

A PUBLICATION OF TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH





Purpose Equip members of Taylors FBC to grow in spiritual maturity.

Goal Life transformation — every life being transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ Jesus.

Mission Create environments where everyone has the opportunity to:

- Hear the gospel in truth and fullness
- Engage the Word of God together
- Pray with and for one another
- Care for one another
- Serve together

5 Characteristics of a Healthy Life Group



Word of God — The Bible is our Life Group curriculum. Every Sunday morning/evening, our primary role is to lead our people to engage the Word of God in such a manner that they grow in their knowledge and understanding of who God is and His ways. We desire for people to behold the glory of the Lord through His Word each Sunday, that they might grow in His likeness and fulfill His mission!



Prayer — We not only engage the Word of God, but we pray the Word of God together! John Piper says, "Praying the Word means reading (or reciting) Scripture in a spirit of prayer and letting the meaning of the verses become our prayer and inspire our thoughts." We pray for the lost and for one another!



Biblical Fellowship — Our times together are "spiritually intentional to sharpen one another while experiencing life together" (Pastoral Theology). The goal is spiritual development as each individual works together for the building up of one another! Writing in regards to Hebrews 10:24-25, David Mathis says, "A literal translation is: 'Consider each other for love and good deeds.' Know each other. Get close. Stay close. Go deep. And consider particular persons, and interact with them, such that you exhort and inspire them to love and good deeds specifically to their mix." In these hard days, we need one another, to "exhort one another... that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12,13).



Evangelism — Jesus came to seek and save the lost, and He has called His disciples to follow Him! He calls us to be fishers of men, His ambassadors! As Life Group leaders we are called not only to be His witnesses but to equip the saints to go and make disciples – Abide/Go/Share/Disciple.



Multiplication — We see God's plan for multiplication throughout Scripture. Healthy disciples and churches multiply! As Life Group leaders we teach in a manner that equips the saints to pass on to others, not only what they have learned but how they have learned it. Our desire is to see multiplying disciple-makers, multiplying leaders – multiplying Life Groups.



Summer of Service: Reach Trip Updates

The summer of 2024 gave Taylors students numerous opportunities to show the love of Jesus in various ways.



Destination Greenville – Regeneration Student Choir & Taylors Students

Destination Greenville, June 9 - 12, gave our students the chance to participate in a local intensive mission experience. The students worked alongside local ministry partners to see the lives of people in our community impacted by the love of Christ. Regeneration Student Choir started the week with a concert and wonderful time of worship at Washington Baptist Church. Monday through Wednesday, two teams held "Mornings at the Playground" Bible Clubs at Brook Glenn Elementary School and Spring Grove Apartments. The students showed the love of Jesus through Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and snacks. In the afternoons, the teams prayerwalked in our Taylors community, distributed "care bags" to the homeless in downtown Greenville, and finished our time together with a block party for the residents of Spring Grove

Apartments.

Read the testimonies from our students.

While at Destination Greenville, God gave me many opportunities to share His Word. During the week, we went to Spring Grove Apartments which is located a few minutes from the church where we led a mini VBS, prayer-walked, and hosted a block party. Later in the week, we went downtown to share the gospel to the homeless while also giving them care bags to show the love of Jesus that He first showed us. Destination Greenville was an amazing experience that led me to become bolder in sharing my faith with others. — Isaac Allen





I was given the amazing opportunity to participate in Destination Greenville this year. We worked hand-in-hand with the people of our community and learned a lot about the community we live in and pass through every day. I saw the Lord work through us as we did "Mornings at the Playground," where we got the opportunity to share the gospel through Bible stories, music, and crafts. Not only did I see the Lord work in our community, I also saw Him work in my own heart. I cannot express how thankful I am for having had the privilege to serve along with this team as we ministered to the community just miles from our church. — Hannah Kate DeWease

During Destination Greenville, I served at the Spring Grove Apartments. The Spring Grove community is in desperate need of the Gospel. I talked to many children and adults about Jesus. Seeds are being planted there. I have found a deeper love for our Taylors community after serving there. In the afternoons, we went prayerwalking through the nearby neighborhoods and went to Downtown Greenville to pray with various people. People were very receptive to the Gospel when we presented it in prayer and conversation. This was one of the most memorable mission weeks I have participated in. I have learned that I need to be willing to be used to share the Gospel and the love of Jesus in our own community. — Faith Leppard

New Hampshire — Regeneration Student Choir

June 22 – 27, the days were fully-packed sharing Jesus with families of Nashua and Hooksett, New Hampshire. Only God could open doors at a city hall and public library for two churches to offer a basketball camp and an arts camp where the gospel would be shared. Pastor Aaron and Linda Cockrum hosted a wonderful evening fellowship for their neighborhood, church members, and our team. We finished out our time in Nashua with a Block Party at Lyons Park located close to The Well Church. Our prayers will continue for The Well Church and Fellowship Church - Granite State ... that God will continue to increase their ministries.

Read the testimonies from our students.

