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#### A PUBLICATION OF TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Taylors Women exists to equip women to live out the Word of God in today's culture.



# ENCOUNTER GOD.





#### **Kids'Music**

#### Konnect on Wednesday Nights

Kids'Music is part of our Wednesday night rhythm. **Resumes Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 pm** Preschool for Children ages 3 to 5 | Elementary for Children 1st – 5th Grade

#### "This is Our God" — Kids'Music Night of Worship Sunday, May 5, at 6:00 pm

Auditions for Solos and Speaking Parts: January 10 and 17, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Contact Diann Greer for details at dianng@taylorsfbc.org

#### **Regeneration Student Choir**

#### **Christmas Party**

#### Wednesday, December 20, at 6:00 pm

Regeneration Student Choir students are invited to join us for food, games, hayride, bonfire, and lots of fun! Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.

#### Concert



# Taylors Christmas Worship What Child is This?

Christmas at Taylos

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. .....

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

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

# EQUIP BELIEVERS.



# **Baptist Foundations and Origins Breakout**

Sundays, Beginning January 7, at 5:00 pm in Room B127

Join Mark McKenna, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student and Taylors FBC member, as he walks us through Baptist Foundations and Origins over four Sunday evenings.

#### - Taylors Singles

# **Christmas Dinner**

Friday, December 15 | 6:30 – 9:00 pm Student Worship Room | Cost: \$15

Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events by December 10.



#### — — — Taylors Seniors -

# **XYZ Fellowship**

Mondays, December 11 and January 8 11:15 am | \$8

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





wait to see you there!



Young Professionals, engaged couples, and newly married couples — let's go snow tubing in the Mountains! We'll head to North Carolina for a day snow tubing, eating good food, and spending time together. Cost is \$40 which covers the tickets for a two-hour session. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



#### **Taylors Students**



Join us for the most wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior together! We invite all students and leaders to come together for a night of festive activities to start the holiday season. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!



#### Winter Retreat February 9 - 11 at Asbury Hills

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 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.

#### FUGE Camp July 15-20 at North Greenville University

Looking for an impactful Christmas present this year? FUGE is the perfect gift! 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 today!

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





# Taylors College -Deep Roots and Strong Limbs





Taylors College moved to the Taylors Ministry Center this fall due to God's blessing of numerical growth. We are so thankful for what the Lord did in the Fall semester! The new space is a wonderful upgrade for the college ministry, providing ample space and resources to support the growing community. The move has also brought about a sense of excitement and anticipation for what is to come. With the continued blessings of God, Taylors College will continue to invest in college students to have "Deep Roots and Strong Limbs" in their faith.

We have seen a hunger for missions opportunities this semester in the lives of our students. The Lord is stirring in their life in a really exciting way. It's been amazing to witness the passion and enthusiasm that our students have shown towards spreading the gospel. They are eager to serve and make a difference in the lives of those around them. As a sending church, we are thrilled to see this hunger for missions opportunities and are committed to supporting our students in any way we can. We believe that through their willingness to serve, they will not only impact the lives of those they encounter but will also grow in their own faith. We are excited to see how God will use them as they step out in obedience to fulfill the Great Commission today!



Join us for Converge 2024 in Myrtle Beach, SC on February 2-4! Sponsored by the South Carolina Baptist Convention, this weekend away is where college students and young adults come together to pray and encourage each other to take part in what Jesus is doing in their generation. Cost includes conference fees, lodging, and two breakfast meals. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



#### **Taylors Men**

# **Developing Godly Men**

In 2024 we plan to invest in Taylors Men by providing regular opportunities for them to gather, learn, and grow. We believe that men can benefit greatly from the Word of God, from the wisdom and experience of other men who are walking in faith and living out their Christian values. Additionally, we will offer training, retreats and resources to help men of all ages develop as godly men through this framework: Man, Husband, Father. Every man may not be a husband, father, or grandfather, but they each can grow as a man after God's own heart which would reach into every facet of their life. Through this we are anticipating seeing personal heart growth, stronger families, and gospel proclamation.

