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2026 Ministry Plan

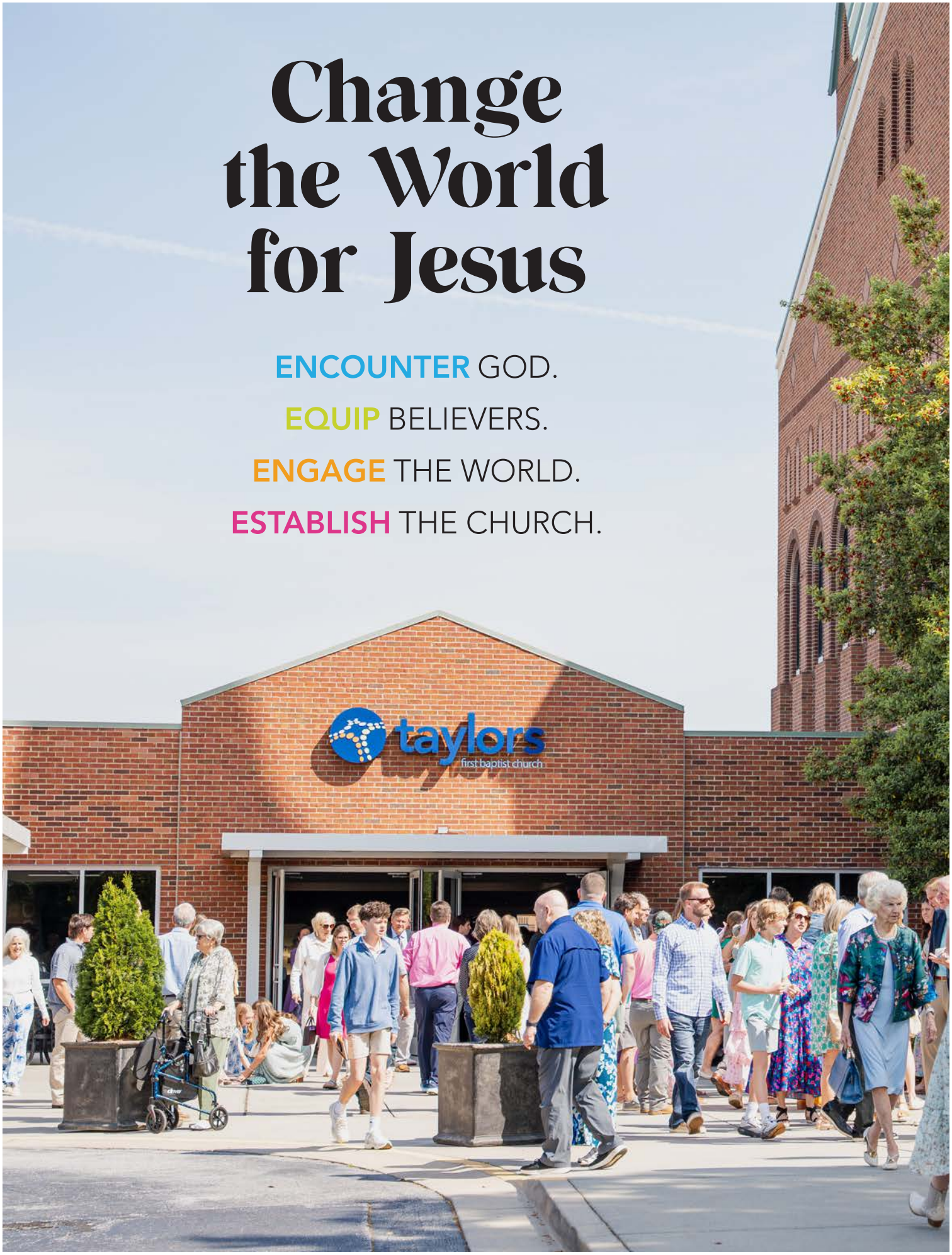
Change the World for Jesus

ENCOUNTER GOD.

EQUIP BELIEVERS.

ENGAGE THE WORLD.

