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seniors

Taylors Seniors exists to create an environment to help senior adults develop a biblically grounded spiritual heritage to pass along to generations that follow.



Spring Fling Recap

Thursday night, April 18, more than 215 Taylor's Seniors joined together for the annual Spring Fling — a special night of fellowship. After enjoying a delicious dinner provided by Ann's Cakes and Catering, everyone was treated to an entertaining and inspiring concert by the eight member Rankin family known as Rock of Ages Family Music. Plans are already underway for the next big Seniors event – "It's Fall Y'all" on September 19. Mark your calendars!





XYZ Fellowship

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

Program: Legacy Choir, Taylors First Baptist Church
Entrée: Beef tips over rice

Sign up in the Church Center App or at
taylorsfbc.org/events by the Wednesday, May 8.



Easter Sunday 2024





**LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**THIS IS OUR
GOD**

Prayer Service

Thursday, May 2 | 12:00 pm | The Chapel

Kids' Music Night of Worship

"This Is Our God"
Sunday, May 5 | 6:00 pm



Equip Weekend Recap



VBS is June 3-6

It's going to be the Very Best Summer learning about rescue from the stories of Joseph, Esther, and the woman at the well. We will take a deeper look at rescue which points to the ultimate rescue from sin by Jesus. The final day we will share the Gospel in large group for children and parents to hear. VBS will include a rotation of large group, Bible story, crafts, gym, and music.

Sign up at taylor'sfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App by May 20.



Triple T Camp

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

Children will enjoy time playing on the playground, making crafts, learning about the Bible, enjoying music time, watching movies, and of course having fun at lunch time with their friends. Camp is \$340 per child. Secure your spot by paying the \$25 per family registration fee at taylor'sfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App.

*Specific days are listed in the registration.



Night of Worship

Young Adults, join us for a Night of Worship in the Taylors Ministry Center on Monday, May 20! We will enjoy time worshipping the Lord and end our night with a waffle bar. Doors open at 6:30 and we can't wait to see you there!



Graduation Weekend



May 18 and 19

Celebrating our Senior Class of 2024! High school graduates and their parents are welcome to come to celebrate this exciting time in the life of their student.

Graduation Banquet: Saturday, May 18
Graduate Recognition: Sunday, May 19

Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App and submit your graduate's information by May 5.

Destination Greenville

June 9 - 12

Students and Parents, if you are interested in joining Taylors Students and Regeneration Student Choir for Destination Greenville, there is still an opportunity to sign up. This is an in-town Reach opportunity for our students to engage our community with the Gospel and serve those around and within our church.

Please sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App by May 5.

ReUnited

May 1, 8, and 15

For the month of May, our middle and high school students will be reUnited on Wednesday nights as we close out the semester together. The regularly scheduled time will be the same: 6:30 - 7:45 pm.

Summer Kickoff

May 22

Join us from 6:15 – 7:45 pm at the Taylors Rec Picnic Shelter for games, Slip 'N Slide, food and a ton of fun as we celebrate the start of summer. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!



Summer Splash!

Join us as we continue to discuss what we are reading in "The Bible Recap."

Night Splash!

Join us Tuesdays at 6:30 pm on May 7, June 11, and July 9 at Julie Caldwell's home: 207 Waterford Ln., Greer.

Virtual Splash!

Join us Tuesdays, May 21, June 18, and July 16, at 7:00 pm. Email malloryg@taylorsfbc.org for the Zoom link!

Morning Splash!

Join us in Student Worship Room for teaching and discussion. Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App if you are bringing your children.

- Wednesday, May 8, 9:00 - 11:00 am
- Tuesday, June 18, 9:00 - 11:00 am
- Tuesday, July 16, 9:00 - 11:00 am



Low Country Boil & Cornbread Cook Off

June 7 | 6:30 pm

Our guest is Jason McLeod, Student/Family Pastor at LIFE Community Church in Jamestown, NC. Jason played the role of high school football team captain Brock Kelley, in the movie, "Facing the Giants." Come ready to share your best cornbread recipes. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



Taylors College



Deep Roots, Strong Limbs.

Hey Church Family!

Taylors college experienced some encouraging growth over the 2023-2024 collegiate semester. During the start of the fall semester students gathered as scheduled in The Loft. Very quickly arrangements had to be made for a larger space. Three weeks into our gatherings, Taylors College transitioned to the Taylors Ministry Center. Settled in, college students again showed up in encouraging numbers; this is the first time that I have seen 127 college students present at one Gathering here at Taylors and with Bibles in hand.



