

A PUBLICATION OF TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH





Taylors Children exist to come alongside parents to raise up the next generation to love Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Our goal is for children to be changed by Jesus and learn to love Him through the reading and studying of God's Word. 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 help them engage and love others by sharing the Good News of Jesus. Thank you, church family, for your support, prayers and generosity as we continue to help children Change the World for Jesus. — Lea Hardy, Minister of Children

Weekly Rhythms

Each week we offer Life Groups on Sunday mornings for Preschool and Elementary, Large groups on Sunday mornings for K3-3rd grade and Konnect on Wednesday evenings.









Cornerstone Events

These events are held all throughout the year and include Vacation Bible School, Parent/Child Date Nights, Baby Dedication, and Rising 1st Grade and 6th Grade Celebrations











We celebrate that 17 children were baptized in the past year!































ENCOUNTER GOD.



EVENING OF WORSHIP Lord's Supper & Ordination

September 14 | 5:00 pm

Led by our Worship Ministry and Pastor Josh, we'll bring our hearts together to sing and celebrate the Lord's Supper. We will also ordain our newest deacons as well as Dan Johnson to the Gospel Ministry.



Regeneration Student Choir begins the 2025-2026 season with our annual kick-off:
Magical Mystery Tour 18 on Sunday, September 7 at 3:00 pm.
Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events by September 4.

Regeneration Student Choir, for 6th through 12th grade students, meets to rehearse on Sundays at 5:00 pm



Legacy Choir

Mondays at 10:00 am beginning September 8

You are invited to join us as we begin our choir year on a new day! We are looking forward to a great year of sharing our love for Jesus through wonderful, uplifting music. We hope to see you on the 8th.

Legacy Choir will be one of the best hours of your week!

As the community of believers, called Taylors First Baptist Church, we value...



Biblical Authority

The Bible is God's Holy Word and our authority for everything we say and do.



Christ-Centered Worship

Jesus is the center of our worship in our personal life and our worship together.



Gospel Urgency

The good news of Jesus Christ must be proclaimed by us in our neighborhoods and to the nations.



Life Transformation

The Word of God applied to our lives leads us to live a faithful and fruitful life for His glory.



Generous Living

The Gospel transforms our lives in such a way that we give our talents, time, and treasure generously to be used for His Kingdom.



Everybody Serves

Like Jesus, we as His people are called to serve by using our God-given gifts for God's glory and the good of others.



Prayerful Dependence

In all of our plans and programs, we are utterly dependent on the Lord for their fruitfulness. Therefore, we pray always.

EQUIP BELIEVERS.





Taylors Seniors exists to create a spiritual environment founded and grounded in the authority of the Word of God through which Senior Adults experience salvation through Jesus Christ; having done so, they are then discipled to be disciple-makers.

It's Fall Y'all

Thursday, October 2 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall | Cost: \$12/person
Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events

Featuring The Regals

The Regals offer a program full of humor, praise and worship using their progressive blend of harmony and Southern Gospel roots. Their prayer is for God to use their music to share the message of His love and healing to the broken and weary.





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.

The Equip Institute: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

The theme for the year will be "Baptist Beliefs" as Teaching Pastor, Nathan Finn, leads us through the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. We will work through the confession article by article, learning more about the key doctrines and emphases that are affirmed by most Southern Baptists. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.

Equip Institute Seminar: Meaningful Membership

October 12 | 3:30 - 5:00 pm

There is a lot of confusion about church membership. Some Christians treat membership as an afterthought. Others assume it is an obligation, but it doesn't really matter. Still others reject the idea of membership altogether. Drawing on New Testament themes, the Baptist tradition understands membership as Christ-centered, covenantal, and commissioned. In this Equip Institute Seminar, we will look at the Scriptures and Baptist history as we discuss why meaningful membership is part of God's design for every Christian, and why it matters for our church.



Our prayer is that every student leaves this ministry rooted in Christ, equipped to serve, and ready to impact the world for the Kingdom of God.

