

Daryl Hopkins Retiring in March

Daryl Hopkins, Minister of Recreation, began his service at Taylors FBC as the Minister of Adults and Evangelism as well as the Minister of Recreation beginning in 1993. In 1998 the recreation ministry had grown to need a full-time Minister of Recreation.

Along with his Master of Divinity, Daryl has membership in the American College of Sports Medicine and the National Academy of Sports Medicine, through which he is certified as a Personal Trainer, Corrective Exercise Specialist, Performance Enhancement Specialist, Youth Fitness Specialist, Senior Fitness Specialist, Balance Trainer, Core Trainer, Stretch and Flexibility Coach. We are thankful for Daryl's faithful ministry service and his work building the recreation ministry, impacting the lives of many!

Join Us for a Retirement Celebration Honoring Daryl Hopkins

March 10 | 3:00 - 5:00 pm Taylors Rec Center



Zac and Meghan Hopkins with Nolan | Dee and Daryl with Asher Hopkins | Madison and Zach Brinson with Samuel

I am thankful for your faithful service to Taylors First Baptist Church as Minister of Recreation. Congratulations on your retirement after more than thirty years of ministry service.

I want to express my profound appreciation for the commitment and passion you have demonstrated as a leader in recreational ministry. Your dedication to the church has left a mark on the lives of those you have served. During your thirty years of service, it is clear that your impact extends far beyond the walls of this church. Your commitment to Jesus Christ, reflecting His compassion and kindness, has set a standard for excellence that will continue to guide the ministry in years to come.

I pray that this next chapter is filled with exciting adventures and the pursuit of passions you may not have had the time for during your full-time ministry service. I know you will honor Christ and continue serving faithfully in the new season of life and ministry.

— Chris DeWease, Executive Pastor

You have been so helpful to me and Jerry since we first started coming to the Rec Center. Every week we walk or use the weight room to stay healthy. We will remember all the times talking and laughing with you. Enjoy every minute of your retirement.

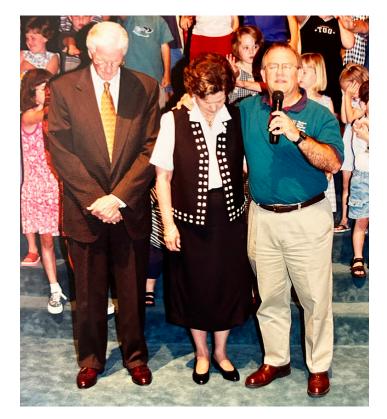
—Jean Hatley, Taylors Rec Center Member

Daryl has my very best wishes for a very meaningful and satisfying future. He and Dee have been a vital part of church and served our Lord faithfully. Daryl has done an incredible ministry service in our Rec Center. I have visited other churches that have similar facilities, and none surpass what Daryl has been lead of our Lord to build at Taylors First Baptist Church. We will really miss Daryl.

— Dr. Jimmie Harley, former Associate Pastor, Taylors FBC







It has been a blessing to serve side by side with you for the sake of the gospel here at Taylors First Baptist Church. You have been a model of steadfast obedience. Through the years and many changes, you have stayed committed and faithful to serving the Lord in the roles He has placed you. I'm thankful for you and Dee, and excited to see what God has planned for you in this next chapter of your life.

— Jeremy Thompson, Equip Pastor

Congratulations on your retirement. Thank you for your friendship and mentorship over the years and being a strong example for me personally. I'm sad to see you go but I must say you earned every single minute of your retirement.

— Mike Ramsey, Semi-Pro Referee and Businessman

Over the years, **Daryl has helped me so many times**. He was always there to answer biblical questions. Anytime I asked for a favor, he obliged with a smile on his face.

Cynthia Fuller, Taylors Rec Center Member







Thank you for so many years of service. I'm going to miss our long conversations. It was always worth being a little late to a training session to find a good stopping point for us. I'll always remember to love fiercely, fight fairly, and forgive freely!

— Myson Jones, Hoops University

Daryl and I shared a dream of utilizing our ball fields to spread the gospel, and that's why we hosted YMCA soccer for multiple years. Anytime I needed him, a young, green, "I have no idea what I'm doing" minister, all I had to do was walk downstairs, knock on his door, and take a seat. **The encouragement, support, and care just oozed from his smiling face**, and it was exactly what the Lord had for me at the moment. I'm thankful for the time we spent together and that you saw the framework of a future minister while I sat with you. It helped shape who I am today.