Here are a few things coming ahead for men's ministry:

- Year-Long Bible Reading plan beginning January 1
- *Raising Men, Not Boys* Breakout: Sunday Evenings January March
- Men's Retreat at Camp McCall: May 17-18. Sign up at scbaptist.org/campmccall beginning January 1. Cost: \$75
- Father/Son Camp: Camp McCall, May 30 June 1
- Home Repair Team Opportunities
- Father/Daughter Dinner

More gatherings, events, discipleship opportunities, and studies will be added throughout 2024. Consider joining other men in Life Group and these great opportunities in 2024.

#### **Raising Men, Not Boys** Sundays at 6:00 pm Beginning January 21

Dads, Taylors Men Ministry is excited to offer a study on being a Godly Fatherhood. Join us for our Sunday night Men's Ministry Breakout as we read and discuss the book *Raising Men, Not Boys* by Mike Fabarez. We will be challenged and encouraged to raise godly men in a godless world.

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





#### **Family Campout**

#### This fall we had great time at our Family Campout!

Perfect weather, unlimited s'mores, and our trusty hayride add to the fun each year. This year we had 35 families attend our Family Campout and it was such a joy to watch the children play while moms and dads connected with others around the campfires.

Thank you Taylors Rec and all that were involved in helping make this another great year for Family Campout. If you missed it, please make plans to join us in October of 2024!

#### **Taylors Women**

# Mom to Mom this Fall

Our moms and mentor moms have had a sweet time of Bible study and fellowship in our Mom to Mom study entitled "Real Mom Life." The Lord has been working in the lives of our moms and mentor moms to bring us into a closer relationship with Him. Each week our video led by Linda Anderson and Theresa Nelson has given us guidance on parenting based on scripture. Our small groups meet after the video, and our mentor moms lead in discussion questions in our books. The moms have enjoyed growing in their relationship with the Lord, and each other as they share what they are walking through as busy, and sometimes overwhelmed moms.



Our goal at Mom to Mom is to support one another as we study God's Word, encourage each other, and share life. Many groups have met outside of the Wednesday morning time in order to get to know each other, and the children who call them Mommy.

We ended our fall session of Mom to Mom with our much loved Fall Brunch. The moms were able to enjoy a meal together, along with making some holiday crafts. We look forward to beginning the second half of our "Real Mom Life" in January.



lt's not too late to join us! Wednesdays at 9:00 am beginning January 10 Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.







# BIBLE RECAP

# Women's Bible Study in 2024

Taylors Women invites you to join us in 2024 as we read through the Bible, together!

Start *The Bible Recap* on January 1 by reading or listening to passages of Scripture and then read *The Bible Recap* book or listen to *The Bible Recap* podcast hosted by Tara Leigh Cobble. 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!

I don't think I fully understood what it meant in James 4:8a, "Come near to God and he will come near to you" until I did *The Bible Recap* for the first time. The more I read the more I felt the Lord drawing me near to Him!

Also, it was helpful for me to remember "discipline leads to desire to delight." It's so true!! The more you spend time in His Word, the more you delight in it.

Maria Hine

Bible study looks different for everyone! *The Bible Recap* is a great resource for participating in Bible study in a way that works for you: do it on your own, in a small group from your Life Group, or join us on Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Let us know however you plan to participate when you sign up in the Church Center App, at taylorsfbc.org/events, or scan the QR code.

On Campus: Tuesday at 6:30 pm or Wednesdays at 9:00 am (We have a mom-focused group option on Wednesday!) Virtual:Tuesdays at 7:00 pm





#### - Life Group Highlight -

We call ourselves "The Faith Class." Our motto is "Faith is a journey, not a Destination." We are a caring group of twenty-nine active ladies, ages 65 and up, who believe in the power of prayer and meet at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings. We donate to nine different missionaries or mission organizations on a monthly basis from our weekly offering. We also donate to other organizations in the community when there's a need or we have extra money in our treasury. Our four teachers are members of the class who rotate teaching — Jan Tyson, Pat Allen, Vivian Moore, and Rosa Thompson. The study guide we use is called " Bible Studies for Life: Senior Adults" by Lifeway. We have a class meeting once a month where we discuss any business, update our prayer list, have a devotion and prayer and share a meal while enjoying fellowship with one another.



