

This Week's Events

Sunday, August 3rd:

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship
12:00 PM Deacons' Meeting (SDR)

Monday, August 4th:

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

Tuesday, August 5th:

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (library)
6:30 PM Budget Comm. Mtg. (SDR)

Wednesday, August 6th:

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 7th:

9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)
10:00 AM Thursday Small Grp (SDR)

Friday, August 8th:

7:00 PM Youth Lock-in Begins

Saturday, August 9th:

7:00 AM Youth Lock-in Ends

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 August 3, 2025

*Prelude Wanda Melchers

Welcome & Opportunities at VBC Whitney Russell

Call to Worship Chancel Choir

"Get All Excited"

Responsive Reading Chris Monroe

Leader: To know God is the beginning of wisdom.

ALL: Lord, we seek to know you with all our hearts, minds, and souls.

Leader: Jesus said, "Eternal life is this: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

ALL: We desire to know and love you in constant relationship.

Leader: To love Christ is to be faithful to his commands.

ALL: Help us, Lord, to love you, that we might know your peace.

Leader: Make your home in our hearts, that we may perfectly reflect your love.

Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 136 *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*
139 *"Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises"*

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Hymn No. 245 *"At Calvary"*

Morning Prayer Whitney Russell

Offering Our Gifts Wanda Melchers

Today's Message Travis Russell
"The Gift We Forgot"
John 14:15-27

The Lord's Supper The Bread & Cup
Hymn No. 400 *"Jesus, at Your Holy Table"*

Invitation

Hymn of Invitation No. 511 *"The Solid Rock"*

Recognition of Response Travis Russell

Benediction *"The Doxology"*

Postlude Wanda Melchers

Next Sunday:

Sunday School Promotion & Blessing of Backpacks

Please plan to join us next Sunday, August 10th when our children will be promoted to the next grade level in Sunday School. No matter your age, if you don't currently have a Sunday School class, now is a great time to get started. Pick up one of our new Sunday School brochures at the Welcome Center to see all the class options.

We will also have our annual Blessing of Backpacks during morning worship. All students, teachers, cafeteria personnel, bus drivers, and school administrators are encouraged to bring your backpack or other work bag to worship for this special day of blessing.



Budget Committee Meeting



The Budget Committee will meet this 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.



JOY Senior Events

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. Sign up and pay by next Sunday, August 10th.

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.

Bonsack Baptist seniors have extended an invitation to attend the **Gaither Concert** on Friday, October 17th. The cost is \$55 and includes a Chick-fil-A boxed lunch, transportation via Abbot Bus Lines, and the concert at Thomas Road Baptist Church. To secure a ticket, call Bonsack Baptist at 540-977-5701. Departure from Bonsack will be at 4:30 PM, and we should return around 10:00 - 11:00 PM.

Please note that **The Witness** will NOT be published this week since Kim is on vacation. Please look for our next issue August 13th.

*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

Our Back-to-School Lock-in begins this Friday at 7 PM and will run through 7 AM Saturday. It includes Thunder Valley, snacks, fun, and games! The cost is \$30/person. Rising 6th graders are welcome.

Note the following upcoming dates:

- 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 this Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00 PM in the choir room. We will ease back into our regular schedule by rehearsing again on August 20th at 7:00 PM. Weekly rehearsals will resume in September. Anyone with musical interest and ability is invited to join us for our upcoming rehearsals. We would love to see a few new faces in our crowd!



Thursday Morning Small Group


Travis’ Thursday Morning Small Group will meet this week at 10:00 AM in the small dining room. We will head to Pok-E-Joe’s around 11:00 AM. We will resume weekly meetings in September.

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.

The **Young Adult Small Group** will NOT meet today or next Sunday, August 10th. We will resume our weekly 9 AM meetings at RND Coffee as of August 17th. All young adults are welcome, including our rising seniors! See Kim Yonce with any questions.

Please help us locate **the following books that are missing from our church library:** *The Heart’s Choice* by Tracie Peterson; *Riverbend Gap* by Denise Hunter; *Mending Places* by Denise Hunter Robertson; *Dinosaurs Before Dark*, graphic novel by Mary Osborne; *Are You My Mother*, children’s book by Phillip Eastman; and the *Smyth & Helwys Commentary on Matthew*. Please check for these books and return them to the church library as soon as possible. Thank you!

 Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Louise Smith, who passed away July 26th.

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Sermon Notes

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