I have had the privilege of going to New



Hampshire on a mission trip two years in a row. This summer I helped with the arts camp in Nashua by teaching in the dance/motions class. Some of the girls had attended the camp last year and it was encouraging to see how excited they were that we were back. One of the mothers told us that her daughter would look back at the pictures from last year so that she could always remember. Often, we don't get to see the impact of how God may have used us, and it was very encouraging. This trip was so great for me as I was able to grow in my faith and build relationships with other people on the trip. While this may have been just a few days for me, it's something that some of these children will remember for years. — Lenae Gillen









Serving in New Hampshire was a great experience. We had the opportunity to lead worship on Sunday at Fellowship Church - Granite State in Hooksett. Monday through Wednesday, some of the team led an arts camp at the Nashua Public Library, sponsored by The Well Church. I had the opportunity to teach children in the recorder class. During our large group time, we taught the children a couple of songs that coincided with our theme of relating God to art, emphasizing that God is the ultimate artist and creator, and we are His ultimate creation. It was a wonderful week. — Tyler Norman

It was a wonderful experience serving again in New Hampshire this year! Working at the arts camp with all the little kids and getting to tell them about Jesus was an honor! It was encouraging and powerful to see the Lord move from the first day we got there! I'm beyond thankful and blessed that I was able to go and plant seeds in New Hampshire. — Claire Wiggins

I loved getting to work with all of the kids teaching them how to learn the game of basketball and also teach them about Jesus with stories from the Bible. It was so cool to be able to see all of their curiosity about the devotions that we read - so many had genuine, deep questions. It was also great to get to bond and form relationships with them and learn their stories. Since I helped with the same basketball camp last year, one of the most encouraging things for me was that I was able to see some of the same kids and see how much they have grown in the past year. — Brooke Gillen



Faithful Servant of 76 Years

By Lauren Pressler, Establish Network Intern

Lindsay O'Rear was raised in a Christian home by loving parents in Huntsville, Alabama. Although times were hard financially, he remembers his family's love and the joy of his childhood more than anything. His father was a preacher over a small Baptist church and Lindsay's life centered around church. Both of his parents poured into him and his older sister a love for the Lord from a young age. He even memorized Scripture before he ever set foot in a schoolroom! Around the age of 10, Lindsay was determined to make his faith his own and build a personal relationship with the Lord. From this point on, his faith in God and his devotion to the Great Commission grew tremendously.

A few days after arriving at seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, Lindsay met his wife Nedla. He claimed Nedla had "the most beautiful smile" and the two were soon married. The O'Rear family expanded to include two sons and a daughter in the following years! Lindsay was working at a church in Georgia when he was called to Taylors First Baptist to become the worship pastor in 1970. His first memory of Taylors FBC was visiting a residential home to meet and fellowship with the congregants and staff members. Lindsay served the next 34 years as our Minister of Music, deeply invested in ministering to the choir and orchestra on a weekly basis. Lindsay also served by going on mission trips and leading many funerals for his friends and family. He continues to become involved in other volunteer opportunities, praising the Lord all the while for the salvations he has witnessed through this church.

Lindsay fondly remembers Ernest Carswell, a previous pastor of Taylors FBC, and the impact Ernest had on his life. His faith truly renewed through his relationship with Ernest and by Ernest's friendship with Lindsay's now-departed son. He continues to enjoy friendships with individuals who attend the church and those he worked with at Taylors FBC years before. He especially loves the children at Taylors FBC as their antics bring a smile to his face! Currently, Lindsay is still involved in the Legacy Choir at Taylors FBC. He enjoys volunteering to visit others in hospitals and continues to make phone calls on behalf of our church.

Lindsay affirms Josh Powell is one of the best Lead Pastors he has known at Taylors FBC! As he has for all our pastors, he seeks to pray for Pastor Josh regularly and asks for others in the congregation to do the same. In his personal life, Lindsay reads the Bible every morning aloud to his wife, Nedla, and from a devotional book he

received in 1972 from Billy Graham's worship leader. His favorite hobby is gardening as he spends time in prayer in his garden with his Savior. He also never misses an opportunity to praise the Lord with his beloved CD collection as he rides down the road!

Overall, Lindsay O'Rear has been a beloved and influential member of Taylors First Baptist for 54 years! One of his most notable sayings is "Share Jesus where you can!" Lindsay has been a living example of someone spreading the Good News wherever he goes! When asked what he would advise his younger self, Lindsay wishes he would have prayed, listened, and read the Bible a whole lot more. For the younger generations, he gives wisdom to love the Lord first, obey your parents next, and, finally, take care of your friends. Lindsay's final advice for his Taylors FBC Family is to stay close to Jesus, "be good and don't stop being good," and to not quit! Finally, he shares one of his favorite verses in Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (King James Version).







Taylors Seniors

XYZ Fellowship

Monday, August 12 | 11:15 am | \$8

Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events by August 5 at noon.



Life Group Highlight

Young Professional's Life Group

Led by Mark McKenna and Andy Vanasse

We are the Taylors Young Professionals Life Group. We are made up of unmarried individuals ranging from recent college graduate age to mid-30s. We are employed in a wide range of professions and come from lots of different backgrounds but are united in love for Jesus Christ and His Word. We are currently studying the Gospel of Matthew after having recently finished Ruth. We have several members pursuing vocational ministry and we love encouraging them in that journey-even if it means we lose them as a class in the future. We love to get together for outings, be it impromptu meals, Bible studies, or various recreational activities.









Taylors Children



Volunteering at VBS

by Lauren Pressler, Establish Network Intern

VBS was truly the Very Best Summer ever! My fiancé, Jared, and I were both team leaders for the fourth-to-fifth grade boys. We enjoyed each moment we had to pour into them with love and intentional care. Throughout these four days, the children had a blast with the hand motions during worship, craft time, and especially recreational games in the gym! The antics of Survivor Steve (our Minister of Students, Josh Duncan) and McGhavan (our Minister of College and Young Adults, Alex Smith) kept the group of boys laughing. But most of all, the time spent in Bible Story was fruitful as the children learned about being Rescued by Jesus through three characters of the Bible: Joseph, Esther, and the woman at the well. I remember the last night when the Lord moved powerfully in the heart of one of the boys while



going over the story of the woman at the well. He began to ask questions about how Jesus could be the son of Mary but not of Joseph. When the Bible Story leaders explained the Holy Spirit placed the Son of God in Mary's womb, the confusion cleared. For the first time, the miraculous circumstances around Jesus' birth was clarified! From the reactions of other boys in our group, Jared and I could tell this was a revelation for them as well. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to volunteer for VBS to love on these children, and share the Gospel with them! We also thank everyone who helped make this Very Best Summer possible.









