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first baptist church

# Family

A PUBLICATION OF TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH





## Thank you Pastor Josh for Serving Taylors First Baptist Church faithfully for the past 5 years!



Congratulations to Pastor Josh on celebrating five years of faithful ministry! Over these years, you have exemplified the heart of a true Preacher, boldly and clearly proclaiming God's Word with conviction and truth. As a Leader, you have guided the church with wisdom, vision, and integrity, inspiring others to grow in faith and purpose. And as a Pastor, a true shepherd, you have cared deeply for your people—loving, encouraging, and walking alongside them through every season. Your dedication and servant's heart have made a lasting impact, and we are grateful for the way God continues to work through you. Thank you for the tremendous impact you have had on Taylors First Baptist Church. Thank you for the impact you have had on my life personally. Looking forward to continuing our service to the Lord!

Tim Roller, Personnel Chairman, 2021-2022



Josh, congratulations on reaching your fifth year as pastor of Taylors First Baptist Church! It has been a true joy and privilege to serve alongside you and to witness your faithfulness, leadership, and genuine care for this congregation. Your love for God's Word and his people has shaped this church in meaningful ways. I am grateful for the years we worked together and proud of all that God has done through your ministry — and I look forward to what lies ahead for you and Taylors First Baptist Church.

Renee Morton, Josh's Assistant, 2021-2025



God has been gracious to Taylors FBC. Josh Powell faithfully preaches God's Word, always pointing to Jesus! There is no better gift to a Body of believers than the faithful preaching of God's Word to the glory of Jesus Christ! We are thankful!

Jeremy Thompson, Executive Pastor of Ministries



From the beginning five years ago Josh has been an encourager and a champion of the worship staff and our ministry volunteer teams at Taylors FBC. His heart is to help our people thrive, employing their gifts, talents, and passions to serve the church and exalt Jesus. His love for God's Word shines through in all he says and does, and provides an anchor and a foundation for the church.

Kevin Batson, Worship Pastor



I personally am so thankful that Josh came to Taylors five years ago. At that time we were struggling as a church to find our identity. We had lost members and I was not sure we would rebound. Thankfully he was able to turn around the culture at the church and we are growing both with new members and financially. I am very excited to see where we will be in five more years under his leadership. Thank you so much Josh, words are not enough.

Bo Davies, Chairman of Search Committee, 2021



**ORLANDO**  
ANNUAL MEETING 2026

**Josh Powell**  
Lead Pastor  
Taylors First Baptist Church  
Taylors, South Carolina

**CANDIDATE  
PRESIDENT**

Read the article  
about Pastor Josh's  
nomination for SBC  
president by scanning  
the QR code below.



At Taylors First Baptist Church we believe the Bible is God's Holy Word and our authority for everything we say and do. Therefore, we preach, sing, pray, teach, and proclaim the Word within our worship services and all our ministries.

**This year, we would like to invite you to join us for**

# ***A Year in the Word***

Our goal is to read the breadth of the Scriptures together! For some, it may be a commitment to read the New Testament. For others, it may be to read the Old Testament. And for some others, it may be a commitment to read the whole Bible.

Pick up a booklet in the Welcome Center with tools to help you as you read:

- The Navigators Bible Reading Plan
- Seven Principles of Interpretation
- E3 Reading Method

*May God use His Word to  
grow us in our  
knowledge of and love for  
Jesus this year!*



Scan the QR code to let  
us know you are reading  
the Word with us!

*BREAKOUT*

## **ENGAGING THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE**

**Examine the story of God working to save His people and restore His creation.**

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Room: B127

An eight-week course will not only help one understand God better, but also how to join Him in His work.  
This class is the perfect addition as you read God's Word this year.

# EQUIP BELIEVERS.



# Equip Weekend

## Conference: February 27 and 28



### Hope for the Future: A Weekend in Romans Chapter 8 with Dr. Thomas R. Schreiner

We are pleased to host Dr. Thomas R. Schreiner from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, for our Equip Weekend Conference.

Learn more and sign up in the Church Center App, at [taylorsfbc.org](http://taylorsfbc.org) or scan the QR code:



## Sunday, March 1

### One Worship Service at 10:00 am

No Life Groups | Children five and under will have class

Message by Dr. Thomas R. Schreiner

10 of Those Bookstore in the Welcome Center

## Equip Offering

The Equip Offering exists to equip believers through the Establish Network Internship and Residency.

Give to the offering in the Church Center App or mark your offering "Equip Offering."



