% OF 2024 MINISTRY PLAN



Thank you Taylors church family for generously giving! It brings me joy to know that we can look at how we give of our resources and see that from babies to our senior saints we truly invest to change the world for Jesus! Getting to lead out with Taylors Students, I get to have a front row seat to see how your generosity overflows into kingdom advancement and lives changed. Let me take a moment and help you see how your gifts have translated in 2023. This year we have seen 16 students receive Jesus and take believer's baptism! There are 40 students serving the body of Taylors during our regular rhythms each week. Taylors Students mobilized over 70 students in 2023 to engage the world by taking the good news of Jesus outside the walls of our church. This year, during our cornerstone events like Fall Retreat, Spring Retreat, and Fuge, 173 students took part in encountering Jesus. The only way Taylors Student Ministry exists and has the ability to reach and equip students to become culture-shaping disciple-makers is because of your generous giving. Thank you church!

Josh Duncan, Minister of Students



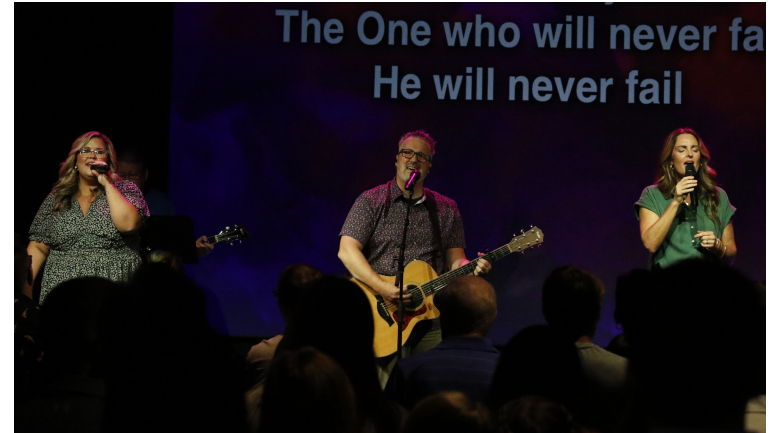
Church family, I am so expectant at what God is doing within the College Ministry here at Taylors First Baptist Church. This ministry plan is strategic to support students and young adults within college ministry. I am thankful for a church that sees the value in equipping and encouraging young adults with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Alex Smith, Minister of College and Young Adults

WORSHIP

\$108,550

Worship Choirs	\$10,700
All Other Choirs	\$12,750
Orchestra / Worship Bands	\$3,900
Media Ministry	\$41,300
Administration	\$31,900
Revival / Guest Speakers	\$8,000

2.0% OF 2024 MINISTRY PLAN



Psalm 34:3 says, "Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His Name together!" At Taylors, one of our core values is Expectant Worship. Simply put: We believe that every time we gather together to ENCOUNTER God we expect to be changed to become more like Jesus. Your generosity allows us to offer worship opportunities for preschool, elementary, students, college, and everyone in between. We pray that God will do the work only He can do as we ENCOUNTER Him weekly and throughout the year with special worship events. Thank you!

Scott Norman, Minister of Worship



Our Senior Adult Ministry exists to create a spiritual environment grounded in God's word through which our Seniors can experience salvation and be disciplined to be disciple-makers. We don't believe our Seniors should glide into heaven on spiritual cruise control. We seek to create an environment which helps them approach heaven as growing and serving followers of Christ right to the end. An important part of that environment comes through Seniors experiencing fellowship with other Seniors. XYZ, Spring Fling, and It's Fall Y'all are important contributors to the fellowship component. Meanwhile, Pastoral Ministry at Taylors exists to minister hope and healing to members and non-members in times of sickness, death, and bereavement. In 2023, hospitalized members, homebound members, and bereaved families have experienced touches of love and caring compassion from their Taylors family – especially through our Mercy and Bereavement Teams, through our Deacon Crisis and Shepherding Teams, and through our Life Groups. Your faithful and generous giving during 2023 has helped make all this personal ministry possible, and will continue to do so in 2024. Thank you for being such gracious givers.

