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## taylors Children

Raising up the next generation to love Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.



## Children

Taylors Children exists to come alongside parents to raise up the next generation to love Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Our mission is to help children Encounter God through the teaching and singing of God's Word, Equip them to know foundational truths about God and engage God's Word, and to help them to Engage and love others by sharing the Good News of Jesus.

#### From Our Minister of Children

Stepping into the role of Minister of Children just 4 months ago has already been a tremendous blessing in my life! I am so grateful for the wonderful volunteers, parents, children, and co-workers who have graciously welcomed me and come alongside me as we continue to raise up the children of Taylors in the Lord. Taylors First Baptist Church is a special place to be and I'm thankful the Lord led my family and me here. The verse that our family held tight to as we watched God lead us to Greenville and confirm our calling to move, was Ephesians 3:20-21. Throughout our entire transition and even still, He has done far more than we ever dreamed and we give Him all the glory! I'm excited for what's to come in the Taylors Children as we look to the future and follow the Lord's leading for what He has in store. Thank you, church family, for your generosity, love, and support as we can guide children to love Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. We want to raise up children who are changed BY Jesus so they can in turn change the world FOR Jesus!



Joyfully in Him, Lea Hardy











#### Volunteer Hightlight

#### Gail Glandon, Taylors Children Support Lead for Nursery and Preschool

Gail is such a vital part of our ministry and has been since 1983! As our Support Lead for Nursery and Preschool she coordinates our Nursery and Preschool volunteers and substitutes for the 8:30 am, 9:40 am and 11:00 am hours on Sunday mornings. Gail has such a servant's heart and is great at building relationships with each and every volunteer. She and her husband, Jim, joined Taylors FBC in 1974 and within a short amount of time, they both began serving within our church. Their heart for children is evident and it's such a joy to serve alongside them. Our Taylors Children's Team is so grateful for Gail and Jim's service each and every week.

#### **Parent-Child Dedication**

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









# Join us this Christmas for all of these exciting events!



## One King Taylors Christmas Worship

December 5 at 7:30 pm | December 8 at 10:00 am

Bring all you are before the King. Come and celebrate the arrival of King Jesus into our world, remembering the way He came and why He came!

Childcare available for children birth through age five.

## Children's Musical

"We Knead a Little Christmas" | December 15 at 6:00 pm

Bethlehem was called "the house of bread," so no wonder that the little town's best bakery is "The House of Bread." Owners are busily baking up the best delights for the residents of Bethlehem, and all the visitors in town for the census. Excitement rises along with the bread dough with news of a baby born that very day — a Savior, who is Christ the Lord! Will Babka and the shepherds find the baby lying in a manger, just as the angel told them?

Childcare available for children birth through age five.

## **Christmas Lessons & Carols**

December 22 at 6:00 pm

This evening of worship we gather to hear the Christmas Story. Nine Scripture Readings, called lessons, lead us to respond by singing familiar Christmas Carols. Come and experience the beauty of God's redemptive plan and His promise fulfilled through his son, Jesus.

Childcare available for children birth through age five.

## **Christmas Eve Worship**

December 24 at 2:00 and 4:00 pm

Childcare available for children birth through age five at the 2:00 pm service.

## The King Has Come!

December Sermon Series

## ENCOUNTER GOD.

## EVENING OF WORSHIP Lord's Supper/ Memorial Service

Sunday, November 24 | 5:00 pm

On Sunday, November 24, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together and observe our annual memorial service remembering those in our church family who passed away in 2024. Join us for a time of Scripture, songs, and encouragement.



Wednesday, November 20 | 7:00 - 7:30 pm | Chapel

For parents and immediate family of preschoolers who attend Konnect on Wednesday Nights.

The presence of the Lord was powerful as we encountered God together at Songs & Stations! As God's word led the way, we contemplated the excellent greatness of God. We worshipped Him with our singing, writing, drawing, praying, silence, and interactive worship stations. Psalm 34:8 says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." We did just that and more. To God be the glory, great things He has done!





songs & stations

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP













## EQUIP BELIEVERS.





## **Thompson Life Group**

We are a Life Group made up of people from all backgrounds, experiences, and generations who long to grow together in spiritual maturity. We meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in Room B232/233 to study the Bible, pray for one another, and to enjoy biblical fellowship. Originally, our Life Group began in order to meet a need—to provide a Life Group for people who serve on Sunday mornings. But, over the years we have become a place for all people to find biblical fellowship. Whether you serve on Sunday morning, or would just enjoy the opportunity to study the Bible in a casual environment, our door is open to you! You can reach us at equip@ taylorsfbc.org for more information! — Jeremy Thompson, Equip Pastor



The Equip Institute exists to equip members of Taylors First Baptist Church to think rightly about God and His Word for the sake of living rightly before God in His world. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Loft.