On Wednesday nights we continued The Gathering, a midweek time of worship and teaching for college aged young adults. Over the course of the spring semester we studied the 10 chapters in Ezra as well as 1,2,3 John. The Lord proved himself faithful through these chapters to our students. One piece of feedback that motivated me was hearing how encouraging it was for college students to "study God's Word and not simply listen to a motivational speech."

Thank you for praying for our college students and young adults. The college leaders and I see the fruits of your prayers each week as we meet, mentor, and lead this group. God is Good! Now, we press on to June 2, when we begin our summer schedule. — Alex Smith, Minister of College and Young Adults



Life Group Highlight



James Beard Life Group

The James Beard Life Group is a busy group of men and women who enjoy serving Taylors FBC, their group members and the community as they seek to bring all honor and glory to God!! If you are looking for an energetic and enthusiastic class who loves to serve their community and fellowship with one another, please come and join us! We meet on Sunday Mornings, 8:30 am in room B129.

Serving in and outside our church:

Taylors FBC Legacy Choir, the WMU, and the Doll Ministry. Sunday Dinner with a Twist, Connie Maxwell Children's Home, Taylors FBC Regeneration tours, Christmas Shoe Project and the "Love Taylors" meal for the Brushy Creek Fire Department.



THIS SUMMER

Bacon, Biscuits, and the Bible

"Behold the Lamb of God"

A study in the nature, character, and works of Christ.

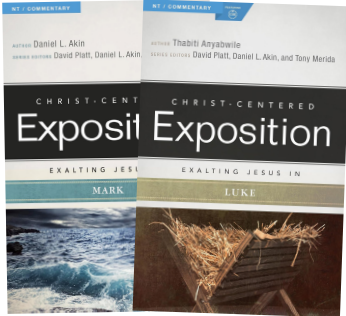
Wednesdays, June 19 - July 31

Breakfast: 8:45 - 9:30 am | Bible Study: 9:30-10:15 am



Providing Access to God-Centered, Christ-Exalting, and Theologically-Sound Resources

We hope you will pick up a cup of coffee, browse our selections, and make yourself at home in the Connection Center. Books, Bible Commentaries, Bibles, novels and biographies are available to check out. You will see a portion of our books in the Connection Center but we have thousands more in The Branch.



RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

"Christ Centered Exposition" — Mark and Luke

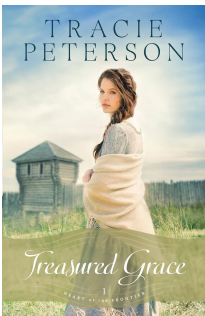
This summer we will be going through the parables on Sunday mornings and we encourage you to use these resources that exalt Jesus. Each Christ Centered Exposition commentary takes a Christ-centered approach to expositing each book of the Bible. Readers will learn to see Christ in all aspects of Scripture, and they will be encouraged by the devotional nature of each exposition.



NON-FICTION HIGHLIGHT

"Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life" by Donald S. Whitney

We aren't meant to wait for holiness — we're meant to pursue it. God commands Christians to actively "be holy," but what does that look like in daily life? Rather than overwhelming legalism or loose boundaries, Don Whitney encourages us to find a practical middle ground through biblical habits.



FICTION HIGHLIGHT

"Heart of the Frontier" Series by Tracie Peterson

In book one of the Heart of the Frontier series, we meet Grace Martindale who has known more than her share of hardship, raising her two younger sisters after her parents died. A hasty marriage to a minister who is heading to the untamed West seemed like an opportunity for a fresh start, but a cholera outbreak along the wagon trail has left Grace a widow in a very precarious position.



Scan the QR code to view our database, reserve the resource, and we'll have it ready for you to pick up!



Love Taylors Day 2024

Love Taylors Day was sweet time as almost 500 of church members served at various projects across our city. Our teams were able to serve our community partners ranging from local nonprofits, elementary schools, and our neighbors in need. Seeing the red shirts and smiling faces working for the Lord was a beautiful image of the church truly being the church to the community we live, work, and play in every day. All praise be to God for what He accomplished and a huge thanks to all those that served, prayed, and played a part in the day!



