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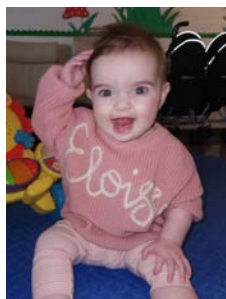
PRE-ACADEMY

Partnering with parents to provide an environment for children that will lay the foundation for a rich, rewarding, lifelong relationship with God.

Taylor's First Pre-Academy exists to provide a loving, Christ-centered environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive. Through the guidance of caring and dedicated teachers, each child is encouraged academically, socially, and spiritually.

We are truly blessed to partner with so many wonderful families who make our Pre-Academy community so special. Parents often share that they feel comfortable and confident entrusting their children to our program.

Over the years, we have had the joy of welcoming multiple generations from the same families into Pre-Academy. This lasting connection reflects a strong tradition of excellence that has been built over time. We are deeply grateful for every child, family, and teacher who has been part of this journey.





## It has been a year full of fun, learning about God's world, and growing in Kindergarten — our 69th year!

In our kindergarten program, we had the joy of a visit from a farmer who brought several farm animals to campus, including pigs, rabbits, ducks, and a miniature donkey. The children were able to feed and pet each one, making it a memorable hands-on experience. We also welcomed the firemen and an ambulance team, and the children enjoyed watching two firefighters race to put on their gear as quickly as possible. Students were excited to sit inside the firetruck and ambulance, received fire hats to take home, and even got to hear the sirens.

In October, the Critter Keeper visited our kindergarten students and introduced them to a variety of animals, including tarantulas, lizards, scorpions, and Julius Squeezer, a large white and yellow boa. The children were amazed by the animals, especially how heavy Julius Squeezer was. We also enjoyed our annual pumpkin patch, where each K5 student selected a pumpkin to take home.

In the spring, our K4 students participated in the Nursery Rhyme Parade, dressing up as their favorite nursery rhyme characters to celebrate learning in a fun and creative way. A special highlight was seeing one of our students, Shia, wearing an original Taylors Kindergarten shirt from when her mother attended the school.





# Kay Lumpkin, Director of Kindergarten, Retiring in July

Kay Lumpkin will be retiring as Director of Kindergarten of Taylors First Pre-Academy, effective July 31, 2026. She has served the church and our ministries faithfully during her nine years on our team, and we are truly grateful for her gifts and dedication to this ministry.

Kay became director in 2017 with the goal of continuing the excellence of the kindergarten program that has been a part of our church’s ministry since it began in 1957. During her leadership, she has cared deeply for students and families, supported and encouraged teachers, and helped carry forward the strong legacy of this long-standing program.

We are thankful for the impact Kay has made through her service and leadership, and we wish her all the best in her retirement.





God brought Kay and me together to begin leading the Pre Academy in the summer of 2017. We shared a vision of continuing the longstanding excellence of the program that came before us. The first kindergarten session began in 1957, and as we stepped into this ministry, we began dreaming and planning for the future school year with excitement and purpose.

Now, fast forward nine years, and we have been blessed to witness significant growth, including multiple generations of families attending the program. We often hear from families, staff, and church members that the Pre Academy feels like a family, and we are deeply thankful for the wonderful ministry we have here at Taylors First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Kay's absence will leave a tremendous void, but we are prayerfully trusting God to lead us to the next Director of Kindergarten who will help continue the mission of reaching others for Christ. We consider it a true privilege to spend our days with these children, knowing that through them, we can help change the world for Jesus.

— Lisa McGill, Director of Parent's Day Out



It has been such a joy to serve alongside Kay all these years, and I am so grateful for the friendship we've shared. Her leadership helped create a kindergarten program that reflects both academic excellence and Christ's love! She will be deeply missed. We are so grateful for the lasting impact she has made on our church and school community.

— Lori Keener, K5 Teacher



# Why I Am Allowing My Name to Be Presented for SBC President

By Josh Powell

After much prayer and counsel, I have decided to allow my name to be presented in nomination for president of the Southern Baptist Convention at this year's SBC Annual Meeting in Orlando.

I do not make this decision lightly. I love Southern Baptists, and I believe deeply in what we can accomplish together for the sake of the Gospel. At our best, Southern Baptists are united around the Great Commission—working together to reach people with the hope of Jesus Christ, plant churches, send missionaries, train pastors, and strengthen churches.

Over the past several years, our Convention has faced real challenges. We have walked through difficult conversations and seasons of tension. While those matters cannot be ignored, I believe we must not lose sight of the mission God has given us. My desire is to help encourage a renewed focus on the priorities that bring us together rather than the divisions that pull us apart.

If elected, I want to serve with humility, conviction, and a spirit of cooperation. I want to help create an atmosphere that is God-glorifying, Christ-exalting, and mission-focused. Southern Baptists will not agree on every issue or every approach, but I believe we can move forward together with faithfulness and resolve.

I also believe we must continue strengthening trust across our Convention.