ESTABLISH THE CHURCH.



Dear Church family,

It is hard to believe that 2025 is coming to a close and we are preparing for 2026. This past year has been a year of faithfulness and stability. As we have continued to focus upon our vision to Change the World for Jesus, the momentum of our work continues to grow and grow. There is not an area of our ministry that the Lord has not blessed with growth and that growth is evident in more than numbers. The Lord is growing His church at Taylors First Baptist to not only reach our community, but also to be a blessing in the advancement of the kingdom around the world. We desire nothing more than to continue to be used by God to advance His kingdom in 2026.

It is important that we remember to live generously with such a great responsibility. The call to live generously is not one that is simply manufactured by the leadership of the church. Rather, it is a call from the Word of God itself. Everything that we have has been given to us from the hand of the Lord. Therefore, we give as stewards from the blessings of God in our life. Since God is generous, his people must be generous. Taylors First Baptist wants to be a testimony to the generosity of our Lord and live open handed to the world with the many resources that the Lord has blessed us with.

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. I pray that this next year will be another testimony to the faithfulness of the Lord and the generosity of His people.

Let's Change the World for Jesus together!

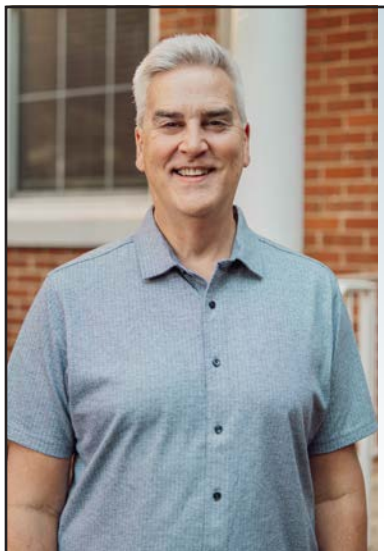
Your Pastor,
Josh Powell

QUESTIONS

Wednesday, November 5, 5:30 - 6:45 pm, Room B127:
Members of the Finance Committee and Administration are available to answer questions.

VOTE TO APPROVE MINISTRY PLAN AT CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 9, 8:30, 9:40, and 11:00 am



FROM OUR WORSHIP PASTOR

The Worship Ministry leads worship every Sunday, encouraging our congregation toward a holy encounter with the Lord. Each person who sings or plays an instrument or reads scripture or prays is a worship leader, prompting us to respond to Who God is and what He has done for us. Your generous giving helps provide resources for these leaders, as well as funding music outreach opportunities outside the walls of our church building. Choirs for preschool, children, and students help grow the next generation of worshipers and worship leaders. You also fund both upkeep of aging systems and new equipment in sound, video, and lighting that enhances our worship services and events, and sends our services out through live-stream and recordings. To God be the glory!

Kevin Batson

ENCOUNTER GOD

PURPOSE
All Peoples changed/transformed by Jesus

GOAL
The gospel proclaimed faithfully and consistently within every area of ministry at Taylors FBC

MEANS
Preach, Teach, Sing, Pray God's Word

Proclaim the Gospel in truth and fullness always

Gather to worship in a manner that is Christ-exalting, God-honoring, and theologically sound.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PASTOR FOR MINISTRIES

The Equip Ministries include Children, Students, College, Young Adults, Adults, Senior Adults, Women, Men, Pastoral Care, and the Institute. Through these ministries, every week, children, women, and men are provided the opportunity to hear the gospel proclaimed in truth and fullness, to engage God's Word together, to grow in their knowledge of God and His ways, and experience the care of the Body of Christ! Without your generous living these ministries would not exist. Thank you for giving so generously of your time, gifts, and resources!

Jeremy Thompson

EQUIP BELIEVERS

PURPOSE

Disciples of Jesus devoted to God's will and fulfilling the work of ministry!
(Conformed to the image of Christ Jesus)

GOAL

Disciples of Jesus loving Him more and more, as they grow in knowledge of Him and His ways.