Taylors Students



August 9 and 10

A weekend event for rising 6th, 7th, or 8th graders with high energy games, worship, and teaching. Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App!!

State of the Student Ministry

Wednesday, August 7, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Parents and leaders, join us to hear about what the Lord has in store for the 24-25 school year! Childcare is available. Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App!

Move Up Sunday is August 11, 9:40 am

Night of Worship is August 14, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

REMEDY for High School resumes Sunday, August 18, at 6:30 pm

RISE for Middle School resumes Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm

Waves of Glory: Reach Trip Update



During the week of June 16, the student ministry had the opportunity to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC, where we helped a church plant out of Living Water Baptist Church, called Rivers Edge Church. Our main goal while we were there was to help run a basketball camp for kids at a local elementary school which was directed by Pastor Ross of Rivers Edge Church. The students had an opportunity to be counselors, lead skills activities, and throw water balloons on the kids on our last day there. While at the beach, the students also were able to prayer-walk in a major community there and enjoy a day at the beach. Through the entire experience the students' desire for sharing Christ's love was extremely evident and they did an amazing job serving in Myrtle Beach!

— Abie Coward, Taylors Students Intern







Remedy LA: Reach Trip Update



At the end of May, we took a group of 12 to Los Angeles and partnered with The Abiding Church and Trenton Mueller for a week. It was one of the most unique and impactful trips I've ever been on. We worked alongside the homeless, prayer-walked, intentionally shared the Gospel, and had an opportunity to go to Skid Row to provide food for those hurting and broken. One of the best parts of the week for me was seeing our students be so bold and fearless in the face of uncomfortable situations. The heart of Jesus was on display in the ways they sought after people who were hurting and prayed with confidence over them. The way they walked in obedience challenged me to do the same, and that was powerful! I think we each walked away wanting to bring this love and boldness home to our own city and I can't wait to see how the Lord continues the work we did in LA right here in Greenville! — Amanda McKenna, Ministry Assistant to Students, College, and Young Adults

FUGE 2024



This week at FUGE, I was reminded how much the Lord does love me and see me. He reminded me that I am forgiven in His eyes and my sin is gone! The Lord also opened my eyes to the fact that I need to be sharing His Word with the people I love. I want everyone I speak to to experience the love of Jesus the same way I have. — Kenzie Sparrow

Throughout high school, FUGE has always been a highlight of my summer. God has always used FUGE to align my heart with His will for my life. This year, God showed me that He has big plans for my life, but I need to wait for His timing. Before I look to next year, look to tomorrow, trust His plan, and strengthen me daily. All glory and praise to what God has done in my life and in our youth group. — Levi Powell



This past week at FUGE camp was so impactful for me! It came with its challenges, but through the ups and downs, God showed me more and more of Himself and His constant peace and faithfulness. I was also reminded of the importance of praying without ceasing, and that worship is not just singing but a lifestyle. I am expectant that God will continue the work He is doing in me and my generation, and my hope is that we will begin to see revival happening all around us. I am truly so thankful for this past week and the special people that I got to learn about our Savior with. — Grace Thompson

I'm so grateful I got to go to FUGE with the students as one of my last things before moving to LA. I always love watching God work in the students' hearts, and that



definitely happened at camp. The theme this year was Revival Generation and I believe the students felt called to be that. They grew closer to God and to each other, while also having fun. I also loved spending some more intentional time with my small group girls who recently graduated and the other students that went. It's hard not to have a good time with all of them. — Kelley Williams

FUGE camps has changed my life and has been a spiritual boost every time I go. FUGE has taught me and reminded me of many great truths that can oftentimes be overshadowed by our busy daily lives. Two things I can think of is how fearfully and wonderfully God made not just me, but all of us! The second thing is how important intentionality and prayer is daily. I'm so glad I've gotten to go these past three years, and know I will miss it so much! — Carter Norman











Equip Resource Center

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

Equip Institute Books

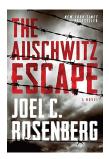
All the books referenced in the Equip Institute are available in the Resource Center for check out. You can search the database and reserve books for pick-up at on our website at taylorsfbc.org/resources/resource-center.



NON-FICTION HIGHLIGHT

"Embodied: Living as Whole People in a Fractured World" by Gregg Allison

The Institute Reading Book spent the summer reading through this book. The view that our physical self is less important than our spiritual substance prevails among today's Christians. Yet Allison maintains that we don't have bodies; we are bodies. Eschewing monism and guided by Scripture, he offers a holistic theology of the human body as he addresses questions about sexuality, gender, death, resurrection, and other topics.



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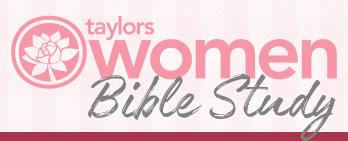
"The Auschwitz Escape" by Joel Rosenberg

A terrible darkness has fallen upon Jacob Weisz's beloved Germany. The Nazi regime, under the leadership of Adolf Hitler, has surged to power and now hold Germany by the throat. All non-Aryans - especially Jews like Jacob and his family - are treated like dogs.

