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A large group of students and staff members posing for a group photo on a grassy field with trees in the background. They are arranged in many rows, some standing and some sitting on the grass.

taylors students

Taylors Students exists to equip students
to Change the World for Jesus.





This year's fall retreat was an unforgettable weekend that had a huge impact on my heart. I got to witness God move in incredible ways and fill the air with his powerful presence. It was a great opportunity to deepen my faith with Him. Growing closer to God allowed me to grow closer with friends and get to know them on a deeper level. I enjoyed all the fun activities from swimming in the freezing lake to glow in the dark dodgeball, but most importantly the powerful message of Gods salvation and being reminded that our hope is found in Him alone. This retreat was a great reminder of how good the God we serve really is, and I'm thankful for all the people who made it possible.

Bennett Candler, 12th Grade



2025 Fall Retreat was so fun and helped me connect with God on an even deeper level. Camp McCall was absolutely beautiful, with breathtaking sunsets and gorgeous scenery, it helped remind me the beauty of His creation. The worship and preaching was so moving. Matt, Cameron, Blake, and the whole team did an incredible job to make sure all of the students encountered God. I had an amazing weekend with all of my friends, leaders, and Jesus.

Ansley Brinkman, 10th Grade



I had the amazing opportunity to attend the Taylors Students Fall Retreat this year, both as a leader and as a parent. What an incredible weekend! It was breathtakingly beautiful and enthralling to witness our students engage in authentic worship, asking questions about salvation, and to feel the Holy Spirit at work all around us. Since there was no cell phone service, the students were able to truly unplug and connect with one another more deeply, which really challenged them to absorb God's word, and to focus on growing in their faith. What a wonderful opportunity to set the stage at such pivotal times in their lives while in a serene and beautiful place of God's creation. I am grateful that our church family of believers and our student ministry invest in our children's lives by teaching them foundational truth to build upon going into this world knowing Jesus Christ with hearts on fire and living sent!

Lena Poulos, Small Group Leader

Fall Retreat at Camp McCall was by far my favorite retreat that we've been on as a student. The weather was perfect, and we had lots of fun activities to do, like hiking to a waterfall and a late night campfire. Everything we did circled back to God and what we can learn about Him. On Saturday we did a team building exercise on a ropes course. We had to stand on a log and switch places and stand in line according to when our birthdays were without stepping off the log. To do this, we all had to support each other and hold each other up while we moved. It was hard, but it taught a good lesson; as followers in Christ, we need to hold each other up and hold each other accountable, and not let each other fall into the wrong things. We need to support each other, and stay steadfast in our faith. The best part of the whole trip was worship. Matt preached on Isaiah, and how Isaiah had a big impact on the New Testament. About how a true encounter with God shapes how we view ourselves and the lives we're living. Something he said that really stuck with me is: "We were so bad that Jesus had to die for us, but we were so loved that Jesus was glad to die for us." Matt, with his sermons, put everything into a new perspective for me. He talked about how God is our judge and how we are just like Israel on trial. We had a quiet time one morning, and it gave us a chance to continue reading in Isaiah or to read wherever we wanted. It was 30 minutes of just us and the Word. Everything we did was grounded in Christ, and in bettering our faith, and I would give anything to go back and do it all again. It was an amazing experience.

Eleanor Finn, 9th Grade



16:13

FOR GUYS IN ALL GRADES

Our annual guys event!

November 21, 6:00 - 10:30 pm

The name 16:13 reflects 1 Corinthians 16:13 that says "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." We are excited to spend intentional time learning how to live as a man according to God's Word. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.

ENCOUNTER GOD.



EVENING OF WORSHIP

Lord's Supper / Memorial Service

Sunday, November 23 | 5:00 pm

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together and observe our annual memorial service remembering those in our church family who passed away in 2025. Join us for a time of Scripture, songs, and encouragement.

Childcare available for ages 5 and under.