The Equip Institute has been a blessing to me since it began in the fall of last year. Topics such as theology, doctrine, and biblical interpretation are presented at a level I can understand. The classes address both the "why" and the "what" of our beliefs. Questions by class members are encouraged and answered thoroughly. Every session has helped me grow in my faith. — Tom Burns

#### Institute, One-Day "A Biblical Theology of Prayer "

On November 3 at 4:00 pmDr. Nathan Finn will speak on the theme of prayer across the storyline of Scripture. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



## **Taylors Women in 2025**

#### **Bible Reading Plans**

This year we challenged Taylors women to read through the whole Bible by joining together because we are *better together*.

We are offering two options for 2025! Our goal is to provide plans that will guide you to read God's Word daily at the pace that best suits you.

Ask a friend, neighbor, or your Life Group to join you and help encourage other women in reading God's Word daily. Sign up in the Church Center App and we'll send you the details on the reading plan you choose! There is no cost to sign up for a reading plan

#### Option 1:

Plan: Bible Recap Bible Reading PlanScope: The entire Old and New TestamentDaily: Read 3-4 Chapters daily

#### Option 2:

Plan: Pivotal Bible Reading PlanScope: Significant themes/ moments throughout the biblical narrativeDaily: Read 15-20 verses

"They received the word with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. Acts 17:11"

#### **Special Events**

Watch for Details Coming Soon!

Women's Book Cohort Beginning mid-January!

A Year in the Word Celebration January 5

> Women's Conference February 1

#### **Scripture Memorization**

Scripture memorization is for every believer! Many women would say I cannot memorize scripture. It doesn't matter how old you are, how long you've been a Christian, how poor your memory, or how educated you might be.

We challenge every woman to commit to memorizing scripture with us this year. We are going to lock arms and do this together, because we are *better together*. You don't have to find a new time in your day to memorize scripture; simply redeem the time you already have. I promise the time you spend memorizing scripture will not be a waste.

Sign up in the Church Center App beginning November 6 so we can keep you informed about challenges offered throughouth the year and tips to make memorization a daily practice.

#### Winter Bible Study Begins Wednesday, January 8 | 9:00 - 11:00 am

*Faithful in the Covenants* by Whitney Saville and Lauren Weir (Well-Watered Women resource)

God has been working through all of history to reveal himself to his people. We will study how Scripture is a story of God revealing more of himself through a series of promises to his people called the Covenants. A promise is only as good as the one who makes it, and each successive covenant reveals more of God's trustworthy character. As God's people learn more about their God, their faith grows and their relationship with him deepens. Join us as we learn more about the covenantal God and how he reveals himself more through each covenant.

Registration is \$20 for the semester. This fee covers the Bible study book and practical expenses for the semester.





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#### **RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT**

#### "Christology: The Study of Christ" by Daniel L. Akin

Who is Jesus? Christology is the central doctrine of Christianity. In this book Akin discusses key issues about Jesus. Covering both Old Testament and New Testament texts, *Christology* offers succinct explanations about some of the biggest questions about Jesus. Additionally, Dr. Akin comments on the historical controversies and major theories regarding the life of Christ. This book will not only help you learn more about Christ, but it will also help your relationship with Christ.

#### NON-FICTION HIGHLIGHT

#### "What is the Gospel?" By Greg Gilbert

What is the gospel? It seems like a simple question, yet it has been known to incite some heated responses, even in the church. How are we to formulate a clear, biblical understanding of the gospel? Tradition, reason, and experience all leave us ultimately disappointed. If we want answers, we must turn to the Word of God. Beginning with Paul's systematic presentation of the gospel in Romans and moving through the sermons in Acts, Gilbert argues that the central structure of the gospel consists of four main subjects: God, man, Christ, and a response. The book carefully examines each and then explores the effects the gospel can have in individuals, churches, and the world.



