This Week's Events

Sunday, August 10th: 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Morning Worship

Monday, August 11th:

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

Tuesday, August 12th:

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (library) 11:30 AM Esther Class Lunch (SDR)

Thursday, August 14th:

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

Saturday, August 16th:

7:00 AM 'JOY Senior Mystery Trip departs from VBC

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 vou 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!



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

Vinton Baptist Church Morning Worship August 10, 2025

*Prelude Wanda Melchers

Welcome & Opportunities at VBC Whitney Russell

Call to Worship **Chancel Choir**

"Jesus, We're Depending on You"

Invocation Chris Monroe

Hymn No. 9 "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer" "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" 164 530 "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Blessing of the Backpacks Whitney Russell

Leader's Praver

Leader: Now, your ministers, your families, and your congregation will speak words of blessing. Pay attention to what they say to guide and support you as this school year begins.

Church Ministers: Being invited to go somewhere and do something feels good. Receiving an invitation means you are being included. God invites you to follow Jesus. Your actions and words, reflecting the love of Jesus, will make a positive difference throughout the school year. The commitment you make to be like Jesus will be worthwhile.

Family Members: God wants your actions and words to reflect the love of Jesus throughout the school year. You can be confident and kind at the same time. The commitment you make to be like Jesus will make a positive difference.

Congregation: God loves everyone in your school as much as God loves you. Sometimes following Jesus includes doing hard things. The commitment you make to be like Jesus will make you more loving.

Leader: You are part of God's blessing of your family and our congre-

Congregation: We promise to pray for you now and during the school year. Please let us know when you'd like us to pray about something happening in your life or on campus.

Leader: We thank God for this opportunity to offer you a blessing.

ALL: Amen.

PreK - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in room 200.

Hymn No. 429 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Morning Prayer Whitney Russell

Offering Our Gifts Wanda Melchers

Today's Message Travis Russell

"The Intercessor" Romans 8:26-39

Invitation

Hymn of Invitation No. 428 "Speak to My Heart"

Recognition of Response Travis Russell

Benediction Neil Zimmerman

Postlude Wanda Melchers



Parents, we have handouts available at the Welcome Center with suggested exercises/devotions to prepare your student(s) for their return to school. Please let us know if we can help you with any other resources.

JOY Senior Events



<u>Today is the deadline</u> to sign up and pay for the **Mystery Trip** 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.

If you signed up and paid for the Virginia Scenic Railroad trip on October 4th, please make your meal selections at the JOY Senior table if you have not already done so.

Please see details at the JOY Senior table about our **JOY Luncheon** on Tuesday, August 26th.

Bonsack Baptist seniors have extended an invitation to attend the **Gaither Concert** on Friday, October 17th. Please contact Bonsack Baptist at 540-977-5701 for details and to secure your ticket.

*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!

Upcoming Youth Events

- Extreme will kick off on September 7th.
- Our Wednesday Night Missions group resumes September 10th.
- Mark your calendars for Fall Retreat November 7th 9th.



Chancel Choir Schedule

Chancel Choir will rehearse again on August 20th at 7:00 PM. We will resume weekly rehearsals in September. Anyone with musical interest and ability is invited to join us. We would love to see a few new faces in our crowd!

Steel Drum Band

We are gearing up for a new season of Steel Drums, and we have openings for new members. If you are interested and can read music, see Chris. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM.

Young Adult Small Group

Next Sunday, August 17th is the fall kickoff for the Young Adult Small Group. We will resume weekly meetings at 9 AM at RND Coffee. All young adults between the ages of 18 and 28(ish), as well as our rising high school seniors, are welcome! Contact Kim Yonce at 540-793-0961 with any questions.

Fall Schedule @ VBC

We want to provide time for our church families to establish your school routines before we add more activities to your calendar. Please note the following dates for the beginning of VBC's fall schedule next month:

- ⇒ September 7th Sunday activities (Youth Choir and Extreme) will resume.
- ⇒ **September 10th** Wednesday night activities (Children's Choirs, Youth Missions Group, and Weeknight Worship) return.
- ⇒ **September 14th** Mark your calendars for Ministry Matters at 5:00 PM.

Bible Reading Plan

By the end of August we will finish up our summer in the Psalms and will then move on to the Gospels. Even if you haven't participated in our reading plan so far this year, we would love for you to join us for the Gospels. Our reading schedule is available at the Welcome Center.

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Sermon Notes