CHRISTMAS AT TAYLORS

WHY JESUS CAME

Worship Concert with Choir and Orchestra
December 4 at 7:30 pm | December 7 at 10:00 am

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

December 14 at 6:00 pm

LESSONS & CAROLS

December 21 at 6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service | December 24 at 2:00 and 4:00 pm

Childcare for age 5 and under for each worship event.



songs & stations

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP

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 prayer 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!



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 disciplined to be disciple-makers.

Taylors Senior ministry 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 disciplined to be disciple-makers. Our Senior Adult ministry kicked off with our annual It's Fall Y'all on October 2. This year the Regals provided entertainment. The night was filled with good music, a lot of laughs, and fellowship. This night and the spring event, Spring Fling, are a good way for our senior adults to experience a night of fun, food, and fellowship.

Additionally, our monthly XYZ (eXtra Years of Zest) has started meeting monthly after taking the summer off. The next few events will be November 3 and December 8 beginning at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come out and enjoy lunch, a program, and time together. Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.





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.



October was another joy-filled month for Taylors College!

We continue to welcome first-time guests regularly, build community, and worship faithfully together. It is encouraging to see our students being an active part of the Church family, and we are thankful for their consistency.

Alex Smith, our Minister of College, had the opportunity to speak at Furman University FCA this month. It is exciting to see how our ministry's efforts continue to branch out into the local campus. Please join us in continuing to pray for these students, that all would know the good news of the gospel.

Our team looks forward to finishing out this fall semester with two more Big Breakfasts, one more worship night, and many more weekly campus visits. We anticipate all that God will do in these final weeks and in the Spring semester to come.



64 First Time Guests

55 Average Sunday Life Group Attendance

65 Average Wednesday Night Attendance

**FALL
SEMESTER
STATS**



College Leadership Teams

Over the fall semester, we have implemented student leadership teams during our weekly events. These teams cover areas of discipleship, outreach, creative, event, and hospitality areas of ministry. This has allowed Taylors College to thrive by giving students a place to serve within a college ministry context. This effort extends to local college campuses, where our students have been faithful to make intentional and valuable connections with their peers. We are thankful for our students who serve faithfully each week and look forward to what God has in store.





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

Serve with Us!

Join our Preschool and Elementary Teams on Sundays and Wednesdays



SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM

Crawlers | One-year-olds | 3-year-olds

SUNDAYS AT 11:00 AM

Babies | 3-year-olds | 5-year-olds



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Babies | 1-year-olds | 2-year-olds

BE A BUDDY
for a Special Needs Child



On Sunday, October 12, we had ten children, represented by nine families, dedicate their babies to the Lord. It was a wonderful and special day for our church as well as these families.



ENGAGE THE WORLD.



ENGAGE AT CHRISTMAS

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 Elementary by December 11.
- Sign up to sponsor a child in the Church Center App.

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 2.
- 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 16.

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 scan the QR code 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.



Food Collection

Partner with us to bless families around our church.

- Provide for families in need this holiday season by collecting food items that will be distributed through our temporary Food Pantry in the month of November.
- Bring the following items to the Taylors Rec Center by November 19: dry pasta and sauce; rice; quick grits and oatmeal; cereal; breakfast bars; peanut butter; jelly; bread; shelf-stable milk; ramen; Easy Mac; dry mixes for pancakes, muffins, etc.; cans of soup, pasta, vegetables, beans, fruit, chicken, tuna, etc.

Engage Sunday

"Until All Have Heard"

Engage Sunday was a celebration of what God is doing to make His glory known among all nations. The theme for our service was "Until ALL Have Heard." We were blessed to be joined by several missionary families who shared with us about their lives and ministries.

The day began with a Meet & Greet with our missionary guests, who told stories of how God is at work through their ministries—bringing the nations to the knowledge of the Truth. The time together was greatly used by the Lord, renewing our missionaries' passion for the harvest while stirring a new passion within our congregation as well.



Following the morning service, these missionary families graciously joined us for lunch, where they were able to share in greater detail the work that the Lord is doing in and through them for His glory. We heard about the Gospel being preached in places where it had never been preached before, about people being baptized from groups where there had never been a baptism, and about the ongoing need for more workers to join the harvest. We were challenged to pray faithfully, give generously, and go sacrificially.

