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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



Pictured left to right: Ken, Rivers, Josh, Kaitlyn, Sophia, Nora, Chase, Ava, Kathy Dority



In our 29 years at Taylors FBC **Kathy Dority has been one of God's greatest gitts** to us. God has enriched and matured our lives through Kathy's faithfulness to partner with us in weekly prayer for the Body at Taylors for over 13 years. She has mentored and encouraged us in our role as Life Group Leaders and shepherds. It is difficult to overstate the impact she has had on us. We wish her and Kenny all the greatest blessings God has to offer and just say, "we love you dearly Kathy!" — David and Kim Massie

### Kathy has a collection of ministries she has

received over the years. Such ministries include: Love Taylors, Connections, Women's Ministry, Marriage Ministry and many others. But, this diversity is a testimony to her faithfulness to God and His people. Kathy has faithfully exercised the gifts she has been given for the building up of Taylors FBC and to reaching our community! Kathy, thank you for your faithfulness and excellent service in so many areas and for so many people! Well done! — Jeremy Thompson, Equip Pastor

**Before coming to work for Kathy**, she was already a role model of the faith to me. Her love for the Lord, His Word, and His people was so evident in all she did. What a blessing it has been to sit under her wisdom, kindness, and mentorship, but even more what a gift her friendship has become. Kathy once told me that her deepest prayer was to be soft clay in the Potter's hands, and she has definitely been that over the years, but she has also helped countless others seek to be soft clay, trusting and delighting in the Potter in all seasons. I know she will continue to pray this prayer in this new season of life and am excited to see how the Lord continues to shape her and Ken! Kathy, you are a treasure to me! Thank you for your impact on my life. — Shianne Bujtor

Kathy made me feel so welcome as a new member of Taylors FBC. I asked to meet with her because I wanted her guidance on a place of service in the church and through her wisdom, she connected me to just the right ministry that brings joy to my heart! God bless you, Kathy, as you seek the Lord's direction on what His plans are for you. I know wherever He leads you will be a blessing to others as you continue to serve our Lord! Much Love!! — Sheri Metz





#### **My beautiful friendship** with Kathy began way back in 2006 when the Lord called me to work and serve closely with her in ministry for the following 12 ½ years! What a blessing and privilege to get to know her!! She enriches my life in numerous ways as a woman, a mom, co-worker, friend, sister in Christ, confidant, amazing encourager, and faithful

prayer warrior! If I could only choose one of her many gifts, talents, and attributes to highlight, it would be her PRAYER! She prays personally, scripturally, earnestly, beautifully, spontaneously, sincerely, expectantly, and gratefully trusting our Lord... It warms my heart most when I see Kathy and another person (I love it when it's me!) standing to the side among a busy crowd of people, with heads bowed, hands or shoulders touching, unaware of the noise around them, calling out to our Lord Jesus!

— Paula Overstreet





**It has been such a joy** getting to know Kathy over the past few years. Her love for the Word and His people is so admirable and contagious. We have been incredibly blessed as a church by her leadership, her wisdom, and her dependence on Him. I'm grateful and blessed to call her my friend and I pray she will enjoy this next season of life! — Maria Hine



### Our memories run deep and wide

from mission trips (Calgary, Canada specifically) to marriage mentoring training to fun bike adventures.
You are a true friend.! Your faith is abounding and an inspiration to us — always challenging us to dig deeper.
Thanks for your commitment to the Lord and your job, seeking to bring others into His service, developing community, teaching us how to be disciples and to love one another. We shall miss you, but the friendship will never end! — Donna and Bo Davies



#### Getting to know Kathy has been one of my biggest blessings! Her

kindness, love for all people, and wisdom in how to create a ministry through Guest Services has been amazing to witness! I know the Lord will continue to use her in mighty ways for his glory! — Ashley Mitchell



#### We are so grateful to Kathy. She

has always encouraged and challenged us to grow in our walk with Christ. She has always been such a bright light, a welcoming smile, an understanding hug. She has counseled and led with humility and wisdom. She will always hold a special place in our hearts. We will forever be grateful for the time we were under her leadership. We wish her a joyful, well-deserved retirement! — Jen and Brian Newton