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

## An Evening for Dads and Daughters K4 - 5th Grade

Thursday, February 12  
6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

All dad/grandads and daughters/granddaughters are invited to our annual date night. We'll enjoy a meal and a fun activity together! Sign up in the Church Center App or at [taylorssfbc.org/events](http://taylorssfbc.org/events) by February 5.

## Mark Your Calendars for VBS 2026

SHINING A LIGHT ON  
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

# ILLUMINATION STATION™

JOHN 8:12

Vacation Bible School — June 1-4, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
We will be shining a light on who Jesus really is.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12



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

## Taylors Women Care Ministry

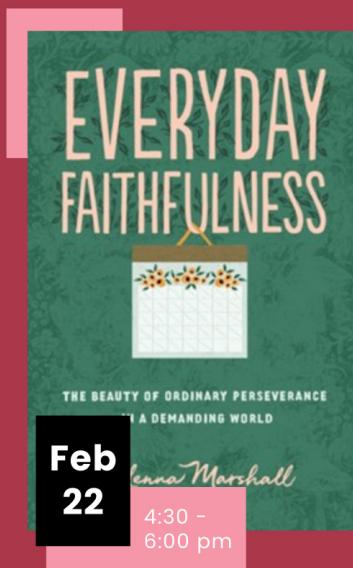
Taylors Women Care Ministry, under Taylors Women Ministry, seeks to provide emotional, spiritual, and practical support through community and resources to women on a variety of topics that we can find ourselves facing throughout life. Every time we gather to explore these topics by studying what God's Word says, and how these words apply to our lives. Our aim is to provide more opportunities throughout the year for women to connect over these topics and root themselves in the Word of God.

We have some regularly scheduled meetings already in place!

- Moms Mentoring Moms meets on Wednesday mornings — An opportunity for young moms to gain spiritual and emotional encouragement and social connections. We want to encourage, equip, and challenge moms to apply the gospel to their everyday lives. Our prayer is that through this community of moms, your growth as a mom has a ripple effect seen throughout all areas of your life.
- Moms & Work meets at 6:30 pm the first Wednesday evening of each month — All moms have a calling to fulfill and a contribution to offer in kingdom work. We want to encourage, equip, and challenge moms with practical wisdom from God's Word. There is an emphasis on the calling of motherhood no matter your vocation, inside or outside the home.
- Book Club meets quarterly — Dive into more of life's topics through our book club. The selected books cover a variety of themes, and have provided great round table discussions at each gathering. See the books below!

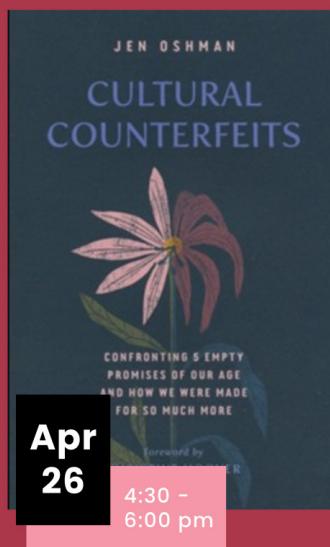
You can find more information about these gatherings, and more to come on the Church Center App or through the church's monthly newsletter. So invite a friend, and join us as we explore the topics of life and center ourselves on truth!

### Taylors Women Book Club



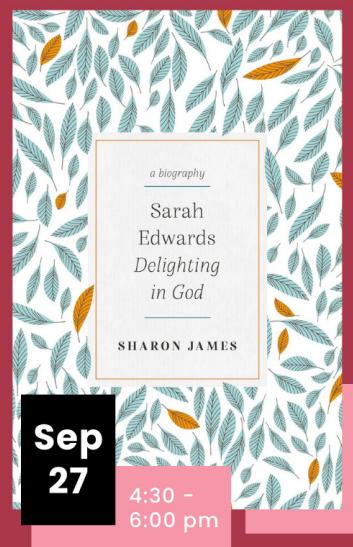
**Feb  
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4:30 -  
6:00 pm



**Apr  
26**

4:30 -  
6:00 pm



**Sep  
27**

4:30 -  
6:00 pm

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

## Student Time in the Harvest

For a few weeks we have been making a push for more gospel urgency amongst our students, which we got to live out last week when we had our first Student Time in the Harvest. Though the weather was particularly cold and we did not know who would come, students still showed up, excited and ready to share. We set up tables at Greer City Park, giving out hot chocolate, water, and fruit snacks to whoever wanted to engage with us. Despite the cold and the relatively empty park, it was a wonderful experience for the students and we still had some good gospel conversations. We are definitely looking forward to going back next month and seeing what the Lord might do in and through our students! — Blake Faulkner, Student Ministry Coordinator