MEANS

Teach and engage the Scriptures with an expectation of faith and obedience

Practice the spiritual disciplines of Word, prayer, and fellowship corporately to create personal habits for seeking God and spending time with His people

Identify spiritual gifts and practice them in service to God and others

Teach people to think rightly about God and His Word

FROM OUR MISSIONS PASTOR

At Taylors First Baptist Church, we believe that SAVED people are SENT people. The vision of the Engage ministry is to glorify God as we SEND members to make disciples of their neighbors and among all the nations. There are more lost people alive today than at any other time in history, and this is our opportune time to invest in ways that will make a difference. Your generosity makes it possible for us to remain engaged in a variety of outreach efforts focused on declaring God's glory and bringing "good news" to the people in our local community. Your generosity also helps resource our partners at NAMB and IMB and send our members to work alongside of them as they make disciples and establish churches here, and among the unengaged and unreached of the world. Thank you for your partnership as we Change the World for Jesus!

Steven C.

ENGAGE THE WORLD

PURPOSE
Spread the Knowledge of God's Glory by Making Disciples of All Nations

GOAL
Individuals are Sent by Jesus

MEANS
Mobilize and equip members to share the gospel with urgency

Provide opportunities to love and serve others

Send individuals and families to make disciples of all nations

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PASTOR FOR MINISTRIES

This fall, four new Establish Residents joined the Establish Network Residency. They will spend the next two years with us, serving within our ministry areas, and earning their Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (Mentored) through our partnership with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In two years, we will send them out to establish the church here in North America and to the ends of the earth! The Establish Network Residency would not be possible without your generosity. Thank you!

