

This Week's Events

Sunday, May 17th:

9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Morning Worship
 11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 PM WBHS Baccalaureate

Monday, May 18th:

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry Open
 9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)

Tuesday, May 19th:

10:30 AM JOY Senior Break Out/VA Dare
 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (library)
 2:00 PM Helen Siner Wood Circle (lib)
 4:30 PM Alma Hunt Circle (library)

Wednesday, May 20th:

5:30 PM JOY Seniors to Grandin Theater
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 21st:

9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)

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. Nursery is available for newborns - 2-year-olds in room 127. A Mother's Lounge is also available in room 124. 3-year-olds are welcome in Next Step (room 130). 4-year-olds - 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!

Please note that Children's Worship has moved to room 205 for the summer.

Our services are being filmed & broadcast live on the internet. Recordings can be found at vintonbaptistchurch.org.

Vinton Baptist Church Sunday Morning Worship Graduate Recognition Sunday May 17, 2026

*Prelude		Wanda Melchers
	<i>"Pomp and Circumstance"</i> Procession of Graduates	
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC		Whitney Russell
Invocation		Maggie Zimmerman
	<i>"More Like Jesus"</i> <i>"I Am Yours"</i>	Youth Praise Team
Passing the Peace of Christ		
The Children's Time		Jodi Estienne
	PreK - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in room 205.	
Recognition of 2026 Graduates		
Presentation of		
	* The Dr. Charlie J. Lovelace, III Memorial College Scholarship	
	* The Stovall-Page Scholarship	
Morning Prayer		Heidi Dixon
Offering Our Gifts		Youth Praise Team
	<i>"Even If"</i>	
Today's Message		Whitney Russell
	<i>"A Poem as Lovely as a Tree"</i> Psalm 1	
Invitation		
Invitational Response		<i>"All the Poor & Powerless"</i>
Recognition of Response		Whitney Russell
Benediction		Terri Cundiff
Postlude		Wanda Melchers

Congratulations, Graduates!

High School:

Blake Ryan Austin, William Byrd High School
 Kelsey Ann Bell, William Byrd High School
 Aubrey Denise Booze, William Byrd High School
 Brian Edward Kingery, William Byrd High School
 Miley Ray Moses Pinion, William Byrd High School
 Dawson Andrew Young, William Byrd High School

Undergraduate Degrees:

Amanda Hough, Bachelor of Education in Middle School Education: Math from Liberty University
 Bryson Lutz, Bachelor of Art in Graphic Design and Minor in Visual Communications from Emory & Henry University
 Emilie McCaskill, Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from University of Virginia with American Chemical Society certification
 Kasey McKee, Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Radford University Carilion
 Landon Niday, Bachelor of Science in Biology and Minor in Neuroscience from Hampden Sydney College
 Lori Rodgers, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration and Minor in Public Health from Radford University

Postgraduate Degrees:

Ethan Stanley, Master of Sport Management from Liberty University
 Kim Yonce, Master of Christian Leadership from Leland Seminary

All of our graduates will also be recognized in this week's issue of The Witness, our weekly newsletter. If you have any additional information about graduates that has not yet been submitted, please call the office at 540-343-7685 or email kim@vintonbaptistchurch.org so that we can include all appropriate information in The Witness. Thank you!



WBHS Baccalaureate Tonight



Vinton Baptist Church will host the William Byrd High School Baccalaureate, presented by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, this evening at 6 PM in the sanctuary. All graduates and their families are invited.

*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.



Rainforest Falls VBS
July 13 - 17
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Participant AND Volunteer registration is OPEN!
Use this QR code to register now!

The above QR code is a link to our Amazon wish list for VBS supplies. We appreciate your help in providing supplies!

Upcoming JOY Senior Events

Sign up for the Film Lab Showcase at Grandin Theater on **May 20th**. We will see three short films created, directed, and produced by Tyler Lyon's students. The cost is \$8.50. Departure from VBC is 5:30 PM.

Sign up ASAP for our **June 8th - 10th** trip to Lancaster, PA to see Joshua at Sight and Sound Theater and enjoy numerous other activities. Details can be found in our new JOY Senior brochure.

Also, find details at the JOY Senior table for a day trip **June 16th** to Saltville, VA as part of the Civil War driving tour honoring America's 250th birthday. Visit the Museum of Middle Appalachians, browse the downtown historic district filled with vintage and antique stores, enjoy lunch and music at the Old Palmer Mill, and take a guided driving tour of the Battle of Saltville. Find all the details at the JOY Senior table, and sign up and pay by June 1st.

On **July 16th** we will head to Wohlfahrt Haus to see Church Basement Ladies. The cost is \$60/person and includes lunch, the play, tax, and a small tip.

Annie Mae Broyles Associational Missions Offering

We are now collecting for this offering, which is utilized for missions here in the Roanoke Valley, specifically for Keystone Community Center and Friendship House. Our church goal is \$2,200. Please use an Associational Missions envelope or note that designation in the memo of your donation. Thank you!

Save the date for our next Fifth Sunday Luncheon May 31st!

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Sermon Notes