— John Alexander, former Minister of Children, Taylors FBC

In the 19 years I have worked with Daryl, he has helped me grow in my relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He has a vast knowledge of the Word, fitness, recreation, and how to work with others in love, grace, and mercy. He has given us the freedom to do our jobs without micromanaging, however, he is always available when we need him. Thank you, Daryl, for building our Rec Center from the ground up, with Christ as the center, and teaching us all people are important. — Kathy Tankersley, Taylors Rec Center Fitness Director



As I started my service at the Rec Center, I asked Daryl what I could do. He said "Talk to people and take care of them." I found that everyone who walks in our door, has a story... because of Daryl, we act crazy, have fun, and sometime get serious. Thank you Daryl!

— Dick Kay, Taylors Rec Staff Assistant





Daryl has modeled face to face time with our members. His "walk time" ministry has allowed for conversations and prayer time with our members. He has encouraged Rec'd Moms ministry from the time I shared it with him in my interview. His ability to lead and allow me to try the ideas that the Lord has laid on my heart, has been such a blessing. I appreciate his long leash and his heart of grace. He has mentored me well and has already said he is a call away.

— Dawn Vanasse, Recreation Center Coordinator

It has been an honor and privilege to serve with Daryl in ministry. He "fleshed out his faith" everyday as he is able to relate to anyone and put them at ease. By faithfully following God's leadership, Daryl has created an atmosphere that ministers both physically and spiritually. He takes time for people, showing how to embrace the "got a minute" opportunities that present a chance to minister and share the love of Jesus. We often hear "I don't know what I would do with out this place." That feeling is because of the intentional and relationship ministry that Daryl has built. I'm so thankful for the blessing that his friendship and ministry has been to me.

— Melanie Thompson, Taylors Rec Staff Assistant

Congratulations on your retirement! You have been such a vital part of not only the ministry at Taylors FBC but in my own life as well. From being a part of one of the first recreation councils to taking a chance on a young, twenty-year-old to lead a summer basketball camp that continued for twenty-five years. I cherish the friendship that we have developed over the years. I pray that you will enjoy your retirement. Your leadership at Taylors FBC will be missed. Thank you for all that you have contributed to the furthering of His Kingdom through recreation. It has been a pleasure working alongside you. May God bless you and Dee in this new chapter in your life.

- Jeff Harrelson, Basketball Coach

Pastor Hopkins is an example to follow. He always led in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. In all our conversations, personal and casual, he would stay true to the Word of God. **His door was always open when I stopped by the Rec Center to chat** and he would help any way possible. He is a true friend and servant of the Lord. God bless you in your new adventure as you continue to serve Him.

— Joe Scota, Owner of Scota Karate Academy



Summer Camp Sign Ups Open March 25!

We are excited to offer the following camps: Basketball, Tennis, Pickle ball, Volleyball, Dance, Tumble Fun, and Cheer. Watch for signups to open on our website and the Church Center App.

Men's Basketball begins April 1

Join Mike Ramsey each Monday evening.

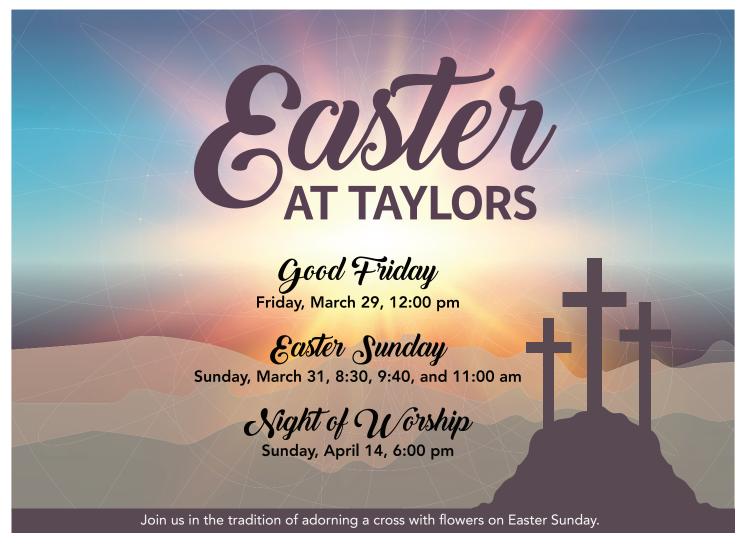
Journey to Easter Challenge

Now through April 1. Sign up on our website and the Church Center App.

