

Vinton Baptist Church Morning Worship
September 14, 2025


This Week's Events
Sunday, September 14th:
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship
11:45 AM Youth Choir
4:00 PM Wed. Praise Team rehearsal
4:15 PM Chili Social in the gym
5:00 PM Ministry Matters (gym)
5:00 PM Handbells rehearsal
5:00 PM Art from the Heart (SDR)
6:15 PM Youth Parent Kickoff
Monday, September 15th:
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)
Tuesday, September 16th:
11:00 AM Staff Meeting (library)
6:00 PM Steel Drums rehearsal
6:00 PM Finance Committee (library)
Wednesday, September 17th:
10:00 AM Wednesday Women (DC)
6:15 PM Children's Choirs
6:15 PM Youth Missions Group
6:30 PM Weeknight Worship
7:30 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thursday, September 18th:
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)
10:00 AM Thursday Small Group (SDR)
Saturday, September 20th:
8:00 AM JOY Senior Shopping Trip

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 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 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.


*Prelude	Wanda Melchers
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC	Whitney Russell
Call to Worship	"Jesus Is Everything I Need" Chancel Choir
Responsive Reading	Chris Monroe
Leader: Praise be to God, whose love knows no boundaries and whose mercy is free to everyone.	
ALL: God's love embraces all people - every nation, every tribe, every soul under heaven.	
Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, God's compassion flows like a river to the thirsty land.	
ALL: In God's eyes, we are all beloved children, each one precious and valued beyond measure.	
Leader: No one is forgotten in God's great love; no heart is too broken to be made whole.	
ALL: God's love breaks down the walls that divide us and builds bridges of understanding and peace.	
Leader: Let us go forth as bearers of this boundless love rooted in Jesus, sharing God's grace with everyone.	
Invocation	
Hymn No. 107	"Love Lifted Me"
133	"Shout to the Lord"
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. 563	"I Love Thee"
Morning Prayer	Whitney Russell
Offertory	Wanda Melchers
Vision in Action Video	Fun & the Son
Today's Message	Travis Russell
	"Love"
	Matthew 22:37-40
Invitation	
Hymn of Invitation No. 552	"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Benediction	Tray Rives
Postlude	Wanda Melchers

TODAY:

 Please join us at 4:15 PM in the gym for a **chili social!** Everything will be provided for you, including some sweet treats. Come one, come all, and see if you can figure out who made which chili!

At 5:00 PM, the adults will participate in our **Ministry Matters** business meeting in the gym, and our elementary age children will have **Art from the Heart** in the small dining room. All church members are invited to Ministry Matters, as we will be discussing proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws and Policy & Procedures documents; the proposed 2025-26 budget will be presented; the Nominating Committee will present their report; and the Children's Minister Search Committee will recommend their candidate for Children's Minister.

At 6:15 PM, all youth (middle and high school students) and their parents are invited to our **Youth/Parent Kickoff!**

 **Wednesday Women Returns**
Wednesday Women begins this week (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. If you have not yet signed up, please do so today in the church office so that Susan Jones will be prepared for you.

JOY Seniors

Join us for a **Shopping Trip** to Tanger Mall in Mebane, NC this Saturday, September 20th: 8:00 AM - approximately 5:30 PM.

This month's luncheon will be our **Senior Break-Out** to The Green Goat Tuesday, September 30th. The bus will depart VBC at 11:00 AM. If you are driving, meet us at the restaurant by 11:30 AM. Please sign up at the JOY Senior table so that we can get an accurate head count for the restaurant. Your cost is only what you spend for lunch.

You're invited for an overnight trip Wednesday & Thursday, November 5th & 6th to **Biltmore Estates** (decorated for Christmas) and the **Billy Graham Library**. Find all the details at the JOY Senior table.

*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!

Weeknight Worship Series

What happens when heaven touches earth? Throughout Scripture, God’s people experienced holy encounters that changed the trajectory of their lives. This fall at Vinton Baptist Church, our Wednesday night worship series explores these powerful moments *when heaven and earth collide*. Join us **this Wednesday** at 6:30 pm.

School Supplies Update

THANK YOU for all your donations to the Deacons’ recent school supplies drive! Numerous supplies have been delivered to multiple schools already. If you have **tissues** or **Pop-tarts** (or any of the other previously mentioned items) to donate, please drop them off at the Missions Tables **TODAY** so that we can wrap up this collection. Thanks!

You are invited to the **RVBA WMU Fall Missions Celebration** September 22nd at Lynn Haven Baptist Church. The special speaker is Somer Nowak, Director of Abuse & Prevention Response Administration, IMB (International Mission Board). Please find all the details in The Witness, or see Kathryn Sowers for more info.

Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions

The WMU invites you to contribute to the Alma Hunt Offering, which is an annual offering earmarked for state missions. Our church goal is \$2,200. This offering is a joint venture of Women’s Missionary Union of VA and the BGAV and funds numerous outreach projects and special ministries. Please use a State Missions offering envelope or mark your gift payable to Vinton Baptist, with a notation for “State Missions.”



Operation Christmas Child

It’s shoebox time again! We are in need of empty shoeboxes, small balls, dolls, stuffed animals, cars, trucks, school supplies, and other small toys for girls and boys. (We cannot accept toothpaste, liquids, or soap this year.) We also need volunteers to help wrap boxes Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM - 12 PM, in room 109. Please see Darlene McCaskill with any questions.

College Care Packages

We are now collecting items for our military and undergrad students’ care packages: small packs of beef jerky, gummies, hard candy, gum, Fruit Roll-ups/Gushers, popcorn, and small packages of Pringles and Cheez-its. We also need student/military addresses, which can be sent to Joanna Williamson or Kim Yonce (kim@vintonbaptistchurch.org).

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Sermon Notes

Leaky faucet

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Homework