NGU Church Fair Recap

We had an incredible time at the North Greenville
University Church Fair! This year involved some sweet
puppies and connecting with a few hundred college
students, making this event one to remember. We look
forward to participating in this every year as it gives
us a chance to build relationships that will be fostered
weekly during the school year.

I personally was thankful for all of the volunteers and other church staff that showed up to help make this year such a big success. We look forward to welcoming more students into our church in the coming days!

- Morgan Hester, College Ministry Assistant



















Taylors Students exists to equip students to change the world for Jesus.



FUGE Camp 2025

This year at FUGE the Lord truly worked in my life and I've grown so much closer to Him! Our theme was called Into the Light and I really learned how to dwell in God's light and be that light to others too! Specifically, God really showed me that community with other believers helps me stay in the light and not wander off into the darkness. A takeaway that will always stay with me is that my relationship with Jesus is personal, but it's not private. — Anslyn Klessens, 9th Grade





This week at Fuge the Lord worked in many ways. Some of the most impactful moments this week were the spiritual life change during worship and the deep connections during bible study. A main point of Fuge is the community around you and that's what made this week special. — Jay Caskey, 11th Grade

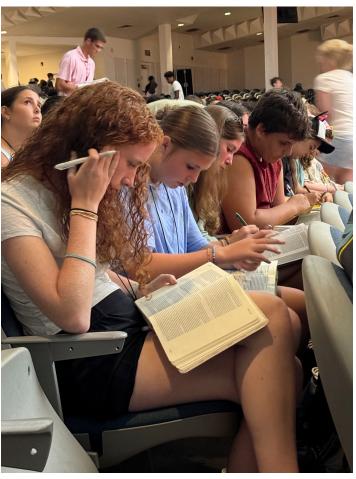
For the past five years, FUGE has been one of my favorite weeks. This year I was able to see God move in big ways in our student ministry. Each night in church group, Kilgore had us write down what the Lord has convicted us of and then make a plan for how to change. We would then share with the person next to us and pray together. Just hearing everyone in the room talking and being honest with each other was truly beautiful. I am so thankful for the past five years and how they have shaped my walk with the Lord. — Hope Hartsell, 12th Grade











At the beginning of the week, God told me to put the worldly things out of my life and my mind. He opened up my heart so much that it allowed me to drop everything at His feet through the week. The very first night i knew God was working through me about it, allowing me to drop not just one thing but everything to Him. Throughout the rest of the week God just put on my heart to get rid of friends and people in my life that were leading me towards the worldly things. — Jonas Yonally, 10th Grade





Jesus was clearly moving in powerful ways during FUGE camp! This was my very first church camp, and it genuinely changed my life. Throughout the week, Pastor Cliff Jordan shared powerful messages about the importance of living out God's Word, building strong community within the church, and how sharing the gospel can truly transform lives. One sermon in particular—about living out God's Word—really spoke to me. It opened my eyes to how I should carry myself as a Christian, not just in words, but in how I live every day. The theme of the week was "Into the Light", and through scripture, we learned how to apply God's truth to our daily lives. We're called to be a light in this world, helping others draw closer to Jesus. That means loving deeply, forgiving freely, holding each other accountable, and committing fully to God's Word. We live in a broken world where darkness is everywhere, and without structure or truth, it's easy to fall into temptation. But Jesus is the source of light and life. He has a purpose and a path for each of us; we just have to surrender and trust Him completely. Our life starts when we give our lives to Jesus and I know my life has only just begun. — Kaylyn Crabtree, 11th Grade





October 3-5 at Camp McCall

Join us for Fall Retreat 2025! Students will spend an incredible weekend with their friends.

At this cornerstone event, students will encounter God, be equipped to walk with Him, and be sent by Him to engage people. During the weekend, students will experience worship sessions, small groups, solid teaching, and outdoor activities. We can't wait to spend the weekend with your students!

Cost: \$190. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events by September 4.



Sunday, September 21 | Younts Stadium, NGU

South Carolina Baptist Convention is putting on a "ONE Night" in the Upstate and we would love for you to join us!

