

This Week's Events
Sunday, January 4th:
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship
4:00 PM Wednesday Praise Team Reh.
Monday, January 5th:
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (127)
Tuesday, January 6th:
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (library)
6:00 PM Children's Basketball Practice
Wednesday, January 7th:
6:15 PM Children's Choirs
6:15 PM Youth Missions Group
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 8th:
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (127)
6:15 PM Children's Basketball Practice

A Note to Parents of Small Children:
We are glad to have children worship with us as they grow in Christ! You may hear the "sounds of a growing church" from our pews. A couple tips:


1. Relax! God put the wiggle in children - don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
2. Encourage your child to sing and pray with the congregation. Children learn good behavior in church by copying yours.
3. 4-year-olds - 1st graders are invited to Children's Worship when kids are dismissed after the Children's Time. Nursery is available for newborns - 2-year-olds. 3-year-olds are welcome in Next Step (room 130). 2nd - 5th grade students can fill out a worship worksheet and see a pastor to get a prize from our treasure box!

*Our services are being filmed & broadcast live on the internet.
Recordings can be found at
vintonbaptistchurch.org or on our app.*

*If you are visiting with us today, welcome! Please complete a green Connect Card, which is located in your sanctuary pew pocket; you may drop it in the offering plate or in a wooden prayer box before you leave today. Or you may complete the Connect Card online at vintonbaptistchurch.org.


Vinton Baptist Church
Morning Worship
January 4, 2026, Epiphany Sunday

*Prelude	Wanda Melchers
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC	Whitney Russell
Call to Worship	Chancel Choir
<i>"Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me"</i>	
Responsive Reading	Chris Monroe
Leader: Arise and shine, for your light has come!	
ALL: The glory of the Lord is rising upon us.	
Leader: A star appears in the deepening night.	
ALL: We follow the spark of God's bright promise.	
Leader: To the King, we bring our humble gifts.	
ALL: We offer our hearts to the Savior of the world.	
Leader: The Light of Christ shines in the dark.	
ALL: We will walk in that light, now and forever.	
Invocation	
Hymn No. 130	<i>"Here I Am to Worship"</i>
Passing the Peace of Christ	
The Children's Sermon	Jodi Estienne
4-year-olds - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in room 201.	
Hymn No. 215	<i>"We Three Kings"</i>
Morning Prayer	Whitney Russell
Offering Our Gifts	Chris Monroe
Today's Message	Travis Russell
<i>"Creating Space for God"</i> 1 Kings 19:9-13	
The Lord's Supper	Wanda Melchers
The Bread & Cup	
Invitation	
Hymn of Invitation No. 428	<i>"Speak to My Heart"</i>
Benediction	<i>"The Doxology"</i>
Postlude	Wanda Melchers



Parents of Small Children, Please Note:

Next Step is available beginning at 10:15 AM for 3-year-olds (and any 4-year-olds who want to join us) in room 130 (next to the Nursery). This class is designed for children who want to take their "next step" up from Nursery, but who aren't quite ready for Children's Church yet. These little ones learn simple Bible stories, sing songs, pray, and play together. They can be picked up after morning worship. Our pilot program during December went so well that this class will continue into the new year!



Lottie Moon

The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** is collected annually to support international missions. Every dollar goes to the mission field. There are envelopes in your box of envelopes and in the pew pockets. Our church goal is \$5,200.

VBC members/regular attenders, please check the Lottie Moon Post Office at the Missions Tables for any cards you may have received.



Upcoming Events

Children's Choirs, Youth Missions Group, and Chancel Choir rehearsal are all scheduled to resume this Wednesday, January 7th. **Weeknight Worship** will resume next Wednesday, January 14th.





2026 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes have been issued for the new year and are available for pickup on the children's hallway. If you do not see your envelopes and would like a set, please let Patsy Talbert know.



Children's Basketball

Children will practice basketball on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Games will be on Saturday mornings throughout January and February. Please see your coach for the schedule.



2026 Bible Reading Plan

Copies of our Bible reading plan for 2026 are now available at the Welcome Center. This past year we read the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament), Psalms, and the four Gospels. In 2026 we will read Joshua - Esther (the historical books of the Old Testament), Proverbs - Song of Songs (wisdom/poetry), and Acts - Philemon (New Testament history and the letters of Paul). If you access the Bible reading plan through our Vinton Baptist Church app, daily readings are available there. Even if you didn't participate in the 2025 Bible reading plan, we encourage you to walk through the scriptures with us this year, gleaning from God's word so that we can follow his path.

Upcoming Youth Events

We are planning a Youth Ski Trip for February 6th - 8th at Wintergreen Resort! See The Witness for all the details, including costs and the registration form.



Also, mark your calendars for DNOW March 13th - 15th. More details to come soon!



Stacked with Love

Our Preteens will host a Pancake Fundraiser, Stacked with Love, Sunday, February 15th. Stay tuned for all the details!

Soup for Seniors

The annual LOA Soup for Seniors Drive, sponsored by the JOY Seniors, runs the entire month of January. Thousands of seniors in our community live at or below the poverty line. You can help provide a hot meal on a cold day and remind seniors in need that we have not forgotten them. The items that are most needed include soup; peanut butter; canned meats, vegetables, and fruits; crackers; oatmeal; and Boost/Ensure. Collection boxes will be available in the Welcome Center and by the elevator in the New Ministries Building. Thank you in advance for helping us meet this need.



AARP will once again offer **Tax-Aide** free tax preparation at a number of locations in the greater Roanoke Valley, including Vinton Baptist Church. Details on making appointments will be available soon.

Christian sympathy is extended to Sherry Wiggins and family in the death of Chubby Wiggins, who passed away December 27th.



January 4, 2026



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Sermon Notes

**Spiritual Practices:
Silence & Solitude**

God often speaks in
whispers, not noise.