That includes encouraging healthy leadership, equipping trustees well, supporting the Cooperative Program, and investing in the next generation of pastors and ministry leaders. I am especially burdened by the number of churches searching for pastors and the need to continue calling out and developing those whom God is raising up for ministry.

In addition, I remain committed to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and to the cooperative work Southern Baptists have carried out together for generations. I believe our churches are strongest when we remain grounded in biblical truth while working together with grace and faithfulness.

Through all of this, my prayer is simple: that Southern Baptists would stay focused on the Great Commission and that we would treat one another as brothers and sisters serving together for the glory of Christ.

Thank you for praying for me and my family — we are grateful to walk through this season alongside each of you. It is a privilege to be your pastor, and whatever the Lord has ahead, I am honored to continue serving both this church and Southern Baptists for His glory.



June 7-10 messengers from across the Southern Baptist Convention will gather in Orlando to elect a president.

Our own Pastor Josh will be nominated.

Please join us in praying for Pastor Josh and for the gathering ahead.

## Recent Conversations with Pastor Josh



**Taylor's First Baptist Church**  
*Pastor Josh Addresses  
Our Church*



**The Baptist Paper**  
*Q&A with Pastor Josh*



**Living Worthy Ministries**  
*Interview with Pastor Josh*  
(Hosted by DJ Horton, Senior Pastor)



**The Baptist Review**  
*Interview with Pastor Josh*  
(Hosted by Griffin Gullledge & Jared Cornutt)

# ENCOUNTER GOD.



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— IN GOD WE TRUST —

# A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

FEATURING  
TAYLORS WORSHIP MINISTRY

FRIDAY  
**JUNE 5**  
AT 6:30 PM

GREER CITY PARK  
CONCERT BEGINS  
AT 7:30 PM

★ JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE ★  
**AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

LIVE MUSIC      FAMILY FRIENDLY

**Special Sundays This Summer**

**June 21 — One Worship Service at 10:00 am**  
No Life Groups / K5 and under Classes will Meet

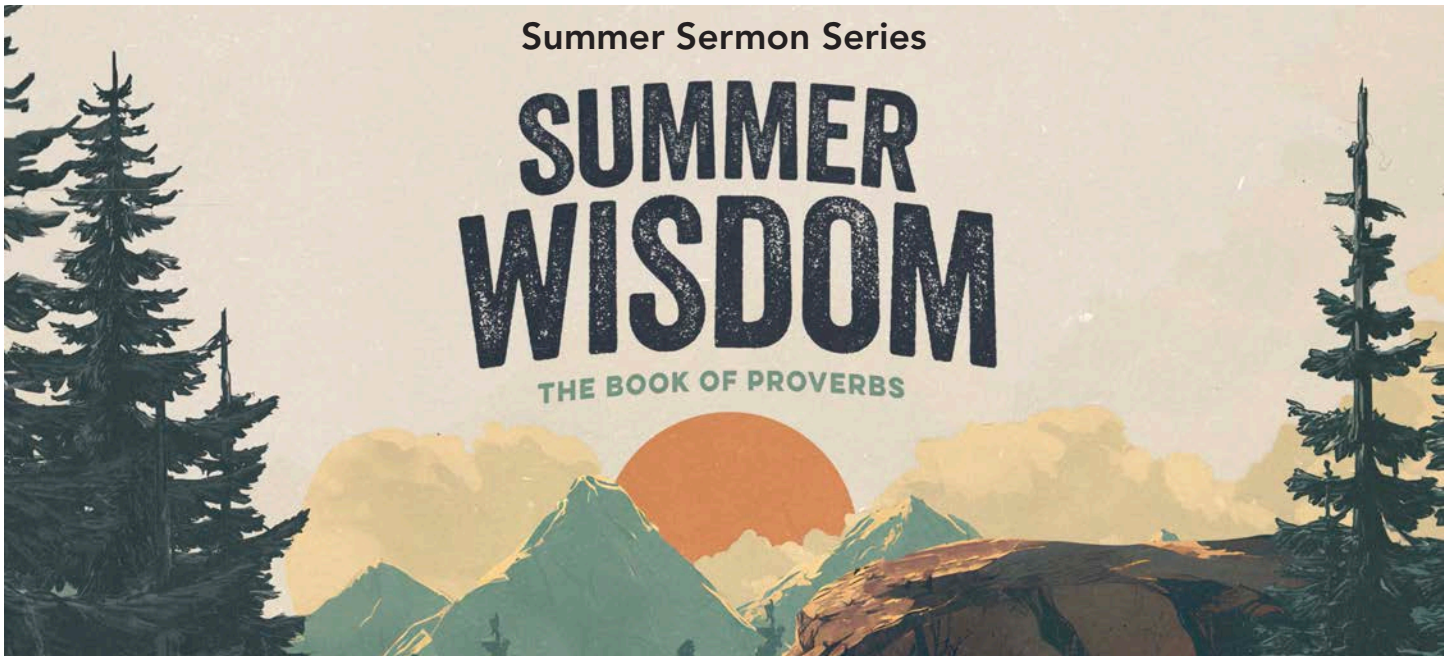
**July 5 — One Worship Service at 10:00 am**  
Lord's Supper will be Served  
No Life Groups / K5 and under Classes will Meet