# ENGAGE THE WORLD.



#### Serve



# Serve Saturday

...a smaller version of Love Taylors Day, is an opportunity for our members to go into our community to share and show the Gospel by serving our community partners and creating ongoing relationships with those we serve. Join us on Saturday, January 27, as we work alongside Piedmont Women's Center, Bella's Bags, Just for Today, Brook Glenn Elementary, and host a block party at Spring Grove Apartments in Taylors. Contact lovetaylors@taylorsfbc.org if you have any questions.

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

#### Breakout

# **Disciple Cycle Breakout**

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. The biblical patterns are given in a way that equips individuals to follow the patterns and pass them along to the next generation.

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





# **International Missions Study**

# **Zambia Mission Study**

Wednesday, December 6 | 6:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to join the WMU as they host their annual International Missions Study. This years study will focus on Zambia and feature Taylors FBC missionaries currently serving there. The missionaries from Zambia will be live to tell us about their work and ministry in this country in Africa. Our time will be spent learning more about their culture, missions opportunities, and specific ways we can pray for the ministry over in Zambia.

Dinner is served 5:15 - 6:10 pm as usual. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.

#### Nashua Trip Report

Our church had the opportunity to send out eight team members to encourage and come alongside our church planting partners in Nashua, NH this last September. From the efforts of the team, they were able to accomplish these goals:

# Invested in the network and church planters.

The team took gifts and words of encouragement to each of the individual church planters as well as hosted a group fellowship of all the local church planters in Nashua.

#### Invested in our church partner.

The team hosted an event the key church leaders at The Well Church and held a fellowship time for Scott Kearney and his staff.

#### Invested in the community.

The team partnered with PAL to paint and clean, worked with a local Christian soup kitchen to help serve, and even helped clean up the community walking path.











#### South Asia Trip Report

If you want to see the Lord actively at work in the hearts and lives of people created in his image, then look no further than South Asia. In preparation for what the Lord might do during our time in South Asia, our team, led by Larry and Carolyn Freshour, committed to praying that the Lord would prepare the hearts and minds of people that we would interact with there. In doing so, we were acknowledging that we cannot change peoples' lives, but that we have to be fully dependent upon the Spirit. And this became the theme of our 10 days of travel from the very beginning, with a scheduling change causing us all the rush to the airport, hoping to make a flight that was taking off much sooner than we expected. Though our travel plans were virtually thrown out the window, everything happened according to the Lord's schedule, as he was continuously reminding us of our dependence upon him.

Once we arrived in the city, we had two days of training with some of our missionaries who lived there. In the mornings, they walked us through certain tools for sharing the gospel and for discipleship, while in the afternoons, we went to some of the common religious sites that we might go to in the days ahead to start conversations with people. From day one, we were confronted with the overwhelming lostness in the city. It was a relatively small city for South Asia, with a population of 1 million people consisting of Hindus, Buddhists, and Muslims. One team member noted, "Lostness hit me hard the first day when we went to a Hindu temple. Surrounded by heavy darkness, almost like a wet blanket covering us. Beautiful people, created by God, but without any knowledge of Him, no hope." As we were confronted with idolatry and helplessness, we were filled with a conviction that Jesus is indeed the

only hope for these people who were lost, like sheep without a shepherd. And we saw him work greatly amongst the lost in that city.

After our training, we went out with translators co-laborers for the gospel—for the next three days and tried to talk with anyone and everyone that we could, sharing about the hope they can receive if they believe in Jesus. We had varying responses, and some even came to know Christ as their Lord. However, the one major response that so many of us heard was "I have never heard this story before." One team member recalls a specific interaction: "My translator and I had a conversation with a Buddhist





candle keeper on the topic of peace. We got to share with her about the peace that God offers in Jesus. She asked us why we should pray for her peace rather than our own family's peace. We explained that we do pray for our families; however, we said that we will pray for her as well because we think the peace that Jesus offers is the most important thing anyone can ever know. She said



that every day she sees hundreds of tourists and many Americans, but they just pass by her. No one had ever shared about this peace with her until now."

The Lord worked mightily in the city during our time there, and he also worked mightily in our hearts as well. It was stories like these that left all of us with a profound sense of thankfulness to the Lord for giving us these opportunities but also reinforced the urgency of the gospel. There are thousands of people exactly like this woman who are passed by every day, never having heard of the peace that Jesus gives through the gospel. And this lostness is not only present in South Asia, but also in Greenville as well. As one team member said, "God revealed to me that idolatry may be more real in South Asia, but we in Greenville still have idols that we worship in our lives." May we all be compelled by the Holy Spirit to be good neighbors to the community around us, freely giving the most important gift that anyone can ever receive. God's arm is never too short to save (Isa. 59:1).



#### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem — LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence.

She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®.

This year, the Week of Prayer for International Missions will be December 10-17. Prayer guides and offering envelopes will be available at the Reach tables in the Welcome Center.

To learn more about the history of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, where the funds will go this year, and how you can give, visit imb.org/lottie.

#### Just for Today



The Just for Today ladies will have their annual Christmas Luncheon following the "What Child is This?" Worship Service on December 3. The luncheon is hosted by members who serve the Just for Today ladies year-round to celebrate the Christmas season! The pictures shown are from the monthly breakfast

hosted for these ladies. These Saturday morning breakfasts serve as a time to study God's Word, enjoy fellowship, and receive encouragement for the ladies at Just for Today.

Are you interested in coming alongside these women? Contact lovetaylors@taylorsfbc.org





#### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thanks to the generosity of our members, our church collected over 350 Operation Christmas Child Boxes this year! These boxes will be shipped around the world and gifted to children through outreach events. In many places, children are also offered The Greatest Gift, a Gospel story booklet specifically designed to share the Gospel with the children receiving these boxes in hopes they would come to know the Lord as Savior! A special thanks to Dan and Kim Johnson for their tremendous investment leading our Operation Christmas Child efforts here at Taylors and in our community, every year!



#### **Band of Brothers**

Band of Brothers provides housing and employment help in a Christ-centered environment for men who have been recently released from prison and find themselves facing limited options.

Recently, an additional double wide mobile home has been moved to the site off Anderson Road. This addition will provide much needed housing for the ministry, and allow an additional 6 to 8 men to receive the help they need. A group of men from Taylors FBC have been working on renovating the home with help from local businesses who have donated flooring, tree removal, electrical supplies, brick underpinning, and plumbing supplies.



Once the renovation is completed early next

year, a variety of items are needed so men can move in to the home: beds, bunk beds, (new) mattresses, linens, dressers (tall, not wide), comforters, a dining table, blinds, cleaning supplies, garbage cans, toiletries, pots and pans, dishes, and miscellaneous household goods. You can bring smaller donations to the Church Office or contact lovetaylors@taylorfbc.org to arrange the donation of larger goods.

**Looking to get involved?** Additional male mentors are needed for the men in this program. Mentors are asked to spend time with their mentee two times per month and/or call them two times per month.

Contact lovetaylors@taylorfbc.org to volunteer!

#### Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 2024 will commemorate the 40th year our nation has observed the sanctity of human life. However, the need to pray for a culture of life in our community and our nation is still vitally important. Abortion continues to occur across our nation and within our state. As believers, we recognize the value and sacredness of human life beginning at conception. Each January, churches across the country commit themselves to observing the sanctity of human life while praying for our nation and the pro-life movement.

**Looking for a way to be involved?** Visit piedmontwomenscenter.org/volunteer to volunteer with Piedmont Women's Center, a Love Taylors partner, to advocate for the unborn.



# ESTABLISH THE CHURCH.



# **Update from Our Establish Network Resident**



Hello Taylors Family, my name is Hunter Clamp, and I am one of the Establish Residents here at Taylors FBC! I also serve on the Taylors FBC Facilities Team. The past three months have gone by very fast but I have learned so much. I began seminary this past August at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and I am currently enrolled in hybrid classes. This means I do most of my work online but also attend classes on campus one weekend out of the semester. I was able to go to the seminary and attend an Old Testament class this October which was a remarkable experience. I was able to meet fellow classmates and Dr. Scott Pace who is the provost of the seminary. I am definitely looking forward to going back to the campus in the spring!

Along with my classes, I was able to intern with Pastor Jeremy this semester. As one of my assignments, I had the opportunity to teach his Life Group during our Month of Impact in October. That experience had a profound effect on me. I am always thankful and eager to teach and that experience helped me connect further with many members of our church. Pastor Jeremy has taught me a lot about pastoral ministry as well as discipleship. I am very thankful for his leadership and all he has done for me over this semester.