#### FICTION HIGHLIGHT

#### "Hope Harbor" by Irene Hannon (A Hope Harbor Novel, Book #1)

Tracy Campbell never wanted to leave Hope Harbor, Oregon, or the idyllic three-generation cranberry farm where she grew up. But life — and love — altered her plans. When tragedy strikes and changes her plans yet again, she finds herself back in her hometown with a floundering farm to run and a heartbreaking secret. Fan favorite, Irene Hannon, brings a whole new cast of characters to life in a charming Oregon seaside village. Emotional and heartwarming, this story invites readers to come home to Hope Harbor, where love and hope bloom--and hearts heal.



11 Day Journeys of Paul



Led by Dr. Gene and Lisa Fant, Nathan and Leah Finn, & Josh and Allison Powell

Details are in the Church Center App or contact the Pastor's Office!





Hey, guys! My name is Blake, and I am extremely excited to be stepping in to the Interim Minister of Students position here at Taylors FBC. Here are a couple of ways that I have witnessed God's faithfulness in this ministry already:

- As an Establish Network Resident, I was asked to be a 10th grade small group leader during Remedy on Sunday nights. Though I agreed to it, I had no idea that I would be witnessing the Lord do such a great work amongst these young men. From our weekly meetings to the Off the Grid Winter Retreat to summer outreach opportunities, it has been awesome to see these young men growing in their faith, following Jesus more closely, and more boldly proclaiming the gospel in their schools and various workplaces.
- As we have been walking through the Disciple Cycle with our students on Sundays and Wednesdays, I have heard stories of students taking these lessons and sharing them with friends and family members.

I'm excited to see God's faithfulness as our students continue to grow! It is evident that the Lord is at work, and I can't wait to see what He will do next!



"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6



#### 16:13

#### November 8 | 6:00 - 10:00 pm | Taylors Rec Picnic Shelter

Join us for our annual guys event! The name 16:13 reflects 1 Corinthians 16:13 that says "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events. Registration closes November 3!



#### tsm Summit Rescheduled: November 22 and 23

We'll have intentional time in the Word, biblically sound worship, and activities that will be enjoyable and edifying. We will be giving students an opportunity to Live Sent by going into the community to prayer walk and have intentional gospel conversations. Bring a friend and sign up today!

Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/ events. Registration closes November 10!



#### Winter Retreat January 17 - 20

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For winter retreat this year we are going to Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters for a long weekend of solid biblical teaching, Gospel-focused worship, high-adventure recreation and small group time together and with other churches. It'll be an amazing experience, unlike anything we've done before. We'll be heading up to Andrews, NC, for this weekend retreat. We want you there! *Sign up by December 15 for \$20 off, only pay \$299*! (\$100 deposit)

Our Life Group has been studying the book of Mark, however, we are also doing an additional reading plan. On Sundays, we read one chapter in Judges and we all pick a strange, interesting, or confusing verse. During the week, the students read the next three chapters in Judges and then the following Sunday they share the verses from their reading plan. It has been such a beautiful gift to see 8th graders read their Bible at home and come to church prepared to share what they thought was super cool about the Bible. I can't wait to watch our students continue to independently dig into the Word of God as we make our way through the Old Testament.

- Ryan & Savannah Tonnsen, 8th Grade Life Group Leaders





We are proud of our students who have been actively serving and making an impact in the community. Several of our college students joined forces for Hurricane Helene cleanup efforts, spreading out across the upstate for hard work and compassion and offering hope for those in need. They gave their time and energy to help restore hope in the aftermath of the storm and share the Gospel.

During Fall Break, many of our students took a much-needed rest, spending time away to recharge and reconnect. Despite the break in the academic schedule, we continued to gather for worship, fellowship, and growth at The Gathering. It's always refreshing to come together in the middle of the week.

A special highlight last month was when I had the privilege of preaching to over 400 students at the Anderson BCM. It was a powerful night of worship and teaching from Esther 6. Some of our college students met up with me

to enjoy dinner at a local favorite, JC's – an iconic spot in Anderson, serving "Bird-Dogs."

As the semester winds down, we ask for your continued prayers for our students. These final weeks can be stressful as they juggle studies, exams, and ministry commitments. Pray that they will finish the semester strong and continue to shine as lights for Christ on their campuses.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers! We look forward to seeing what God continues to do in and through these students.

