

This Week's Events

Sunday, August 31st:

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship
11:45 AM 5th Sunday Luncheon

Monday, September 1st:

Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

Wednesday, September 3rd:

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (library)

Thursday, September 4th:

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

Please note that the church office is closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day. We plan to reopen Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM.

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!



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 31, 2025

*Prelude	Wanda Melchers
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC	Whitney Russell
Call to Worship	"Great Things" Chancel Choir
Responsive Reading	Chris Monroe
Leader: We gather today to praise the Lord for the precious gift of life itself. ALL: Glory to God, who breathed into us the breath of life and made us living souls.	
Leader: We thank You, Father, for sending Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. ALL: Through Jesus we have hope, salvation, and the promise of eternal life.	
Leader: For family, friends, health, and provision, we lift our grateful hearts. ALL: Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights above.	
Leader: Glory to God! Praise His holy name now and forever. Amen.	
Invocation	
Hymn No. 28	"To God Be the Glory"
Passing the Peace of Christ	
The Children's Time	Whitney Russell
PreK - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in room 200.	
Hymn No. 615	"By and By, When the Morning Comes"
Morning Prayer	Whitney Russell
Offertory	"Build My Life" Olivia Foster
Today's Message	Travis Russell
"Equippier" Ephesians 4:11-13	
Invitation	
Hymn of Invitation No. 506	"In Christ Alone"
Recognition of Response	Travis Russell
Benediction	Rudy Jones
Postlude	Wanda Melchers

TODAY:

Join us for our 5th Sunday Luncheon in the gym after morning worship. Our menu: hard/soft tacos, refried beans, chips and salsa, assorted desserts, and tea and coffee. There is no charge. Please join us for food and sweet fellowship!



Fall Schedule:

We have SO many activities resuming in September! Please mark your calendars:

- **Youth Choir** begins next Sunday, September 7th at 11:45 AM.
- **Weekly Wednesday Praise Team** rehearsals resume next Sunday at 4:00 PM.
- **Youth Dinner/Extreme** begins next Sunday at 5:30 PM.
- **Steel Drums** rehearsals are scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00 PM.
- **Children's Choirs** (6:15 PM), **Youth Missions Group** (6:15 PM), **Weeknight Worship** (6:30 PM), and weekly **Chancel Choir** rehearsals (7:30 PM) will resume Wednesday, September 10th.
- **Travis' Thursday Morning Small Group** will begin weekly meetings at 10:00 AM September 11th.
- **Handbells** rehearsals begin Sunday, September 14th at 5:00 PM.
- **Wednesday Women** begins September 17th at 10:00 AM.



JOY Seniors

We have a **Shopping Trip** to Tanger Mall in Mebane, NC scheduled for Saturday, September 20th. We will depart VBC at 8:00 AM and return around 5:30 PM. The cost is only what you spend.

Wednesday Women Returns

Wednesday Women begins September 17th and runs through October 29th. We will study Kristi McLelland's *Luke in the Land* from 10 AM until noon weekly in the Disciple Center. Please order your own book, and sign up in the church office in person or by calling 540-343-7685 so that Susan Jones will be prepared for you.

Please Note: There will be a Deacons' Meeting next Sunday at 11:45 AM in the church library.

*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!

Ministry Matters

There will be a Ministry Matters meeting Sunday, September 14th at 5:00 PM in the gym. Among the topics of discussion are proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws, as well as the VBC Policy & Procedures Manual. If you are a church member, please take time to review these proposed changes prior to our meeting. They can be found at vintonbaptistchurch.org under the "Members Only" heading.

Prior to our business meeting, we will have a church social at 4:15 PM, which will involve chili with all the fixins and some sweet treats. Art from the Heart (for elementary-aged children) will take place at 5:00 PM during Ministry Matters.

Ministry Matters

Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale Coming to VBC

Please join us Saturday, September 13th at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary for "The Voices of Women," presented by the Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale under the direction of Susan Deal. The Chorale is celebrating its 49th year! This is a free concert.

Youth Fall Retreat

Youth, mark your calendars for Fall Retreat November 7th - 9th, and stay tuned for more details to come!

School Supplies Needed

Our deacons are collecting the following school supplies, which will be distributed to students and teachers at Herman L. Horn, W.E. Cundiff, William Byrd Middle School, and the VBC Boys & Girls Club: boxes of 24 -count Crayola crayons (500 boxes); fine line dry erase markers (1,000 markers); #2 pencils (400 pencils); glue sticks (400); sturdy pencil pouches with 3 holes to fit in a 3-ring binder (100); children's scissors (preferably with blunt ends - 200 pairs); individually wrapped snacks (NO peanut products). You are welcome to shop on your own and drop off donations at the Missions Tables, or use the following Amazon link and ship your donations directly to the church at 219 Washington Avenue, Vinton: www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1895ECM4VGG1I?ref=wl_share.

We can also do the shopping for you! You are welcome to donate funds made payable to Vinton Baptist Church, with a notation marked for "School Supplies." Thank you!!

Bible Reading Plan



Starting tomorrow, our Bible Reading Plan will lead us through the New Testament gospels over the next few months. We would love for you to join us. Paper copies of our plan are available at the Welcome Center. Our plan is also available through our VBC app.

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Sermon Notes

Best self

Desert

Functional vs. Formational

Natural spring

Community