## Leader Appreciation Dinner

The Leader Appreciation Dinner was a really great time where Small Group leaders and Life Group leaders got to spend time in fellowship. I loved getting to connect with the other Life Group and Small Group leaders and getting to know them better and through those conversations getting to know more about the students as well. The trivia game was a fun way to be a little competitive and see what others knew that were in the serving in the same grade as me. Overall, I had a great time at the leader dinner and thought it was great way to encourage and show appreciation to the leaders. — Grant Miller, Establish Network Resident

# tsm Life Groups on Sundays

Student Life Groups meet on Sunday mornings at 9:40 am! Students are equipped to read and understand the Bible for themselves by studying the Word of God together as a class.



## ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Join us for our spring in-town retreat! We will gather together to worship, dive into God's Word, and create bonds that are rooted in Christ. This cornerstone event will be one of the highlights of the year. We encourage all our students to sign up, invite a friend, and come with expectant hearts!



## FUGE

Our sixth year going to FUGE and your student will have the best time! We're heading to Ridgecrest Conference Center where our students will be challenged, encouraged, and leave with life-changing experiences with each other and other churches across the country. This is one of the best weeks of the year and we can't wait to spend it with your students!

Sign up for events in the Church Center App or at [taylorsfbc.org](http://taylorsfbc.org).



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.

## Introducing XYZ+!

XYZ+ is a ministry initiative of Taylors First Baptist Church designed to serve and support adults age 55 and older. Built as a complement to the church's existing senior adult ministries, XYZ+ focuses on intentional discipleship, biblical encouragement, and meaningful connection during a season of life that brings both unique opportunities and challenges. Our first break out will be, "Caring for Aging Parents" beginning February 11. See the details below.

At the heart of XYZ+ is a commitment to pastoral care. The ministry offers structured breakout gatherings centered on biblical responses to some of life's most common and pressing issues — such as grief, aging, health concerns, caregiving, spiritual growth, and navigating life transitions. These breakouts provide a Christ-centered environment where participants can engage Scripture, share experiences, and receive encouragement rooted in God's Word.

XYZ+ is designed to foster community rather than isolation. Through thoughtful teaching, discussion, and prayer, participants are reminded that they are not walking through this stage of life alone. The goal is not only to inform, but to strengthen faith, deepen relationships, and equip senior adults to live faithfully and fruitfully for the glory of God.

It is important to note that XYZ+ is not taking the place of the current XYZ ministry. Instead, it exists alongside it, enhancing the overall senior adult ministry of Taylors First Baptist Church. XYZ+ provides an additional layer of focused care and discipleship, while honoring and preserving the ongoing fellowship, activities, and mission of XYZ.

Ultimately, XYZ+ reflects the church's desire to love, serve, and shepherd senior adults well — helping them apply biblical truth to everyday life.



### BREAKOUT CARING FOR Aging Parents

An XYZ+ Pastoral Care Breakout

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm | February 11 - March 18

For those who are walking through the caregiving season of life, those who may be soon, and those wanting to be prepared when the time comes.



### FEBRUARY XYZ Fellowship

February 9 at 11:15 am

XYZ (eXtra Years of Zest) meets monthly. Come out to enjoy lunch, a program, and time together. At February's meeting we welcome Young at Heart, Vocal Group, North Greenville University.



Sign up for events in the Church Center App or at [taylorsfbc.org](http://taylorsfbc.org).

# ENGAGE THE WORLD.



## DISCIPLE CYCLE BREAKOUT

Wednesdays, Beginning February 4, in Room C126

Disciple Cycle is a 12-week study focusing on how to be a disciple who makes disciples. This is a great opportunity for those serving on Love Taylor's Day and those preparing to go on Serving the Sent to prepare their hearts and minds to make an impact with our neighbors and our nations. Come learn how to be faithful to our call to make disciples from Matthew 28:18-20.

Sign up in the Church Center App or at [taylorssfbc.org](http://taylorssfbc.org).



## BASEBALL LEAGUE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UPWARD SPORTS

For Boys and Girls  
K4 - 2nd grade

The sign up link is in the Church Center App and at [taylorssfbc.org](http://taylorssfbc.org)!

