

This Week's Events
Sunday, November 23rd:
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
4:30 PM Youth Praise Band rehearsal
5:00 PM Steel Drums rehearsal
5:30 PM Youth Dinner/Extreme
Monday, November 24th:
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)
Tuesday, November 25th:
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (library)
12:00 PM JOY Senior Luncheon (gym)
Wednesday, November 26th:
NO Activities - Enjoy Your Holiday!
Thursday, November 27th:
Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed
Friday, November 28th:
Church Office Closed

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 - 3-year-olds. 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.

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Morning Worship

*Prelude		Wanda Melchers
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC		Whitney Russell
Call to Worship	<i>"Find in Me A Thankful Heart"</i>	Chancel Choir
Invocation		Chris Monroe
Responsive Reading		
Leader: Come, let us gather with grateful hearts,		
ALL: To give thanks to the Lord for all our blessings.		
Leader: For the gift of life and breath,		
ALL: We give You thanks, O God.		
Leader: For family and friends who walk beside us,		
ALL: We give You thanks, O God.		
Leader: For food on our tables and roofs over our heads,		
ALL: We give You thanks, O God.		
Leader: For second chances and new beginnings,		
ALL: We give You thanks, O God.		
Leader: With grateful hearts, we come before You today,		
ALL: Giving thanks to You, O Lord, for You are worthy of all our praise!		
Hymn No. 636	<i>"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!"</i>	
Passing the Peace of Christ		
The Sonshine and Cherub Choirs		
The Children's Time		Jodi Estienne
4-year-olds - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in room 201.		
Hymn No. 637	<i>"We Gather Together"</i>	
Morning Prayer		Whitney Russell
Offertory	<i>"Come, Jesus, Come"</i>	The Reynolds Sisters
Today's Message	<i>"A Gateway"</i> Psalm 118	Travis Russell
Invitation		
Hymn of Invitation No. 640	<i>"Let All Things Now Living"</i>	
Benediction		Jeff Carr
Postlude		Wanda Melchers

This year's **Thanksgiving Offering** will go to TLOT (The Least of These Ministry), which is a faith-based organization that assists the homeless in our area. You can find an envelope in your box of envelopes or in your pew pocket. Or simply make your payment to VBC with a memo notating "Thanksgiving Offering." Thanks!

Please Note: There will be **NO** Wednesday activities this week. On December 3rd and 10th, we will have Children's Choirs, Youth Missions Group, and Chancel Choir rehearsal only.

It's time to order **Christmas poinsettias** to decorate our sanctuary! You can order in honor or memory of a loved one, and all memorials/honorariums will be noted in The Witness on December 17th. Each poinsettia is \$10. All orders should be placed with the church office and paid for by December 7th. You are welcome to pick up your poinsettia and take it home with you after worship on December 28th.

2025 Giving Tree



Join us in spreading joy this holiday season by participating in the 2025 Giving Tree initiative!

Pick a tag from the tree, log it at the Welcome Center, and return your wrapped gift (with tag attached) no later than December 14th. See Whitney with questions.

PANAMANIA!

STEEL AND SPIRITUAL STEEL PRESENT

Annual Christmas Pan Celebration

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH
AT 3:00 P.M.

FREE ADMISSION

VINTON BAPTIST CHURCH
219 EAST WASHINGTON AVE
VINTON VA 24179





The **church office** will be closed Thursday & Friday this week for the Thanksgiving holiday. 


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Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

December 7, 2025
12:30 - 4:00 PM
 Come shop over 25 vendors, including local artisans and nationally recognized brands.

Concessions available. Proceeds benefit the Vinton Baptist Church Youth Group.

No admission fee.



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Registration for **Children's Basketball** for age 5 - 3rd grade closes November 30th. The cost is \$55/player. Go to vintonbaptistchurch.org to register.

We still need some help meeting our \$1,700 church goal for **World Hunger**. We are currently \$800 short. Please use the appropriate giving envelope (available in your pew pocket or box of envelopes) or otherwise notate your gift for this fund. Thanks!





Children's Ministry Updates

Beginning December 7th and running through the end of the year, we will pilot a new program called **Next Step**, which is designed for our 3-year-olds (we also welcome any 4-year-olds) who are ready to take their "next step" before moving up to Children's Church! In this class, our little ones will learn simple Bible stories designed just for their age group, sing songs, pray, and play together. Our leader is Betty Jo Overstreet. Children can be dropped off starting at 10:15 AM in room 130 (next to our Nursery). They can be picked up after Morning Worship.

Our **Preteen Progressive Dinner** is December 7th, 5:00 - 7:30 PM. All 3rd - 5th graders are welcome! Please meet at the church.

Families are invited to join us at Valley View Grande on December 20th for the 3:00 PM showing of **DAVID**! You can purchase your tickets online now. Please let Jodi know if your family is coming.

Christian sympathy is extended to Sherri & Peter West and Steve & Cindy Willis and families in the death of their mother, Mabel Willis, November 15th.



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Sermon Notes

Hallel

Low beams

Throwing rocks

Fog?

Invitation