Deep Roots, Strong Limbs. Alex Smith, Minister of College and Young Adults









#### Converge 2025 January 24 -26

Converge is an annual conference for college students to come together from across our state to worship and grow in their knowledge and love for the Lord. Seeing these students who are passionate to see Jesus move in their generation is a highlight of Taylors College! We're heading back to Myrtle Beach and cost includes conference fees, lodging, and two breakfast meals. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



## It's Fall Y'all Recap

Take a beautifully decorated Fellowship Hall, mix in 145 Taylors seniors, a delicious meal, and a program that blesses and inspires and what you get is the 2024 Taylors Seniors It's Fall Y'all. This annual fall event sponsored by Taylors Seniors ministry occurred Thursday evening, October 24, and delivered what was promised.

The highlight of the evening was a worshipful presentation of inspiring music, dramatic monologues, and a chalk drawing of the crucifixion and resurrection by Bill and Kathy Cox. Collectively these elements combined to challenge each person in attendance regarding their response to what Jesus did to secure our salvation. What made the evening special is that Bill was Minister of Youth at Taylors FBC from 1975-1980 and he met and married Kathy who was raised in this church. This homecoming presentation helped cap off a year-long 50th anniversary celebration of the launch of Concoxions Ministries.







#### XYZ Fellowship Monday, November 11 | 11:15 am

Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events by November 4 by noon.



## ENGAGE THE WORLD.

## **Reach Weekend Recap**

Reach Weekend was a huge success this year. It was great to be able to hear exciting stories of advance from several of our partners who are serving in Los Angeles and South Asia. We learned of fields being opened up for new work in places where the soil is hard, here and abroad. We even learned of progress being made among some of the unengaged and unreached people groups. We heard testimonies of lives being impacted by the power of the Gospel. We heard the stories of transformation, as disciples are maturing through the ongoing investment of the Word by those who labor among them. We learned of new church planters being developed and deployed in a variety of contexts. We heard about the marriages of church planters being strengthened as a result of the retreat that our church hosted. Significant things are happening in and through the lives of those with whom we partner! What an honor and a blessing to have these partners worship with us and share with us how the Father is at work! Praise the Lord!

We were also blessed on Reach Sunday to hear a stirring message from Dr. Lee Clamp, Associate Executive Director-Treasurer of the SC Baptist Convention. We





were reminded of the call of God on each of us, to live with Gospel urgency. We were also challenged to take the necessary risks to do so. Our hearts were well prepared to receive this Word after having been led so well in worship that morning by Pastor Kevin and team. Through song we declared together so many rich Truths, and we gave our praise and worship to our Worthy God!

We were honored to have the about 50 students from the Palmetto Collective staying on our campus the entire weekend, participating in meetings that are aimed at developing them as they prepare to live a life on mission! They also worshipped with us on Sunday morning and afterwards we hosted them for a delicious meal and stirring time of hearing more testimonies from our Reach partners.

Reach Weekend was a huge success, in that it gave each of us the opportunity to assess our own missional health, and to recommit to living a life of impact. As we reflect on this brief recap, let's revisit what changes need to be made in our lives for us to glorify God in our commitments to PRAY, GIVE and BE on mission!







#### **Brook Glenn Elementary**

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

- Life Groups or individuals may sign up to sponsor one or more children.
- After signing up, you will be provided a list with a few items requested by parents. Gifts should be delivered to Brook Glenn Elemenary by December 9.
- Sign up to sponsor a child in the Church Center App.

#### - Send Relief

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

- Pick up a Send Relief Gift Catalog in the Welcome Center or visit catalog.sendrelief.org to select gifts online.
- Purchase items to welcome refugees, help farming communities, provide clean water, and share Christ through meeting tangible needs.



• Purchase items to aid with crisis response in hard hit places.



#### - Operation Christmas Child

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

- Pick up shoeboxes in the Welcome Center on Sunday, November 3.
- Pack your shoebox with items listed in the brochure provided. Pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- Return your filled shoebox to the Welcome Center on Sunday, November 17.

## **EXPLORE 2025**

#### Are you interested in going on a Reach trip in 2025?

Join us for EXPLORE 2025 on November 10 from 4:00-6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You will get the opportunity to learn more about our mission trip plans for 2025 as well as information on next steps!