## Regeneration Student Choir 2026 Mission Trip



Please pray for the students and leaders who will be participating in the Regeneration Student Choir 2026 Mission Trip to Jamestown, NC. We are looking forward to partnering in ministry with Mike and Julie Lee | Refuge Sports and Life Community Church. The team will be working in Jamestown July 8-11 and we pray that God will use us to minister to the international community through a two-day Discipleship & Music Camp, and an International Worship Night for middle school through high school students. Refuge Sports has served former refugees from Afghanistan, Algeria, Bhutan, Burma/Myanmar, the Congo, Cuba, Egypt, Iraq, Senegal, Syria, and Ukraine. What an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with so many different cultural backgrounds.

EQUIP BELIEVERS.



# BACON, BISCUITS, & THE BIBLE

**GOOD FOOD. REAL CONVERSATION. GOD'S WORD.**

Wednesdays, June 17 - July 29 — Breakfast at 9:00 am and Bible Study at 9:30 am

Join us for teaching in the book of James. We look forward to spending this time with you in God's Word! Sign up for breakfast in the Church Center App!



**A Resource on Proverbs**  
*Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary:  
Exalting Jesus in Proverbs*



**A Resource on James**  
*Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary:  
Exalting Jesus in James*



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

## Grill It and Kick It

Our annual Mom/Son night was fantastic! Each mom and son enjoyed a yummy meal, games on the field, a mom vs son kickball game, and some intentional time speaking into one another and praying together.



## Kids Worship — Catechism Celebration

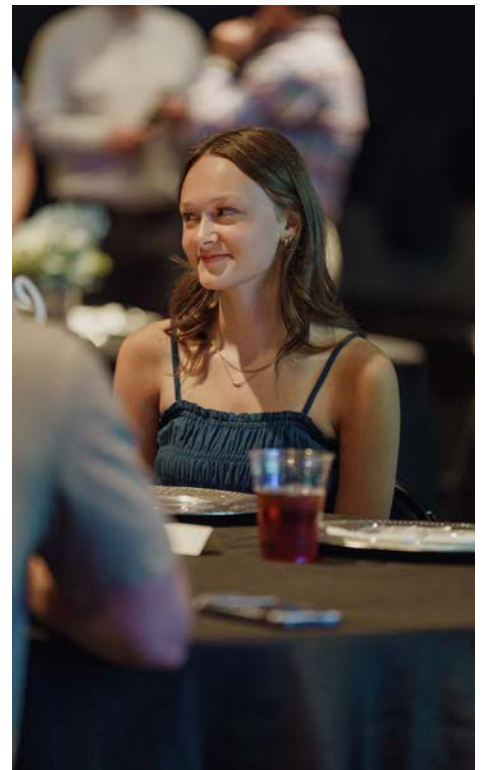
During Kids Worship, 1st through 3rd graders have been learning Bible truths through the Catechisms. Since August they have memorized 23 questions and answers about God, Creation, the Fall, and the Law. This summer they will focus on The Gospel: God's plan for me. Join us Sunday mornings for Kids Worship at 8:30 or 11:00 am!



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

## Graduation Weekend 2026

Graduation weekend was such a meaningful experience and it truly showed all the love from the Taylors church family. At the graduation dinner on Friday night, it was really sweet to hear our leaders talk about how much they've watched us grow over the past few years and reflect on the people we have become. Graduation Sunday was also very special because we got to walk in all three services and have our parents pray over us and our future! On Sunday night, we had Senior Speak where all of the seniors talked about their time in TSM and gave advice and encouragement to the younger high schoolers. The whole weekend was a great reminder of how much TSM has impacted me and shaped me into the person I am today!  
— Marisa Simmons





The senior weekend was so much fun! On Friday, we had dinner at the church. I was able to hear from so many people that I look up to and see just how much they love us. On Sunday, it was the big thing, walking in front of the entire church. That evening, we got to share about our experiences in TSM and it was so moving to see how beautifully and graciously the Lord moves in all of our lives. It was so great to see all of my best friends and I cannot wait to see what the Lord does with them in the future! — Phillip Hyman



**June 3 | 6:15 - 7:45 pm | Taylors Rec Picnic Shelter**  
Join us for yard games, food and a ton of fun as we celebrate the start of summer. We'll have a slip n' slide so wear dark colors and have full coverage bathing suits. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!



## HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Beginning June 15

**Every Monday at 9:30 am** (except 6/22 and 7/13)  
Join as we dive into God's Word together. This intentional time will be encouraging and challenging as we look at the Scripture this summer.



**Every Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 pm** (except 6/23 and 7/14)  
Join us for devotionals, games, and time together this summer. Friends are welcome and we can't wait to spend summer nights together!

It was a wonderful weekend celebrating the Taylors FBC senior class of 2026. It's been a joy to be your Life Group leaders the past 6 years. We have watched you grow in your faith and make it your own. You have grown in your love for God's Word, your love for each other, and we can't wait to see how God uses each of you to advance His Kingdom! — Gary & Jessica Sullivan, Life Group Leaders

# FUGE

**July 13-17**  
FUGE is quickly approaching and we want your student to join us! This is our 6th year and the Lord always works in mighty ways in and through our students. There are limited spots so be sure to register today!