As my sister in Christ, Kathy has been my coworker, boss, prayer partner, encourager, confidant, fellow servant, role model of a lady who not only exhibits Godly character but lives it — Kathy is my friend! Kathy my prayer is for you to identify where God wants to use you in this next season of your life's journey so that His love will continue to flow through you to others as His faithful servant! I love you friend! — Lin Cunningham



### Congratulations to Kathy on her

upcoming retirement!!! Kathy has always been so encouraging to me. She has been someone who has seen the best in me and spurred me to continue seeking Christ continuously. I am blessed to have had the chance to be mentored and serve alongside of her. So thankful for all her prayers and much needed advice. Her fruits of her ministry shine throughout our church and the countless lives have been impacted for Gods kingdom. I know God will continue to use her gifts in this church and for His kingdom. — Mallory Gilmore

### Kathy is such an encourager. she

impressed me from the first time I met her about 13 years ago. I was (and still am) amazed by her ability to remember people's names. She always takes a moment to smile, greet you by name, and ask how you are; not just to be polite, she really wants to know! She is never too busy to answer a question or give heart felt recommendations. Her love for the Lord is so evident and she shows it to everyone she encounters. She will truly be missed as a staff member, but I am thankful that she will "still be around," as she has stated. Congratulations on your retirement, Kathy! — Darlene Jacob

When I first joined Taylors, Kathy was such a help to me, guiding me to ministries and community within the church. It will be fun to see where God takes her in this next stage of life. Best wishes! — Louise Rogers.



### -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.

### **David Phelps Concert** with Special Guest, Sandi Patty

January 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm Taylors First Baptist Church



Purchase tickets for \$25 beginning November 12 in the Welcome Center or Church Office. Artist Circle tickets, \$45.



### Taylors Christmas Worship What Child is This?

Join us for a moving experience of worship, featuring the Taylors Worship Choir and Orchestra, with the Blue Ridge High School Drumline, as we welcome the season of Christmas.

• November 30 at 7:30 pm Childcare available for children up to age 4.

Christmas at Taylos

December 3 at 10:00 am Childcare available for children up to age 5.

### Children's Musical Miracle on Main Street

December 10 at 6:00 pm Childcare available for children up to age 3.

### **Christmas Lessons & Carols**

December 17 at 6:00 pm Childcare available for children up to age 4.

### **Christmas Eve Worship**

December 24 at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm Childcare available for children up to age 5 at 10:00 am only.



#### - Sent to Taylors, SC

Although there are many churches and a long history of Gospel witness in our community, the time has come for us to start thinking differently about Taylors, SC. We recently learned that there are 54,844 people living within a 3-mile radius of our church. Surveys indicate that 78% of these people identify as non-Christian. That's 42,778 lost people living literally within walking distance of our church. This reality must stir our hearts to begin thinking and acting differently as a church. We must become much more intentional about the ways we engage our community, seeking to serve them and share the Good News of the Gospel with them.

For several months now, a small group of people have been gathering every Tuesday morning to pray specifically for the Lord to raise up more workers for the harvest in our community and around the world. It's been exciting to see the Lord answering this prayer as a growing number of people are more boldly sharing the Gospel in our community. It's been particularly exciting to see several breakthroughs in one of our local areas where members are going every week to prayer walk and share the Gospel with the people they meet. Doors are opening for us to connect with many and to begin studying the Bible with people who are not yet at a place where they would feel comfortable coming to our church. God is removing barriers and making a way for our church's mission to advance in unlikely places. Praise the Lord!

"On Thursday afternoons a few of us gather to walk through this community looking for opportunities to strike up conversations that we try to steer toward openings to share the gospel. I can honestly say that I can feel the Lord's hand on this because we've seen numerous opportunities to plant and water seeds there. We would love to see more folks join us in this outreach and we have been looking at other communities to branch out into if we could multiply our number who are participating in this outreach. We truly have mission fields just outside the door of our church and it's exciting to be involved; therefore, I would encourage anyone who is looking for an opportunity to be personally involved in carrying out the Great Commission to come join us." — David Pilkington

#### Prayer and Engagement Opportunities

#### **Prayer for the Harvest**

• Every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 am in the Taylors Rec Center.