Jeremy Thompson

ESTABLISH THE CHURCH

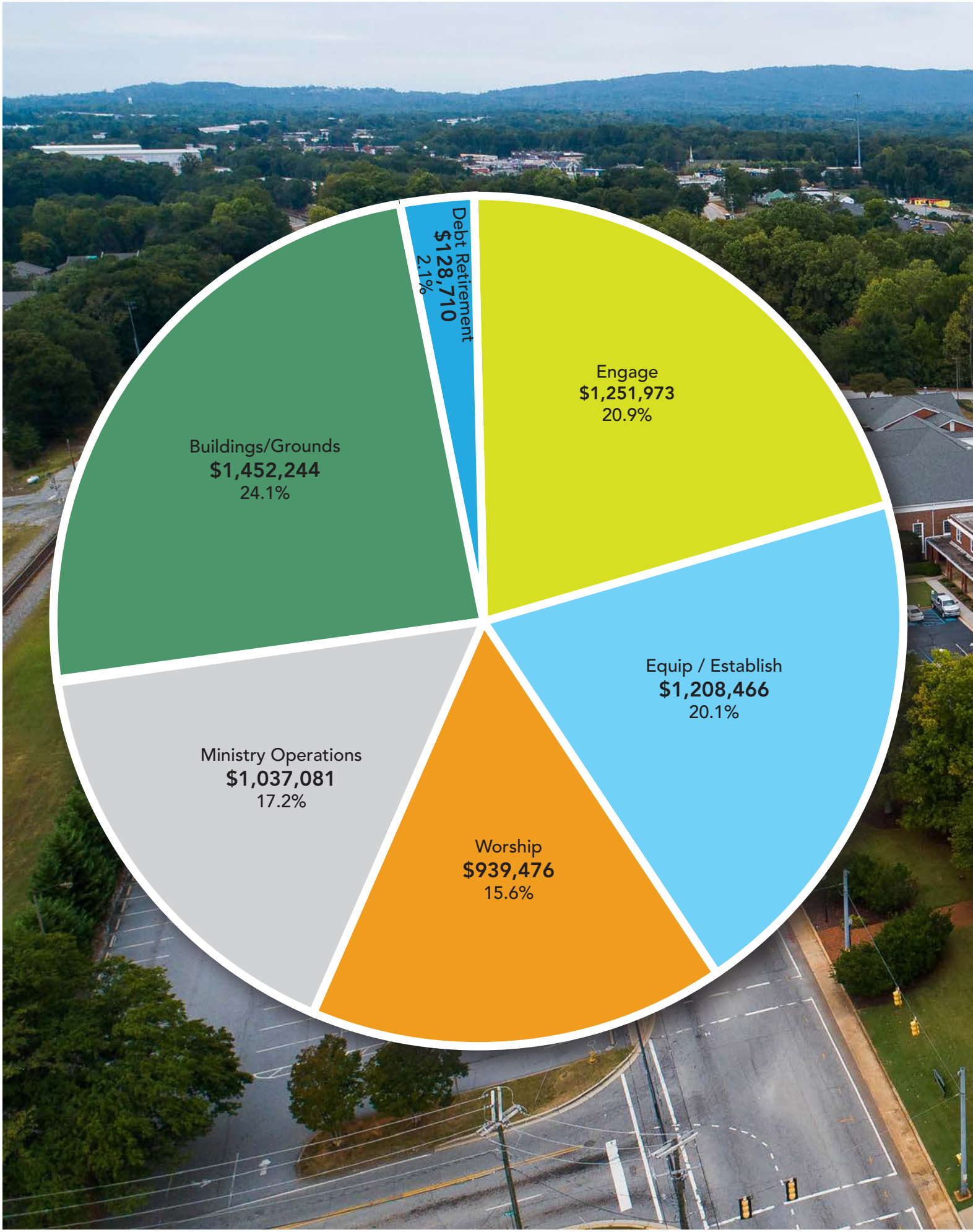
PURPOSE
Multiplying Churches Planted

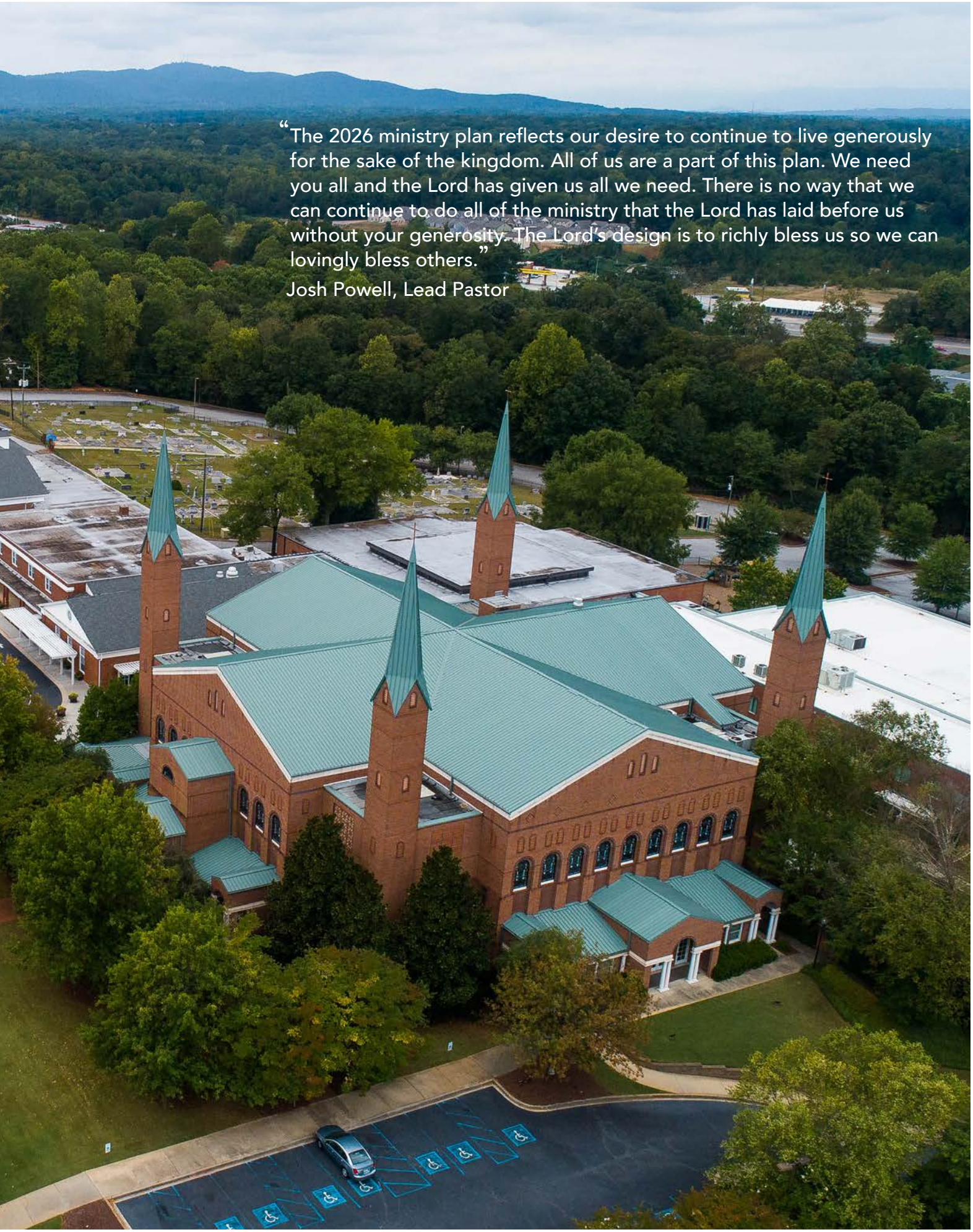
GOAL
Send Church Leaders, Planters, and Missionaries

