How many schools have an annual prayer day? I know of a few, but the total number is relatively small. Why have one? The Taylor family know the answer to that one. This old school has lived across the years through intercessory prayer. The direct connection between the great seasons of intercession and the material assets of this school is known alone to God, but a few men have been able to trace in part that connection until a most fascinating record of answered prayers and Taylor’s life line are set down together.

When I review some of the factors that are current I feel much like pleading that the Taylor family pray without ceasing on July 27th this year. Permit me to share something of my heart’s burden with you about the things needing God’s gracious interposition in Taylor’s behalf now.

(1) Pray earnestly that God shall not let us becloud our minds with lesser secondary matters until our great aims and objectives are lost through the maize of other things. While Taylor grows God grant that she shall not lose the glow of His presence and blessing!

(2) Pray fervently that the host of new people enrolling this fall shall all find God in saving and sanctifying power ere the year shall close.

God give us a real revival — one that stops sin, burns out dross and elevates every soul to the choice privilege of reflecting His grace!

(3) Pray for the faculty who will have the serious responsibility of directing the thought patterns of these young people as well as working with them in the realization of their full orb development.

God be pleased to baptize us all anew, with love filling our hearts and zeal motivating our lives so that the atmosphere of Taylor’s campus this year shall always be conducive to righteous living!

(4) Pray for a united Taylor family.

God grant us the spirit of tolerance wherein we may not see eye to eye. O God, divest us of petty grievances so that they may not fester on our hands and become formidable barriers to fellowship among the family. Be pleased, O God to rule and overrule so that Taylor shall never suffer from carnal devices designed to disrupt the established progress Taylor is now enjoying!

(5) Pray for our Board of Trustees — men, busy men, who are willing and anxious to give of their time, counsel and means for the direction of Taylor’s affairs.

Let there come to these men, O God, the spirit of wisdom and understanding so that they may evaluate every given situation in the light of what is right so that the sound policies they have established may be safeguarded!

(6) Pray for an ever increasing clientele.

Let there be a host of new friends added to our present list of supporters, O God. Be gracious unto us in enabling us to discover Christian friends who are not only sympathetic with Taylor’s program, but who will get behind the school with that kind of support that will enable Taylor to enlarge her borders and thus serve an even larger student body!

(7) Pray for the staff of workers at Taylor — that group who along with the Business Manager give of their consecrated talents to the operation of the physical facilities of the school.

God bless every worker who may be entrusted with duties that are relevant to a smoothly operated plant. Give them increased skills and a spirit of cooperation that will provide Taylor the best that can be had in physical provision for the training of these fine young people!

Remember July 27th when Taylor people the world around will be supplicating the throne of God for His divine blessing. Herein lies the secret of success — the only kind of success that matters — for Taylor.
The Students Really Matter!

Colleges exist for students. They die without them whereas this perpetual stream of new faces tends to keep them alive. Some one has aptly described the sensational phase of the annual influx of them as follows: "It is a breath-taking phenomenon, this miracle of the new students! Campus dwellers never cease to be humbled by it. There they are, all over the place,—hand picked boys and girls who were not there the night before: the annual blood transfusion that keep universities alive and vigorous, and the principle justification for campus dwellers. All the year, we bicker over budgets, new tricks in teaching, departmental jurisdiction, the publication of new truth, and then some September morning, unaware, this flood of new students burst upon us and suddenly we realize that these constitute our job and that other things, while related, are of secondary importance." With us here in Taylor these students mean a sacred trust has been allotted us—a trust that involves the directing of body, mind and spirit until all shall be vessels "sanctified and meet for the Master's use."

Terrible Days!

As I write these lines the Korean situation grows worse and the announcement has gone out that the machinery for the drafting of our nation's man power is again being assembled. This mid-year of the century has seen one of the nation's greatest revivals, while at the same time hell has again unleashed its fiery darts in an attempt to flood the world with iniquity by the breakdown of all moral living through the hysterics of war. There never appeared a greater example of the eternal struggle between the forces of darkness and the forces of light than now. Taylor must rally her forces to provide spiritual leadership in these terrible days. Again the times that try men's souls are upon us. Young men planning for college are also plagued with the apprehensions concerning induction into the armed forces. Must the world always dream without ever realizing peace? Without the Prince of Peace she can never hope to do otherwise. Let us "love His appearing" while we "work while it is day."