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



## Everyday Faithfulness Breakout

This past spring, Taylors Women invited women to join us for a Breakout discussing *Everyday Faithfulness* by Glenna Marshall. It was a wonderful time, well spent with all ages of ladies. Here are a few reflections from women who attended!

Testimony by Allyson Pearce — The *Everyday Faithfulness* breakout has been so encouraging and full of so many good truths and Godly wisdom! As a wife and a mom, I think it's easy to get caught up with the busyness of life and forget to prioritize reading God's word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers- but it is so important! Like Glenna Marshall says, everyday faithfulness can look ordinary and unremarkable, but it is precious in the sight of God. The ways we model faithfulness in our homes, in our marriages, and in our relationships with others matter - so may we strive to know Him and make Him known in all we do!

Testimony by Kristen Miller — I loved being a part of the *Everyday Faithfulness* breakout. My biggest takeaway was learning that when we are faithful in prayer, scripture reading, and involvement in the church, we can trust God to faithfully meet us right where we are. It's so comforting to know that we serve a God who is for us and who uses every season of life, including the difficult seasons, for His glory and our good.

Testimony by Sara Bryan — It was really nice being able to sit around a table with other ladies and discuss the book each week - what stood out to us and how we were encouraged and challenged. I was reminded that so much of the Christian walk is made up of small, repetitive steps of trust and obedience. Everyday faithfulness is simply learning to abide in Him - regular time in His word, worship and prayer - regardless of circumstances and life season.

Testimony by Kristin Evans — Working through *Everyday Faithfulness* with my mom's group was such an enlightening experience. The book and our group discussions revealed to me the stumbling blocks that tend to hinder my faithfulness while encouraging me to be steadfast in my faith every day.





## Reaching moms in our community!

You may have noticed some pink shirts in the Taylors First Pre-Academy car line recently. We were grateful to have several amazing leaders and mentors volunteering their time to connect with families, share meaningful conversations, and spend time in prayer for the school, teachers, and parents.

It was a joy to serve the moms and grandmothers who came through the car line that morning by handing out Poppi drinks and simply creating space to say hello and be present with them.

Our goal was not only to serve, but also to personally invite these moms to join us this fall for one of the upcoming opportunities we are offering for women in our community.

We are so encouraged by the chance to meet so many moms and to continue building relationships right here in our community!

## Looking for community and a place to grow?

Come join us in the fall! Registration opens August 1 at [taylorsfbc.org/women](http://taylorsfbc.org/women).

### Moms Mentoring Moms

Wednesdays at 9:00 am  
Beginning September 9

For Young Moms  
Mentor Led Discussion  
Community | Encouragement

Childcare Provided

### Moms Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:00 am  
Beginning September 9

For All Moms | Community  
Peer Led Discussion  
Learn to Study God's Word

Childcare Provided

### Moms & Work

First Wednesday of the Month at  
6:30 pm Beginning September 2

For Working Moms of all Ages  
Mentor Led Discussion  
Community | Encouragement

Childcare Provided



*In Every Season I will praise Him*

An Evening for Women with Glenna Marshall

Friday, September 25, at 6:30 pm | Glenna Marshall, Author and Speaker  
Worship | Word | Dessert | Fellowship



2027

Retreat

The Lord is my Shepherd

*April 16-18, 2027*

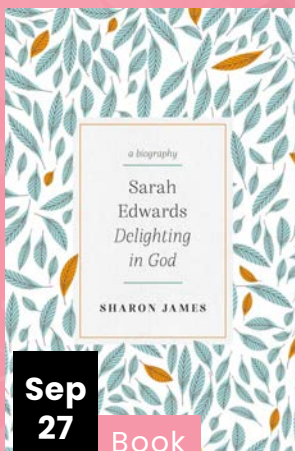
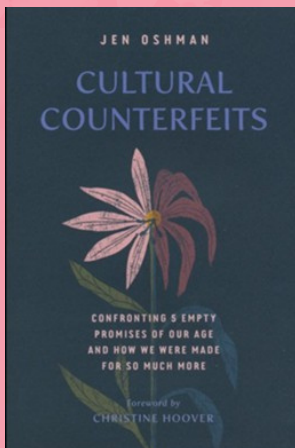
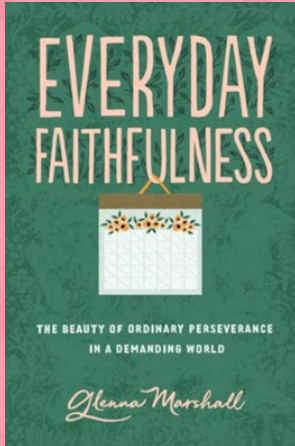
*At The Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove*

Join us for an exciting weekend of dynamic teaching of the Word, worship, and fellowship. We are excited to welcome Tara Dew as our guest speaker and Cameron B. Phillips as our worship leader for the weekend.