Jerry Long, Minister of Pastoral Care

MINISTRY SUPPORT \$249,108

Office Expense / Equipment / Furnishings	\$21,800
Printing	\$9,000
Copiers	\$15,624
Computer	\$60,204
Financial	\$45,800
Marketing	\$33,350
Food Service	\$7,900
Transportation	\$8,500
Lord's Supper / Baptismal	\$2,000
Safety / Security / Nurse	\$34,780
History	\$1,500
Deacons	\$2,750
Stewardship Development	\$5,400
Wedding Director	\$500

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS \$847,280

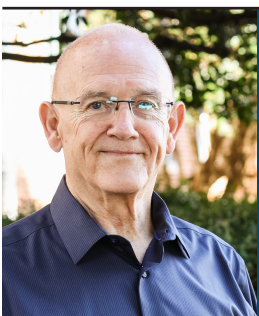
Utilities	\$360,720
Buildings & Facilities & Insurance	\$486,560

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The Equip Institute was launched officially this year with an overview of the Christian Story. In 2024, we will turn our attention to Christian Belief and Christian Formation. While the Wednesday night sessions will continue to be the backbone of the Institute, we will also host some special events that compliment the weekly schedule. Our goal for 2024 is to continue to be an important part of our church's overall discipleship strategy by equipping our members to think rightly about God and His Word for the sake of living rightly before God in His world.

Nathan Finn, Teaching Pastor

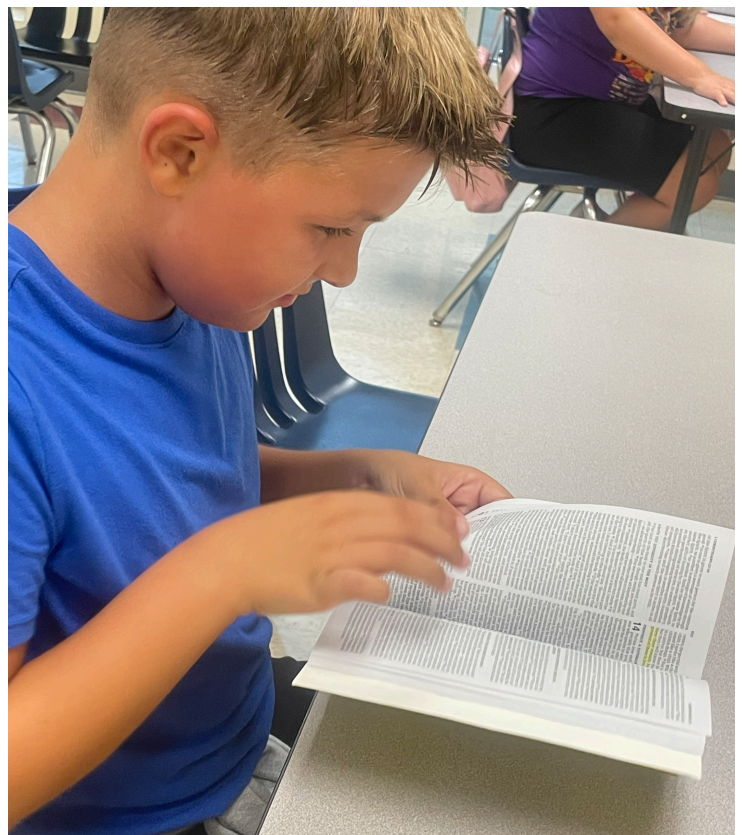
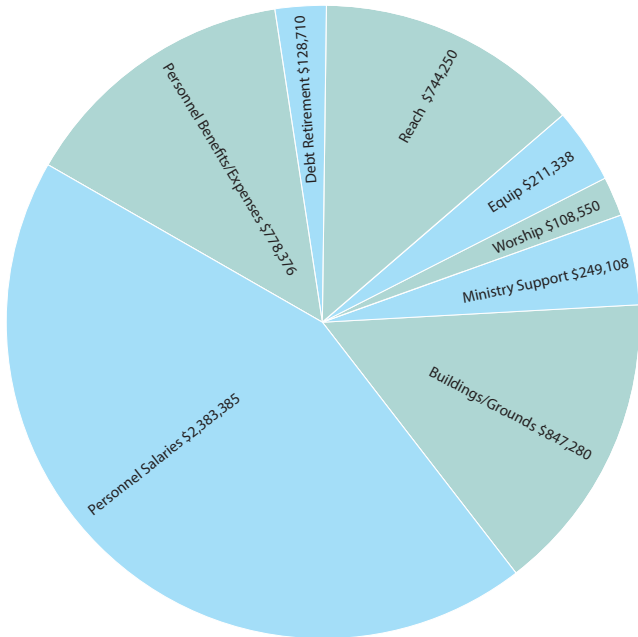


