This Week's Events

Sunday, November 15th:
8:30 AM Sun. School Teacher Breakfast
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
4:00 PM Weeknight Worship Rehearsal
4:00 PM Art from the Heart/Mission Kids
5:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal
5:30 PM Youth Dinner/Extreme
Monday, November 16th:
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry Open
9:30 AM Fun & the Son Playgroup (127)
Tuesday, November 17th:
9:00 AM Ministerial Staff Meeting
12:00 PM JOY Senior Luncheon (gym)
2:00 PM Helen Siner Wood Circle (lib)
4:30 PM Alma Hunt Circle (library)
6:00 PM Finance Committee (library)
6:00 PM Steel Drums Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 18th:
3:00 - 6:00 PM Mobile Blood Drive
6:15 PM Children's Choirs
6:15 PM Youth Missions Group
6:30 PM Weeknight Worship
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 19th:
9:30 AM Fun & the Son Playgroup (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 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 - 2nd graders are invited to Children's Worship when kids are dismissed after the Children's Time. 3rd - 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. Recordings can be found at vintonbaptistchurch.org.

Vinton Baptist Church
Morning Worship
November 15, 2026

*Prelude		Wanda Melchers
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC		Whitney Russell
Call to Worship	*"We Give Thanks to You"*	Chancel Choir
Invocation		Kim Yonce

Responsive Reading
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; His steadfast love endures forever.
Congregation: We praise God for the gift of life.
Leader: Let us thank God for those He has placed in our lives, for family, friends, and all who encourage us in faith.
Congregation: We rejoice in the love we share and in the ways God's grace is shown through one another.
Leader: As God has richly blessed us, let us offer ourselves in service to Him and to our neighbors.
Congregation: To God alone be glory, honor, and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn No. 139	*"Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises"*	
Passing the Peace of Christ		
The Children's Time		Jodi Estienne

Kindergarten - 2nd graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in room 205.

Hymn No. 576		*"Give Thanks"*
Morning Prayer		Whitney Russell
Offering Our Gifts	*"His Strength Is Perfect"*	Chris Monroe
Today's Message	"Choosing to Give" Acts 9:36-42	Travis Russell
Hymn of Invitation No. 509	*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*	
Recognition of Response		Travis Russell
Benediction		Jeff Carr
Postlude		Wanda Melchers

Our **HVAC Fund** has exceeded our $238,850 goal to pay this project in full. THANK YOU for making this project happen without having to secure financing!

The final **JOY Senior Luncheon** of 2026 is this Tuesday, November 17th at noon in the gym. Shannon Abell will present "Updates to Medicare." Lunch will be a BBQ sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, and water. The cost is $12/person. You must sign up and pay by the conclusion of worship TODAY.

Art from the Heart & Mission Kids will take place TODAY at 4 PM in the small dining room. All K - 5th grade students are welcome.

Our **Preteens** (3rd - 5th graders) are scheduled for an outing to Roanoke Starcade next Sunday, November 22nd at 3 PM. See Jodi with questions.

JOY Seniors will enjoy the Christmas spirit Thursday, December 10th when they visit Hotel Roanoke to view the Christmas trees, 419 West for lunch, and the Fishburn Mansion for a tour and refreshments. We will depart VBC @ 9 AM. The cost is $12 plus your lunch. Sign up and pay at the JOY Senior table. The bus is almost full, although you are welcome to drive. Either way, please sign up and pay by Dec. 6th.

This year's **Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair** will take place next Sunday, November 22nd, 12:30 - 4 PM. If you're still interested in becoming a vendor, please see Whitney or use the link in The Witness ASAP. Everyone is invited to visit our snack/lunch stand and come do your Christmas shopping BEFORE Thanksgiving!

Children's Basketball registration closes TODAY. Registration links for both leagues are available on our website, and the cost is $55 per player. We still need coaches and ambassadors for All in Hoops; please see Jodi if interested.

The **World Hunger Offering** has begun; our church goal is $1,700. Please use a World Hunger envelope (from your box of envelopes) or make gifts payable to VBC, with a notation for "World Hunger."

Sign up for our mobile **Blood Drive** this Wednesday, November 18th, 3-6 PM. Use this QR code to register. Our sponsor code is 12213. You can receive $30 in rewards.

The **church gym will be closed** Monday, November 23rd through Wednesday, November 25th for repairs to the basketballs goals.

*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!

Upcoming Wednesday Activities

This Wednesday, November 18th we will have Children's Choirs, Youth Missions Group, and Weeknight Worship, as usual. It will be the LAST Weeknight Worship this year. There are NO Wednesday night activities November 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. On December 2nd, we will have our LAST Children's Choirs & Youth Missions Group until the new year. On December 9th, EVERYONE is invited to **"Cocoa & Keepsakes: A Family Christmas Night,"** 6 - 7:30 PM in our gym for hot chocolate, snacks, Christmas crafts, a devotional, and games. Please RSVP using this QR code. On December 16th, we will have ONLY our quarterly Ministry Matters business meeting at 6:15 PM; all church members are encouraged to attend. Chancel Choir will rehearse at 7:30 PM November 18th and December 2nd and 9th.

Mark your calendars for this Advent season:

- November 29th - Steel Drums will play during morning worship at 10:30 AM on the first Sunday of Advent
- December 5th - Annual Roanoke Steel Drums concert @ 3 PM in the church sanctuary (free admission, open to the public)
- December 6th - VBC Children's Choirs perform in morning worship on the second Sunday of Advent; evening events include Progressive Dinners for both the Preteens and the Youth
- December 9th - Children's & Families' Christmas Event ("Cocoa & Keepsakes: A Family Christmas Night") from 6 PM until 7:30 PM and 7:30 PM Chancel Choir & Orchestra rehearsal
- December 10th - JOY Senior day trip to enjoy the Christmas spirit at Hotel Roanoke, 419 West, and the Fishburn Mansion
- December 13th - 10:30 AM Christmas Musical presented on the third Sunday of Advent by the Chancel Choir & Orchestra: *"This is Christmas"*
- December 16th - Ministry Matters at 6:30 PM
- December 20th - VBC Handbell Choir performs in morning worship on the fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 5 PM

Christmas Poinsettias



It's time to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas! You can order in honor or memory of a loved one, and all memorials/honorariums will appear in the December 16th issue of The Witness. Each plant is $11 (please write a check made payable to VBC or bring exact change if at all possible). Place your order in the church office no later than December 6th. Plants will be in place in the sanctuary for our December 13th Christmas Musical. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after worship December 27th.

Christian sympathy is extended to Judy & Hootie Kelley and Carolyn Pennington and families in the passing of Kathi Pennington November 7th; and to Sam, Terri, and Hugh & Brooke Cundiff and family in the passing of Kirsten Cundiff November 10th.



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Sermon Notes

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***Tunics**

***Before**

***Ripple**

***Someone**