ONE Night is an evangelistic event for middle and high school students. There will be food, fun, giveaways and the Gospel message! We will end the night with a special celebration concert, rapper KB will be performing, you don't want to miss it! We can't wait to spend that evening together.

Cost: \$20. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



Taylors Women exists to disciple women to love God more by knowing Him better.

Fall Gathering

September 12 at 6:30 pm

Join Taylors Women for a cozy fall evening of sweet treats, creative fellowship and Christ-centered connections. We will gather and fellowship because we are better together. Sign up in Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



Women's Retreat

January 23 - 25
Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove

Join us for an exciting weekend of dynamic teaching of the word, worship, and fellowship. We are excited to have Glenna Marshall as our

guest speaker and Cameron B.
Phillips leading worship.

Registration spots are filling up quickly so sign up in Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.



Grateful Moment

Thank you to everyone who attended our Facilitator and Mentor Training! We enjoyed learning practical tips for leading Christ-centered discussions, hearing an overview of Taylors Women's Ministry, and practicing real-life scenarios together. A special thanks to Marilyn Nutter, Alison Roller, and our Leadership Team for leading breakouts. We trust God used this training to prepare us for great discussions ahead. If you're interested in serving with Taylors Women but couldn't attend, please reach out to me at malloryg@taylorsfbc.org.

— Mallory Gilmore, Taylors Women Coordinator

Moms & Work

First Wednesday of each month at 6:15 pm beginning September 3

We will encourage, equip, and challenge moms with practical wisdom from God's Word with an emphasis on the calling of motherhood no matter your vocation, inside or outside the home.

Fall Studies Beginning September 9

Moms Mentoring Moms

Wednesdays at 9:00 am

An opportunity for young moms to be encouraged, equipped, and challenged to apply the gospel to their everyday lives.

Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm on Campus or at 7:00 pm on Zoom / Wednesdays at 9:00 am An opportunity for women to grow in knowing God and His Word.

ENGAGE THE WORLD.



We are excited to announce that Reach Ministry will become Engage Ministry in October 2025!

The new name better reflects our church's mission to "Change the World for Jesus" and our vision to Encounter God, Equip Believers, Engage the World, and Establish the Church. To "engage" means to take action, and Jesus has called every disciple to actively share the Gospel and make disciples of all nations.

Through Engage, our goal is to mobilize and equip every member of Taylors First Baptist Church to abide in Christ, go to those who do not know Him, share the Good News, and disciple new believers toward maturity. The Engage ministry at Taylors First Baptist Church exists to glorify God as we send members to make disciples of their neighbors and among all nations.

- Steven C., Missions Pastor



SAVE THE DATE

Engage Weekend: October 24 - 26

Sunday, October 26, One Worship Service at 10:00 am
Lunch follows to celebrate the incredible impact of one of our missionary families
and reflect on how God has worked through their ministry. Registration for lunch
will open September 29.

GRATEFUL

God Answered Our Prayers!

By Lin Cunningham

Our New Hampshire Mission team is praising God for His sovereign care of us during our time on the ground! He definitely went before us by preparing us and the team of folks there, and with us as we traveled and served the Fellowship Church, the Hooksett community, and the precious children who attended the four-day basketball clinic and VBS.

As our team began to meet and plan for the basketball clinic and VBS, we began to pray for the mission and kept a record of our prayer requests that would honor God in all we did during the week we would be in New Hampshire. We can all attest to God's faithfulness and definitely felt His presence and His guidance throughout the time there as He answered our prayers beyond what we could have imagined and we wanted to share these with you.

Our Prayers

- For our team to be grateful for the opportunity to teach children in New Hampshire the good news about Jesus-we were definitely grateful for the opportunity to serve by teaching the children!
- That every child attending would encounter Jesus and feel His love displayed through our team-our team for sure displayed Jesus' love for others by our actions, care and patience.
- For God to give our team insights about the needs of the children-only God could have accomplished this and He did!
- For the weather not (no rain) to hinder outside activities-hot but no rain.
- For the children to be safe during our time with them-no injuries or major mishaps.