## **Reach Trip Reports**

#### The Well, New Hampshire

The New Hampshire team, led by Bo Davies, accompanied by Barry Stoddard, Lin and Keith Cunningham, and Darlene and Mike Jacob arrived in Manchester New Hampshire Friday, September 20. Our first order of business was a dinner meeting with Tim and Jenny Carpenter in Newmarket, an old shipbuilding and mill town on the Lamprey river. Tim and Jenny, both New Hampshire natives, had established a



church plant that met in a music venue called The Stone Church Music Club. They are currently meeting in a private school. Don't let anyone tell you that God is not on the move in New Hampshire. When they first announced the church's move out of the Old Stone Church, they had over 150 people show up at their information meeting. Glory!

Saturday morning started at Hookset New Hampshire's fall festival. Our assignment was to meet and support Aaron and Linda Cockrum as their congregation operated a doughnut and coffee booth at the festival. Just about the perfect stop in the light mist and rain of the day. We mingled, witnessed, walked and talked. Aaron is a native of Iowa, who felt God's call to New Hampshire several years ago. His congregation is currently meeting in the Hookset municipal services building. He loves the Hookset community and puts feet to his call at every opportunity.

Saturday afternoon, we were at The Well Church, back in Manchester, preparing a celebration for Scott Kearney's leadership team. Hamburgers, hot dogs, testimonies and prayers! It doesn't get much better than that!

But, in many ways, Sunday was the best. We met and worshipped with Shane and Holly Becton at New Life-Seacoast Church just across the river from Rochester, New Hampshire. Many of you may be familiar with Shane's story after our trip last year. He didn't know what he was going to do after the collapse of the multi-location ministry that had brought him from North Carolina. He only knew that God had called him and given him a group of believers to care for. It was so exciting to look at the faces of folks who worship with Shane and Holly!

Once again, testimonies, praise, food and prayer! After lunch, Shane led us on a prayer drive around Rochester where we specifically prayed that God would open the door for a dedicated location for New Life-Suncoast!

There was a common theme to our visits to these four congregations. Just as Jesus' early ministry was meeting the needs of the people of Galilee and announcing the Kingdom, these four families are committed to being there for the local community, and living out abiding in Christ, as they invite others to abide with them in Him! We can do no less.

—Mike Jacob, Team Participant

#### South Asian Church Launch, North Carolina

It was an exciting stateside South Asian mission trip to the North Carolina Triad area. Six volunteers were involved in the strategic planning for a new church plant called: Life Nepali Church

After nine years of diligent prayers, Pastor Bishu Subba and his family were approved in May to relocate to the United States from Bhutan. Pastor Subba, his wife Sarah and their two children, Asher, and Zeke, currently reside in High Point, North Carolina.



During the week, partner relationships were built with the staff from Life Community

Church, Refuge Sports and Life Nepali Pastor, Bishu Subba. Life Community Church is the host church and will provide the meeting space for all LIFE Nepali services. Additional activities included community prayer walks, tours of the chuch campus and critical partner planning sessions. Upcoming Outreach events include a concert by a South Asian musical artist and several soccer tournaments/clinics to generate community interest in the Life Nepali Church.

Most importantly, many seeds were planted in the hearts and minds of South Asians in the Triad area. We pray that God will continue to bless the work done and use it for His glory and to spread the Good News among these people.

## **Local Ministry Event Reports**



#### **Helene Relief Efforts**

What a blessing to see the body of Christ spring into action in the wake of all the damage caused by Hurricane Helene. Everyday there were people, also dealing with their own losses, who gave selflessly of themselves to engage in the work of serving others. Taylors members grabbed their chainsaws and rakes and tirelessly worked to clear debris in people's yards and along some of our public roads. Cooking crews gathered at the Taylors ministry center throughout the week to prepare hot meals and deliver them to several communities that had significant needs. These acts of service provided many great opportunities to meet people in the community at a very difficult time and remind them of God's love and His grace.





#### Thrive with Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries

In October we hosted an event for Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries. Thrive is an event specifically designed for foster families, that allows foster parents the opportunity to be poured into by key note speakers in the realm of foster care while getting to fellowship with others foster parents, and have a fun filled evening where our church is able to wrap around them to show support and appreciation for the ministry they live out as foster parents. Each year this event is such an encouragement and blessing to see so many families who have responded to the call to care for the orphaned come and give us the opportunity to serve them. Thank you, church, for your generosity that allow us to care for our community partners. If you're interested in learning more about Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries or ways that you can make an impact, look on their website at conniemaxwell.com/get-involved.