MEANS
Serve within the Church

Establish Network Internship

Establish Network Residency


Debt Retirement
$128,710
2.1%
Engage
$1,251,973
20.9%
Equip / Establish
$1,208,466
20.1%
Worship
$939,476
15.6%
Ministry Operations
$1,037,081
17.2%
Buildings/Grounds
$1,452,244
24.1%



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Josh Powell, Lead Pastor

WORSHIP $137,950

Worship Choirs	$13,200
All Other Choirs	$12,800
Orchestra / Worship Bands	$4,950
Media Ministry	$65,500
Administration	$35,500
Revival / Guest Speakers	$6,000

2.3% OF 2026 MINISTRY PLAN

It's a privilege to serve as the Minister of Worship at Taylors. I'm so grateful for the many teams that lead worship each week and give our church body the opportunity to Encounter God together. Our desire is that every person, from children through adults, have an Encounter with God and respond rightly to Him for who He is and what He's done. To that aim, our corporate worship services are intentionally scripture-driven and Christ-exalting. I'm grateful for the generosity of our church that makes this ministry possible each year!

Scott Norman, Minister of Worship

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH
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YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH FOR ME

EQUIP / ESTABLISH $213,850

Equip	$188,850
Adult / Leadership Development	$41,250
Preschool / Elementary	$35,550
Students	$41,800
College / Single Adults	$35,800
Senior Adult / Pastoral Care	$14,000
Women / Men	$20,450

Establish	$25,000
Residency	$17,000
Internship	$8,000

3.5% OF 2026 MINISTRY PLAN

The Equip Institute exists to equip our members to think rightly about God and His Word for the sake of living rightly before God in His World. This strategic discipleship ministry allows participants to "dig deeper" than is normally the case in a Life Group. The main program is our weekly Wednesday night teaching time, which is also made available each week as a podcast. The Equip Institute also periodically hosts one-off seminars on a Sunday afternoon. We are focusing on the theme of Baptist Beliefs during the 2025-2026 school year. Each week, we work through a different article of the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, which is the confessional statement of the Southern Baptist Convention. We'd love for you to join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm.

Nathan Finn, Teaching Pastor

Taylors Children's Ministry is so grateful for our amazing church family who love, support, and provide for all that we do. We've seen a good bit of growth in the last year, which is exciting! We've been able to implement, expand and maintain many wonderful things in our ministry as we strive to help children learn to love Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. As we look to 2026, I'm excited and expectant for what God is going to do. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this happen!