- For the stamina of our team during our busy schedule-only God could have sustained our team, the volunteers, and the children with such heat.
- For the safety of our team as we travel and during our time there-we were safe even through flight delay and rebookings.
- For our team to be united-our team was great; our team worked together, fellowshipped together, and gave credit to God for all that was done!
- For the Holy Spirit to stir the children's hearts as they heard the Gospel. That God will draw the children to Himself-the children were eager to learn and for the most part they were excited for the opportunity to be a part of VBS. We are trusting God with the seeds planted!

Our Ongoing Prayers

For our church to be a source of encouragement to the church planters and their families during this time in their endeavors in New Hampshire: Shane and Holly, Aaron and Linda, Scott and Charity, Tim and Jenny. We also prayer for Shane's replacement as he and Holly return to North Carolina to care for a parent and family.

TRIP REPORT

News Travels Fast Myrtle Beach Trip

By Kaleb Ross

We were thankful to be able to serve along side of pastor Wallace Evans of Impact church this past June.

Our team came along side of their church plant launch team and helped with two events: a neighborhood game night, and a video game tournament. We also prayer walked the neighborhood, having Gospel conversations and praying with members of the community along the way.

The team was blessed to be able to worship with Impact church on their second Sunday service. Please continue to pray for Wallace and Impact Church's launch team as they continue to minister and bring the Good News to Conway.

TRIP REPORT



North Carolina Myanmar Manna

By Cal Moreland

We are grateful for the vision God gave to Mike and Julie Lee regarding our approach to carry out the Bible camp for children ages first through eighth grade from Burmese and Nepali refugee families. In the months leading up to the camp we(our team from Taylors) met with Mike and Julie to discuss the lessons on Abraham(A Big Thank You to Lea Hardy and Faith Keefe for suggesting these lessons from "The Biggest Story") and the crafts and activities to complement these stories. The week before we arrived about 15 people (students and adults) from the Life Myanmar and Life Nepali churches were trained by Mike and Julie on helping with sharing this content, especially for the opening time where everyone gathered at the beginning of each day. During the week of camp about 40 children were able to attend. The Bible study on Abraham presented powerful lessons on God's promises, faith in God and God's provision, to name a few. In addition, the connection to the gospel from the lessons was taught. The students and the adults who received training the week before did a



wonderful job with leading music, introducing our stories through the Bible characters in our story and helping during the classroom and recreational times. We were blessed to have Pastor Bishu from Life Nepali provide a short lesson each day and also share the gospel message. We were also blessed to see God work in these children during the week by a change of heart and their verbal expressions, beginning to sing the praise songs after 2 days of silence, and engagement in the scripture reading. Overall, it was a wonderful partnership and experience with a great closing ceremony and time of fellowship at the end. For our team it was a blessing to serve, share and teach these Bible stories/lessons, love on the children, and be with everyone throughout the week.

TRIP REPORT

Summer Youth Celebration Camp

By Cameron Phillips, Worship and Communications Associate

This summer marked my third year traveling to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, to serve alongside the Peacock family at Summer Youth Celebration Camp. I've had the privilege of leading worship for students, and each time I return, my heart grows even more for the ministry taking place there. I count it an honor to use the gift God has given me to point students to Jesus—not just by leading songs, but by teaching them how to worship and what it truly means to worship.

Over the years, I've been able to guide them in discovering that worship can take many forms: there's a time for jumping, clapping, and celebrating with joy, and there's also a time to stand in awe and stillness before the Holy Spirit. Watching students grasp this balance and grow deeper in their walk with the Lord has been incredible.

Relationships are forming and deepening not only between the students and me, but most importantly between them and God.

I'm so thankful for the chance to return year after year, to watch God move in powerful ways, and to be a small part of the beautiful story He's writing in their lives.













