Welcome to Vienna Baptist Church!
We are glad that you are worshiping with us this morning! If you are visiting with us for the first time, you will find more information about our church in our church brochure and newsletter located on the tall table in the Foyer. We also invite everyone to visit our website, www.vbc-va.org, follow us on Twitter @ViennaBaptist, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ViennaBaptist.

Music for Reflection

*Processional Hymn, No. 64
We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God
Watts

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

—Rev. Hardy Kim, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia
Response in Song

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Medema

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 66 (Old Testament, p. 528)
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Praise, No. 56

For the Beauty of the Earth

Pierpoint

Please join in singing from your hymnal.

Children's Message

All children are invited to participate in Children's Time.
Afterwards, grades 2 and above return to their seats and the younger children go to Children's Worship in Room 231.
Please print your name in the friendship register during the children's message.

Acts Lesson

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Do You Really Believe in God?

Randy Ashcraft

Time of Reflection

Offering Prayer

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Mary Ann Christian and Dorothy Wagener

arr. Shackley
Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring

Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
the ministry disciples have, empowered to do your will.

Hymn of Invitation, No. 543

Blessed Assurance

Hymn of Offering Dedication, No. 379

Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring

Parrott

Randy Ashcraft

Crosby

Randy Parrott
We go, living out our discipleship in daily life being Christ's representatives to those whose lives ours touch.

Music Minister CJ Redden-Liotta is away on vacation today.

Today's Ministry Helpers
Nursery: Megan Pauley, Elizabeth Wollin, and Ann Cyrus
Children's Worship: Pat Leighton and Nancy McKnight

Hymn typesetting files provided by Hymnary.org.

Opportunities for Discipleship

Special Congratulations
Vienna Baptist Church is proud to congratulate Rev. Ginny Richardson upon her ordination yesterday at Second Baptist Church in Richmond. We look forward to seeing how God's call will work through Rev. Ginny and through her ministry at VBC.

Generous Living at Vienna Baptist Church
In a short few months, we will have a new pastor who will lead us in this renaissance, this renewal of life, vigor, and interest in the ministry of Vienna Baptist Church. We are getting ready. But there is one more seed that needs to be sown—one more way for everyone in the church to prepare the way. We need a renaissance of the spirit within, a growing awareness of how we are called to give back to our Creator a portion of the resources we've been entrusted with.

By committing ourselves to give sacrificially in faith, we will be ensuring that we have the financial security to be the church that God wants us to be. Then our new pastor will arrive at a church ready to burst forth.

On May 18, we received 50 pledges for a total of $421,860. If you have not yet pledged your support for our next fiscal year, which starts on July 1, please turn in your pledge card to Dianne in the office. Our pledge is our promise to Vienna Baptist Church that we will help tend and nurture all the seeds that have been planted in the soil of our church. If you did not receive a pledge card at home, they are available in the foyer.

Consider with prayer how your pledge can be generous -perhaps a step up from last year. Be a part of the renaissance of Vienna Baptist Church.
Opportunities for Discipleship

50, More or Less Luncheon
The flowers are blooming, the trees are growing new leaves, and it is time for our 50 More or Less Group to celebrate! Please join our group for a buffet luncheon on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at 12:45 p.m. right after morning worship. We will meet at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262 Cedar Lane SE, Vienna, VA in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. We will be provided with a delicious buffet lunch at a cost of $15 per person. Thanks to Bill White who has reserved a separate room for us so that we can converse and fellowship in privacy. Please RSVP by Thursday, June 5, to either Diana Amsbaugh at 703-938-3773 amsdiana@hotmail.com or Andrea Harvey at 703-938-8299 dreaharvey@aol.com

Our 50 More or Less Group is open to all adults and we invite you to fellowship with us. Come and bring a friend!!

God of the Philosophers
Much like the saints and thinkers of old, all thoughtful people through the ages have grappled with the God issue: Does he exist? What is his nature? Can we know about him both by reason and faith? How can we access him? (Nota bene: gender neutrality in referring to God is awkward and avoided in this course).