During the morning worship service, we were blessed by the preaching of Jacob Boss, the newly appointed Vice President of Global Engagement for the International Mission Board. Jacob delivered a powerful and convicting message about the terrible lostness that exists in our world and the desperate need for the Gospel to reach those who have never heard. His message was both inspiring and challenging, urging us to obey Christ's command and boldly proclaim the good news wherever we go.

We also had the privilege of hearing the incredible story of Mrs. Ruth Griffin, who, along with her family, answered the call to missions and served for 37 years in Southeast Asia. She recounted boarding a ship with her husband and two small sons, sailing for 21 days before reaching their destination. Their diligent and sacrificial service stands as a remarkable example for us all. Mrs. Griffin challenged us with these simple yet profound words: "Don't miss it!"—a

call to seize every opportunity to obey God's call and serve Him wherever He leads. May God be exalted as all who heard respond in obedience!

We were also honored to have over 50 university students from the Palmetto Collective worshipping with us on Engage Sunday. These students are part of a two-year leadership development process, seeking to discern how they can most strategically engage in the fulfillment of the Great Commission after graduation. Pray that what they heard this weekend will deeply move their hearts. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up a new generation of laborers—including many from the Palmetto Collective.

The call to commitment on Engage Sunday was a call to say "YES" to Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations. Until ALL Have Heard, all who know the Truth are called! Let's make our "YES" more than just words. Let's live it out—denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and following Jesus.







An Adoption Story | Mission 1:27

This month we celebrate an adoption story within our Taylors First Baptist Church family! Read below and celebrate with us as we praise the Lord for His testimony of provision and grace.

"In 2022 we embarked on a journey known as foster care. We knew that God had been calling our family for several years and once we moved and He gave us a home large enough, we said yes. We had one placement that lasted 6 months and those children were able to reunify. We gave ourselves a month to regroup and make sure we were ready for a new placement.

In September of 2022, two little girls ages 5-years-old and 6 months came to our home. Lilly was a sweet but scared little girl who loved to play and took comfort close by our sides. Layla was a baby who was healing from a broken arm and didn't smile much. We knew after a year of praying and helping the biological family work towards reunification, that God was calling to us to more; to advocate for the best interest of the girls. We are so thankful that Lilly and Layla were able to officially claim our last name as their own on October 15, 2025.



Today, Lilly has grown into a confident young lady who still loves to play and is especially fond of art! Layla is a happy little girl full of energy. Both have stolen the hearts of not only Wes and I, but our other four children as well. We have been so blessed and thankful to our friends, family and those of you at Taylors FBC who have poured so much into our family." — Wes & Tania Henderson



Pickleball Clinic

November 11–13 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Whether you're brand new to pickleball or just need a refresher, join us! Come dressed in comfortable, active clothing, and athletic shoes. We'll have paddles available to use during the clinic.

Pickleball Tournament

December 14 | 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Get ready for some friendly competition at our upcoming Pickleball Tournament! There will be three divisions: Women's, Mixed, and Men's. You may sign up individually or register with your partner.

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

Rec'd Moms

November 18 | 9:00 – 11:00 am

Join us for a fun morning of connection and activity! We'll enjoy some movement time and a special Thanksgiving craft together. Please bring a shareable snack item for our Friendsgiving celebration. Sign up at taylorsfbc.org/events or in the Church Center App.



Group Fitness Classes

Looking for a fun and motivating way to get moving? Come try one of our group fitness classes. Our schedule offers a variety of classes for all fitness levels. Your first class is on us!

