

Member/Regular Attender
Prayer Requests

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

Do you want the above request(s) shared
in our weekly Prayer List Update?

Please tear off this form and
drop it in one of the wooden
prayer boxes located at each
sanctuary entrance.

Vinton Baptist Church
Sunday Morning Worship
November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent

8:45 AM

*Gathering Music	Jubilate Handbells
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC	Whitney Russell
The Advent Wreath Mark & Terry Hough, Miley & Mason Moses, Macklin Pinion, & Aubrey Walters	The Candle of Hope Keith & Deborah Bohon, Christian, Maddie, & Bella Barrette
"Come, Lord Jesus"	VBC Praise Team
Invocation	
"Emmanuel, God With Us"	
Children's Sermon "God of Hope...My Rock and Refuge" Psalm 62:6-7	Sarah Hurt PreK - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Bible Journey Room.
Christmas Symbol & Prayer Wayne & Mary Foster, MaKenna, & Olivia	The Christmas Tree
Offering Our Gifts	Jubilate Handbells
Today's Message "An Incomplete Story" Matthew 1:18-25	Travis Russell
Invitational Response	"Emmanuel, God With Us"
Recognition of Response	Travis Russell
Benediction	Helen Foster
Exit Music	VBC Praise Band

11:00 AM

*Prelude	Jubilate Handbells
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC	Whitney Russell
The Advent Wreath Keith & Deborah Bohon, Christian, Maddie, & Bella Barrette	The Candle of Hope
Invocation	Chris Monroe
Hymn No. 176	"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Children's Sermon "God of Hope...My Rock and Refuge" Psalm 62:6-7	Sarah Hurt PreK - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Bible Journey Room.
Hymn No. 638	"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Christmas Symbol & Prayer Cindy & Sydney Triplett	The Christmas Tree
Offering Our Gifts	Jubilate Handbells
Today's Message "An Incomplete Story" Matthew 1:18-25	Travis Russell
Invitation Hymn No. 166	"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"
Recognition of Response	Travis Russell
Benediction	David Semones
Postlude	Wanda Melchers



The beautiful rose in the sanctuary today is in celebration of the birth of Atlas Scott Burgess on November 19, 2021 to Matthew & Jessica Burgess and very proud big sister, Lydia.

A Note to Parents of Small Children:

We are glad to have children worship with us as they grow in Christ! We have many families with young children in our midst, and you may occasionally hear the "sounds of a growing church" from our pews. A couple of tips:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children - don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- Encourage your child to sing and pray with the congregation. Children learn good behavior in church by copying yours.
- PreK - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Bible Journey Room; please note when children are dismissed to Children's Worship after the Children's Sermon. Nursery is available for newborns - 3-year-olds.



*If you are visiting with us today, please complete the perforated Connect Card portion of your bulletin so that we can get to know you better; you may drop your completed form in a wooden prayer box or give it to an usher before you leave today. Or you may complete the Connect Card on our app at Vinton Baptist Church VA. Either way, we'd love to have a record of your visit this morning.

This service is being filmed & broadcast live on the internet. Recordings can be found at www.vintonbaptistchurch.org or on our app.

There will be no Sunday evening activities today. We hope you can enjoy the remainder of your Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends.

Wednesday Night Activities

Wednesday Night Dinner resumes this week. Following are the menus for December:



December 1st - Chef's Choice Dinner:

Hamburgers, Baked Spaghetti, Corn Dogs, Baked Chicken Breasts, Mac & Cheese, Various Sides & Desserts

December 8th - Soup & Salad Dinner: Drew's Homestyle Potato Soup with Fresh Fruit, Garden Salad, Cornbread, & Dessert

December 15th - Christmas Dinner: Ham, Aunt Pat's Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, & Holiday Desserts

Adult Bible Study, Thrive Youth, Children's Choirs, and adult choir rehearsals will also resume this week at their usual times.

**Join us this Saturday,
December 4th at 3:00 PM
for our annual
Panamaia Steel
Drum Concert in the
VBC sanctuary!**



Next Sunday: 2021 Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

We're looking forward to next Sunday's Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair, which will help pay for the youth and children's expenses for this summer's Passport Camps. (Artists, crafters, & vendors, today is the last day to complete a vendor registration form.) After church next week, please plan to join us between 1:00 and 4:00 PM in the gym to do your LOCAL Christmas shopping. We have numerous vendors offering unique products, as well as some nationally recognized brands. The youth and children will also have snacks (popcorn, hot chocolate, coffee, baked goods, a "meal deal," etc.) available for purchase, as well as a gift wrapping service for your convenience.

The Finance Committee has designated the Thanksgiving Offering for the Community Assistance Fund (formerly known as "Benevolence Fund"). We hope you will find it in your hearts to contribute to this fund for our community members. We are thankful for your continued support of our church operations and special offerings like this one. The Community Assistance Fund is established to help community members (non-members of the church) who have fallen on difficult times and could use a little assistance to pay their bills.

The Giving Tree (formerly "Angel Tree")



Our Giving Tree is now in the Welcome Center with tags available for children from local elementary schools and Keystone Community Center. Please pick up tag(s) in the Welcome Center. Each tag involves purchasing 2 gifts (1 clothing & 1 toy/interest item). Make sure to register your name at the Welcome Center to correspond to your tag(s) so that we can keep track of each child's gifts. Please write the tag number on each wrapped gift that you return. THANKS!



Children's Basketball

Children's basketball registration is now open for kindergarten - 5th grade! Stop by the church office to register or click the link in **The Witness** (please be sure to complete the form appropriate for your child's age and grade level). This year's fee is \$40 per participant, payable by cash or check to VBC. Your registration form and fee are due in the church office by this Friday, December 3rd. The season will begin in January.