Our family gets excited about Love Taylors Day every year! Beginning in March, our children, Dani and Reed, start asking how much longer until Love Taylors Saturday! They enjoy getting to be a part of something bigger than themselves and appreciate the opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of others. This year, our Life Group served at Taylors Elementary School. Out of 32 volunteers, 12 were children! They all worked so hard! We freshened the paint on the school's sensory sidewalk and railings, pulled weeds, and put down pine straw and mulch. We had the best time serving in this area and are so thankful for all of the volunteers who gave of their time and talents! — Ashley Mitchell

We had an amazing time serving at Greer Community Ministries. It was a really fun time serving with our Life Group and other young adults to show the love of Christ throughout our community. — Daniel Mayer



We served as a Life Group at the yellow mission house on Taylors Road! We spent the day organizing, cleaning, landscaping, and getting the house ready for a missionary family that will be moving in soon! It was a great time of serving together and hopefully it will be a blessing to the families that stay there in the future!



I am so thankful to be a part of a church that believes in showing the love of Jesus to the local community. Seeing so many members of the church show up to serve and love on others was incredible - I'm so thankful for all that God is doing at Taylors FBC! — Allyson Pearce



The Johnson/Sharp Life Group spent time serving with iFace, a ministry that focuses on serving refugee families here in the Upstate. After spending time with families within this ministry and hearing more of what the ministry exists to accomplish, Dan Johnson shared "The Great Commission has now come to our backyard as people from other nations and countries move into our city." What an opportunity we have to love our neighbors well and love the nations through them! – Vickie West



South Asia: Church Planting Train and Send

On Easter Sunday, a team of three was sent out from Taylors to go to South Asia for the purpose of telling the Good News and training pastors and church leaders in how to do the same. We went out in high spirits, feeling the joy of the guarantee that the gospel will go forth without hindrance, just like Pastor Josh emphasized in his concluding sermon on the book of Acts. We had plenty of divine opportunities to speak with people about the hope of that gospel not only while in South Asia but on the way there and back as well. While there, we teamed up with some of our IMB partners, with local believers, and even with other travelers as we took every opportunity we could to engage people in conversation and urge them to consider the claims of Jesus. Further, we led trainings in various places, teaching church members and leaders about God's vision for the world, God's plan to use us to accomplish that vision, and some tools we can use to be obedient to the directives of God's plan.

We believe the Lord was orchestrating all of our steps even down to the details of the encounters we had. For example, there were two people we got a chance to speak with one day walking around in a park; one was a believer, and the other was not. While sharing the gospel with the unbeliever, we got to challenge and model for the believer his duty to share this good news with his friend. We challenged him not to wait on some people to travel from 8,000 miles away to share with his lost friend, but to be about the work himself, encouraging him that the Holy Spirit is empowering him to be able to proclaim this gospel with boldness. In the same way, let us not wait on someone 8,000 miles away to get on a plane and come share the gospel with our neighbor. That plane may never arrive. Let us remember that the Lord Jesus has reconciled us to himself, given us a ministry and message of reconciliation, and has promised that he will be with us as we go.





South Asia: Equipping Youth Leaders

Our time spent in South Asia was truly a sweet time given from the Lord. From the moment we arrived we were warmly welcomed by partners and natives that labor for the Kingdom there. We spent our days at a retreat center, located in the middle of a tea estate. When we arrived, many young men and women from house churches across the island were already there preparing for the week ahead. Our goal for the trip was to equip the youth leaders, young men and women ranging in age from 15-30, to plan and conduct a youth camp, then prepare to welcome over 120 youth from the area to the retreat center to have an actual camp. This gathering of young people was a historic event and the first of its kind in Sri Lanka. The gathering of the youth was a direct result of faithfully discipling people over the last 10 years that has led to some faithful men being sent out to establish churches in other areas of Sri Lanka. These 120 young people are the fruit of the ministry of those faithful men, now pastors, that were sent out to establish other churches in the name of Jesus and His Gospel. The camp's theme was Abide, based out of John 15. Our





hope was to emphasize the importance of abiding in Christ, always, and the need to be in the True Vine. Abiding in Christ is a theme that transcends time, culture, and preferences. We spent sessions looking at what it means to Abide in Prayer, in the Word, and in Fellowship.