#### Time in the Harvest

Come join us for these engagement opportunities as we spend time prayer walking, sharing the gospel, and making disciples in the community!

- Every Thursday from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Meet in the Church Office.
- 1st Saturday of the Month, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, alongside Village Wrench. Meet at Spring Grove Apartments in Taylors.
- Sunday afternoons November 26, December 17, and January 1







#### **Reach Sunday Recap**

On Reach Sunday, every member of the Taylors FBC family was challenged to make a commitment to pray for and financially support the variety of Reach trips planned for 2024. The Reach offering for this year will be used to provide financial support to our ministry partners and to help send members of Taylors FBC to partner with them.

### We were also challenged to make a commitment to...

- Pray fervently for our oikos, the Taylors FBC Reach ministry, and for the ministries of our partners here and around the world.
- Share our testimony and the gospel with someone on our oikos map within the next two weeks.
- Give sacrificially to the Reach offering. This year's offering will go to support both the ministries of our Reach partners and to help send our members to work alongside of them on Reach trips.
  - Use a Reach envelope.
  - Give online at taylorsfbc.org/give and select Reach Offering.
  - Give in the Church Center App and select Reach Offering.
  - Write "Reach" in the memo line of your check.
- Explore the various opportunities to participate in local ministries and 2024 Reach trips.

#### **Next Steps**

- 1. Scan the QR code to record the commitments you are making and to let us know your interest in an upcoming Reach trip.
- 2. Participate in "Go: Explore" on November 12, to learn more detailed information about the individual trips. Join the Reach team as they explain the process for building the teams. At the meeting there will also be a rotation of interest meetings to give more

detail about each of the Reach trips. If you are interested in being part of one of the teams next year, it is very important that you participate in this meeting.

- 3. After attending "Go: Explore," we will ask those interested in a trip to complete a self-assessment. Pray for the Team Leaders who will begin building their teams.
- 4. Everyone placed on a Reach team will be required to attend the mandatory orientation on February 4.





#### The Disciple Cycle

As we consider the command of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20, we cannot deny the responsibility we've been given to not only be disciples, but to also make disciples. Jesus makes this clear in Mark 1:17, when he says to Simon and Andrew, "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." There were two dimensions to His call — follow and fish. Likewise, in Mark 3:13-15, He selects His apostles, and communicated that His expectation was that they "be with Him" and that He would "send them out." Christ's call to every disciple is a call to walk in fellowship with Him, and work in partnership with Him.

The Disciple Cycle is the tool that Taylors FBC has adopted to equip every believer to be a healthy disciple who makes disciples. It is a 12-week study that lays out the biblical patterns that are foundational for every healthy disciple. These biblical patterns are given in a way that equips the learner to follow the patterns and pass them along to the next generation.

"The disciple cycle is an excellent method to understand what being a disciple of Christ is all about, and provides an effective tool to walk alongside new believers as they begin their walk with Christ. The disciple cycle highlights key scripture passages and events in the Bible laying the framework for true discipleship. For me, it was a good reminder of what the Bible says about being a disciple, and challenged me to be more intentional in Bible study, prayer, giving, and sharing the gospel with others. This method is a powerful guide to not only new believers in Christ, but also those who have walked with Christ for many years." — David Westberry

We are beginning a new Disciple Cycle group on Sunday, January 7, at 6:00 pm. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events later this month.





### **Brook Glenn Elementary**

#### Partner with Brook Glenn Elementary, a Love Taylors Partner to provide gifts for students.

- Life Groups or individuals may sign up to sponsor one or more children.
- After signing up, you will be provided a list with a few items requested by parents. Gifts should be delivered to Brook Glenn by December 8.
- Sign up to sponsor a child by contacting lovetaylors@taylorsfbc.org or 864-678-8833 by November 26 or in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings by December 3.

### - Send Relief

### Partner with Send Relief and the International and North American Mission Boards to Meet Needs and Change Lives

- Pick up a Send Relief Gift Catalog in the Welcome Center or visit catalog.sendrelief. org to select gifts online.
- Purchase items to welcome refugees, help farming communities, provide clean water, and share Christ through meeting tangible needs.
- Purchase items to aid with crisis response in hard hit places.
- For more information contact lovetaylors@taylorsfbc.org.