When tragedy strikes during one terrible night of violence, Jacob flees and joins rebel forces working to undermine the regime. But after a raid goes horribly wrong, Jacob finds himself in a living nightmare - trapped in a crowded, stinking car on the train to the Auschwitz death camp.

Taylors Women







Women's Bible Study is for women of all ages. It is an opportunity for you to be encouraged to read God's Word daily, grow in your knowledge of who God is, and know what His word says. We will "dig" into a portion of scripture and apply what we learn to our everyday lives.

When: Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, beginning September 10 (Student Worship Room)

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning September 10 (Zoom)

Wednesdays at 9:00 am, beginning September 11 (Fellowship Hall)

Each semester is 10 weeks.

Registration: Cost is \$10 for the semester for in-person Bible study. This fee covers the practical expenses

for the semester. The Bible Recap Book is not included in fee nor is it required. Sign up in the

Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events beginning August 11.

Session Details: A Bible Study meeting typically includes fellowship, biblical teaching, input from table

discussion leaders, and, most importantly, you'll get to have discussion with others and grow in God's Word together. Online attendees will participate in the large group time and then have virtual table time with other women. Moms will participate in their own peer-led

discussion group.

Curriculum: Everything is better when we are together! We will read,

> understand, and love God's Word more using The Bible Recap by Tara Leigh Cobble. The Bible Recap is a oneyear, chronological Bible reading plan. You will read a section of scripture each day and either listen to a short podcast/video (8 minutes per day) or read a book (2

pages per day). Tara Leigh Cobble will highlight and summarize the day's Bible Reading Plan in a casual, easy-to-understand way to not only help you read scripture, but to love reading it!

The first four weeks we meet, we will be finishing up the Old Testament. On October 1, we will start the New Testament. We want to invite you to join us in reading through the whole New Testament this fall through the end of the year. It's a great time to join us or jump back in! If you are new and joining us for the New Testament, you will begin reading October 1, and join us for Bible Study whichever time works best for you on October 8 and 9.

Childcare: Available for birth through 5th grade on Wednesday morning with registration.

> Bible Study Team Lead: Julie Caldwell, pawfanjpc@gmail.com Taylors Women Coordinator: Mallory Gilmore, malloryg@taylorsfbc.org





NEW! Moms Mentoring Moms, formerly Mom to Mom, is for young moms and is an opportunity to gain spiritual and emotional encouragement and social connections. We want to encourage, equip, and challenge moms to apply the gospel to their everyday lives. Our prayer is that through this community of moms, your growth as a mom has a ripple effect seen throughout all areas of your life.

When: Wednesdays at 9:00 am, beginning September 11

Registration: Cost is \$25 for the two semester program, including

fall and winter. This fee covers the practical expenses for both semesters such as childcare, work booklet, and the end-of-the-semester brunches. The Risen Motherhood book is not included in the fee but recommended that you purchase on your own. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/

events beginning August 11.

Session Details: Moms Mentoring Moms meeting typically includes various styles of practical and biblical teaching,

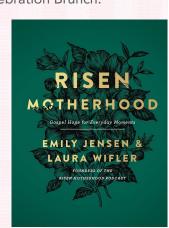
fun activities, input from mentor moms, and, most

importantly, you'll get to have real conversations with other moms who understand the joys and frustrations of motherhood. We finish each semester with a Celebration Brunch.

Curriculum: Risen Motherhood by Emily Jensen and Laura Wifler. Motherhood is hard. One second, we think we're doing a good enough job; the next, we feel like the worst mom on the planet. Which is why we need the refreshing truth of the gospel to be repeated over and over again, giving us hope in the everyday moments. What does the gospel have to do with birth plans, food choices, bad attitudes, education choices, self-care, health challenges, and body image? We will look through the lens of the gospel and see scripture has everything to do with the way we think through all of our parenting challenges, big and small.

Childcare: Available for birth through 5th grade with registration.

Moms Mentoring Moms Team Lead: Louise Rogers, Isrogers56@aol.com Taylors Women Coordinator: Mallory Gilmore, malloryg@taylorsfbc.org







NEW! Moms & Work is for working moms and is an opportunity to gain spiritual and emotional encouragement, and social connections. We want to encourage, equip, and challenge working moms with practical wisdom from God's Word.

When: Meets the first Wednesday of each month at

6:30 pm, beginning September 4, 2024, through

April 2, 2025

Registration: Cost is \$10 for the year. This fee covers the practical expenses. Sign up each month in the

Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.

Session Details: A Moms & Work meeting typically includes

fellowship, practical and biblical teaching, input from table moms, and most importantly, you'll get to have real conversations with other working moms who understand the joys and frustrations of motherhood, and working remotely or outside the home. Working Moms will walk away with a challenge each month and some helpful tools to help apply to their

everyday lives.

Curriculum: God's Word tells us in Proverbs, "The Fear of the

Lord is the beginning of Wisdom." We will look at Proverbs 31 and take one verse each month. You will be given a booklet that will be a great

place to take notes and offers a guide for each month. A helpful resource for this year will be

Famous in Heaven and at Home, by Michelle Myers.

Childcare: Taylors Children offers Konnect each Wednesday from 6:15 - 7:30 pm with late-stay until

8:00 pm. Stop by the Preschool or Elementary Welcome Desks for help with check-in.

Moms & Work Leadership: Sheri Metz (pmetz@bellsouth.net) and Maria Hine (mhine310@yahoo.com) Taylors Women Coordinator: Mallory Gilmore, malloryg@taylorsfbc.org







The Equip Institute exists to equip members of Taylors First Baptist Church to think rightly about God and His world for the sake of living rightly before God in His world.