Janie Chapman Offering

The Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions was started as, and continues to be, the driving force for missions happening throughout our state. Nearly 2,000 churches cooperate with the South Carolina Baptist Convention in missions giving, mission discipleship, and mission support. Each year, we spend one week in September highlighting how the Janie Chapman Offering is used, as well as praying for those serving across our state. The hope of the Gospel is made known because of your faithful generosity and prayers!

Prayer guides and offering envelopes will be available at the Welcome Center Desk and at the Reach tables.

LOVE TAYLORS

Single Moms Oil Change

On August 2, we restarted our first Single Moms' Oil Change and had a wonderful time serving single moms and their families from within our community. We ministered to close to 50 families by servicing their cars, changing oil, fellowshipping and praying with moms, and sending children home with school supplies for the start of the school year. Thank you church for your generosity in the giving of your time, talents, and treasures to care for those the Lord has placed around us.

"I went to the Oil Change asking God to allow be to be a blessing to those attending, but it turned it turned out that meeting and talking to a mom as she pulled up was fun and a blessing to me! Being able to serve our community and single mothers was a gift and I would encourage anyone who can be involved next year, to do it!" - Emily Alana

"I am so thankful for a good restart of this ministry and for the great response of wonderful volunteers who came out to serve and minister to these ladies and their families. I am also thankful to the Lord for providing a good day to be outside in August and a sweet spirit throughout the morning!" - Cal Mooreland

"I was so impressed when I walked in and saw all the volunteers! As I sat at the Children's Table and saw Taylors ladies sitting and sharing with single ladies in such a caring way, I truly knew we were Changing the World for Jesus on a Saturday morning!" - Linda Fultz







Homework Club Ministry

Homework Club has resumed in the Spring Grove community for the 2025-2026 school year. We meet on Thursdays, 2:45 – 4:15 pm, to minister to the children in this community by coming alongside them in reading and math practice, building relationships, learning from the Bible, and offering snacks.

You can help!

The students who attend Homework Club are sent home with food for the weekend. If you, or your Life Group are interested in helping, please bring the following items to the Church Office: cereal bars, snack bars, crackers,

cookies, sweet or salty snack items, non-perishable fruit cups, or other non-perishable items that don't require cooking.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact lovetaylors@taylorsfbc.org.

Back to School Bash

On August 2, our Homework Club Volunteers, and others in partnership with Community Mission Baptists had a Back to School Bash in the Spring Grove Community for the students and families to enjoy as they prepare for the upcoming school year! It was a fun time with activities, games, lunch, and treats for children and their families to enjoy. As well, the team passed out over 70 backpacks to students!



Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries

We're grateful for the Tyler Shaw Life Group at Taylors First Baptist Church for introducing Connie Maxwell to Cheryl Carpenter, the founder of Christmas Shoes!

This remarkable ministry delivers over 3,000 pairs of new tennis shoes to local children annually. This year, they donated 103 pairs to children in our residential, foster, and family care programs.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped prepare our children for success. Because of your support, Connie Maxwell kids walked into their classrooms with confidence and hope. Please join us in praying for their best school year yet!

#ForTheDreamsOfChildren





Good News Club Teams

Taylors FBC proudly sponsors two local Good News Clubs at Woodland Elementary and Taylors Elementary. These teams serve faithfully every week during the school year to make Christ known in the young hearts of elementary students. Please pray for them as they begin the new school year and pray for the hearts of the students they will be ministering to.









Basketball League

Grades K5 - 5th grade will play with Upward Sports / Middle School, High School, and adults will play with Wade Hampton Basketball League.

The link to sign up is in the Church Center App or at taylorsrec.com.



Soccer League

Our soccer league, in partnership with Upward Sports, is open to boys and girls K4 - 2nd grade. The league is designed with your family in mind — featuring just one practice and one game day per week.

The link to sign up is in the Church Center App and at taylorsrec.com until September 13!



Rec'd Moms is a group for moms with children ages five and under. Children have time to play while mothers connect with each other and enjoy conversation. Each session has new activities!

Join us on Tuesday, September 9 at 9:00 am and we'll head up to Sky Top Orchard. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsrec.com.

Try Out Special Event Classes for Free!