Volunteers Needed

...for our summer camps and men's basketball. Contact Dawn at dawnv@taylorsfbc.org to help.







Kids'Music Night of Worship

"This Is Our God" May 5 at 6:00 pm

Join Us in Prayer for the Following

- A group of High School students and leaders from Regeneration Student Choir who will be traveling to Nashua, New Hampshire, in June to conduct an Arts Camp and a Basketball Camp. They will also engage in community outreach activities.
- Members of Taylors Worship Choir who will be going to Italy in July to share the Gospel through music and proclaim the truth of God's Word with those they encounter.



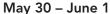
Taylors Women



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Taylors Men





Lad Camp is offered to 1st - 4th graders and is the perfect introduction to summer camp. Campers register by church/group, and each group stays together in a cabin. Each group must also have one adult male for every 5 campers. If you are looking for a great way to introduce your child to summer camp, this is it! We hope you and your son can make it!

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



May 17 - 18

Join Camp McCall for a mountain retreat, the spirit of friendly competition and good fellowship with other men. Friday evening includes a speaker and time of worship at McCall's chapel — surely a mountaintop experience! Competitions include golf, archery, axethrowing, fishing, skeet, pistol and rifle shooting to name a few. No matter where you are in your life and faith, this weekend is designed to leave you encouraged and strengthened in knowing God in a deeper way. Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App.



Treasured Night Out Recap

On February 8 we celebrated our annual Treasured Night Out for dads and daughters. We are thankful for the 37 families that were represented that night! Our hope for this event is for dads to have one-on-one time with their daughters. The night consisted of a nice dinner, a fun craft, dessert, and a photo booth to capture the memory!



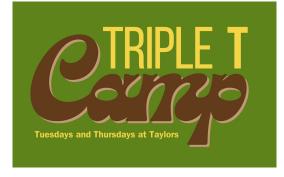












Tuesdays and Thursdays at Taylors: May 28 - July 25* 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, for Rising K4 through 2nd Grade

Children will enjoy time on the playground, making crafts, learning more about the Bible, music time, movies, and of course lunch time with their friends.

Camp is \$340 per child. Secure your spot by paying the \$25 per family registration fee at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App.

*Specific days are listed in the registration.

Save the Date for VBS: June 3-6





-Taylors Seniors -



Adult Spring Fling

For Adults and Guests 60+ | Thursday, April 18 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for a night of delicious food and inspiring entertainment. The seven member, Rock of Ages Family Music, group will bring accordion, flutes, guitar, hand bells, harp, piano, trombone, trumpets, violins, banjo, French horn, percussion and voices to praise our Heavenly Father.

Sign up beginning Monday, March 18, at taylorsfbc.org/events, in the Church Center App, or come by the Church Office. Cost: \$12/person

XYZ Fellowship

Monday, March 11 | 11:15 am | \$8

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



Young Adults



Young Adults Vision Lunch

At the end of January, the Young Professional and Newly Married/Engaged Life Groups got together, shared a meal, and discussed the ways they can connect better together and as individual classes. It was such a special time to see young adults encourage, connect and laugh together as we all enjoyed a delicious meal provided by our fearless leader, Alex Smith. Alex had the opportunity to cast his vision for this age group, connecting back to the greater vision of Taylors FBC. It was great to hear from each table about the various ways we can grow together and serve together moving forward. I can't wait to see what 2024 has in store for this group! — Amanda McKenna, Ministry Assistant



Off the Grid Winter Retreat Update



"Over the weekend, I've learned to bear much fruit or more fruit, you must take time out of your day to spend time with God." — Ansley Hine, 6th grade

"This weekend I learned that I should know more than just about God. I want to have a bigger, stronger relationship with my heavenly Father. I also learned that the production of fruit is the knowledge of God and the love for other people. One more thing I took away is the "withdraw" time. It helped me so much in my growing relationship with God. Thank you so much Taylors First Baptist staff for setting up this wonderful trip." — Watson Pruden, 7th grade