The residency has opened up many doors for me and for that, I am forever grateful. I had the opportunity to attend the South Carolina Baptist Convention in November and meet numerous pastors throughout our great state. I have had many evangelistic opportunities within our community. I am thankful for my brother and fellow resident, Blake, for pushing me outside of my comfort zone when it comes to evangelism. I was able to attend "Teach. Reach. Beach." which was a retreat for our college ministry. We went to Myrtle Beach for a weekend and shared the gospel on the campus of Coastal Carolina. Two CCU students gave their lives to Christ so that was a huge blessing! God is doing amazing things within our college ministry and I am happy that I can play a role in that too. I am very thankful for our

Minister of College, Alex Smith, and his mentorship.

I am very excited to see what the Lord does next semester not only in my life but also in our church. I want to thank everyone who has been praying for me and everyone who has guided me along the way. If someone told me a year ago that I would be able to have these unique opportunities I would have laughed. However, I have been constantly reminded of God's faithfulness towards me during this new chapter of my life.

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18

#### 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.



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# Stay Connected at Taylors FBC

# **Sunday Mornings**

#### **Regular Schedule**

#### 8:30 am: Band Led Worship

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade (12/10 & 12/17)

#### 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 (12/10 & 12/17)

#### December 3

#### Christmas Worship Event at 10:00 am

No Life Groups. Childcare available for children birth through age five.

#### December 31

#### One Worship Service at 11:00 am

No Life Groups. Childcare available for children birth through age five.

# Follow Us!

#### Subscribe to Taylors FBC Emails Visit taylorsfbc.org and click "Sign up for email announcements" at the bottom of the page.

#### **Connect on Social Media**

@taylorsfbc @taylorsstudents @taylorsclg @taylorsrec @taylorswomen @taylorschildren

# Wednesday Nights

No activities on December 13 - January 3!

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

December 6:	Lasagna with salad, green beans, and garlic bread, or Chick-fil-A
January 10:	Breakfast with bacon, sausage, grits, eggs, biscuits, and gravy or Chick-fil-A
January 17:	Chicken strips with macaroni and cheese, peas, and carrot salad, or Chick-fil-A
January 24:	Taco or mixed soup with salad, and cornbread, or Chick-fil-A
January 31:	Spaghetti and meatballs with salad, corn, and garlic bread, or

Reservations are required by the Tuesday prior and are non-refundable. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.

Chick-fil-A

#### **December 6**

#### Taylors Worship: Rehearsals Equip Institute, Q&A, 6:30 pm International Missions Study, 6:30 pm Taylors Children: Nursery/Konnect, 6:30 pm Taylors Students: Christmas Party, 6:30 pm Taylors College: Christmas Party, 7:30 pm

#### Weekly Beginning January 10

**Taylors Worship: Rehearsals** 

Equip Institute 6:30 - 7:30 pm | The Loft

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 | Taylors Ministry Center

#### First of Each Month

Moms on Mission January 10: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Building C Welcome

Mission 1:27 Support Group January 10: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Room B127

# **Our Church Family**

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

#### Welcome New Members

Photos Not Available

**Andrew McNutt** Joined November 5, 2023, by Baptism

#### Brian and Michelle Hipp

Joined November 12, 2023 Brian by Letter | Michelle by Statement

#### Bonnie Orange

Joined November 12, 2023, by Letter

**Leah Worsham** Joined November 12, 2023, by Watchcare

#### **Sunday Statistics**

	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26
Nursery	34 .			32
Preschool	48 .	61.	51 .	46
Elementary	72 .	71.		68
Students	97 .			72
College	52 .		41 .	
Adults	699 .	710.	604 .	601
Life Group Total	1078.	1147 .	986 .	964
Morning Worship	1426 .	1469.	1275 .	1250
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#### Thank you Molly Holder

Molly Holder, Minister of Preschool, has been a faithful member of our Taylors FBC ministry team and has served our preschool children and parents with great love and care! Recently, she has felt the call to step back and devote this season of her life to her family full-time. These words are from Molly...

After much prayer and consideration, the Lord has made this clear: that my family requires more of me in this season, and my desire is to lean into this season in which God has blessed me and Ryan. I am thankful for the opportunity to spend more time with my three young children! I am also thankful for our family's membership to this body at Taylors FBC, and I believe that my ministry to these children and families will still exist; it'll just look different.