Beginning September 4, join us on Wednesday nights in The Loft from 6:30 - 7:30 pm for a 12-week study of "Our Christian Heritage." We will survey the history of Christianity and learn about how our Baptist tradition fits within that story. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.

Taylors College



College Big Breakfast

Sunday, August 25, 9:40 am

Join us for our next College Big Breakfast! We can't wait to connect with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ over good food. Come hungry!



First Gathering of the Year

Wednesday, August 28, 7:30 pm Taylors Ministry Center

We're back for the 2024-25 school year! We can't wait to hear about everyone's summer and celebrate how God worked while we dive into the Word and worship together. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!



Thursday, August 22, 5:00 pm

The college team is heading up to North Greenville for the Church Fair! We can't wait to see you there and look forward to this new school year. Bring a friend and be sure to come by our booth!



Teach. Reach. Beach.

September 20 – 22 | Cost: \$75

Join us for Taylors College Fall Retreat! Our second annual Teach. Reach. Beach. is September 20-22 and we want you to join us! We're going to Charleston, SC, this year with First Baptist Spartanburg, Langston Baptist, Greer First Baptist, and Northwood Baptist. We had the best time last year, gathering together to worship and share the Gospel. Sign up in the Church Center app or at taylorsfbc.org/events!







Disciple Cycle Breakout

Sundays at 6:00 pm, beginning August 18

The Disciple Cycle is a 12-week study on how to be a disciple who makes disciples. The series of lessons that make up the Disciple Cycle are built around a backdrop of teaching that comes from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. Disciples will be trained to embrace that their first priority (front tire) is their walk – praying, studying His Word, and obeying His teachings. Secondly, (back tire) disciples are learning how to work as ambassadors – bringing in sinners, building up saints, and sending out servants. Finding proper balance in these areas will help every disciple live with purpose, making their investment in the fulfillment of the Great Commission – ALL for the sake of God's glory.

Come learn how to be faithful to our call to make disciples with us! Childcare will be provided.

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

Testimony

I am Kelley Williams. I am from Seneca, SC, and I went to Anderson University before moving to Greenville. I have lived in Greenville and gone to Taylors FBC for the past twelve years. I have loved



attending and being involved at Taylors. I started out as an intern with the Children's Ministry before officially becoming a member. My time at Taylors has helped me to grow spiritually and equipped me for ministry opportunities God has given me. As sad as I am to leave, I am really excited about what God has called me to do.

In February 2023, God called me to move to Los Angeles, California, to serve with The Abiding Church, a new church plant that Taylors FBC is currently partnering with. I went on the REACH trip in July 2023. This was my first time visiting California. I got to meet the pastor and some other members of The Abiding while I was there. In August 2024, I will be moving to Los Angeles. God is leading me to help with discipling new believers. I will also be working at a school while living there.

Please pray for the following: The Abiding Church, new believers, discipleship, and my transition as I begin to live in a new place far away from family and friends.

Time in the Harvest on Sundays

Are you looking for more opportunities to spend time in the harvest? Each month, the Reach team invites individuals to go out on one of the Sundays to spend time prayer-walking and sharing the gospel in our community on their own schedule. A resource will be provided at the Reach tables to help direct how you w ould spend that time. Begin thinking now of where you would like to go and make your plan. Join us for our next Sunday, August 11! To view all of the upcoming Reach opportunities, visit taylorsfbc.org/reach.

Serve LA Trip Update

Los Angeles county is not only home to Hollywood and the "rich and famous," but it is also the dwelling place of more than 1.5 million people living in poverty and over 75,000 homeless people. Living on the edge of society, these people are marginalized and forgotten by many. This summer, seven members from Taylors First Baptist came together to serve "the least of these" alongside Send Relief in Los Angeles.

On the night of our arrival, we took the Metro to McArthur Park and walked through the area offering cold water and engaging the people in the park in Gospel conversations. It was a beautiful evening, marred by a sense of hopelessness in the people living

in the park. Still, the message of the Gospel was a bright light in a dark place.



In the following days, we served dinner and ate with the families living at the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission. We also had a unique opportunity to run the LAYUPS program at LA City Baptist Church. The neighborhood kids were full of energy and eager to hear the Bible stories, and participate in the games and science experiments designed to point them to their Creator. We helped with a food pantry and block party at Estrada Courts, a primarily Hispanic community living in poverty. Although English was not the primary language for the residents, and Spanish was not the primary language for the team members, the love of Jesus and the Gospel were proclaimed despite the language barriers.

On the last day of ministry, we spent several hours on Skid Row. Skid Row is home to over 4,000 people, most of whom are homeless and held captive by drug addiction, mental illness, and false religion. We partnered with Set Free Church to provide lunch and other food items to those living in the area. We also used bottles of cold water on a very hot day to meet the physical needs and open the door to Gospel conversations.

To close out our time in Los Angeles, we gathered on "The Rooftop" overlooking the city. We prayed for each person we met throughout the week by name, believing that God put them in our path intentionally. It was a meaningful time of prayer, knowing that this is where the power begins. We were called to be faithful with our time and our resources, but it is God who changes hearts and sets the captives free.