#### **Hometown Heroes for First Responders**

On Saturday, October 26 we had our first ever Hometown Heroes event! This event was specifically designed to show our appreciation and support for our local First Responders and their families. Our church wanted to wrap around them and give them a fun-filled evening as a way to say "thank you" for their selfless service and



sacrifice each and every day as they serve our community. We had a wonderful time enjoying a delicious meal, fun activities, and sweet treats. It was fun to see everyone in attendance enjoy time with one another and enjoy everything that had been prepared for them. There were many appreciative and grateful hearts! A big thanks to our many church members who supported the event leading up to it and during it and to our many community partners who made the evening happen.











### DENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

November 11 | 10:00 am | Presented by Greenville Tech Students

Learn about gum disease and de-stigmatizing tooth decay. Our guests will be teaching you what to look for and what to do moving forward. They will be answering questions and helping all understand more on oral health. All invited! Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.





November 21 | 12:00 pm

This clinic will focus on physical therapy for anyone who has been through cancer, currently going through cancer, or anyone caring for someone with cancer. Physical Therapy can help the mind and body. There are many things involved in treatments when going through cancer not limited to chemo, radiation, and surgery. Physical Therapy can help now, right after treatments, two years from now, or even ten years from now. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



Friday, November 29 10:00 am and 11:00 am

Come work out as a group the day after Thanksgiving!

We will be working out together in stations and working off the extra calories we partook of. Come have fun and celebrate the beginning of the holiday season!

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

## WE ARE THANKFUL

Because of your generous giving, we were able to open our doors following Hurricane Helene for showers, internet, and fellowship. We served more than 70 individuals, many who had never visited Taylors FBC or the Rec Center. We strive to daily proclaim Jesus to our neighbors.

Our Basketball League begins this month! Taylors Rec will host 240 players on 28 teams. Pray for coaches and leadership that we will build community with the purpose of sharing the Good News of Jesus.



November 19 | 9:00 - 11:00 am | \$4 per family | Topic: "Taste and see the Lord is good."

Rec'd Moms is a group for moms with children ages five and under. Your children will have time to play, you'll connect with other mothers, and enjoy coffee, tea, and conversation. Each session we will have new activities! Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.





## ESTABLISH THE CHURCH.

#### Establishing the Church by strengthening existing churches and planting new churches

## Internship

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

The Internship is a leadership development ministry of Taylors First Baptist Church that provides college age young adults the opportunity to be actively involved in the ministry alongside faithful and experienced ministers. Young adults have the opportunity to serve within the Worship Ministry, Equip Ministries, and Reach Ministries. The goal is not only for each intern to grow in their ministry skills, but also in their character and call.

The Internship exists to develop multiplying leaders who make disciples wherever God calls them.

Applications are open! Scan the QR code to learn more and apply.







#### taylors 2025 Ministry Plan





The 2025 Ministry Plan reflects our desire to continue the work and ministry God has called us to. All of us are a part of this work. We need you all and the Lord has given us all we need. There is no way that we can continue to do all that the Lord has laid out in front of us without your generosity. — Pastor Josh

#### Have your questions answered:

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

#### Vote to Approve 2025 Ministry Plan:

The Called Church Conference is Sunday, November 10, at 8:30, 9:40, and 11:00 am.

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

## **Our Church Family**

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

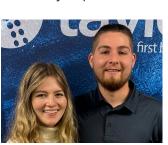
#### Welcome New Members



Ken Ellis Joined October 13, 2024 by Baptism



Olivia Lakadosch Joined October 13, 2024 by Baptism



Eric and Maria Mason Joined October 27, 2024 by Letter



Harrison & Madison Polk Joined October 27, 2024 by Letter



Melody Mazurek Joined October 13, 2024 by Statement



**Tacha Romanow** Joined October 13, 2024 Pending Baptism



Neco & Savanna Smit Joined October 27, 2024 Pending Baptism

Blakely Ann Hickman Joined October 20, 2024 Pending Baptism Jacob & April Hickman Joined October 20, 2024 Jacob Pending Baptism April by Statement

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Joined October 20, 2024 Christian by Statement Taylor Pending Baptism Preston & Julie Johnson Joined October 27, 2024 by Letter

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#### **Baptisms**

We welcome to the Body of Christ through believer's baptism: Ellie Barnett, Ken Ellis, Olivia Lakadosch