Sign up in the Church Center App!

# Taylor's Women Summer Reads

We encourage women to pick one of these books and read during the summer and if able, gather together to discuss and fellowship – we are better together!



Sep 27

Book Club



We are rooted in a deep desire to see students grow into mature disciples of Jesus Christ. We operate with the understanding that these young adults are not only the church of tomorrow but an integral part of the church today.



**TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM**

Begins June 2 | Taylor's Rec Complex



**SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 5:00 PM**

Studying through Ecclesiastes

Begins June 7 | Taylor's Ministry Center



**SUNDAY JUNE 14**



Join us after Bible Study for swimming, grilling, and some summer fun together!



**JULY 24-26**



Our first annual Immersion Adventure Retreat in Nantahala, NC! Enjoy camping, hiking, and rafting, along with intentional time in God's Word.



FIND MORE INFORMATION IN THE CHURCH CENTER APP



## Rope Holders

As he prepared to depart for India in 1793, missionary William Carey made this famous statement to his friend Andrew Fuller: "I will go down into the pit, if you will hold the rope." Carey, known as the father of modern missions, recognized the vital role played by those who remain at home while others are sent out for the sake of the Gospel. "Rope Holders" provide encouragement and resources for those whom the Lord has called to go.

In June, 105 members of our church family will travel to Asia on a mission trip. For months they have been preparing for this unique trip, and already they are facing challenges because the Enemy does not want their work to succeed. But according to the Apostle John, "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He Who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

More than 40 individuals committed on Engage Sunday in 2025 to serve as Rope Holders for the Serve the Sent team. They have been receiving regular updates as the team prepares to go and praying alongside them in their preparations. James 5:16b reminds us that "the prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." Prayer is the most important thing we can do to support the Serve the Sent team because it aligns us with God's will and purposes for this trip.

During the week that the team is in Asia, there will be three specific gatherings in the Chapel where anyone can join the Rope Holders in focused times of prayer for the Taylors FBC team, the ones they are serving, the leadership of the International Mission Board, and the Unengaged Unreached People Groups we are seeking to reach with the Gospel.

The Great Commission Leadership Team invites you to join us at one or more of the following prayer times in the Chapel:

- June 18: 6:00 pm
- June 22: 6:00 pm
- June 24: 10:30 am

Let us know you're coming by registering on the Church Center App! Even if you can't join us in person, will you commit to praying for the team as they serve?

*The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*

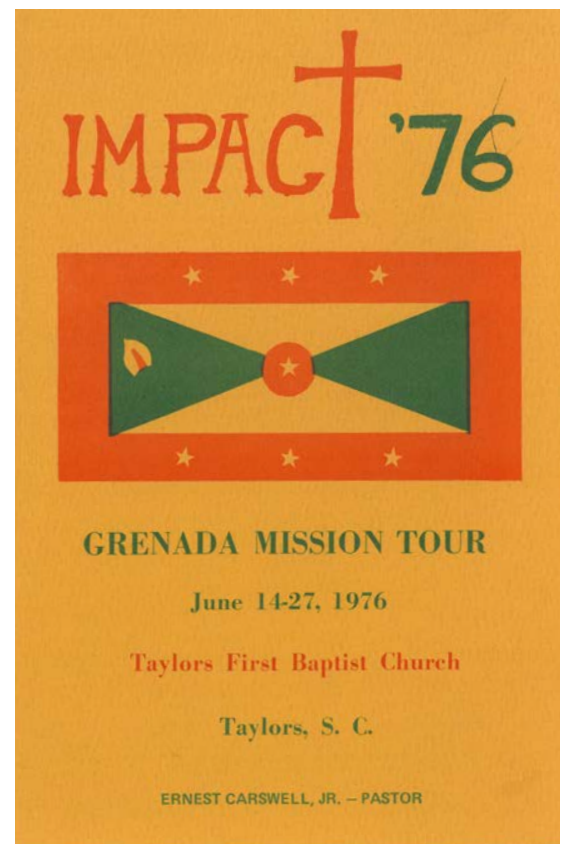
*James 5:16b*

# Celebrating Fifty Years of Declaring His Glory to the Nations

Taylor's First Baptist Church has a rich history of involvement in international missions! Historically, Taylor's First has exemplified generosity by supporting the work of the International Mission Board so significantly through financial gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering. The church has also excelled regarding the ways that we have prayed for and encouraged our missionaries serving with the IMB. But there is more to be said about the way Taylor's FBC has been an active participant in the Great Commission.

This year marks our 50th anniversary of sending volunteers to engage in the work of making disciples of all nations. In 1976 the first team of volunteers from Taylor's First Baptist Church traveled to Grenada, beginning a fruitful and storied history of obedience to Christ's mandate in Matthew 28:18-20.

For 50 years, Taylor's FBC has been ON a mission to declare the GLORY and GRACE of God to ALL nations!



Above left: A candid moment from the 1976 Grenada mission trip. Among those pictured are Sharon Williams on the left, Jim Osborn to her right, and Anne Alewine on the right side of the photo facing the camera.