Thank you, Taylors family, for your financial and prayer support. We went into a dark place with the light of the Gospel, and we are grateful for the support of our church family. — Chelle Evette

Having been my first time in LA, it was incredibly eye-opening to see all the different ministry opportunities that are out there. I went into the trip with some hesitation for what we would be doing and what the impact I could



have while out there, but I will be the first person to tell you that God worked in me to show me how I can have an impact for the gospel. God showed me that you don't have to be the boldest person on the team, the most knowledgeable person on the team, and you don't even have to be the most gifted person on the team. Through my willingness to go to LA, God had already been working to give me the knowledge and skills I would need. He showed me specifically that prayer is the most powerful thing I can do for gospel impact. Praying with the lost and praying for the lost is where we put our faith in God to do the saving. Please pray that God would work in the seeds our team was able to plant during the week! — Kayla Campbell





South Asia: Reaching and Encouraging Trip Update

The country we visited in South Asia is a melting pot of traditions, languages (over 1200), and religions. With a population of over 1.4 billion, it is the most populous country in the world. And over 97% of this population is non-Christian, with Hindus and Muslims in the majority. With 54 UPGs and 84 UUPGs* in the part of South Asia the team went to, the gospel is desperately needed to break through the barriers of lostness, ignorance, and indifference.

Our team of five went to South Asia to participate in training events in churches, help church members grow in their vision to reach their communities, share the gospel, and to encourage and minister to our IMB workers there.

We conducted training in two young churches, explaining the gospel, teaching them how to share their three-minute testimony, and how to use the Bridge illustration to share the Good News. Our workers partner with these two churches, helping enlarge their vision for reaching their neighbors, and helping equip them for that ministry.

We enjoyed special times of food, fun, fellowship, and worship with the local workers. These are dedicated, committed, faithful servants of the Lord working in a dark place that we all help support through

the Cooperative Program. Please pray for the workers as they seek to bring Jesus, the light of the world, to the precious people of South Asia.

Reaching South Asia with the gospel is truly a Godshaped challenge. But we rejoice that according to the promise in Revelation 7:9, one day in heaven, there will be people from every one of those 54 UPGs and 84 UUPGs. — Larry and Carolyn Freshour







^{*} UPG: Unreached People Groups | UUPG: Unreached, Unengaged People Groups

South Asia: Training and **Discipling Trip Update**

In June, five members of Taylors FBC were honored to head to South Asia to be used by God. While there, the team worked with pastors and church leaders from all over the country to teach the Disciple Cycle. Some leaders learned the first portion of the Disciple Cycle last summer and returned to learn the rest of the Cycle, and others were new to the learning. The intent of the teaching is that the leaders will then take that learning back and teach new disciples.



Before we got back on American soil, Steven had received pictures of groups of new disciples engaging in the Disciple Cycle! Even though we were there to bring the blessing of teaching, we were blessed and challenged! Many of the Nationals are hosting multiple house churches in their towns and villages and are unashamedly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. The team saw evidence of growth of the Church due to the work of the Holy Spirit and the diligence of Believers there. May the work that was done in South Asia continue to grow there and challenge us here to share the Good News. — Bobbie Jo Bright





Taylors Rec

Basketball League

Sign Up August 19 | Games Begin in November

Registration for the Basketball League will open August 19. Practices will begin in October. Games will run on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings from November to February. Sign up on the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events on August 18!

Physical Therapy Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, August 14, 11:30 am

Topic: Low Back Pain chronic or acute and what can be done. Cost: \$5

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



If you have not seen us in a while or you have taken some time off, please drop by!

We exist 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 about memberships and see the group fitness schedule at taylorsrec.com.

Community Ministries







Good News Clubs

Did you know that Taylors FBC partners with CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) to support two Good News Clubs in our local elementary schools? Taylors FBC supports the Woodland Elementary and Taylors Elementary Good News Clubs. These clubs meet weekly and are able to happen because of the generosity of our church members who give of their time, talents, and treasures to serve and invest in the students at these schools. Most of the children that attend Good News Clubs are unchurched and our church members volunteering with them weekly are able to share and show the love of Jesus and truth of the Gospel to them.

Are you interested in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with students? The Taylors Elementary Good News Club is in need of volunteers. Contact Amy Taylor, 864-360-0435, or visit the CEF Greenville website, cefgreenville.com, to volunteer or learn more about how you can get involved.

Christ-Centered Child Trauma Awareness Training

Thursday, September 12, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Student Worship Room

Have you ever wondered how to sensitively connect with children and adults from

Jules Thompson

hard backgrounds? Join us for our session on Christ-Centered, Trauma-Informed Training. Learn how to identify challenging behaviors in children you interact with and minister to and promote healing instead of harm as we hear from our speaker, Jules Thompson, from Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries. Sign up in the Church Center App or taylorsfbc.org/events.

Guest Services Rally!

Sunday, August 18, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm

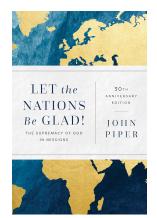
Calling all Guest Services team members! Join us for a time of fellowship, encouragement, and training as we prepare for the next year.

Attendance is expected of all Guest Services team members. Sign up in the Church Center App or taylorsfbc.org/events.



Worship is Eternal, Missions is Temporary

By Kayla Dubnick, Establish Network Intern



As a part of my internship for the Reach ministry, I was asked to read Let the Nations be Glad by John Piper. The very opening paragraph of this book states: Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.

This opening paragraph alone challenged the way that I view missions and what it means to be on mission. As a whole, I believe this book provides a clear, convicting, deep, and poignant insight into what it truly means to be on mission for the Lord, how we can be on mission for the Lord, and what Jesus says about being on mission for Him. As Christians, we are all called to be on mission for the Lord. To proclaim His Gospel and make His

Glory known wherever we go and to whomever we encounter. Therefore, I believe that Let the Nations be Glad is a book that can be applied to the lives of every Christian, not just the individuals called to a life of international missions. The content contained within this book is information that we should all know and give intentional thought towards.