### - Operation Christmas Child

#### Partner with Samaritan's Purse to bless a child around the world with a shoebox full of gifts.

- Pick up shoeboxes in the Welcome Center on Sundays.
- Pack your shoebox with items listed in the brochure provided.
- Pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- Return your filled shoebox to the Welcome Center on Sunday, November 12.
- For more information contact lovetaylors@taylorsfbc.org.







#### **Taylors Seniors**



## **XYZ Fellowship**

Monday, November 13 | 11:15 am | \$8

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



### **Taylors Singles**

## **Sunday Lunch**

Sunday, November 12 | 12:00 pm | \$7

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



### **Taylors Men**

Pig Pickin'

Friday, December 1 6:30 pm | Taylors Rec Picnic Shelter

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





#### **Equip Institute**

The Equip Institute launched officially in September with a Wednesday night class on the topic of *The Christian Story*. Some of the topics we have studied together include basic biblical interpretation, an introduction to biblical theology, and a "big picture" survey of the Old Testament. For the remainder of the fall, we will be looking at a "big picture" survey of the New Testament. On Wednesday nights next spring, we will be studying *Christian Belief* with a 12-week introduction to basic Christian theology.

The Institute is for every interested member of Taylors First Baptist Church. You can jump in at any time, or you can attend whenever your schedule allows. Join Teaching Pastor, Nathan Finn, Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in The Loft. We post the videos and the teaching handouts at taylorsfbc.org/institute.



### **Taylors Children**



November 9 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm Taylors Rec Picnic Shelter Men, bring your sons or grandsons, ages 4 years old to 5th grade, to Bonfire with the Boys!

Sign up by November 2 in the Church Center App or taylorsfbc.org/events

## **Parent-Child Dedication**

On October 15, we had eight precious children dedicated! This was a time to give thanks for God's provision of these children. It was also a time for their parents to commit to follow God's direction and the church body to commit to support these families through prayer, wisdom, and encouragement.



### **Taylors Students**

## tsm Summit





tsm Summit 2023 was a blast and I had a great time serving and learning more about the topic "Why I Don't Share the Gospel." I was the leader for the 9th grade boys and was pleased to hear how well they listened to each of the lessons. They were all interactive in our discussion and seemed to have gained a better understanding on why we have a hard time sharing the good news about Christ. The boys also grew closer through all the fun games. Even the free time was used to deepen and strengthen friendships. In my opinion, **tsm Summit 2023 was a huge success!** Justin McDaniel, Leader

I enjoyed spending time with friends and playing Secret Church. More importantly, God really worked in me and showed me that there is a sense of urgency in the Gospel. It needs to be shared right now. There are people in our neighborhood who don't even know the Gospel. Jack Gregory, 9th Grade



## Winter Retreat

February 9 - 11 at Asbury Hills

We will be heading to Asbury Hills for a weekend of biblicallycentered 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 by January 14 for \$189, or between January 15 and 28 for \$219, at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App. The cost includes all meals, all activities and swag.







During tsm Summit, we talked about why fear is stopping us from sharing the Gospel with others and how we are able to overcome it. The sessions showed me that **if we wait for fear to disappear, we will never share the Gospel with others.** There will always be fear present but it shouldn't stop us from sharing about Jesus. We also played some fun games that brought our small groups closer together which allowed us to become more open with each other. Caroline Foster, 11th Grade

At tsm Summit, I could feel God speaking to me. **The messages were exactly what I needed**. I tend to worry about what other people are thinking of me and it caused me to be too anxious to share with my friends and family. But after this weekend, I am much more comfortable and I don't need to worry, because they are not rejecting me, but God himself. I am so thankful I got the opportunity to be at tsm Summit! Jennah Lawrence, 10th Grade

A couple weeks ago I was privileged to go to tsm Summit. During this weekend I had a ton of fun, but most importantly I was able to learn how to share the gospel and why I sometimes don't share. tsm Summit **helped me learn how to confidently share my faith** with others in my life by becoming bold in the truth of Christ. Overall, tsm Summit was a fantastic weekend where I learned new ways to share my faith. All students should make a point to come on the next retreat! Isaac Allen, 10th Grade



## FUGE Camp

July 15-20 at North Greenville University

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.