The course is taught for a general audience by Irmgard Scherer (member of VBC and retired philosophy professor emerita at Loyola University Maryland) during the month of July. The 5-week course is envisioned in a lecture-discussion format where students will think about and discuss these questions. We will study the classic arguments and reflections of famous thinkers, such as St. Anselm of Canterbury, St. Thomas Aquinas, but also looking at “design arguments” in the science of Isaac Newton and in the philosophy of David Hume. We will read the work of the American pragmatist and psychologist William James, whose essay “The Will to Believe” from The Varieties of Religious Experience, offers a convincing argument for the reasonableness of an attitude of faith.

The fee for the course will be $60, proceeds of which will go to Hope Tree Family Services, a VBC mission focus, as well as to cover copies of handouts. The course will start in the first week of July, the exact day and time still to be decided. If you are interested, please call CJ in the church office or simply sign your name on the sheet in the foyer to indicate your interest.

A Celebration of Ministry
Dear friends,
We hope that you have marked your calendars and reserved Sunday, June 15 to join Vienna Baptist Church in paying tribute to Ben and Dorothy Wagener as they leave VBC and Ben retires from the active pastorate.

We invite you to join us for a special worship service at 11:00 am that day and then again that same afternoon at 4:00 pm for further celebrations, tributes - and maybe even a “roast” - followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

In order to make this event truly memorable for the Wagener’s, you are invited to contribute to a gift/love offering and to submit a personal picture, card, letter or remembrance of some kind for a “Memory Book” of their 12 years at Vienna Baptist Church and Ben’s 50 years of ministry. Please make any checks payable to Vienna Baptist Church with “Wagener gift” in the memo line. You may send articles for the Memory Book to the church at 541 Marshall Rd. SW, Vienna, VA 22180 or, if appropriate, you can e-mail it to wagenerfarewell@vbc-va.org.

The VERY BEST gift of all will be the gift of your presence on Sunday, June 15! We look forward to seeing you then.

The Personnel Committee
Opportunities for Discipleship

New Pictoral Directory Coming Soon
In cooperation with Lifetouch Photography (Formerly Olan Mills), Vienna Baptist Church is producing a new photo directory of our congregation. This is an important step in completing our pastor search process, as it will allow our new Senior Pastor to have a current photographic record of the members and regular attendees of our congregation.

All members and regular attendees of Vienna Baptist are welcome to participate in the new directory. Photographers will be at Vienna Baptist Church on June 12, 13, and 14 for photography sittings. The photographs are taken at no charge to you, and you can take part in the directory even if you decide not to purchase any prints from Lifetouch at the photography event.

For the photographs, you will be invited to take the standard pose that will be included in the directory, but you are also welcome to have any other family combinations taken, with special objects or toys, or even the family pet! There is no sitting fee for any of these pictures, so this is a great opportunity to save money on your yearly family portraits.

If you will be away during our picture event, you still can take part in the directory, and there are several ways to do so. Contact Lynn Collins or CJ Redden-Liotta for more information on how to participate. To sign up for a time, simply visit http://bit.ly/vbcpictures or visit with Lynn in the Foyer after services.

Children's Camp
VBC's Children's Camp (completed grades 2-6) is July 27-August 1 at Lost River Retreat Center. Our theme this year is “Workshop of Wonders,” where children will spend time outdoors learning about the creative life of God. For more information, pick up a camp brochure and registration form in the Foyer. Camp is limited to the first 30 children to register. Please see Ginny if you would like to donate toward camp scholarships or want to serve as a camp staffer.

Have U Herd? Join us for Vienna Baptist's Vacation Bible School, August 11-15!
PassportMedia's Have U Herd? VBS introduces children to the idea of hearing, recognizing, and responding to God's voice in their lives. As the main focus is hearing and following the Good Shepherd, it's a sheep-themed VBS! To make the most of this experience for the children in our community, we need your help! Please consider joining our team of wonderful volunteers for Have U Herd? VBS by signing up at http://bit.ly/vbcvbsvol as soon as possible! Registration will begin soon!