Above right: Bulletin from May 2, 1976, as the church prayed for and celebrated the upcoming trip while continuing to raise the \$31,700 needed to send 59 people. Historical records later show that 64 people ultimately participated in the trip.

The following paragraph appeared in the bulletin:

*On August 1, 1975 the door opened in a most unusual way for Southern Baptists to begin mission work in Grenada. Reverend and Mrs. Manget Herrin were allowed entrance into that country to begin our Baptist work. Rev. Herrin and the Foreign Mission Board made a special invitation to us at Taylor's First Baptist Church to sponsor a massive crusade to reach as many people as possible in this strategic first year of mission work. This crusade is threefold in nature - medical, musical and ministry of the Word. The intention is to make a great impact on the entire culture of Grenada. Hence, our logo is IMPACT '76.*

Rosemary Holt wrote about this first trip in our History Book produced in honor of Taylors FBC's 150 Anniversary.

## IMPACT '76, Grenada First Mission Trip

By Rosemary Holt

Taylors FBC member since 1973

In June of 1976, our church sent out its first mission team of sixty-four people to Grenada for two weeks of medical and dental missions, music concerts, hillside VBS, and nightly crusade meetings to Grenada, a little island in the West Indies. A very beautiful, tropical island with thickly forested hills and gorgeous beaches, Grenada is a very religious place we were told, but their Christianity was somewhat adulterated with a little witchcraft and voodoo.



Richard and Rosemary Holt in Grenada, 1976

There are many mental images of that mission trip in my memory—thirty-two men and women sleeping en masse on a large veranda near a steep cliff over the ocean on our stopover in Barbados; the open-air nightly crusade meetings, Pastor Ernest Carswell preaching his heart out, the incomparable singing voice of Myrtle Hall, and Lindsay O'Rear reminding us all to "hang loose." I recall the pitiful conditions in the hospital where I worked and the many babies we held and "loved on" who were full of scabies. We just trusted God to protect us and none of the nurses got infected! I remember the cold showers, huge, flying roaches, and the resulting hysteria.

It was a Sunday night when the team arrived home and was transported straight to the church. Piling into the choir loft from the back door and in the middle of the evening service, we were a less than pleasant-smelling group, having left our personal hygiene products in Grenada with people so in need of everything. But, I can remember my heart almost bursting with praise to God, as we sang the words, "How can we say thanks for the things You have done for us? To God be the glory."

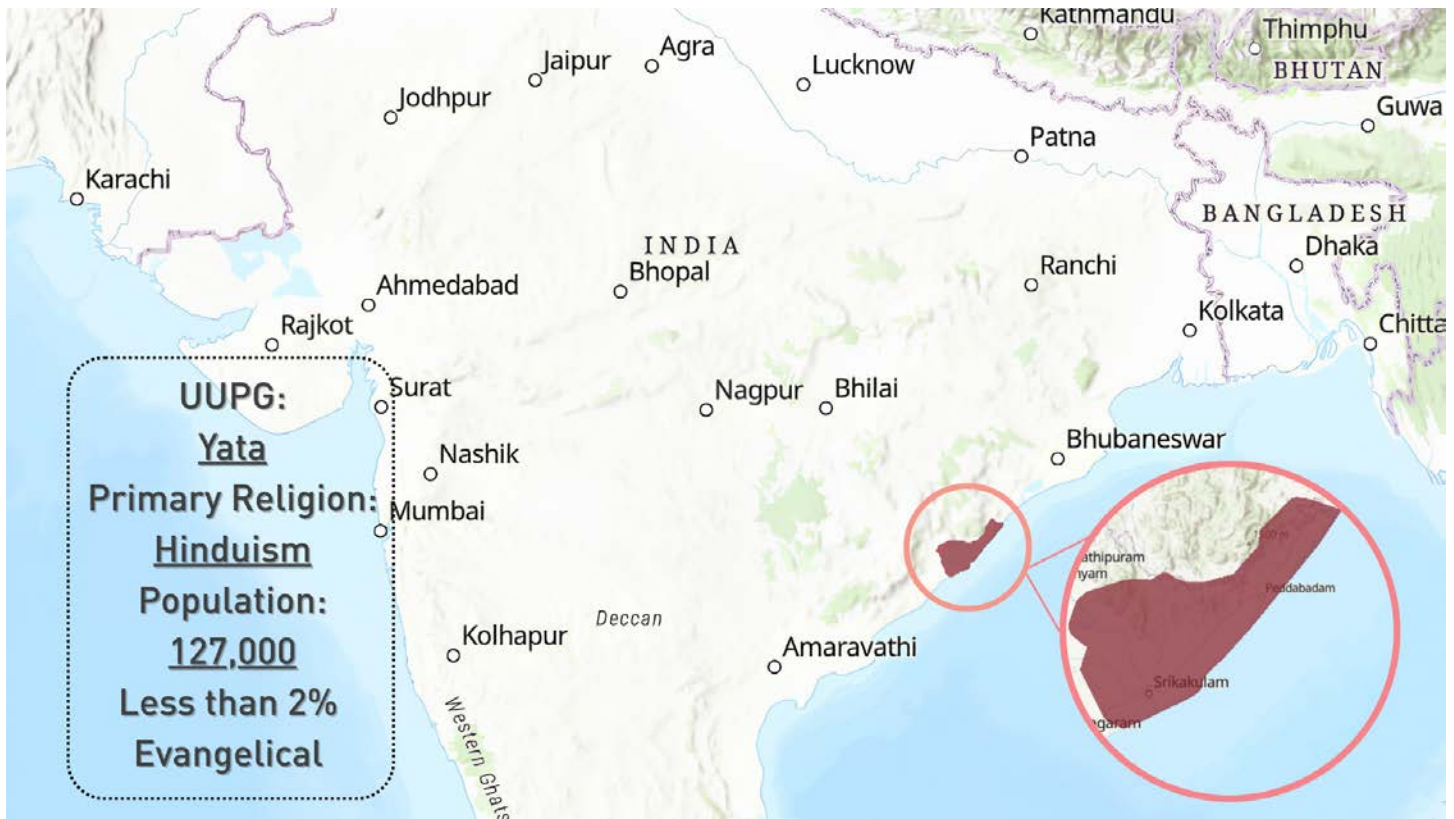
It had been a time to learn utter dependence on the Lord, a time to experience the beauty of the unity of our team, and to be gifted with a wider vision of missions and one's personal involvement. Grenada, 1976, was the first of several missions trips my dear husband, Richard, and I would share together in the years to come.