The first section of *Let the Nations be Glad* is titled Making God Supreme in Missions: The Purpose, the Power, and the Price. This first section dives into what the scriptures say missions are, what the scriptures say it means to be on mission, and why missions are so important to the Kingdom of God. Through reminding us of what God's Word says and presenting multiple poignant stories of missionaries from across the world, Piper reveals the answers to these questions and similar ones. Arguably the part of this section that stood out to me the most was Piper stating that we as Christians are currently living in a time of war and not peace. I found this statement to be greatly convicting, and it caused me to reevaluate how I go about my daily life and what I allow to occupy my spare time and thoughts.

The second section of Let the Nations be Glad is titled Making God Supreme in Missions: The Necessity and Nature of the Task. This section narrows in on why God says missions are so important and how we are called to go about being on mission. Furthermore, throughout this section Piper addresses several arguments or debates that have arisen over the years regarding the necessity and nature of missions. For example, Piper addresses the question of if an individual who has not heard the name of Jesus, but is devoted to their own God in a "Christian way," is considered saved and how the answer to these questions impact the way we should view and engage in missions.

The third section of *Let the Nations be Glad* is titled Making God Supreme in Missions: The Practical Outworking of Compassion and Worship. This section dives deeper into how exactly worship and missions are related. Furthermore, this section dives deep into what biblical worship looks like and how we as Christians are called to worship our Creator. The final section of *Let the Nations be Glad* is titled Making God Supreme in Missions: Global Shifts and Wartime Living. This section addresses the current state of Western missions and also touches on the prosperity Gospel and how we should approach it.

Over the course of this book, my views of missions were challenged, shaped, and, ultimately changed. Furthermore, I believe that this book is one of the ways that God placed the calling for international missions on my heart. However, I believe that this book is one that can, and perhaps should be, read by all Christians, regardless of if they plan on a life of international missions or not. This is because, as Christians, we are all called to be on mission for the sake of the Gospel and we are all called to worship God our Creator. At the same time, I would encourage whoever reads this book to read it intentionally. Allowing themselves to ruminate on and thoughtfully consider both Piper's words and the various pieces of scripture Piper presents throughout the book and how they can be applied to the reader's life.





Equipping and Sending multiplying leaders who abide in Christ, make disciples, and develop leaders to Establish the Church.



Caroline Bryant

Junior at Anderson University

Caroline Bryant, one of our Taylors Children interns, has a heart for the public school system! The internship has cultivated this



call as she desires for her love and passion for the Lord to shine through her interactions with her future students. Caroline will miss her fellow interns, working in a Christlike environment, Lunch and Learn book discussions, helping out with camp, and her Pre-K classes once she returns to college! For her, both the intentionality of the church and the preparation work behind-the-scenes for different events are two of the most impactful components of her internship. Caroline asks anyone looking to join the summer internship next year to approach the opportunity with open hands and an open heart as they prayerfully seek God's will.



Abie Coward

Senior at Bob Jones University

Our Taylors Student ministry intern this summer was Abie Coward! Throughout his internship, God confirmed his call to student



ministry. The Lord has given him an even stronger desire to serve students, and a growing excitement for his future in ministry. The Lunch and Learns were impactful and he enjoyed hearing the Younger Me stories, as well as the testimonies many shared during this time. He will miss these Lunch and Learns as he felt the book studies and hearing about other interns' insights and experiences in ministry unified them all. Josh Duncan, our Minister of Students, left a lasting mark on Abie. Josh advised him, "you are not alone in ministry, find people to help guide you through your ministry." For anyone interested in becoming an Establish Intern next summer, Abie reassures them this is the most incredible job and growth experience for those wanting to go into ministry.



Kayla Dubnick

Senior at Anderson University

Our Reach Team intern was Kayla Dubnick this summer! Although she was uncertain about God's calling on her life, Kayla senses



the Lord has been pulling her towards international missions over the course of her internship. She specifically enjoyed the Disciple Cycle training offered to interns on Tuesday mornings as these were pivotal moments of growth for her. She was both discipled and learned how to disciple new believers, a skills she is determined to use in the upcoming school year. Kayla will miss the people on staff and her fellow interns most of all. She was encouraged and strengthened while she learned, worked, and was on mission beside each of these individuals. For those who would like to join the Establish Network internship, Kayla would like to tell them to keep the option open to all the internship has to offer! Although you learn about the department you are working in, you will get to see and help in other areas of ministry within the church. Have a willing heart to see what the Lord will do in and through you!

Nathan Parker

Bob Jones University Graduate

Nathan Parker was our Administration and Finance intern this summer! Throughout his time here, Nathan's calling from the Lord



to use his interest in finance to serve others became clear. He especially enjoyed the Lunch and Learns every Wednesday, a time when the interns gathered to reflect on their assigned reading each week and to hear wisdom from those at the church and on staff. During one of these book studies, Nathan was reminded by John Piper that "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." He recognized the worry over pleasing God with his actions was unnecessary since he could glorify God by being satisfied in His steadfast love! Nathan will miss the people he worked with this summer the most as he loved learning and growing alongside the other interns. He encourages anyone interested in the Establish Internship program to "jump right in and get involved!"



Morgan Hester Senior at Liberty University

This summer, Morgan Hester was one of our Taylors Children interns! Morgan sees the internship as a precious gift reaffirming her call to ministry, especially as she woke up each day with an eagerness and joy to do the Lord's work! Throughout the internship, Morgan thoroughly enjoyed the Lunch and Learns as these were times filled with laughter, getting

to know each other, and having conversations that ultimately brought all the interns closer to Jesus. She has been encouraged by gifts the Lord has given her to use in ministry and His intentionally to mold our minds and hearts to fulfill His purposes in our lives! Morgan advises anyone considering the internship to keep Psalm 23 close in their heart as they ask God to guide their steps, and seek counsel from others before making a decision. She encourages any who are interested to not hesitate in looking into this great opportunity as she knows it will be fruitful for them!