Line Dance Workshop

Join us on Saturdays at 10:00 am in September.



Zumba on Thursdays

Join us on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in September.

Our Church Family

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

Welcome New Members



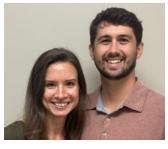
Bryan Sansom Joined August 3, 2025 by Statement



Savannah Sansom Joined August 3, 2025 by Statement



Harvey and Jin Cripps Joined August 10, 2025 by Statement



Dane and Rebeka Szalwinski Joined August 10, 2025 by Statement



Michael and Amy Bryant Joined August 24, 2025 by Letter

Photo not Available Dylan Avant Joined August 3, 2025 by Statement

September Staff Anniversaries

Kathy Dority — 20 years of service
Anna Duncan — 12 years of service
Wally Harris — 7 years of service
Mallory Gilmore — 6 years of service
Ira McCoy — 2 years of service
Jared Stephens — 2 years of service
Shirley Atkins — 1 year of service

Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ through believer's baptism: Bennett Chandler

In Memoriam

Paul Billings

March 11, 2934 - August 8, 2025

Jessie Walser

November 24, 1931 - August 15, 2025

Guynell Brown

May 16, 1935 - August 20, 2025

Betty Cutchin

February 10, 1925 - August 21, 2025

Sunday Statistics

•	8/3	8/10	8/17	8/24
Nursery	40	31.	29.	24
Preschool				
Elementary	73	102.	92.	85
Students				
College				
Adults				
Life Group Total	971	1173 .	1128.	1076
Morning Worship	1286	1650 .	1376.	1523

Thank you Beverly!

Beverly Vest is finally being allowed to retire. She has faithfully served as a Financial Ministry Assistant at Taylors FBC for over 11 years. She has served our church well in multiple financial areas including membership giving records and accounts payable. She reduced her hours to part-time in late 2024, and has assisted our financial team as needed until now. We are not saying goodbye, but we wish her nothing but the best in her retirement years ahead and as she continues to serve within the church body.

Wednesday Nights

Dinner Served, 5:15 - 6:10 pm

September 3 Baked chicken breast with vegetable, rice, roll, and dessert; or Chick-fil-A

September 10 Biscuits with gravy, grits, scrambled eggs, bacon, and mixed fruit; or Chick-fil-A

September 17 Baked ham with sweet potatoes, green beans, roll, and desserts; or Chick-fil-A

September 24 Chicken Alfredo over penne pasta, caesar salad, garlic toast, and desserts; 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

Taylors Children: Nursery and Konnect for Preschool and Elementary

6:15 - 7:30 pm | Doors Open at 6:10 pm for Elementary and 6:15 for Preschool

Grief Support for Spouses 6:15 - 7:30 pm

Taylors Students: Rise for Middle School

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Pastor's Bible Study

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Equip Institute

6:30 pm | Room: The Loft

Taylors College / Young Adults: The Gathering 7:30 pm | Taylors Ministry Center

Monthly

Women: Moms & Work

September 3 at 6:30 pm, C Building Welcome

Stewardship

JULY

Budget Receipts	\$478,749
Actual Receipts	\$496,109
Actual Spent	

YEAR TO DATE

Budget Receipts	\$3,351,245
Actual Receipts	
Actual Spent	

Ways to Give



In the Church Center App



Online at taylorsfbc.org/give



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



Bring your tithe/offering to the Church Office



Mail your tithe/offering to the Church Office



Place your contribution in one of the Giving Boxes



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



Legacy Giving: Give through your estate as a bequest

Taylors FBC Podcasts

The **Worship Service Sermon** features the message each week. Listen again or catch up on one you missed.

The **Pastor's Bible Study** podcast features the teaching from Wednesday night as Pastor Josh walks us verse by verse through the Bible.

In the **Equip Institute** podcast, Nathan Finn, our teaching pastor, teaches topics such as the Trinity, God's attributes, salvation, and more.

We invite you to listen wherever you get your podcasts or visit our website at taylorsfbc.org/our-podcasts.