# If you are new to Taylors FBC, **YOU'RE INVITED!**

## Starting Point

February 22 | 12:15 - 2:00 pm | Student Worship Room | Lunch and Childcare Provided

If you have joined our church in the past year or are still considering joining, we invite you to Starting Point, a class designed for new and prospective members. You will have the opportunity to hear from our leadership, learn more about our church, and find out ways you can be a part of what the Lord is doing here at Taylors FBC. Sign up in the Church Center App, at [taylorsfbc.org/events](http://taylorsfbc.org/events), or scan the QR code.



## 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.

We have many ministry areas that are in need of faithful volunteers to join their teams to continue doing the work the Lord has called us to do at Taylors FBC. Our hope is that every member is bought into our mission and faithfully serving where the Lord has gifted them to do so. We currently have the following needs.

**Guest Services** **Taylors Children** **Greer Christian Learning Center**

**Homework Club** **Taylors Students** **Meals on Wheels**

**Taylors Elementary Good News Club**

If you're interested in serving in one of these areas, let us know! Scan the QR code to the left and filling out our Volunteer Form.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY  
APRIL  
2026**

**18**

**LOVE TAYLORS DAY!**

Mark your calendars and plan to love our community with us!

Email [lovetaylors@taylorsfbc.org](mailto:lovetaylors@taylorsfbc.org) for information

Talk with your Life Group about projects



**love**  
**taylors**

# Our Church Family

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

## Welcome New Members



**Karen Chapman**  
Joined November 30, 2025  
by Letter



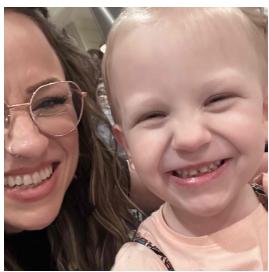
**Emily Duncan**  
Joined January 18, 2026  
Pending Baptism



**Millie Gauthier**  
Joined December 14, 2025  
by Watchcare



**Conner Gilmore**  
Joined November 30, 2025  
by Baptism



**Ava Guy**  
Joined January 4, 2026  
by Baptism



**Grayson Jones**  
Joined December 14, 2025  
by Baptism



**Kendall Mallory**  
Joined December 14, 2025  
Pending Baptism



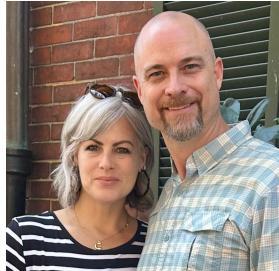
**Penelope Moore**  
Joined December 14, 2025  
by Baptism



**John and Sasha Moore**  
Joined December 28, 2025  
by Letter



**Blake and Molly Stengel**  
Joined December 14, 2025  
by Letter



**James and Charlene Stephens**  
Joined November 30, 2025  
by Statement



**Sylvie Stephens**  
Joined November 30, 2025  
by Baptism



**Semi and Hannah Vitenko**  
Joined December 14, 2025  
by Statement



**Reggie and Margaret Wood**  
Joined January 4, 2026  
by Statement



**Catherine Leppard**  
Joined January 11, 2026  
Pending Baptism

## PHOTOS NOT AVAILABLE

**Meaghan Countryman**  
Joined January 11, 2026  
by Statement

**Autumn Long**  
Joined January 11, 2026  
Pending Baptism

## In Memoriam

### Richard Berry

May 1, 1936 - December 14, 2025

### Florence Harvey

February 9, 1939 - November 27, 2025

### Wiley Johnson

December 27, 1945 - January 23, 2026

### Ann Mayfield

November 25, 1948 - December 24, 2025

### Bette Pangle

May 31, 1933 - January 11, 2026

## Staff Anniversaries

### FEBRUARY

Lisa McGill — 22 years of service

Mario Saavedra — 5 years of service

Cheryl Cruell — 4 years of service

Shianne Bujtor — 4 years of service

Jacob Johnson — 1 year of service

## Baptisms

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

Conner Gilmore, Penelope Moore,

Sylvee Stephens, Ava Guy,

Grayson Jones, JT Arellanes

## 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](http://taylorsfbc.org/our-podcasts).

## Sunday Statistics

	11/30/25	12/7/25	12/14/25	12/21/25	12/24/25	12/28/25	1/4/26	1/11/26	1/18/26
Nursery	30	30	22	19	n/a	26	33	32	44
Preschool	48	38	42	39	n/a	27	45	52	59
Elementary	66	n/a	79	58	n/a	n/a	61	101	96
Students	95	n/a	100	98	n/a	n/a	73	113	86
College	42	n/a	46	47	n/a	n/a	37	44	61
Adults	620	n/a	648	613	n/a	n/a	613	707	649
Life Group Total	1018	94	1065	958	n/a	80	981	1171	1126
Morning Worship	1354	1542	1482	1408	n/a	959	1455	1515	1509
Special Events		*1079	**566	***433	**+1622				

\* Christmas Worship, Thursday Evening | \*\* KidsWorship Musical | \*\*\* Lessons & Carols | \*\*+Christmas Eve

## Welcome to the Team



### Cheryl Smallwood, Receptionist

We are very pleased to announce that Cheryl Smallwood has joined our team. She shares the receptionist responsibilities with Cheryl Cruell and Nancy Clayton to ensure we have adequate coverage in our office each weekday.