Lea Hardy, Minister of Children

The goal of Taylors Students is to see students grow as disciples of Jesus. Students are being changed by Jesus; even recently at Fall Retreat we focused on three passages where a true encounter with God leads to life transformation. Students are walking with Jesus, as they grow in a knowledge of who Jesus is and grow in relationship with Jesus. Students are being sent by Jesus, as they invite, share the gospel with, and even disciple their friends. None of this would be possible without our partnership as a church family to Change the World for Jesus as we live generously. I am so thankful for you, and I am expectant for how the Lord will continue to work in the lives of our students in 2026.

Matthew Kilgore, Minister of Students

Pastoral Care Ministry at Taylors First Baptist Church exists to walk with people during times of need. Whether someone is experiencing sickness, the death of a loved one, or other needs, we aim to minister hope that can only come from our Savior. Some of the ways we do that are through our Mercy, Funeral, Bereavement, Deacon Crisis, Grief Support, and Shepherding teams. It is our goal and prayer to minister in such a way that we point others toward the sufficiency of Christ in all of life's ups and downs.

Taylors Seniors is for those 60+ who desire to build a legacy centered on the Gospel and focused on the Churches mission. I believe that the second phase of life is often the most productive years of ministry for many people. Our desire is to see senior adults experience salvation, grow through discipleship, and to make disciples. One of my ministry goals in 2026 is to foster ministry opportunities where senior adults can serve in ways that God has gifted them. One way that is happening now is through XYZ, Spring Fling, and It's Fall Y'all. Your faithful giving has helped make this ministry possible. Thank you for your generous giving.

Wes Henderson, Minister of Pastoral Care

Church family, I am so expectant at what God is doing within the College Ministry here at Taylors First Baptist Church. This ministry plan is strategic to support students and young adults within college ministry. I am thankful for a church that sees the value in equipping and encouraging young adults with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Alex Smith, Minister of College and Young Adults

ENGAGE $805,700

Southern Baptist Mission Offerings	$601,800
Cooperative Program	$451,350
International: Lottie Moon Offering	$90,270
North American: Annie Armstrong Offering	$30,090
State: Janie Chapman Offering	$12,036
Local: Three Rivers Baptist Association	$18,054

Local	$78,300
Love Taylors	$31,600
Benevolence: $12,500	
Evangelism & Outreach: $12,500	
Single Mom's Oil Change: $5,000	
Leadership Development and Other: $1,600	
Ministry Partners	$42,000
Greer Community Ministries: $2,000	
Piedmont Women's Center: $2,000	
Taylors Free Medical Clinic: $25,000	
Greer Christian Learning Center: $2,000	
Macedonia's Call: $1,000	
Band of Brothers: $2,000	
Miracle Hill: $2,000	
Connie Maxwell: $2,000	
Good News Club Taylors/Woodland: $4,000	
Serving Ministries	$3,000
Village Wrench: $1,000	
Homework Club: $1,000	
Poverty Ministry: $1,000	
Support Ministries	$1,700
Employment Coaching: $500	
Mission 1:27 Ministry: $1,200	

Church Planting Partnerships	$74,500
Fireweed - Bodolosky Support	$4,000
Life Nepali Church, North Carolina	$4,000
National Church Plant: LA - The Abiding Church	$15,000
National Church Plant: LA - Kelley Williams	$5,000
National Church Plant: LA - Hudson Caldwell	$5,000
National Church Plant: New England	$5,000
National Church Plant: South Carolina	$10,000
Davis Lar ICF / International Mission	$5,000
Commission Ministry Network / Vos	$2,500
IMB South Asia Partnership	$15,000
Woman's Missionary Union	$4,000

Equipping, Conference, and Connections	$51,100

13.5% OF 2026 MINISTRY PLAN

Taylors Rec exists to use sports and fitness to create environments that build community with the purpose of sharing the Good News. We seek to engage our community around us by providing spaces for people to practice and play sports on our campus. We value people that call us their home gym being good stewards of their bodies so that they may continue to be active where they live, work and play. We are thankful for the generous giving of Taylors FBC and with your support we strive to daily proclaim Jesus to our neighbors.