The Lottie Moon Post Office

The Lottie Moon Post Office is now available at the Missions Tables. You may use it to "mail" your Christmas cards to church members and regular attenders at 25 cents per card. All proceeds benefit the Lottie Moon Foreign Missions Offering.

Poinsettias

It's that time of year again! We are ordering poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary during the upcoming Christmas season. They will be purchased from Martin's again this year at a cost of \$10/each. You may order in honor or memory of a loved one. Please stop by the church office to place your order by December 5th.



Items Needed:

Blessing Box: liquid dish detergent, toilet paper, Spam, Hamburger Helper, Manwich, potted meat, boxes/bags of instant potatoes, & muffin mixes. Turn in at the Missions Tables.

Kitchen: gently used or new dish towels for drying dishes (nothing fancy). Turn in to the church office.



Children's Worship Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for Children's Worship at both 8:45 and 11:00 AM each Sunday. Please sign up using the link in **The Witness**, which includes dates through January.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday, November 28: The First Sunday of Advent

8:45 AM Contemporary Worship

9:50 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Tuesday, November 30

10:30 AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM JOY Luncheon: Updates to Medicare

Wednesday, December 1

5:30 PM Dinner

6:15 PM Adult Bible Study, Thrive Youth, & Children's Choirs

6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 2

1:00 PM Seniors on the Move

Friday, December 3

Children's Basketball Registration Deadline

Saturday, December 4

3:00 PM Panamania Steel Drum Concert



Christian sympathy is extended to Ron Wheeler, Mary Beth, Jeff, and families in the death of their wife and mother, Patricia Wheeler, November 22nd.

JOY Seniors News & Activities

November 30th:

If you want to learn about the most recent changes to Medicare, plan to join us Tuesday as Shannon Abell speaks at our monthly luncheon. Even if you did not order a lunch, you are welcome to join us for the informative program.



December 11th:

You're invited to the JOY Seniors' trip to the Attic Theater on December 11th. We plan to leave the church parking lot at 1:30 PM, attend the matinee of "Welcome to Miford," then have dinner at Bellacino's. Please sign up at the JOY Seniors table. Your cost is \$12 for the play, plus the cost of your meal.

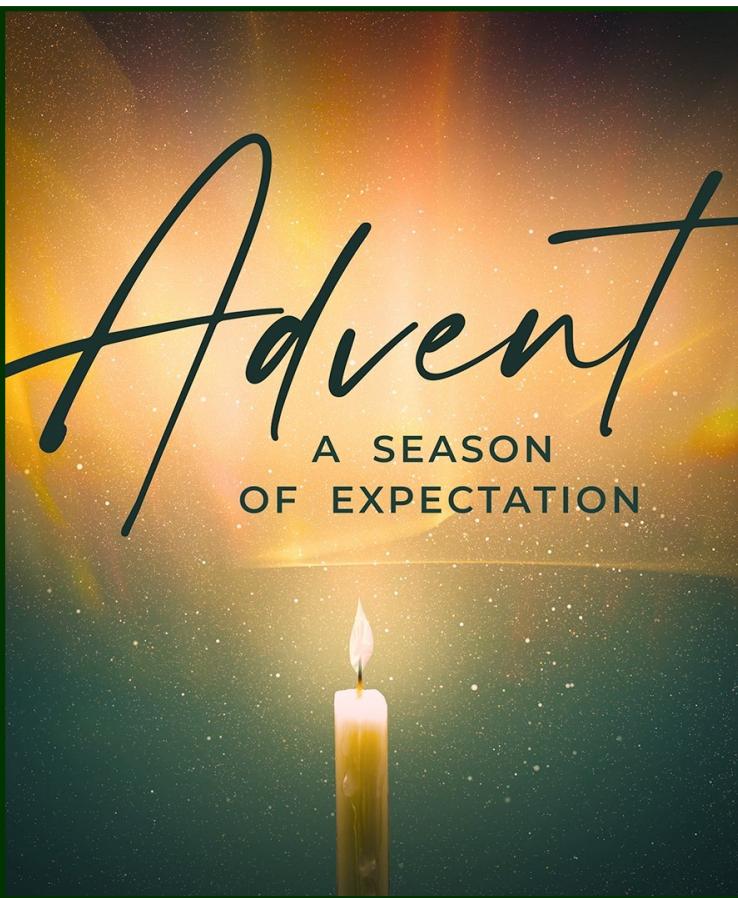
Be a Piece of the Adoption Puzzle

After much prayer and discernment, Joseph & Kristi Miller have decided to pursue adoption to complete their family.



If you are interested in being a piece of the puzzle that brings a child into a home filled with God's love, please join us by purchasing a piece of their puzzle, available in the Welcome Center, for a donation of \$5 (or more) per piece. We plan to begin putting the puzzle together as a symbol of our support for the Millers and their family. Once the puzzle is complete, new baby Miller will have a puzzle hanging as a reminder of the love this community shares for their family. Donations can be made via cash, check, or online donation to Vinton Baptist Church with the memo line: Puzzle Adoption Fundraiser for Joseph and Kristi Miller.

November 28, 2021



Welcome to
Vinton Baptist Church
Sunday, November 28, 2021
Connect Card

Welcome, Guest...

Welcome to Vinton Baptist Church. We are thankful that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please allow us the opportunity to get to know you better by completing the following (as much or as little as you would like), tearing at the perforation, & dropping this form in a wooden prayer box or giving it to an usher. Thank you!

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Is this your first visit to VBC?*

*If "yes," please drop by our Welcome Center in the Office Lobby to get your Visitor's Bag.

Are you interested in church membership?

Would you like more information about services & activities at VBC?

Anything else you would like us to know:

Prayer Requests:

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