Rosemary Holt and Martha Glenn pictured with a nurse and a physical therapist from Taylors FBC alongside three local nurses in Grenada.



Lindsay O'Rear during the Grenada mission trip. He served as Minister of Music at Taylors FBC from 1970–2003.



## Monthly Prayer for Unengaged Unreached People Groups

The Yata or Yatollu are a Hindu people group of 127,000 found near the coast in Andhra Pradesh. The men traditionally work as toddy tappers, climbing very tall palm and date palm trees to harvest the toddy (sap) while the women weave baskets from palm leaves to sell.

One of their traditional Hindu practices when a child is born is for the mother to find a frog and take it with her baby to a river where she will wash the frog and cover it with turmeric and vermilion powder to worship the water goddess in hopes to protect the baby from any accidents that might occur in the water.

The Yatas were included on the list of “criminal tribes” during the criminal tribe act of 1871. During the British colonization, they lived outside of their designated area which made them criminals. They are now known for being on the ex-criminal list.

Pray 1 Peter 5:10 over these people — “And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” That even though they suffer and are cast away, they would come to know the grace of God, and know that He is calling them to eternal glory and He will restore and strengthen them through Christ.

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

### 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.

Scan the QR code to complete our volunteer application or the Spiritual Gifts Survey.



Volunteer Application



Spiritual Gifts Survey

unreached  
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# UUPG

PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, June 7 & July 5  
9:15 am & 11:00 am

Join us in the Chapel as we pray for the Unreached and Unengaged People Groups.

## *Prayer for the Harvest*

June 2 | June 9 | June 16 | June 23 | June 30  
July 7 | July 14 | July 21 | July 28  
Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 am

Join us in the Taylors Rec Center as we spend time together in prayer for the harvest.

## *Time in the Harvest*

June 4 | June 11 | June 18 | June 25  
July 2 | July 9 | July 16 | July 23 | July 30

Meet in the Church Office on Thursdays at 5:00 pm as we go out into the harvest until 7:00 pm.

## Mission Partner Update

### Willie & Emily — Serving with the International Mission Board in South Asia

#### Story

We've been discipling three young Nepali believers and they are ready to take baptism! We've seen spiritual growth and assurance in their lives. What a joy!

Willie and a small team have been training 58 rural pastors from the length and breadth of Nepal. There have been 7 new churches planted and another 25 groups started. Praise the Lord. Now Willie will look to invest in 5-6 men from the training regularly.

#### Challenge

Weekly, we are needing to help workers who are having security or access challenges within India. It has created the constant adjustments, and our units are battling a sense of instability in India access.

#### Prayer Requests

1. For our personnel, who are in war zones, struggling with security/access threats. Pray for perseverance and resiliency amidst many challenges in the sojourning life.
2. Pray the Lord's protection and blessing on our upcoming big South Asia meeting. We pray all personnel will return to their fields greatly encouraged and full of great expectation. Pray also for our leadership in the word and vision.
3. Pray for our upcoming STAS in July. Bliss graduates and joins her sister at Liberty University this fall. Ezra starts 10th grade as the only remaining child at home.

# Membership At Taylors FBC

## Why join the church?

God created us for relationship – relationship with Himself and relationship with other believers. In the New Testament, Jesus' followers went from town to town and always sought a group of believers with whom to identify in biblical community. When you join a church, you are saying, "I belong here...this is my family."

