

This Week's Events

Sunday, July 20th:

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship

Monday, July 21st:

9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)

Tuesday, July 22nd:

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (library)
6:00 PM Finance Comm. (library)

Thursday, July 24th:

9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)



A Note to Parents of Small Children:

We are glad to have children worship with us as they grow in Christ! We have many families with young children in our midst, and you may hear the "sounds of a growing church" from our pews. A couple of 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.

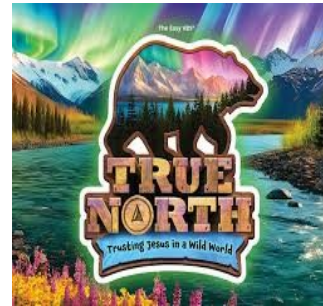
3. PreK - 1st graders are invited to Children's Worship when kids are dismissed after the Children's Time. Nursery is available for newborns - 3-year-olds. 2nd - 5th grade students can fill out a worship worksheet and see a pastor at the end of service to get a special prize from our treasure box!



Vinton Baptist Church Morning Worship July 20, 2025

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| *Prelude | Melinda Mayo |
| Welcome & Opportunities at VBC | Whitney Russell |
| VBS Recap Video | |
| Responsive Reading | Chris Monroe |
| Leader: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! | |
| ALL: Lord, we lift our voices in gratitude for Your endless love and mercy. | |
| Leader: In a world that often feels broken, we turn to Jesus as our source of healing. | |
| ALL: The Lord's compassion knows no bounds. | |
| Leader: When we are weary and our spirits are heavy, the Lord restores our souls. | |
| ALL: In times of doubt, You are our compass, | |
| Leader: Pointing the way to best follow you. | |
| Invocation | |
| Hymn No. 17 No. 638 | <i>"I Sing Praises"</i> <i>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</i> |
| Passing the Peace of Christ | |
| The Children's Time | Sara Lang |
| PreK - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in room 200. | |
| Hymn No. 339 | <i>"Standing on the Promises"</i> |
| Morning Prayer | Whitney Russell |
| Offering Our Gifts | Brad Radford |
| Today's Message | Travis Russell |
| | <i>"To Do What?"</i> Matthew 8:5-13 |
| Invitation | |
| Hymn of Invitation No. 509 | <i>"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"</i> |
| Benediction | Ann Cranwell |
| Postlude | Beth Meador |

Thank you to all who
volunteered, donated,
decorated, invited children,
and otherwise contributed in
any way to our True North VBS!
It was a wonderful
week of pointing kids to
Jesus!



JOY Senior Events



If you have ever wondered about a function on your phone but just didn't want to ask, you should plan to attend the July 29th **JOY Senior Luncheon**. Chris Duncan from Vinton Computer, along with our own VBC Youth, will be here to answer questions and show us various phone functions. If you want to have lunch with us, plan to show up at 11:30 AM (note the earlier start time) and enjoy pizza and salad from Bellacino's for \$12/person. If you want to attend without lunch, show up at 12:00 PM and enjoy ice cream from the First Freedom Scoop Ice Cream Truck. Our program with Chris Duncan will begin about 12:30 PM. Sign up (and pay for lunch) at the JOY Senior table by next Sunday, July 27th.

Our annual **Mystery Trip** is Saturday, August 16th. The cost is \$99/person and includes 3 meals and all admissions. We will depart on an Abbott bus at 7:00 AM and return about 8:30 PM. The deadline to sign up and pay is Sunday, August 10th.

Reminder: If you signed up for the **Virginia Scenic Railroad** trip on Saturday, October 4th, the payment deadline is Friday, August 1st. We do have a waitlist, so if payment is not received by this date, your spot will be given to the next person on the waitlist. Thank you for being mindful of this date!

Bonsack Baptist seniors have extended an invitation to attend the **Gaither Concert** on Friday, October 17th. Limited tickets are available. The cost is \$55 and includes a Chick-fil-A boxed lunch, transportation, and the concert. To secure a ticket, call Bonsack Baptist at 540-977-5701. Departure from Bonsack will be at 4:30 PM.

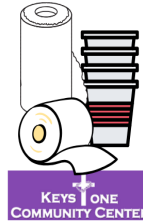
*If you are visiting with us today, welcome! Please complete a green Connect Card, which is located in your sanctuary pew pocket; you may drop it in the offering plate or in a wooden prayer box before you leave today. Or you may complete the Connect Card online at vintonbaptistchurch.org. Thank you!

Fun & the Son

After spending two weeks making memories around the greater Roanoke area, Fun & the Son is back on campus in room 127 this week. This group is for all newborn - PreK children and their parents/guardians. It meets at 9:30 AM every Monday and Thursday. See Betty Jo Overstreet for details.

Keystone Paper Drive

The month of July has been designated as Keystone Paper Drive month. Throughout the month, the JOY Seniors are collecting paper plates and bowls, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, etc. to support the ministries of Keystone Community Center throughout the upcoming year. Collection boxes are located by the elevator in the New Ministries Building and in the Welcome Center lobby.



Upcoming Youth Events



Our next planned youth event is **Tuesday, July 29th**, when we will attend the JOY Senior Luncheon and help our senior adults with phone technology. Meet at 11:30 AM in the VBC gym.

We'll be headed to Emerald Point **Wednesday, July 30th**! The cost is \$40/person. Please let Whitney know you plan to attend. Meet at VBC @ 8 AM, and we'll return around 8 PM.

Friday, August 8th we will have a Back-to-School Lock-in at VBC. It will begin at 7 PM and will run through 7 AM Saturday. The cost is \$25/person. Rising 6th graders are welcome to attend all of these events!

Budget Committee Meeting

The Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30 PM in the small dining room. Anyone is welcome to attend. Committee chairs who would like to be part of this process are encouraged to attend. See Matt Barrette or Jennifer Williamson with questions.

Livestream/Broadcasting Issues

We are aware of audio problems with our online broadcasts and are working to pinpoint the issue. Chris and our tech team have ruled out a number of potential scenarios but are still working to find and address the exact problem. Please bear with us as we continue this process.

Please note that The Witness will NOT be published Wednesday, August 6th, as Kim will be on vacation the first week in August.

July 20, 2025



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Sermon Notes