Cheryl relocated to Greenville and joined our church in May of 2025. Her administrative career spans various industries including healthcare, legal, not-for-profits, and churches. We are delighted that she has agreed to come out of retirement and serve as a receptionist on a part-time basis. Please join us in welcoming Cheryl to our team.

# Thank you for being a testimony of generosity!

This past year, 2025, you demonstrated your love for the Lord and your passion to seeing His work accomplished here in Taylors and beyond by your incredible generosity. We not only met our ministry goals, but EXCEEDED them!

You gave almost 5.8 million dollars to more than adequately fund our ministry plan, and you gave over 6.7 million in total gifts! This type of generosity is world changing. This generosity is also seen in the \$230,000 given to our Engage offering which will help to fund our Serving the Sent trip this summer.

We have united around one vision, to Change the World for Jesus, and every part of our mission and values helps us to achieve that vision. We continue to depend on and trust in the Lord as we look to 2026. I love being your pastor and look forward to what God is going to do through us at Taylors First.

Pastor Josh

## 2025 Stewardship

### NOVEMBER

Budget Receipts.....	\$478,749
Actual Receipts .....	\$556,942
Actual Spent.....	\$490,519

### DECEMBER

Budget Receipts.....	\$478,749
Actual Receipts .....	\$969,678
Actual Spent.....	\$614,428

### YEAR TO DATE

Budget Receipts.....	\$5,744,992
Actual Receipts .....	\$5,802,709
Actual Spent.....	\$5,674,024

## WAYS TO GIVE



In the Church Center App



Online at [taylorsfbc.org/give](http://taylorsfbc.org/give)



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



Bring your tithe or offering to the Church Office



Mail your tithe or 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

**ENCOUNTER GOD.**

**EQUIP BELIEVERS.**

**ENGAGE THE WORLD.**

**ESTABLISH THE CHURCH.**

# Sunday Mornings

## 8:30 am: Band Led Worship

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

## 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 2/1)

# Church Center App

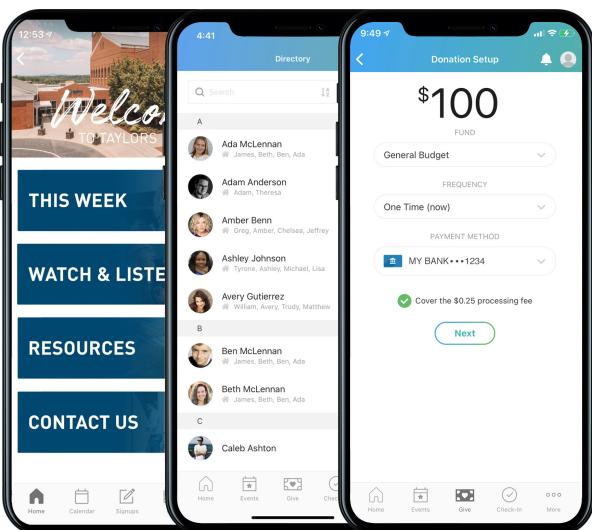
## Download the Church Center App!

You can register for events, give, keep your information current, see the church directory, and access the church calendar!

Download from Google Play or The App Store

## Opt-in to our Church Directory!

Church Members have the option to opt in to our directory. Just as we've had a pictorial directory in the past, we have built a digital pictorial directory that can be accessed on the app or computer. Only Church Members can view the directory!



# Wednesday Nights

## Dinner Served, 5:15 - 6:10 pm

February 4 Breakfast for dinner: grits, scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits & gravy, desserts; or Chick-fil-A

February 11 Chicken casserole with mixed vegetables, fried okra, tossed salad, rolls, dessert; or Chick-fil-A

February 18 Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, vegetable, mixed normandy, garlic bread, dessert; or Chick-fil-A

February 25 Baked ham with sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, 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](http://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**  
February 4 at 6:30 pm,  
C Building Welcome Area