"This weekend God showed me I can only find my value in Him and to make sure I listen for the still, small voice." — Alice Lindblad, 8th grade











"This weekend I learned about the importance of quality withdraw. Quality withdraw time allows for a time to grow with God and for no distractions to get in the way." — Nathan Moreno, 9th grade

"The Lord has taught me way more than I thought I was going to get out of this weekend. I have learned that I need to do things for God and only Him. I have learned that I need to listen to Him and His still, small voice. I have also learned that I can't worship God with worshipping idols. I have idolized my sin, but I'm giving it up. Thank you, Jesus!" — Landen Pruden, 10th grade

"This weekend I feel my heart completely shifted for the better. I realized how good God is and what amazing people I have to help me in my walk as a Christian." — Jay Caskey, 10th grade





"Don't get so busy with making everything perfect for Jesus that you forget to sit at His feet. Jesus desires an intimate relationship with me and wants me to be as close to God as He is." — Hope Hartsell, 11th grade

"This weekend God reminded me of the importance of focusing on Him and relationship with Him. At the end of the day, worldly things have nothing on an eternity with Him." — Ellie Bryant, 12th grade

"This weekend I've learned that I should trust that my future is in God's hands. I just need to lean back on Him." — Parker Sullivan, 12th grade





"'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.' What a joy the last 7 years of TSM have been. These times of retreat have been so special. This one will be so terribly hard to say goodbye to. What an amazing foundation the Lord has given TSM to build and grow upon. I love you all!" — Mark McKenna, 12th grade leader

"This weekend was such a special blessing to me. I was reminded that you make time for the things you love, which means Christ deserves my undivided attention. God taught me that I must put my rest in the one my heart was designed for. Coming away from this weekend my goal and desire is to see people the way God sees them." — Brooke Crittendon, 7th grade leader



Taylors College

Ladies Latte Night Recap

"Ladies Latte Night was so much fun, catching up with friends and meeting new faces from all walks of life in our church. It was awesome seeing ladies of all ages chatting about life, faith and hearing from God's word together from Shianne Bujtor while sipping on our lattes (or my hot chocolate!) Plus, crafting flower bouquets with close friends, with the help of Hannah Smith, was a fun bonus! Now, every morning, I love seeing that bouquet on my breakfast table, remembering the amazing community that God has brought into my life at our church!" — Olivia Stephens









"Ladies Latte Night was such a sweet time to gather in fellowship with one another to hear the Word brought to us by Shianne, make beautiful bouquets, eat yummy food, and drink some warm coffee. The Lord was so present in the words that Shianne shared from the story of Martha and Mary in Luke 10. My heart found so much rest in the encouragement that Martha had a spiritual gift of hosting/serving and in that moment Jesus helped Martha to put her focus back on Him so her gift could be used rightly for His purpose. Mary stopped and immediately put herself at the feet of Jesus to hear Him and be truly in His presence, while Martha knew Jesus was there, but continued to work on her tasks at hand. I was reminded of moments in my life when I tend to want to get things checked off my list before coming to the Father instead of stopping everything to go even deeper into that relationship with Him that He desires with me. There was a wonderful reminder in the message that if we continually practice prayer, spend time in the Word/ hide it in our heart, and are a part of a true/uplifting Biblical Community that it will be easier to keep our focus on the Lord and not have the "check list" bubble up to cause anxiety and be overwhelmed. How blessed we are to have a Father that is constantly available to us through prayer and His Word and who provides Biblical Community to us." — Kinsey Garrick



Converge Conference

"Converge was life-changing for me when I first went in 2023 and this year was no different! Gathering together in worship with people that are seeking after God is an experience like no other. Opening up God's Word with other college students who are sold out to the Lord amplifies my own passion for the Great Commission. I pray that God would wreck my generation to the point that all we have to live for is the Gospel!" — Jared Stephens

"Converge this year left me standing in awe yet again at how good the Lord is. Gathering with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ always leaves me feeling encouraged about the days to come. I was personally challenged with the idea that endurance requires the belief that God is closer than the troubles that draw near, and that alone reveals his goodness towards those he loves. Every day we face the troubles this world has to offer, and our God provides the ultimate comfort by seeking to dwell not only among us, but within us. I am still thinking on all the Lord did in just a few days; may we never deny what the Lord can do."