Teaching Staff Additions

In keeping with its policy of adding persons who are at the same time academically equipped and spiritually dedicated to the ideals of Christian teaching, Taylor is making some rich additions to her teaching staff for the year 1950-51. The following are among those who are being added to this number.

Professor W. Ralph Thompson is joining the staff in the field of Biblical literature. Professor Thompson has served as a missionary-teacher in Dominican Republic, South America. He is a graduate of New York Biblical Seminary.

Professor Ralph Cummings comes to strengthen both the Departments of Sociology and Religion. Professor Cummings, after an enviable record as a teacher, minister and social worker, is now completing his residence work for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Southern California.

Professor Rosellen Oswalt, who holds the M.A. degree from Northwestern University, comes to Taylor after six years in the Business Education of Olivet College. She will serve in the same department at Taylor.

Professor Donald Butterworth, a graduate of Eastman School of Music with the Master of Music degree, comes to Taylor from Houghton College. As was true at Houghton, where his choir was well-known among Christian groups, Professor Butterworth will direct the choir and teach in the Department of Music, as well as being Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts.

Professor Ronald Joiner, who holds the B.D. degree from Yale University, will join our staff this year. In both his undergraduate and graduate work Professor Joiner put special emphasis upon speech, and radio preaching, as well as Biblical studies.
At present he is director of religious radio for one of the broadcasting stations in the Philadelphia area.

Dr. Paton Yoder, an addition to the Division of Social Sciences, comes to Taylor from Westmont College, where he served with distinction as Dean. Dr. Yoder holds in a fine balance the elements of spiritual insight and academic preparation needed at Taylor. He holds the Ph.D. degree from Indiana University, and although still a young man is a veteran of many years teaching and counselling in a Christian college.

As Dean of Women at Taylor Miss Mary Thomas has been brought to the staff from a similar position in Asbury College. Miss Thomas, who is the daughter of the well-known Welsh evangelist, John Thomas, has a wealth of experience and helpfulness to bring to the spiritual, social and academic life of the women of Taylor.

Dean Richard Chambers, who is completing residence requirements for the Ph.D. degree at Western Reserve University, will be the Dean of Men. Dean Chambers comes from a professorship at Cleveland Bible College. His interest in both spiritual life and academic attainments on a Christian college campus fit him well for the position which he will occupy here at Taylor.

Orientation days and a time of prayer and study have been arranged for new and old faculty members for September 8 and 9. At this time the staff will make final preparations for the opening of the fall term.

**Summer School**

This article is written at the mid-point of the summer session here at Taylor. Contrary to general trends and to our own expectation, the summer session has been better attended this year than ever before. One-hundred-seven persons have enrolled for summer school work. By comparison, 102 enrolled last summer and 66 during the summer of 1948.

Although most of the courses have good enrollments, many students are enjoying the individual attention that comes from smaller class enrollments during the summer session. Fifteen teachers are offering one or more courses during the period.
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Coming Events

Sept. 11 thru 13 — Orientation Days for new Students
Sept. 14, 8:00—12:00 a.m. — Registration of Returning Students (A-G)
Sept. 14, 1:00—5:00 — Registration of Returning Students (H-O)
Sept. 15, 8:00—12:00 p.m. — Registration of Returning Students (P-Z)
Sept. 15, 1:00 p.m. — Classes Begin
Oct. 1 thru 8 — Fall Revival — Dr. Bob Shuler Jr., Prof. Asbury Seminary

Dean Driscal to Attend Reception

Word has been received that Miss Ione Driscal, former Dean of Women at Taylor, has delayed her sailing to Africa, and will be able to attend the student-faculty reception on Saturday evening September 16. Dean Driscal reports that she wanted to meet with the Taylor family once more before taking up her work in Africa. All returning students will look forward to seeing her.