

Vinton Baptist Church Morning Worship  
September 21, 2025

This Week’s Events

Sunday, September 21st:

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Morning Worship  
11:45 AM Youth Choir  
4:00 PM Wed. Praise Team rehearsal  
4:30 PM Youth Praise Band rehearsal  
5:00 PM Handbells rehearsal  
5:30 PM Youth Dinner/Extreme

Monday, September 22nd:

9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)  
5:30 PM RVBA WMU Fall Missions  
Celebration at Lynn Haven

Tuesday, September 23rd:

CBF VA Meeting in Richmond  
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (library)  
6:00 PM Steel Drums rehearsal

Wednesday, September 24th:

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 25th:

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

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](http://vintonbaptistchurch.org) or on our app.

*Prelude	Wanda Melchers
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC	Whitney Russell
Call to Worship	<i>"Beneath the Cross"</i> Chancel Choir
Responsive Reading	Chris Monroe
Leader: We are called to walk together in the light of Christ.	
<b>ALL: United in purpose, bound by love in building the kingdom.</b>	
Leader: Where one stumbles, others lift them up.	
<b>ALL: Where one rejoices, all celebrate together.</b>	
Leader: Christ is our leader on this journey of faith.	
<b>ALL: Together, we follow where our Lord leads.</b>	
Invocation	
Hymn No. 49	<i>"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"</i>
296	<i>"He Is Exalted"</i>
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. 550	<i>"Footsteps of Jesus"</i>
Morning Prayer	Whitney Russell
Offertory	<i>"Still Waters (Psalm 23)"</i> Darian Garland
Vision in Action Video	VBC Mission Trips
Today’s Message	Travis Russell
<i>"Follow"</i> Matthew 28:16-20	
Invitation	
Hymn of Invitation No. 436	<i>"Where He Leads Me"</i>
Recognition of Response	Travis Russell
Benediction	Neil Zimmerman
Postlude	Wanda Melchers

Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 28th there will be a Called Business Meeting at the conclusion of morning worship to vote on two items that were addressed at our September 14th Ministry Matters meeting:

- 1) our proposed 2025-26 budget (copies available in the church office and through a digital link in The Witness);
- 2) our candidate for Children’s Minister, Jodi Estienne.

If you were at the Ministry Matters meeting, you heard the reports from our Children’s Minister Search Committee and already have Jodi’s cover letter and résumé in your info packet. If you have not received a copy of Jodi’s information, please pick one up at the Welcome Center and review it this week. We will hear from Jodi next Sunday morning during worship, when she will elaborate on her call to this position.

JOY Seniors



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. Either way, please sign up at the JOY Senior table so that we can get an accurate head count for the restaurant.

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.

WMU Mission Projects  
June - August, 2025

\$ 25.00	VBC Passport Youth Camp
\$ 50.00	VBC Food Pantry
\$ 75.00	Keystone Community Center Kids Camp Scholarship
\$ 50.00	Boys & Girls Club, VBC

VBC Vacation Bible School Supplies  
Keystone Community Center School Supplies plus 14 Backpacks  
Impact Virginia Meal  
Cards and Visits to Shut-ins

The WMU invites you to give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. Our church GOAL is \$2,200.00. Envelopes for this offering are in your box of church envelopes and in the church pews. Please help our church reach this goal.

\*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](http://vintonbaptistchurch.org). Thank you!

### 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. Financial contributions will also help us pay for postage. We still need student/military addresses, which can be sent to Joanna Williamson or Kim Yonce (kim@vintonbaptistchurch.org).

### Youth Choir Lunch Fundraiser

Join us for our first Youth Choir fundraiser meal after morning worship on Sunday, October 5th. Lunch consists of a salad & potato bar with dessert and drink. Tickets are \$10/person. To-go meals are also available. Please see a Youth Choir member today to purchase your ticket!

### 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.

### Youth & Parents, You Are Invited:



ScreenStrong **EMPOWERS** parents to prevent & reverse childhood screen dependency.

We provide practical solutions to **FREE** children from toxic screen habits: **video games, social media & pornography.**

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
ScreenStrong Educational Presentation	Sunday, October 5, 5:30-7:30pm	Vinton Baptist Church 219 E Washington Ave Vinton, VA

October 5th  
5:30 - 7:30 PM  
at Vinton Baptist.

Our speaker is Emily Harrison, an expert on digital media and family, as well as an Ambassador with Screen Strong and the Phone Free Schools.

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### Church Ministers:

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### Sermon Notes

Meaning?

Disciple

Sticky

Who?

Community