Pastor Search Team Update
Our discernment process for our next Pastor is well underway. After half hour “get to know you” Skype conversations with seventeen applicants, we have continued to listen to sermons, gather materials, and have narrowed the list to ten. We have had additional ninety minute Skype interviews with some candidates. We continue to make assessments in order to discern the person who is the best fit for our congregation and the one being called by God to our church. We are very excited and encouraged that our next Pastor is among these wonderful candidates! As we plan church visits, check references, and discuss among ourselves, we continually pray for guidance. We are living and breathing this search process so much that it is showing up in our dreams! Though sometimes the burden of this discernment seems heavy, we trust that God is in our midst, and with your continued prayers, we will be guided to the candidate that God is calling to Vienna Baptist Church. Your prayers are vital to the outcome. Please pray for our discernment, for how we as a church will answer God's call to us, and for how you individually will respond in the coming days to Christ's invitation to discipleship and his invitation to be his church.
Seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance through your prayers,
Nancy Curtis, Pastor Search Team
Prayer Concerns

Members and friends of VBC want to pray with you in your concerns and joys. Please complete the blue prayer request card and place it in the offering plate during the service or in the wooden box outside the church office. To keep the prayer list current, most requests will be maintained for a month and then removed, but you may resubmit a request after that time. Thank you for your participation in VBC’s prayer ministry.

Circle of Concern

Jim Vining, health
Mary and Bruce Burns and Family
Gaye Wymer, health, blindness
Nancy Sessions, recovery
Don Brightly, health
Jewell Donaldson, health
Henry Balser, health
Clarene Vickery, health
Paul Montacute, health, Parkinson’s Disease
Mary Wiley, health

In Service

Samuel Southern, San Diego, Navy
John Campos, Oklahoma, Air Force
Jimmy Flynn, U.S. Coast Guard

Friends and Family

Diane Gardner’s mother, health
Linda Gooding’s brother-in-law, Colin Burch, cancer diagnosis
Diana Amsbaugh’s friend, Ron Walterick, cancer
Rev. James Park’s mother, Dae Sik Park, health
Melissa Jones’ father-in-law, Bill Beach, cancer diagnosis
Kathy Price, health
The Grena’s friend, Barbara King, cancer
Marshall Potter’s niece, Beth Steele, cancer
Nic Morrow’s stepfather, Mark Homan, cancer
Claire Davis’ mother, Elizabeth, health
Wadi Haddad, health
Ward Kay’s sister, Kathy Duckett, health
Glenn Fried, former VBC Seminary Intern, serious health issues
Keith Wymer’s wife, Jill Cummings, cancer diagnosis
Mary Ann Christian’s cousin, Sylvia Hollar, surgery complications
Susan Hall’s sister, Connie Jernigan, cancer
Gladys Wiley’s father, Charles Witter, health
The Grena’s friend, Bobby Waple, stroke
Joyce Salgado’s sister-in-law, Dreama Puckett, health
Barbara Galindo, health, Parkinson’s disease
Kira West’s father, Duane Larson, prostate cancer
This Week

Sunday, May 25
8:45-9:15 a.m.  Intercessory Prayer Group (Parlor)
9:30-10:30 a.m. Bible Study Classes ( Entire building)
11 a.m.  Worship Service (Worship Room)

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day
Building and Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

Wednesday, May 28
7:30 p.m.  Book Study Group (Adult Lounge)

Thursday, May 29
7 p.m.  Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, May 30

Saturday, May 31

Sunday, June 1
8:45-9:15 a.m.  Intercessory Prayer Group (Parlor)
9:30-10:30 a.m. Bible Study Classes ( Entire building)
11 a.m.  Worship Service (Worship Room)

The church office is open Monday — Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
After hours pastoral care calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Vienna Baptist Children’s Center (VBCC) is a ministry of Vienna Baptist Church.
VBCC classes end on May 28 and will resume in September.

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Rev. Ginny Richardson, Pastor for Youth and Children
CJ Redden-Liotta, Music Minister and Office Manager
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