We are so thankful for the way Molly has served our children and families, and excited for her as she walks in obedience and faithfulness to the leading of the Lord in this next season!

#### **Baptisms**

We welcome to the Body of Christ through believer's baptism: Jared Blount, Olivia Blount, Andrew McNutt

#### In Memoriam

Wayne Norton April 4, 1939 - October 30, 2023

Richard Vernon June 22, 1953 - November 14, 2023

#### **Staff Anniversaries**

DECEMBER

Joseph Eskridge — 5 years of service Larry Atkins — 5 years of service Melissa Mayer — 2 years of service

#### JANUARY

Delores Stansell — 23 years of service Randall Eskew — 19 years of service Kathy Tankersley — 19 years of service Susan Eskew — 7 years of service Jerry Long — 6 years of service Margret Bowen — 3 years of service Josh Powell — 3 years of service Nathan Finn — 1 year of service

#### **October Stewardship**

#### MONTH TO DATE

Budget Receipts	\$486,892
Actual Receipts	
Actual Spent	

#### YEAR TO DATE

Budget Receipts	\$4,868,918
Actual Receipts	
Actual Spent	

#### Ways to Give

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In the Church Center App

Online at taylorsfbc.org/give

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

Bring your tithe/offering to the Church Office

Mail your tithe/offering to the Church Office

Place your contribution in one of the Giving Boxes

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

Legacy Giving: Give through your estate as a bequest

# **Download the App!**

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





# Lunch with the Staff

January 21 at 12:15 pm, Student Worship Room

A free, casual lunch in a relaxed setting with a group of people who, like you, want to learn more about Taylors. Bring your family! Childcare is available for children 5th grade and younger.

# **Starting Point**

#### Sundays at 9:40 am Beginning January 28

Starting Point provides a basic introduction to Taylors FBC and will help broaden your understanding of who we are and what we believe. All new and prospective members are encouraged to participate in Starting Point to better understand our mission and values as well as our view on what it means to know Christ and follow Him.

#### **Overview of Topics:**

- Visions and Values, Encounter God, Personal Worship, Corporate Worship
- Equip Believers to Grow, Spiritual Disciplines, Pathway to Discipleship
- Equip Believers to Serve, Spiritual Gifts, The Body of Christ, Membership
- Engage the World, The Gospel, Love Taylors, Reach the Nation and Nations

Sign up for Lunch with the Staff and Starting Point in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.





# Winter Tumble Camp

Join us Wednesdays, December 20 and 28!

4 - 5 year-olds: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm | 6 - 9 year-olds: 12:30 - 2:30 pm

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

# Precept Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm Beginning January 9 at Taylors Rec Center

Join us as we study Romans, Part 4: "Life as a Living Sacrifice"

Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsrec.com.

# **Pickleball Clinic**

January 10 -12 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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# **Rec'd Moms**

January 16 and 30 | 9:00 - 11:00 am

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# **Group Fitness Classes**

December and January are great months to start a new routine! See the schedule of classes at taylorsrec.com.

#### **Boot Camp**

Combines cardio and intense muscle work.

#### **Indoor Cycling**

An instructor-led stationary cycling class that focuses on cardio and muscle strength. The rider is able to control the resistance and speed.

#### Line Dance

Beginner classes are designed to teach a variety of line dance routines.

Advanced classes include a combination of line dance routines that incorporate cardio and muscle conditions.

#### Low Impact Intervals

Cardio and muscle conditioning for the entire body.

#### Pilates

Conscious muscle control designed to strengthen and tone muscles while improving posture, balance, and flexibility. Variations will accommodate everyone.

#### **Strength Training**

An intermediate muscle conditioning class with concerted stretching.

#### Stretch and Balance

A combination of full range stretch exercises that are completed while being seated in a chair or standing on a mat.

#### Stretch and Tone

A muscle conditioning class with concerted stretching.

#### Yoga

Muscle control designed to strengthen and tone muscles.

Gentle Yoga includes gentle movements and modifications accessible to everybody.

#### Zumba

Combination of Latin dance steps that incorporates cardio and muscle conditioning.