What I learned from watching the South Asians respond to these messages is that they are hungry for a movement of God. They are hungry for closeness with the Father and to be in His ways. I learned that these young adults, in many ways, are not much different than young adults here, living in a broken world looking for a glimmer of hope that offers a way out. I praise the Lord for how He is revealing Himself to this people group and how He is raising up a generation that is committed to serving Him with joy making His name known. In boldness, these young people shared stories of the lives, religions, family members, and brokenness they left behind to pursue the Lord. They shared of the Lord's hand in their lives and their assurance that He is still at work in South Asia. The Lord is working in South Asia, delivering people, and raising up a generation that will proclaim His goodness to the next!

All praise be to God! And may our prayer be for these young people, that they would continue to grow in fervor for the Lord and delight in His ways.

Students Serving on Mission this Summer!

Matt Bullard



This Summer I am going to South Asia to serve with missionaries and help in the process of establishing

the church. The ministry I will be doing is sharing the gospel with unreached people groups.

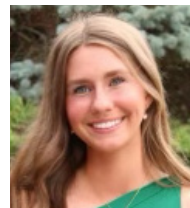
Ben Bullard



I am going to serve in South Asia this summer. My heart is burdened for the unreached people groups who have

never heard the hope of the gospel.

Brooke Crittendon



This summer I am serving in South Asia. Recently, my heart has grown greatly for those who are lost and

have never heard of the good news of Jesus Christ. I am excited to learn more about international missions and to share the gospel as much as possible!

Jess Knepp



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have never heard of the good news of Jesus Christ. I am excited to learn more about international missions and to share the gospel as much as possible!

Abby Hensley



This summer I will be serving with GenSend through Crosspoint Church church. I will be serving in Ann

Arbor, Michigan, for 8 weeks sharing the gospel to the lost students of University of Michigan and working with children in summer camps. I am so excited for this experience and I am grateful for this opportunity that God has given me.

Anna Claire Littlefield



This summer I will be serving with GenSend Compassion Team in Los Angeles, California. I will be

serving alongside SendRelief helping lead short term mission experiences and meeting the needs of the people of LA with the hope of the gospel.





TENNIS

May 29 - 31

Completed 1st to 4th grade:
10:00 - 11:30 am

\$40 for the Camp

TUMBLING & FUN

June 10, 17, 28, July 12, 22, 26,
August 6

June 10 (3 year olds are invited!)

Ages 3 - 5: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Ages 6 - 10: 12:30 - 4:00 pm

June 17, 28, July 12, 22, 26, August 6

Ages 4 - 6: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Age 7 - 10: 12:30 - 4:00 pm

\$35 per Day

BASKETBALL

July 8-11

Completed 1st - 5th grade:
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$100 for the Camp.
Includes t-shirt and ball.

PICKLEBALL

June 3 - 5

Completed 5th to 8th grade:
1:00 - 3:00 pm

\$40 for the Camp

CHEER

August 1

Ages 4 - 12: 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Demonstration at 4:30 pm

\$50 for the Camp

DANCE

Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 26

Ages 4 - 6: 12:15 - 2:30 pm
Ages 7 - 10: 2:30 - 5:00 pm

\$35 per Day

WEEKLY DANCE

Wednesdays, July 10 - 31

Ages 2 - 3: 12:15 - 12:45 pm
Ages 4 - 6: 12:45 - 1:30 pm
Ages 7 - 11: 1:30 - 2:15 pm

\$35 for the Weekly Camp



SCAN TO SIGN UP!



Thank You

Taylor's Rec would like to thank these dental hygiene students from Greenville Technical College who volunteered to help clean the group fitness room, the cardio room, the cycle room, and sweep the basketball court. We hope to have them back again so please be sure to say hello. Thank you for giving back to the community!

Taylor's Rec

Taylor's Rec exists to honor and make God known in our community through sport, fitness, and leisure activities, with the purpose of refreshing and strengthening heart, soul, mind, and body. We provide quality, Christ-centered, recreational activities for people of all ages with the goal of creating platforms for building dynamic relationships.

Learn more at taylor'srec.com!