### **Taylors College**

## Fall Retreat



"The weekend of October 13-15, about 75 college students alongside their leaders packed up and gathered in Myrtle Beach to be taught in the Word, reach the lost on a college campus, and rest in the stillness of the environment. What a beautiful time it was. I was blessed to be on this trip. It encourages my heart to be part of a community that equips the young generations and provides space to apply what they have learned about the gospel.

Through this opportunity, I was able to have gospel conversations with strangers and pray over them for the first time in a very long time. It's not easy, but because of the faithfulness of our leaders



and the goodness of God, we have been encouraged to go out and make disciples as the Lord commands us.

This is what the church looks like, this is fulfilling the great commission, this is the hands and feet of Jesus. 2 Corinthians 4:5-6 says this: "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." All glory be to God for what HE did this weekend. There's not enough words to express all that God moved in during our retreat. Recognize that this generation is not hopeless in the slightest, but full of purpose in the mighty name of Jesus. Continue to pray over the communities of Coastal Carolina and Myrtle Beach. He will finish what He has started.

For me, I was challenged with the importance of sharing the gospel. I was convicted that my "yes" was not 100% on the table, and that I can't live a life where only 70% or 30% is living according to the calling of Christ. I have to be all in, He deserves my everything. Christ has given me HOPE, why shouldn't I share this good news with others?"

Big love Taylors family, Morgan Hester, College Student





















### **Taylors Women**

## Women's Bible Study this Fall



This fall women of all ages gather together on Wednesday mornings to share in fellowship and worship time before breaking out to specific Bible studies. It is a wonderful time of breakfast, The True View, and worship time. It's been a great way for everyone to come together and get to know one another.

It's been such a great time in the Word during Mom on Missions on Wednesday evening. In this photo, Sheri Metz, one of the Mom on Mission leaders, is sharing the Word and her testimony. The group has been a great opportunity for moms of all ages to fellowship and get to hear the Word and have discussion. The table talk moms help lead discussion among those at their table. We encourage all moms to register and join us the first Wednesday of every month.



## Women's Bible Study in 2024

Discipline turns into delight, and delight turns into desire. Taylors Women invites you to join us in 2024 as we read through the Bible, together! Whether you're new to studying God's Word or have been reading the Bible for years, we want you to join us as we journey through Scripture chronologically through "The Bible Recap." Beginning on January 1, you will read or listen to passages of Scripture and then listen to *The Bible Recap* podcast hosted by Tara Leigh Cobble.

In the spring and fall, women will gather to fellowship, engage in God's Word through teaching, and enjoy table talk discussion about what the Lord is teaching us through His Word that week! Daily and weekly, we will create rhythms together that draw us into the presence of God, grow us in His Word, and help us to bear fruit for His Kingdom.



No matter what stage of life you are in, *The Bible Recap* will certainly broaden your understanding of who God is as we grasp the grand narrative of Scripture and come to trust that He truly is where the joy is! We pray that you will join us for this fun and exciting journey as we make our way through the Bible together!

#### **Bible Study Looks Different for Everyone!**

*The Bible Recap* is a great way to participate in a way that works for you; do it on your own or with a group on Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings! Let us know how you plan to participate when you sign up. Registration opens November 27.



### Life Group Highlight



The Hartsell/Stephens Life Group has been together for many years. Our teachers are Kent Hartsell and Kris Stephens. Our class has had the opportunity and joy to walk through various stages of life together. We are primarily made-up of couples ranging from their 40s to their 60s. On Sunday mornings we walk through books of the Bible using the E3 method. In the past few years alone, we have studied Hebrews, Colossians, Daniel, Revelation, Luke, Acts, and Philippians, and we are currently studying Ezra and Nehemiah. Our Love Taylors partner is the Greer Christian Learning Center. We've been privileged to partner with them for a few years now and enjoy helping them as they reach many students for Jesus. Our class is also very involved in various Reach mission opportunities, and our members find themselves very engaged in a wide range of ministries at Taylors FBC. In addition to various ongoing fellowship opportunities, our men gather for breakfast once a month, and our ladies often find time together on a weeknight. Looking to Jesus together, it is our goal to be transformed by the Word of God so that we might grow more into the image of Jesus as we impact the world for Him.