Taylor's Rec: Play with a Purpose. Taylor's Rec is more than sports, classes and activities. It is purposeful play. The purpose is the building of relationships with those who have similar loves and interests. Through these shared interests we have the opportunity to share the saving love of Jesus Christ because we, through relationships, have won the right to be heard. It is the desire of the Taylor's Rec to lift up Jesus Christ in all facets of the rec ministry. Thank you for your generous giving through the years that has made this possible.

Daryl Hopkins, Minister of Recreation

2024 MINISTRY PLAN \$5,450,997

Reach	\$744,250	13.6%
Equip	\$211,338	3.9%
Worship	\$108,550	2.0%
Ministry Support	\$249,108	4.6%
Building/Grounds	\$847,280	15.5%
Personnel Salaries	\$2,383,385	43.7%
Personnel Benefits/Expenses	\$778,376	14.3%
Debt Retirement	\$128,710	2.4%



STEWARDSHIP

MANAGING GOD'S RESOURCES FOR HIS GLORY



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PASTOR

As believers, we are called to be faithful stewards of every gift that God has entrusted to us. This means using our time, talents, and financial assets wisely and in a manner that reflects our love for Christ. Following God's principles of generosity and stewardship is not only a requirement of faithfulness, but also an act of worship.

The Scriptures provide specific instructions for Christian generosity (Mark 10:17-27). In the story of the rich young ruler, Christ teaches that giving is an expression of worship and that our handling of financial resources is a reflection of the state of our heart. As such, it is our duty as followers of Christ to be financially responsible supporting of our families, the church and communities.

Not only are we called to be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us, but also to grow and multiply them. By investing our time and resources in the kingdom of God, we can make an even greater impact and bring more glory to His name. This means that we accomplish much more together than individually.

Let's commit ourselves to being faithful stewards of God's resources, knowing that we will one day stand before Him to give an account of how we have managed what He has given us. By faithfully following Biblical principles of generosity and stewardship, we can honor God and make a positive impact on the world around us.

Our church leadership is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, confidentiality, and transparent financial accountability when it comes to handling all tithes and offerings. We believe it is important to provide our members with the confidence that their generous gifts are being managed with the utmost care and to accomplish the mission and ministry of Taylors FBC bringing glory to Christ's name.

In his book, "Weakness is the Way: Life with Christ Our Strength," J.I. Packer reflects on Paul's instructions to the church at Corinth. He reminds us that as faithful believers, we should "give all we readily, easily, and comfortably can, and then prove our zeal and wholeheartedness for God by giving something more." These challenging words remind us of the sacrifice of Christ and that He is worthy of our sacrificial giving.

I encourage you to commit to growing in generosity and sacrificial giving, for the sake of God's kingdom and His glory. Your generosity has a significant impact as we together Change the World for Jesus.

Chris DeWease, Executive Pastor

WAYS TO GIVE



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 or offering to the Church Office



Mail your tithe or 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

**We the church exist to
display the glory of God
by being built upon and
centered in the gospel
of Jesus Christ and
by living generously to
reach a world
desperate for hope.**



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