Lauren Pressler

Senior at Liberty University

Our Communications interns, Lauren Pressler, recognized without a doubt her calling into ministry! She will miss the



team of interns and other staff, as everyone truly did shine the light of the Lord! Lunch and Learns were life-changing as the book discussions provided a true picture of discipleship and the Younger Me stories showed how the Lord uses ordinary people for His extraordinary purposes! For those thinking about doing the internship, Lauren encourages them to go for it, especially if the opportunity *fell into your lap*, so to speak, as it did for her!

Jared Stephens

Junior at North Greenville University

Jared Stephens was our College and Young Adults intern! Jared's calling to ministry was already



evident, but the internship this summer has allowed him the opportunity to serve in all different ministries and given him a desire to see people of all ages come to know Jesus! He has been amazed by the great teachers of God's Word and gleaned different methods to teach the truth of the Bible. The overall atmosphere of community in the office is something Jared will miss most and was grateful to have been a part of! He recommends anyone looking into the internship to apply. He is thankful to have had the opportunity to learn under the strong leadership and ministerial team here at Taylors FBC!







Carmen Waynick

Final Year at Greenville Technical College

Carmen Waynick was the intern in our Communications and Productions division



this summer! She realized immediately that she was where the Lord wanted her for the summer. Through the assignments, her passion grew for camera directing and productions! But she realized throughout the internship that it takes a team to accomplish a task, even through social media! She learned there is grace when mistakes are made and how to move forward, accepting what to do differently next time. Carmen will miss the supportive and encouraging community she had at Taylors FBC, especially the other interns who were going through the same season of life as her. She would say, "Take a step of faith, join the internship. You will have the opportunity to learn and grow."

Our Church Family

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

Welcome New Members



Seth and Tess Chandler Joined June 9, 2024 by Baptism



Selah Duncan Joined June 23, 2024 by Baptism



Tommy and Tena Jordan Joined June 16, 2024, by Letter



Robbie and Lea Hardy Tyler, Scott, and Greyson Joined June 30, 2024, by Letter



Cindy HollingsworthJoined July 28, 2024, by Statement

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Zac and Christie Key
Joined July 14, 2024
Zac Pending Baptism / Christie by Statement

Gabriel and Tammy Foster Joined July 14, 2024, Pending Baptism

John and Anita McDaniel

Joined July 21, 2024

John Pending Baptism / Anita by Statement

Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ through believer's baptism: Ed Blakemore, Seth Chandler, Tessa Chandler, and Selah Duncan

Staff Anniversaries

AUGUST

Beth Caskey — 19 years of service Melanie Thompson — 16 years of service Steven C. — 2 years of service

In Memoriam

Haskell Brown

November 7, 1936 - May 29, 2024

Harold Cothran

September 23, 1938 - June 4, 2024

Greg Garrison

July 16, 1963 - June 24, 2024

Lonzo Greene

April 8, 1931 - June 10, 2024

Marie Evans

May 19, 2024 - June 26, 2024

Sunday Statistics

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Nursery	63	35	53	35	37	28 .	45	37	39
Preschool									
Elementary	68	64	79	63	65	0.	61	74	63
Students	60	72	68	71	68	0.	63	71	73
College	50	45	56	45	25	0.	42	64	37
Adults	653	679	633	655	676	0.	666	616	572
Life Group Total	1079	1042	1049	1031	984	0.	1032	1013	947
Morning Worship	1363	1347	1412	1308	1109	941 .	1310	1349	1289

2024 Stewardship

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Budget Receipts	\$454,250
Actual Receipts	\$414,452
Actual Spent	\$409,955

JUNE MONTH TO DATE

Budget Receipts	\$454,250
Actual Receipts	\$436,496
Actual Spent	

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Through online banking — set Taylors FBC



Bring your tithe/offering to the Church Office



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



Legacy Giving: Give through your estate as a bequest

Welcome Lea Hardy, Minister of Children!

Lea is married to Robbie Hardy. They have three sons, Tyler, Scott, and Greyson. She graduated from Clemson University with a degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. Children are her passion and what Lea has centered her life around for many years. She has



served more than 15 years in children's ministry and 10 years in the public school system. In her spare time, as a certified health coach, Lea loves learning about and helping others work towards healthy living through nutrition and lifestyle. She also enjoys attending sporting events with her family, especially when her boys are playing baseball or she's cheering on the Clemson Tigers.

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!





Lunch with the Staff

September 8 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. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



Sunday Mornings

8:30 am: Band Led Worship

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade (except 8/4)

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 8/4)

Wednesday Nights

NEW DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE — MONDAYS

Dinner Beginning August 14Dinner Served, 5:15 - 6:10 pm

August 14 Hamburgers, tater tots, baked beans, or Chick-fil-A

August 21 Baked Chicken Breast, mixed vegetables, sweet potato casserole, and roll, or Chick-fil-A

August 28 Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, green peas, and roll, or Chick-fil-A

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

Beginning August 14

Taylors Worship: Rehearsals

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: Night of Worship

For Middle and High School

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

Weekly Beginning August 21

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

Weekly Beginning August 28

Taylors College: The Gathering, 7:30 pm

Beginning in September

Equip Institute, September 4

Moms & Work, September 4 (meets monthly)

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