#### LIFEGROUPS



### Pastoral Care

### **New Resource Available**

#### "Preparing to Say Your Final Goodbye"

One of life's most difficult assignments for families comes when a loved one passes away and the family has the responsibility of planning how they will say their final goodbyes.

Taylors FBC is committed to helping families through this difficult time by coming alongside them to help create, and then experience, a fitting tribute for their loved one.

You can find it the link to view the resource at taylorsfbc.org/pastoral-care or pick up a copy in the Connection Center.





## **Update from Our Establish Network Resident**

Hey, everybody. For those who don't yet know me, my name is Blake, and I'm a resident here at Taylors FBC as part of the Establish Network. As you already know, Taylors FBC strongly believes in encountering God, equipping believers, engaging the world, and establishing the church. The residency program is our way of working to meet that last goal, establishing the church in the world so that people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will encounter, equip, and engage as well. The goal for a resident in the Establish Network is to spend two years intentionally focused on encountering God through worship, equipping believers through discipleship, and engaging the world through evangelism in order to then be sent out by Taylors FBC as a missionary or church planter to establish the church.

By God's grace, I have had opportunities to do just that thus far in my time here at Taylors. The Lord has given me opportunities to use my musical abilities to worship Him and to help lead others to worship Him in both our student and college ministries. Further, the residency has allowed me intentional time to abide in God's Word, encountering Him daily as part of my personal worship. I have also been able to equip believers through several teaching opportunities, from leading "Bacon, Biscuits, and the Bible" and Life Groups to most recently teaching through Old Testament narrative books in the Equip Institute. Moreover, I've been able to pour into the lives of several believers by walking through the Disciple Cycle together with them. I have also been poured into under the guidance of Pastor Steven and Pastor Jeremy as they are working to equip me for the future of ministry. The residency has also given me opportunities to engage the world through outreach opportunities not only with our local community but with international partners as well. I have been able to go with a Reach team to South Asia, sharing the gospel and

equipping pastors and church leaders there. Locally, I've been able to have conversations with people alongside other brothers at the local laundromat and the neighborhood of Spring Grove and have even seen people come to know the Lord through these opportunities. All these opportunities together are helping train me to be sent out by Taylors FBC as one prepared to establish the church in a world desperately in need of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As I look forward to the future, I am still going through the application process with the International Mission Board. Further, I will be continuing to do more of the same things I've already been doing. I'll still be going into the community and trying to make disciples who make disciples. I will continue being a part of missions here at Taylors FBC; in fact, I am going on a Reach trip this month. I'll also continue to be meeting with people for discipleship purposes and watch as the Lord slowly changes the community around us for His glory. And I'll continue to abide in Christ. He promises that he will keep me to the end (Jude 24-25), and that is a promise that we can all bank on.



#### Join Us for a Summer Internship!

Establish Network Internship is a leadership development ministry of Taylors FBC that provides college-age young adults the opportunity to be actively involved in the ministry alongside faithful and experienced ministers. Internships are available in all ministries of the church and for young adults who have completed their first year of college or are between the ages of 20 and 25. Apply by February 15, 2024, at taylorsfbc.org/interns.



## **Stay Connected at Taylors FBC**

## Wednesday Nights

No activities on Wednesday, November 22!

#### Family Dinner, 5:15 - 6:10 pm

- November 1: Turkey and dressing with sweet potato crisp and green beans, or Chick-fil-A
- November 8: Spaghetti and meatballs with salad, garlic bread, and mixed vegetables, or Chick-fil-A
- November 15: Chicken cordon bleu with potatoes, apples, and carrots, or Chick-fil-A
- November 22: No Activities
- November 29: Hamburgers with baked beans, french fries, and hush puppies, 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

**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 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 | The Loft

Monthly Moms on Mission November 1: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Building C Welcome

Mission 1:27 Support Group November 1: 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 11/5)

#### 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 11/5)

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## **Download the App!**

You can register for events, give, keep your information current, see the church directory, and access the church calendar!



