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 vours.
- 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.

Vinton Baptist Church Morning Worship

*Prelude Wanda Melchers

Welcome & Opportunities at VBC Whitney Russell

Call to Worship "Find in Me A Thankful Heart" 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!

Hvmn No. 636 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!"

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.

Hvmn No. 637 "We Gather Together"

Morning Prayer Whitney Russell

"Come, Jesus, Come" Offertory The Reynolds Sisters

Today's Message "A Gateway" Travis Russell Psalm 118

Invitation

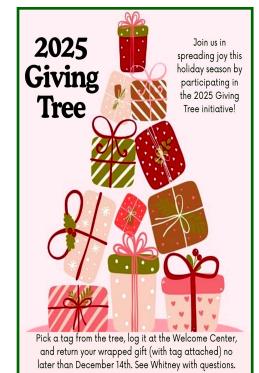
Hymn of Invitation No. 640 "Let All Things Now Living"

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 <u>December 7th</u>. You are welcome to pick up your poinsettia and take it home with you after worship on December 28th.





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







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.



November 23, 2025



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Sermon Notes

Hallel

Low beams

Throwing rocks

Fog?

Invitation