## Joining a Church

According to Romans 12: 4-5 "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

When one joins a church, a sense of belonging results as we use our spiritual gifts together in order to build up the body of Christ and to bring glory to God. Church membership also provides accountability as we walk alongside one another encouraging each other to be the people God desires us to be. When a brother or sister in Christ stumbles, we are there to encourage and restore.



When you become a member of our body at Taylors, you are committing to follow the teachings of our church, embrace our mission and values, and come under the trust and service of our church leadership - both the lay and ministerial team.

Joining our church says, "I commit to use my spiritual gifts to be a part of what God is doing here in this mighty work." 1 Corinthians 12: 7,11 says " Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good...All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines."

## How to Join the Church

The New Testament church is made up of baptized believers who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. If you have never accepted His forgiveness for your sins, trusted Him alone for salvation, and committed yourself to follow His will for your life, will you consider it today?

At the close of each of our services, we have an "invitation" time. During this time we invite you to share your testimony and request church membership with members of our staff or Next Steps team. We accept members...

- By public profession of faith and believer's baptism by immersion.
- By statement: you have previously made a faith commitment to Christ as Lord and Savior and have already followed Him in baptism by immersion.
- By statement and pending baptism: you have previously made a faith commitment to Christ as Lord and Savior and now wish to follow Him in baptism by immersion.
- By letter of transfer of your membership from a Baptist church of like faith and order.
- By watch-care. Allows college students to come under the spiritual leadership of Taylors FBC while in the area and remain a member at their home church.

## Questions about church membership?

Contact our Director of Connections, Shianne Bujtor at [shianneb@taylorsfbc.org](mailto:shianneb@taylorsfbc.org) or stop by our Next Steps Area on Sunday mornings. Smiling and helpful faces are eager to walk alongside you to take your next step in your faith or here at Taylors FBC.



# ESTABLISH THE CHURCH.



We seek to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by Equipping Students to strengthen churches and fulfill the great commission.

## Establish Network 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.

### Meet our 2026 Summer Interns



**Andrew McCann**  
Serving in Executive Ministries



**Chapel Leroy**  
Serving in Taylors College

# Our Church Family

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

## Welcome New Members

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**Ken Briggs**  
Joined May 10, 2026  
by Letter



**Marisa Simmons**  
Joined May 3, 2026  
by Baptism

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**Wilson Sharp**  
Joined May 17, 2026  
by Baptism



**Conor Holombo**  
Joined May 3, 2026  
by Statement



**Josh and Amy Aldridge**  
Joined May 10, 2026  
by Statement  
Also Pictured:  
Connor & Wyatt



**Jade Chandler**  
Joined May 17, 2026  
by Baptism



**Ayden Murray**  
Joined May 3, 2026  
by Watchcare



**Chris and Kimberley de Granda**  
Joined May 17, 2026  
by Letter

## Baptisms

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

- Marisa Simmons
- Wilson Sharp
- Camryn Smouse
- Jade Chandler

## In Memoriam

### Burgess Newsome

June 23, 1935 - April 29, 2026

### Laura Greene

November 9, 1927 - May 19, 2026

### Bob Campbell

May 6, 1941 - May 23, 2026

## Sunday Statistics

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24
Nursery .....	46	42	51	40
Preschool .....	56	58	59	41
Elementary .....	64	86	75	60
Students .....	87	79	108	78
College .....	48	32	25	37
Adults .....	640	631	631	693
Life Group Total.....	1069	1059	1079	859
Morning Worship.....	1490	1633	1529	1438
Kid's Music Worship Night .....	491			

## 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

## Stewardship

### APRIL

Budget Receipts:..... \$462,919  
Actual Receipts: ..... \$401,559  
Actual Spent:..... \$486,911

### YEAR TO DATE

Budget Receipts:..... \$1,967,407  
Actual Receipts: ..... \$1,831,184  
Actual Spent:..... \$1,947,516

### Ways to Give



In the Church Center App



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



Through online banking — set Taylor's FBC as a payee in your banking system



Bring your contribution to the Church Office



Mail your contribution 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

## Sunday Mornings

### Special Sundays this Summer

June 21 — One Worship Service at 10:00 am  
No Life Groups / K5 and under Classes will Meet

July 5 — One Worship Service at 10:00 am  
Lord's Supper will be Served  
No Life Groups / K5 and under Classes will Meet

### Regular Sundays

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

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups  
Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade  
(except 6/7, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5)

#### 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 6/7, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5)

## Staff Anniversaries

### JUNE

Kevin Batson — 18 Years of Service  
Dick Kay — 9 Years of Service  
Kay Lumpkin — 9 Years of Service  
Amanda McKenna — 9 Years of Service  
Kaitlyn Ross — 8 Years of Service  
John Phillips — 1 Year of Service  
David Evette — 1 Year of Service  
David Petz — 1 Year of Service

### JULY

Jeremy Thompson — 14 Years of Service  
Alex Smith — 8 Years of Service  
Lea Hardy — 2 Years of Service  
Wes Henderson — 1 Year of Service

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

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



**Biblical Authority**



**Christ-Centered Worship**



**Gospel Urgency**



**Life Transformation**



**Generous Living**



**Everybody Serves**



**Prayerful Dependence**