— Morgan Hester







An Evening Together

One hundred and eighty couples had the opportunity to enjoy An Evening Together! It was a night full of laughter, fun, and encouragement. Our prayer is that God would use this night to build Christ-centered marriages that reflect God's glory! Find out more at taylorsfbc.org/married.

















Marriage Breakout

Most of us go into marriage with dreams for the future, but we quickly discover challenges beyond what we imagined. There is hope! With God at the center of your marriage, you can learn to dream bigger, love better, and experience a deeper relationship with God and your spouse than ever before. Join us as we explore the "marriage of your dreams!" Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App.



Life Groups: Every Life Transformed More and More into the Likeness of Christ Jesus



Our Life Group is a multi-generational class of caring people who benefit from the Bible teaching of David Laurine. The class was formed in 2008 and the name, the Link, was chosen to represent our being linked to God and to each other. A continuing goal of our Life Group is to be transformed by the Word of God so that we might grow more into the image of Jesus as we strive to impact the world for Him.

We enjoy meeting early each Sunday morning to visit before class begins, to share prayer requests with each other and to consider what God's Word teaches us each week. Throughout the year, we have frequent socials at church or at various locations in the area. We love participating in different mission projects throughout the year and caring

for one another in times of need through prayers, cards, visits and meals taken to the home of the member.

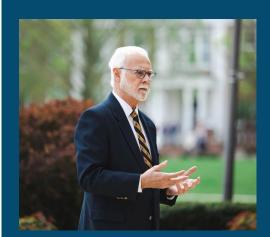
A special activity is our F3 groups - Food, Fun and Fellowship. Class members are divided into a number of small groups, each with a leader. The group chooses a date and place to meet once a quarter to eat together, get better acquainted and just have fun. We welcome new members of any age, in any stage of life, on Sundays at 8:30 am in Room C126.











Don Whitney has been Professor of Biblical Spirituality and Associate Dean at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY since 2005. He is the author of several books including "Praying the Bible."

He will be with us Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during Equip Weekend to teach on the topic of Prayer. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events beginning March 15.





April Reach Trips

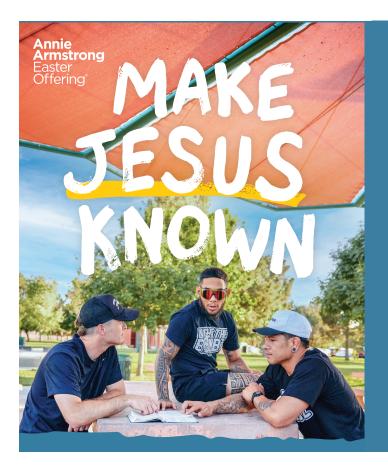
Join us as we pray for two Reach teams going out on international trips this coming April.

April 1-10

Pray for the team as they conduct training workshops with networks of church planters to mobilize and equip them to saturate their communities with gospel proclamation and reproducing discipleship strategies. Pray for the people that they will be reaching as they live in close proximity to a large number of the remaining unengaged, unreached people groups in that region.

April 5-14

Pray for the team as they invest in local youth leaders to equip them to engage the youth in their area. Pray for the team and the leaders as they conduct a youth camp. Pray for the youth that will attend the camp.



Help make Jesus known across North America

The North American Mission Board serves a diverse and complex region comprised of the United States, Canada, and the territories of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

- Population: 371 million
- Languages: 350
- Estimated lost: 281 million
- Unreached People Groups: 159

The 2024 Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 10-17. Prayer guides and offering envelopes will be available at the Reach tables in the Connection Center.

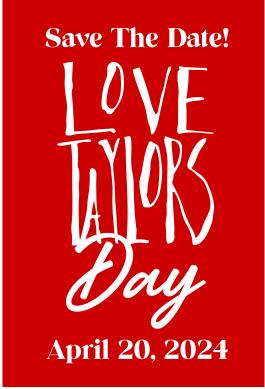
Statistics from U.S. Census Bureau and NAMB Research











Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we serve our neighbors and the Gospel of Jesus! Love Taylors Day registration will open in mid-March. Childcare is provided for children currently in K4 and under.







