

This Week's Events
Sunday, September 28th:
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship
11:30 AM Called Business Meeting
11:45 AM Youth Choir
4:00 PM Preteens Kickoff
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 29th:
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)
Tuesday, September 30th:
11:00 AM Staff Meeting (library)
11:00 AM JOY Senior Breakout departs
6:00 PM Steel Drums rehearsal
Wednesday, October 1st:
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, October 2nd:
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)
10:00 AM Thursday Small Group (SDR)
Saturday, October 4th:
1:00 PM JOY Senior Train Trip departs

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.*

Vinton Baptist Church Morning Worship

September 28, 2025

*Prelude	Wanda Melchers	
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC	Whitney Russell	
Call to Worship	<i>"My Worth Is Not in What I Own"</i>	Chancel Choir
Invocation		
Hymn No. 346	<i>"The Church's One Foundation"</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. 358	<i>"Share His Love"</i>	
Morning Prayer	Whitney Russell	
Offertory	Wanda Melchers	
Introduction of the Children's Minister Candidate		
The Candidate's Address	Jodi Estienne	
Vision in Action Video	Vinton Community Playground	
Today's Message	Travis Russell	
	<i>"Build"</i>	
	Matthew 6:9-13	
Invitation		
Hymn of Invitation No. 371	<i>"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"</i>	
Recognition of Response	Travis Russell	
Called Business Meeting	Barry Trent	
1. Children's Minister Vote		
2. The 2025-26 Operating Budget		
Benediction	Ann Cranwell	

TODAY
During morning worship we will hear from Jodi Estienne, who is the recommended candidate for our Minister of Children & Families position. At the conclusion of worship, we will have a **Called Business Meeting** to vote on two items:
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 (copies of her cover letter and résumé are available at the Welcome Center).
All church members are asked to remain for the business meeting and cast your votes. Guests are also welcome to stay for this brief meeting.

 Today is also our **Preteen Kickoff** for this school year! Students in 3rd - 5th grades are invited to join us at 4:00 PM at the church playground for an afternoon of gaga ball, pizza, and a trip to Down Home Creamery together! Pickup is at 5:30 PM.

JOY Seniors
Today is the last chance to sign up for our **Senior Break-Out** to The Green Goat this 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 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.

Please consider giving to the **Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions**, which is an annual offering earmarked for ministries within the state of Virginia. Our church goal is \$2,200, and we need your help to meet it. Please use a State Missions offering envelope or mark your gift payable to Vinton Baptist, with a notation for "State Missions."

Come Sing With Us!
The Chancel Choir is already hard at work on this year's Christmas Musical: *Have You Heard? A Celtic Christmas Celebration*. Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM; the first 30 minutes of rehearsal are dedicated to Christmas music. See Chris with any questions.

*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!

College Care Packages

We are 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. Please turn in all donations **by this Wednesday**, October 1st. Thank you!!

Youth Choir Lunch Fundraiser

Purchase your ticket **today** for our first Youth Choir fundraiser meal, which will take place after morning worship next Sunday. Lunch consists of a salad & potato bar with dessert & drink. Tickets are \$10. To-go meals are available. See a Youth Choir member for 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. You can also pick up a wrapped box and brochure from the Missions Tables and fill it.

Walk with Jesus Class

Our next Walk with Jesus series begins next Sunday, October 5th and runs through November 2nd. 3rd - 5th graders who are interested will meet during the Sunday School hour (9:15 AM) in the church library. We will explore what it means to be a Christian, a Baptist, and to be baptized. This 5-week study will include discussions with church leaders, as well as a few in-house field trips! Contact Whitney as soon as possible to sign up or if you have questions.

Youth & Parents

You are invited to a ScreenStrong Educational Presentation next Sunday, October 5th, 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the gym. The mission of ScreenStrong is to empower parents to prevent and reverse childhood screen dependency. Our speaker is Emily Harrison, an expert on digital media and family, as well as an Ambassador with ScreenStrong and the Phone Free Schools. Questions? See Whitney.

Please pray for our **mission team headed to India** October 14th - 23rd: Travis Russell, Chris & Mary Beth Monroe, Barbara Shutt, Connie Agee, Erin Berry, Aaron & Austin Nicely, Devan Harman, Mat Parrish, Tray Rives, Tyler Garnett, Dock Epperly, Mark Hough, and Tyler Lyon.

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Sermon Notes

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Covenant

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