

**This Week's Events**  
**Sunday, December 28th:**  
 10:30 AM Morning Worship  
 There are no other activities today  
**Tuesday, December 30th:**  
 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (library)  
**Wednesday, December 31st:**  
 New Year's Eve  
 Normal church office hours  
 No church activities  
**Thursday, January 1st:**  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
 Church office closed  
**Friday, January 2nd:**  
 Church office reopens at 9 AM



**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. 4-year-olds - 1st graders are invited to Children's Worship when kids are dismissed as we "Pass the Peace of Christ." Nursery is available for newborns - 2-year-olds. 3-year-olds are welcome in Next Step (room 130). 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.*

*Vinton Baptist Church  
 Morning Worship  
 December 28, 2025  
 The First Sunday After Christmas*

*Prelude		Beth Meador
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC		Kim Yonce
Call to Worship		Laurie Otey
Invocation		Billy Meador
Hymn No. 181		<i>"Joy to the World"</i>
Passing the Peace of Christ		
4-year-olds - 1st graders are invited to meet Ms. Jodi for Children's Church.		
Hymn No. 187		<i>"I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day"</i>
Morning Prayer		Kim Yonce
Offertory		Laurie Otey
Today's Message		Wally Mayo
	"Who's in Charge?" Colossians 1:16-17	
Invitation		
Hymn of Invitation No. 182		<i>"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"</i>
Recognition of Response		Wally Mayo
Benediction		Neil Zimmerman
Postlude		Beth Meador

\*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!

**Parents of Small Children, Please Note:**

 There is NO Nursery today. Our Nursery staff and volunteers are offered a Sabbath rest the last Sunday of each year. A Mother's Lounge is available for children and parents who need a break during worship. Please ask an usher to direct you.

Next Step is available beginning at 10:15 AM for 3-year-olds (and any 4-year-olds who want to join us) in room 130 (next to the Nursery). This class is designed for children who want to take their "next step" up from Nursery, but who aren't quite ready for Children's Church yet. These little ones learn simple Bible stories, sing songs, pray, and play together. They can be picked up after morning worship. Our pilot program during December went so well that we will continue into the new year!

 There is NO Children's Sermon today, but 4-year-olds - 1st graders are invited to meet Ms. Jodi in the Welcome Center when we "Pass the Peace of Christ" this morning. She will have Children's Church with them, as usual, and they can be picked up on the second floor of the children's building after worship.

**Church Office Hours This Week**

The church office will reopen from Christmas break tomorrow morning at 9 AM. Our weekday hours are 9 AM - 5 PM. We will be closed this Thursday, January 1st for the New Year's holiday.

 If you purchased a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, feel free to take your plant home with you after morning worship today.

**Lottie Moon**

The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** is collected annually to support international missions. Every dollar goes to the mission field. There are envelopes in your box of envelopes and in the pew pockets. Our church goal is \$5,200.

**VBC members/regular attenders, please check the Lottie Moon Post Office at the Missions Tables for any cards you may have received.**



### Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars



TODAY is the **final date** for cash/check donations to be counted for 2025.

**This Tuesday, December 30th** is the final date for online donations through our website/app to be counted for 2025.

The Witness will **NOT** be published this week. The next issue will be published January 7th.

**Children's Choirs, Youth Missions Group, and Chancel Choir rehearsal** are all scheduled to resume Wednesday, January 7th.

**Weeknight Worship** will resume Wednesday, January 14th.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** have been issued and are available for pickup on the children's hallway. If you do not see your envelopes and would like a set, please let Patsy Talbert know.



### Children's Basketball

Children will practice basketball on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Games will be on Saturday mornings throughout January and February. Please see your coach for the schedule.

### Youth Ski Trip

We are planning a Youth ski trip for February 6th - 8th at Wintergreen Resort! See The Witness for all the details, including costs and the registration form.



### 2026 Bible Reading Plan

Copies of our Bible reading plan for 2026 are now available at the Welcome Center. This past year we read the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament), Psalms, and the four Gospels. In 2026 we will read Joshua - Esther (the historical books of the Old Testament), Proverbs - Song of Songs (wisdom/poetry), and Acts - Philemon (New Testament history and the letters of Paul). If you access the Bible reading plan through our Vinton Baptist Church app, it will be available as of January 1st. Even if you didn't participate in the 2025 Bible reading plan, we encourage you to walk through the scriptures with us this year, as daily Bible reading is foundational to spiritual discipleship.

**Christian sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of Joseph "Joe" Brugh, who passed away November 30th.



# December 28, 2025



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### Sermon Notes

**New Year**

**Beyond Time**

**Your Full Address**

**Waste of Space?**

**Beyond Deciding**