Joseph Eskridge, Minister of Sports Outreach

BELIEVERS.

GUEST
Services

Restrooms

FLOURISH
SEEK PRAY BLESS
MAGNIFIED

MINISTRY OPERATIONS $337,676

Office Expense / Equipment / Furnishings	$23,280
Printing	$9,000
Copiers	$11,166
Information Technology Management	104,800
Financial	$59,000
Marketing	$49,800
Food Service	$30,000
Transportation	$7,250
Safety / Security	$43,380

5.6% OF 2026 MINISTRY PLAN

BUILDING AND GROUNDS $943,640

Utilities	$400,500
Buildings / Facilities	$455,340
Insurance	$87,800

15.7% OF 2026 MINISTRY PLAN

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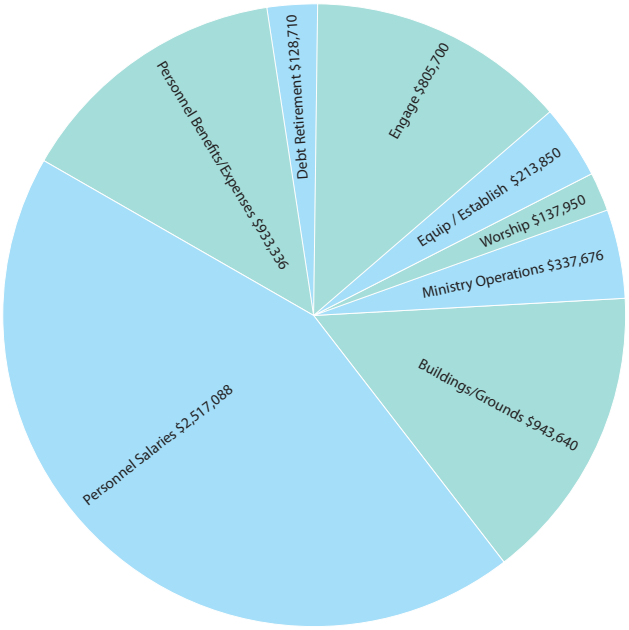
TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

2026 MINISTRY PLAN $6,017,950

Worship	$137,950	2.3%
Equip / Establish	$213,850	3.5%
Engage	$805,700	13.5%
Ministry Operations	$337,676	5.6%
Building/Grounds	$943,640	15.7%
Personnel Salaries	$2,517,088	41.8%
Personnel Benefits / Expenses	$933,336	15.5%
Debt Retirement	$128,710	2.1%



Living with a Spirit of Generosity

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PASTOR OF OPERATIONS

From the very start, God created us to live with a spirit of generosity, asking us to take care of and nurture His creation, as we see in Genesis 1:28. Everything we have ultimately belongs to Him, and the Bible shows us that His people have consistently responded to His blessings by giving thanks to Him. Abraham and Jacob each offered a tenth out of gratitude, the Israelites contributed to the building of the Tabernacle, and the early believers shared their belongings so that no one was left in need. Every act of giving is a reflection of worship, a joyful recognition that all we own is a gift from God, and we are simply caretakers of His blessings.

Generosity is not about how much we give but rather the attitude behind it. Jesus highlighted the poor widow who gave from her poverty as the true model of faith. When we give, we openly express our trust in God's provision, engage in His transformative work, and invest in what truly matters. Giving supports the church's ministry, changes lives, and helps grow God's kingdom. It also has the power to change us, bringing us closer to God's heart and cultivating a faith that is vibrant and genuine.

As we work toward the vision of Changing the World for Jesus, your generosity makes that mission possible. Each gift becomes a powerful testament of love, hope, and obedience. We give because everything is God's, because we are responsible for how we manage His blessings, and because we desire to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Let's come together to worship through giving, joyfully, faithfully, and with anticipation, so that we can truly Change the World for Jesus

.Chris DeWease

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 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

We the church exist to display the glory of God by being built upon and centered in the gospel of Jesus Christ and by living generously to reach a world desperate for hope.

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