Our Church Family

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

Welcome New Members



John and Emily Alexander Joined February 18, 2024, Pending Baptism



Mady Bellanca Joined February 18, 2024, by Statement



Ed and Robin Blakemore Joined February 18, 2024, Ed Pending Baptism Robin by Statement



Myra Cooke Joined February 18, 2024, by Letter



William DeWease Joined February 18, 2024, by Baptism



Elijah and Morgan Forbush Joined February 18, 2024, by Statement



Don and Anna Gregg Joined February 18, 2024, by Letter



Stella GrubbsJoined February 18, 2024,
by Letter



Meghan MooreJoined February 18, 2024,
by Statement



Ruby TumblinJoined February 18, 2024,
by Letter



Chelsey Walker Joined February 18, 2024, by Statement



Merissa Willingham Joined February 18, 2024, by Statement

Photos Not Available

Daniel Doyel

Joined February 18, 2024, Pending Baptism

Ty Hunter

Joined February 18, 2024, by Statement

Alex Jordan

Joined February 18, 2024, by Statement

In Memoriam

Robert Burgess

August 12, 1932 - February 19, 2024

Robert Deal

March 29, 1937 - February 24, 2024

Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ through believer's baptism: Virginia Lanier and William DeWease

Welcome Faith Keefe, **Preschool Coordinator**

We're excited to announce Faith Keefe has joined our team as the Preschool Coordinator. She started

attending Taylors FBC through the college ministry in 2021.

She is no stranger to the upstate as she was born and raised in Greer. She is currently finishing up her degree in Educational Studies in Mild to Moderate Disabilities from Western Governors University.



Faith was an intern for Taylors Children last summer with a focus on families who have children with special needs and/or disabilities.

She is newly married to Bryson and the two of them are faithful members of our church body. We're thankful for the opportunity to have her join us on staff here at Taylors FBC!

Sunday Statistics

	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
Nursery	39.	38	37.	32
Preschool	62.	60	62.	52
Elementary	68 .	77	73.	81
Students	93.	113	86.	91
College	20.	35	30.	33
Adults	778.	696	680.	709
Life Group Total	1139 .	1145	1071.	1107
Morning Worship	1481 .	1329	1520.	1392

Staff Anniversaries

MARCH

Diann Greer — 20 years of service Doug Fredricks — 3 years of service Kayla Campbell — 1 year of service Hunter Clamp — 1 year of service

Widow and Widower Dinner

Sunday, April 14 Dinner at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Please sign up in the Church Center App or contact Renee Morton at 864-678-8818 by Monday, April 8.

Sponsored by the Deacon Ministry

December 2023 Stewardship

MONTH TO DATE Budget Receipts Actual Receipts Actual Spent	\$798,384
YEAR TO DATE Budget ReceiptsActual ReceiptsActual Spent	\$5,349,854

Ways to Give





Online at taylorsfbc.org/give





Bring your tithe/offering to the Church Office



Mail your tithe/offering to the Church Office





Other Giving: Give through your charitable Required Minimum Distributions



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 (except 3/3)

9:40 am: Traditional Worship

Nursery, Preschool, Elementary, Students,

College, and Adult Life Groups

11:00 am: Taylors Worship

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

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Wednesday Nights

No activities on Wednesday, March 20, due to Spring Break.

Dinner

Dinner Served, 5:15 - 6:10 pm

March 6: Bacon, sausage, grits, eggs,

biscuits and gravy, or Chick-fil-A

March 13: Lasagna, mixed veggies, salad,

and corn bread, or Chick-fil-A

March 27: Turkey, dressing, green beans,

and sweet potato crisp, or

Chick-fil-A

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

Weekly

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

Taylors Students: Rise for Middle School 6:30 - 7:45 pm | Cafe Opens at 6:15 pm

Taylors College and Young Professionals: The

Gathering

7:30 - 9:00 pm | Taylors Ministry Center

Monthly

Moms on Mission

March 6: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Building C Welcome

Mission 1:27 Support Group

March 13: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Room B127

Download the App!

In the Church Center App, you can register for events, give, keep your information current, see the church directory, and access the church calendar!

