

This Week's Events	
Sunday, October 4:	
9:15 AM	Sunday School
9:15 AM	Walk with Jesus Class
10:30 AM	Morning Worship
11:30 AM	Called Business Meeting
11:45 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal
12:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting (SDR)
4:00 PM	Weeknight Worship Rehearsal
5:00 PM	Handbells Rehearsal
5:30 PM	Youth Dinner/Extreme
Monday, October 5:	
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry Open	
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)	
Tuesday, October 6:	
10:00 AM Staff Meeting (library)	
6:00 PM Steel Drums Rehearsal	
Wednesday, October 7:	
10:00 AM Wednesday Women (DC)	
12:00 PM Bible Fellowship Luncheon	
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 8:	
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)	
10:00 AM Thursday Small Group (SDR)	
1:00 PM JOY Senior Council (PCR)	

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 - you don't 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. Nursery is available for newborns - 2-year-olds in room 127. A Mother's Lounge is also available in room 124. PreK children are welcome in Next Step (room 130). Kindergarten - 1st graders are invited to Children's Worship when kids are dismissed after the Children's Time. 2nd - 5th grade students can fill out a worship worksheet and see Ms. Jodi for a prize!

Our services are being filmed & broadcast live on the internet at vintonbaptistchurch.org

Vinton Baptist Church		
Sunday Morning Worship		
October 4, 2026		
Prelude		Wanda Melchers
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC		Whitney Russell
Call to Worship	<i>"How Beautiful Your Songs of Praise"</i>	Chancel Choir
Invocation & The Lord's Prayer		Chris Monroe
Responsive Reading	Leader: Our Shepherd gathers a people from every place, ALL: Forming one flock under one Lord. Leader: We rejoice that his love reaches farther than we can see, ALL: Drawing all into the embrace of God. Leader: Jesus freely gave his life for his sheep, ALL: So we might have life abundant, hope and peace. Leader: Let us walk in the care of the Good Shepherd. ALL: With grateful hearts, we sing from our souls, "How great Thou art!"	
Hymn No. 6		<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>
Passing the Peace of Christ		
The Children's Time		Jodi Estienne
Kindergarten - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in room 205.		
Hymn No. 79		<i>"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"</i>
Morning Prayer		Whitney Russell
Offering Our Gifts		Wanda Melchers
Today's Message	"I Am the Good Shepherd" John 10:11-18	Travis Russell
The Lord's Supper		
The Bread		Wanda Melchers
The Cup, No. 404	<i>"The Communion Hymn"</i>	Chris Monroe
Invitation		
Invitation Hymn No. 88		<i>"Abide With Me"</i>

Recognition of Response	Travis Russell
Benediction	<i>"The Doxology"</i>
Postlude	Wanda Melchers

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES:

There is a Called Business Meeting at the conclusion of morning worship today to vote on our 2026-27 proposed budget (copies available in the church office).

The Deacons will meet from 12 PM until 2 PM in the small dining room.

All regularly scheduled activities (Youth Choir, Weeknight Worship rehearsal, Handbells, and Youth Dinner/Extreme) will take place at their usual times.

JOY Seniors

The October Senior Break-out will be at the Peaks of Otter Tuesday, October 27th. Simply sign up at the JOY Senior table for this time of dining and fellowship. We will depart VBC at 10:30 AM, have a leisurely lunch, and hopefully enjoy some fall foliage and return to VBC. Your cost is what you spend.

Gloria Sink Memorial Coat Drive

The JOY Seniors are sponsoring the annual Gloria Sink Memorial Coat Drive throughout the month of October. This drive supplies coats to Vinton area children in need. We support 8 schools. Please pick a tag from the wall around the JOY Senior table, fulfill the request, and return the coat or hoodie with the tag attached. Monetary donations are also accepted. Simply designate your donation for the coat drive, and we will do the shopping for you!

Alma Hunt State Missions Offering

We are halfway to our \$2,200 church goal for the Alma Hunt Offering. Please use a State Missions offering envelope or otherwise mark your gift payable to Vinton Baptist with a notation for "Alma Hunt State Missions." Thank you!

*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!

Please note the following events and opportunities for service:

Our **office hours** are currently Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Friday, 9:00 AM - noon. We apologize for any inconvenience.

School supplies are needed for our local elementary schools. Please see The Witness for a list of needed items, as well as an Amazon link making shopping and delivery exceptionally easy. Due date: 10/10/26.

There will be a **Called Business Meeting** at the conclusion of morning worship on October 18th to vote on the transition of Rev. Kim Yonce to Minister of Communications & Pastoral Care.

There will be a second **Youth Choir Luncheon Fundraiser** after morning worship October 18th, featuring chili or potato soup, dessert, and drink. Tickets are \$10/each, and you can eat in or carry out. Get your tickets from a member of the youth choir or in the church office.

Fun & the Son will host a **Candy Corn Carnival** Thursday, October 22nd, 10:00 - 11:30 AM for all our newborn - PreK friends and their adults! Wear your favorite costume, and come ready for food, fun, games, and candy! See Betty Jo Overstreet for more info.

The **Youth Fall Retreat** is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd (leaving at 4:30 PM) through Sunday, October 25th (returning at 1:00 PM) at Camp Crossroads in Lowesville, VA. The cost is \$125/person. Sign up ASAP! See Whitney with questions.

Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM. See the link at vintonbaptistchurch.org to sign up to host a trunk. We also need candy donations, which can be dropped off at the Missions Tables.

This year's **Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair** will take place earlier than usual: November 22nd, 12:30 - 4:00 PM. If you would like to sign up as a vendor, please see Whitney or use the link in The Witness.

Our **HVAC Fund** now stands at nearly \$230K! Thank you for your continued generous donations! We only need about \$8-9K in additional funding in order to finish out this project. God bless you!

Children's Basketball registration is OPEN! We have two leagues this year: the standard K - 1st grade league and a new all abilities league ("All in Hoops") for K - 5th graders. Registration links for both are available on our website. We still need coaches and ambassadors for All in Hoops; please see Jodi if interested.

We are collecting for **College Care Packages**. Please see The Witness for a list of items needed and/or the Amazon wish list link. **Parents, please also email kim@vintonbaptistchurch.org with current addresses.** We will also include our military members in this project.

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Sermon Notes:

***Good**

***Shepherd**

***Cost**

***Wolf**

***Table**