

PROFILE

Dr. Taylor was born in Paducah, KY, grew up on a farm outside of Golconda in far Southern IL, and earned a B.S. from McKendree University and O.D. from Indiana University. His most significant professional influence is Gregg Eubanks, O.D., and past IOA President. Not only was Dr. Eubanks Dr. Taylor's childhood optometrist, but he also helped him apply to optometry school, served as a sounding board for his practice purchase, encouraged him to become involved with the IOA, and had a lasting, profound influence on his life. Although presented with opportunities to practice in other states, Dr. Taylor chose to open a practice in Southern IL to remain close to family. "…there is no substitute for being able to see them often." He also loves Southern Illinois "The landscape, the history, and the people make it a great place to live."

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CLINT TAYLOR, O.D.

WHAT HE LOVES MOST ABOUT HIS JOB

"I love being able to constantly refine and improve what I do. There are always new things out there – products, equipment, techniques – that help us improve patient care or business processes. We'll never reach a level of perfection at our practice, but we'll keep trying and that's what keeps it fun and interesting. "

UNUSUAL OR SURPRISING DIAGNOSIS

"We routinely diagnose patients with both ocular and systemic conditions that they were unaware of. One of the most gratifying conditions to diagnose is glaucoma, especially if we can catch it before significant damage has occurred. While it's never pleasant to diagnose a patient with a chronic disease, being able to diagnose patients with glaucoma and initiate treatment that will save their vision never gets old. "

ADVICE FOR NEW OPTOMETRISTS

"Keep improving in all aspects of your life, professionally and personally. Plateaus, mediocrity, and 'coasting' are the enemy. Instead, become comfortable with the discomfort of constantly pushing yourself to grow."

HOBBIES

"I love to fish. My son Jack and I fish a few bass tournaments each year, and I treasure those days on the water with him. I also enjoy reading and working on my family's farm."

"Anything and everything outstanding that has happened in my life is thanks to God. To Him be the glory."