Taylor's Rec Center Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 6:00 am – 9:00 pm
Wednesday: 6:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday: 6:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sunday: Closed

Our Church Family

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

Welcome New Members



Greg and Paige Ashmore
Joined April 7, 2024
by Statement



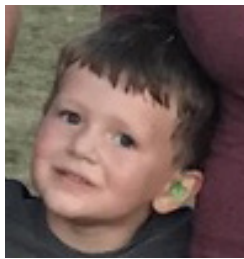
Matthew Dolan
Joined April 7, 2024
by Letter



Tatiana Dolan
Joined April 7, 2024
by Letter



Haleigh Fields
Joined April 7, 2024
by Letter



James Tonnsen
Joined April 21, 2024
by Baptism



Aileen Valles
Joined April 7, 2024
by Letter



Reanna Hernandez
Joined April 21, 2024
by Statement

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Evan Rutsay
Joined April 28, 2024
by Statement

In Memoriam

Buddy Smith, Jr.

October 9, 1931 - April 14, 2024

Ralph McAmis

April 11, 1934 - April 22, 2024

Del Sellers

June 17, 1933 - April 24, 2024

Claire Barnett

July 13, 1938 - April 27, 2024

Staff Anniversaries

MAY

Jeff Hensley — 21 years of service

Alex Rogers — 7 years of service

Chris DeWease — 2 years of service

Blake Faulkner — 1 year of service

Faith Keefe — 1 year of service

Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ through believer's baptism: James Tonnsen

Sunday Statistics

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Nursery.....	45	31	61	47
Preschool.....	65	47	65	66
Elementary	74	0	80	77
Students	96	0	83	95
College.....	58	0	48	51
Adults.....	691	0	671	693
Life Group Total.....	1117	106	1123	1148
Morning Worship....	1438	1066	1389	1158
Night of Worship.....	682			

Seminary Scholarships

Taylor's Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships to Southern Baptist seminaries.

Fall Semester Deadline is May 30

To learn more about Taylor's Foundation and apply for a scholarship visit taylorsfbc.org/give

2024 Stewardship

FEBRUARY MONTH TO DATE

Budget Receipts.....	\$454,250
Actual Receipts	\$379,410
Actual Spent.....	\$428,513

MARCH MONTH TO DATE

Budget Receipts.....	\$454,250
Actual Receipts	\$470,853
Actual Spent.....	\$443,180

YEAR TO DATE

Budget Receipts.....	\$1,362,749
Actual Receipts	\$1,212,367
Actual Spent.....	\$1,275,590

Ways to Give



In the Church Center App



Online at taylorsfbc.org/give



Through online banking — set Taylor's 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

Staff Updates

Welcome Chef Connie Bridgeman, Director of Food Service



We are pleased to welcome Chef Connie Bridgeman as Director of Food Service at Taylor's FBC. Connie has most recently worked in banking, but has extensive food service experience working in restaurant, church food service, Christian camp food service, culinary school lab,

and as a culinary school instructor. She holds certifications and a degree in Culinary Arts, and specializes in Baking and Pastry Arts. Connie and her husband Dale live in Travelers Rest. She began her full-time role April 24. We are thankful for her desire to serve the Lord and His church through our food service ministry. Please pray for her as she transitions into this new role. Welcome, Chef Connie!

Thank You Kevin Donahoo

Kevin has served as Director of Facilities and Grounds for three years. He has served the church leading the maintenance team in the repairs and upkeep of our buildings, grounds and equipment. Please pray for Kevin as he begins his new role as Facility Manager at Rocky Creek Baptist Church.

Starting Point

A basic introduction to Taylor's FBC that will help broaden your understanding of who we are and what we believe.

Better understand the mission and values of Taylor's FBC as well as our view on what it means to know Christ and follow Him.

NEXT STARTING POINT SESSION
Sundays at 9:40 am
May 12 - June 9

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 5/5)

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 5/5)

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@taylorsrec
@taylorswomen
@taylorschildren

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday, May 22, is our Final Wednesday
Night Together until August

Dinner

Dinner Served, 5:15 - 6:10 pm

- May 1: Home-Cooked Meal: Pulled Pork BBQ or BBQ Chicken with sweet potato casserole, baked beans, and coleslaw or Chick-fil-A
- May 8: Italian meatloaf with mashed potatoes, green beans, and carrots or Chick-fil-A
- May 15: Baked ham with mac and cheese, green beans, and okra or Chick-fil-A
- May 22: Greek baked chicken breast and penne pasta with Alfredo sauce and vegetable medley 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

Pastor's Bible Study

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Taylors Children: Nursery and Kconnect

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

Taylors Students: ReUnited
for Middle and High Schoolers

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

Monthly

Moms on Mission

May 1: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Building C Welcome

Mission 1:27 Support Group

May 8: 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!