#### Staff Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

Nancy Clayton — 32 years of service Sherrie Holt — 23 years of service Scott Norman — 15 years of service Ellen Shearer — 11 years of service Tad Riddle — 7 years of service Cameron Burroughs — 4 years of service

#### **Sunday Statistics**

	*10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
Nursery	23	30	33	28
Preschool		61	53	63
Elementary	0	66	77	73
Students	0	90	88	83
College	0	70	47	50
Adults	0	671	620	646
Life Group Total	62	1109	1008	1058
Morning Worship	1007	1399	1331	1375
Songs & Stations			371	

\*Reach Sunday with One Service and No Life Groups No services on 9/29 due to Hurricane Helene

#### In Memoriam

Hugh Batson April 12, 1937 - October 4, 2024 Tom Britt August 21, 1932 - October 13, 2024 Charles Brown March 5, 1940 - October 21, 2024 Ray Hawkins February 15, 1951 - September 24, 2024 Joe Nash May 6, 1935 - September 30, 2024 Maurice West November 26, 1934 - October 16, 2024

## **Staff Updates**

#### Welcome Tom Berg Director of Facilities and Grounds



Tom Berg comes to us from Bob Jones University where he served as Senior Director of Facilities. He has served the school for over forty years in several capacities, including as network administrator and director of utilities and energy services. Tom has a bachelor's

degree from BJU. We are thankful for his desire to serve the Lord and His church through our facilities and grounds ministry. Welcome to the team, Tom!

#### 2024 Stewardship

#### SEPTEMBER

MONTH TO DATE	
Budget Receipts	\$454,250
Actual Receipts	\$375,582
Actual Spent	
YEAR TO DATE	
Budget Receipts	\$4,088,248
Budget Receipts Actual Receipts	

#### Ways to Give



In the Church Center A

- Online at taylorsfbc.org/give
- Through online banking set Taylors FBC as a payee in your banking system
- Bring your tithe/offering to the Church Office
- Mail your tithe/offering to the Church Office
- Place your contribution in one of the Giving Boxes

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

Legacy Giving: Give through your estate as a bequest

#### Welcome Shirley Atkins Food Service and Facilities

We welcome Shirley Atkins to our Food Service and Facilities staff. Shirley will assist in the kitchen and janitorial service for the Fellowship Hall and student ministry areas. She has over a decade of expertise in janitorial and food service work. Shirley received education



and experience with food service from Donaldson Career Center. Her experience includes banquet service at the Hyatt Greenville as well as other food service roles. Her most recent role was at Sunland Logistics, where she worked on packaging and inspecting. We look forward to working together and are confident Shirley will positively impact our church. Welcome to the team, Shirley!

#### Mario Saavedra Facilities and Grounds Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that Mario Saavedra has



been promoted to Facilities and Grounds Coordinator. Mario has served the church faithfully in the facilities department for the past three and a half years. Mario loves Christ and His church, and we are grateful for his service. Please congratulate Mario on his new position.

### **Sunday Mornings**

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

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade (except 11/3)

#### 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 11/3)

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## **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!



#### **Seminary Scholarships**

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

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

## Wednesday Nights

#### **RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY**

Dinner Served, 5:15 - 6:10 pm

- November 6 Turkey and dressing, with gravy, sweet potato casserole, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, roll or biscuit, or dessert; or Chick-fil-A
- November 13 Meatloaf with mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert; or Chick-fil-A
- November 20 Chicken pot pie with mixed vegetables, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert; 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.

#### Weekly

**Taylors Worship: Rehearsals** 6:15 pm Taylors Worship Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Orchestra Rehearsal 6:40 pm Combined Christmas Choir Rehearsal 7:45 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal

Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Taylors Children: Konnect for Elementary6:00 - 7:30 pm

Taylors Children: Nursery and Konnect forPreschool6:30 - 7:30 pm | Doors Open at 6:15 pm

Taylors Students: Rise for Middle School6:30 - 7:45 pm | Cafe Opens at 6:15 pm

Equip Institute 6:30 pm | Room: The Loft

Taylors College / Young Adults: The Gathering7:00 pm | Taylors Ministry Center

#### Monthly

Women: Moms & Work November 6 at 6:30 pm | C Building Welcome

Love Taylors: Mission 1:27 November 13 at 6:30 pm | Room B127