## **Our Church Family**

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

#### Welcome New Members



Judy Case Joined October 1, 2023 by Letter



Bess Matthews Joined October 15, 2023 by Baptism



John Greene Joined October 29, 2023 by Letter

#### Photos Not Available

Lisa Sutton Joined October 1, 2023 by Statement

Maggie Pennell Joined October 22, 2023 by Watchcare

#### **Baptisms**

We welcome to the Body of Christ through believer's baptism: Callie Grace Lewis and Bess Matthews

#### In Memoriam

Carolyn Caldwell November 2, 1935 - October 7, 2023

Peggy Brown December 23, 1950 - October 27, 2023

#### **Staff Anniversaries**

NOVEMBER Nancy Clayton — 31 years of service Sherrie Holt — 22 years of service Scott Norman — 14 years of service Cameron Burroughs — 3 years of service

#### **Seminary Scholarships**

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

Spring Semester Deadline is November 30 Fall Semester Deadline is May 30 taylorsfbc.org/give

	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22	*10/29
Nursery		40			
Preschool					
Elementary			60		
Students	105				0
College				71	0
Adults	585		607		0
Life Groups	1005		951	1140	128
Morning Worship	1355				1151
Outdoor Night of Wor	rship				
* Reach Sunday	-				

### Sunday Statistics

### **Proposed 2024 Ministry Plan**

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! 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. Pastor Josh

#### Have your questions answered:

Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 - 6:45 pm, Room B127. Members of the Finance Committee and Administration will be available.

#### Vote to Approve 2024 Ministry Plan:

The Called Church Conference is Sunday, November 12, at 8:30, 9:40, and 11:00 am.





Pick up a printed copy in the Connection Center or visit taylorsfbc.org/ ministry-plan.

#### September Stewardship

#### MONTH TO DATE

Budget Receipts	\$486,892
Actual Receipts	\$362,542
Actual Spent	\$435,457

#### YEAR TO DATE

Budget Receipts	\$4,382,026
Actual Receipts	.\$3,631,377
Actual Spent	.\$4,152,352

#### Ways to Give





Online at taylorsfbc.org/give



as a payee in your banking system



Bring 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

#### Welcome Shianne Bujtor as Director of Connections and Community **Ministries**



Shianne has been a tremendous asset to the Taylors FBC family in her ministry assistant role and is uniquely gifted to step into this new season of ministry on the Reach team. She will be giving leadership to our Guest Services team and managing the processes that lead people from their first visit to their assimilation into the life of the body. She will also be working to develop strong partnerships in our community, helping identify opportunities for Taylors FBC members to use their gifts to serve people and share Good News with them.

Welcome, Shianne! You bring so much value to the Reach team and we are very excited to have you join us!





### Zumba Glow Fundraiser

November 9 | 6:30 pm | Student Worship Room

Everyone is invited to join us. Membership not required! Admission is a new unwrapped toy for children, age 5 to 17. All toys and donations collected benefit children in foster care through Nightlight Christian Adoption.



## Physical Therapy Lunch and Learn

Taylors Rec has an ongoing, working relationship with Elite Fitness in Taylors. Working together we provide classes and information for Rec Center and Taylors FBC members. Our last class covered Vertigo and many questions were asked and answered. The next class will take place in January. We would love to have your input on the class focus. If there is a topic you would us to cover, please contact Dawn Vanasse at 864-292-4058 or dawnv@taylorsfbc.org.

## **Rec'd Moms**

During the month of September our focus was apples. Our verse was Psalm 17:8. We had a chance to try different types of apples, make sensory bags, yoga, station work and play time. Please join us for November! Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.





## **Indoor Cycling**

We have classes on Tuesday evenings, Thursday mornings, and Friday mornings. Visit taylorsrec.com for details.

## **Taylors Rec Center Gift Certificates**

Are you looking for a great gift for the person on your Christmas list? The Rec Center has gift certificates available for purchase.