Class schedule: taylorsfbc.org/group-fitness



Our Church Family

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

Welcome New Members

Owen Caskey
Joined October 5 by Baptism

Diane Sears
Joined October 12 by Statement

Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ
through believer's baptism:
Owen Caskey and Palmer Metts

In Memoriam

Margaret Bailey
July 6, 1929 - October 1, 2025

Ken VandenBerghe
June 10, 1938 - October 2, 2025

Doris Hunt
August 27, 1935 - October 3, 2025

Tommy Cox
September 8, 1949 - October 7, 2025

Carolyn Hawkins
March 18, 1934 - October 13, 2025

Jim Gardner
February 27, 1930 - October 14, 2025

Sunday Statistics

	10/5	10/12	10/19	*10/26
Nursery	30	33	25	27
Preschool	57	53	60	33
Elementary	63	92	86	0
Students	103	98	98	0
College	27	57	59	0
Adults	606	639	622	0
Life Group Total	986	1083	1067	91

Morning Worship.... 1290..... 1524..... 1403..... 1254
Songs & Stations 319

*Engage Sunday / No Life Groups

November Staff Anniversaries

Nancy Clayton — 33 years of service
Sherrie Holt — 24 years of service
Scott Norman — 16 years of service
Ellen Shearer — 12 years of service
Tad Riddle — 8 years of service
Cameron Phillips — 5 years of service

Proposed 2026 Ministry Plan

The 2026 ministry plan reflects our desire to continue to live generously for the sake of the kingdom. All of us are a part of this plan. We need you all and the Lord has given us all we need. There is no way that we can continue to do all of the ministry that the Lord has laid before us without your generosity. The Lord's design is to richly bless us so we can lovingly bless others.
— Pastor Josh

Have your questions answered:

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

Vote to Approve 2026 Ministry Plan:

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

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



Closing the Year with Generosity and Grace

As we approach the end of the year, we pause to thank God for the generosity of our church family. Your faithful giving enables Taylors FBC to continue reaching our community and supporting ministries that Change the World for Jesus.

Many families choose to make special year-end gifts as a way to express gratitude for God’s blessings. There are also a number of ways you can support our church’s mission while also making wise financial decisions that align with your overall stewardship goals.

Gifts of Stocks or Mutual Funds

If you own stocks or mutual funds that have grown in value, giving them directly, rather than selling them, can help your gift go further. Taylors FBC can receive these gifts and use them for ministry.

IRA Charitable Contributions (QCDs)

If you are age 70½ or older, you may have the option to make a gift from your IRA directly to the church. This kind of giving can be both simple and deeply impactful. We encourage you to speak with your financial advisor for guidance.

Legacy Giving

Planning a legacy gift to Taylors FBC through your will or estate plan is a powerful way to extend your faith and generosity beyond your lifetime, helping to sustain the ministry for future generations; whether through a fixed gift, a percentage, or the remainder of your estate, your thoughtful planning today can ensure lasting impact.

Whether through weekly giving, a gift of securities, or an IRA contribution, your generosity helps us finish strong and look forward to another year of faithful ministry.

For details, contact Wally Harris, Director of Finance and Administration, wallyh@taylorsfbc.org. Thank you for your continued commitment to our shared core value of Generous Living.

Stewardship

SEPTEMBER	
Budget Receipts.....	\$478,749
Actual Receipts	\$392,743
Actual Spent.....	\$455,245

YEAR TO DATE	
Budget Receipts.....	\$4,308,744
Actual Receipts	\$3,823,936
Actual Spent.....	\$4,109,467

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

2025 Contribution Deadline

Bring contributions to the Church Office by Tuesday, December 31. Use the Dropbox after office hours.

Postmark by Tuesday, December 31.

Give online at www.taylorsfbc.org/give or in the Church Center App by midnight on Tuesday, December 31.

Sunday Mornings

8:30 am: Band Led Worship

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups
Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade (except 11/2)

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 11/2)

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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

Dinner Served, 5:15 - 6:10 pm

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| November 5 | Biscuits with gravy, sausage, grits, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit and pastries for dessert; or Chick-fil-A |
| November 12 | Turkey with dressing and gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, roll, and dessert; or Chick-fil-A |
| November 19 | Meatloaf with mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, 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

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

Taylors Students: Rise for Middle School

6:20 - 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

November 5 at 6:30 pm, C Building Welcome

ENCOUNTER GOD. | EQUIP BELIEVERS.
ENGAGE THE WORLD. | ESTABLISH THE CHURCH.

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.