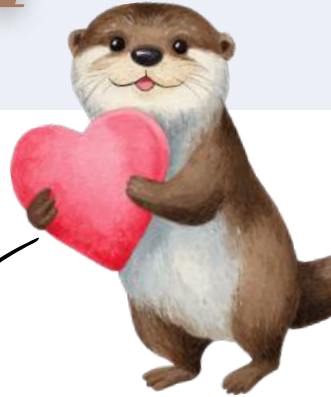




THE FISHNET



February
2026



VBCC Family,

As part of our year of community care, we've been afforded the opportunity to host two quite special groups through our accompanist, Allan, and our dear friend, president of the Norfolk Chamber Consort, Jake Keller. This month, VBCC will host the Norfolk Chamber Consort in their first ever concert in Virginia Beach and the Virginia Musical Theatre as they begin rehearsals for the next production in our very own Austin Fellowship Hall!

It is such a joy to be able to offer our space in this way for such special local arts groups, and we are all quite excited about these new community partners in our space.

Many of us are moved by the arts, and I believe it is no secret that I was considering working in theatre before feeling my call to ministry. There is something about a wonderful piece of music, theatre, or art that pulls us in and touches our hearts. There is something holy in the creative act as we channel the creative energy of God to make something new.

Both groups are working on productions that celebrate America's 250th birthday. How fortunate we are to be able to house these groups as they share the beauty of the arts with our community.

The Norfolk Chamber Consort will present “Independent: 250th Anniversary of the Nation (1776)” on February 21 at 3 pm. The concert commemorates 250 years of our nation’s independence. It features music from familiar American composers like William Billings, Charles Ives, Amy Beach, Harvey Stokes, Scott Joplin, Florentine Price, John Phillip Sousa, and more. Performers include Andrey Kasparov, Oksana Lutsyshyn, Bianca Hall, the Old Dominion University Madrigal Singers, Harvey Stokes, Tim Seibles, Christopher Brydge, Larry Giddens, and the Invencia Piano Duo.

They invite us to join them at 2 pm for a “Community Sing” where we can learn two of the songs in the program and then participate as part of the program’s finale. I will be there, and I hope you will be, too, as we make a point of coming out to support this community partner in their artistic endeavors and celebrate America’s creation and life.

Between now and then, Virginia Musical Theatre will spend many evenings and Saturdays in our building working on their next production, 1776. It’s the summer of 1776, and the nation is on the brink of declaring independence—if only the Founding Fathers can agree to do it. Follow John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson as they navigate heated debates, political drama, and the birth of a nation in this inspiring and entertaining retelling of history. The show will run February 27th-March 1st at the Sandler Center, with Allan Decipulo as its Musical Director.

We are so fortunate to provide space for both of these talented groups, and all that is left in our community care is to show up and support them in their works! I hope to see you there.

Joyfully yours,

Pastor Kelsey

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“When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

...

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness...”

Genesis 1:1-3, 26a

Events this Month

February is Black History Month

February 2nd : Happy Groundhog Day

February 5th : Thursday Dinner Crew, Rudee's 5:00PM

February 6th : Men's Breakfast, 9:30AM

February 8th : Youth Sunday

February 10th : Hi Over Pie, 1:30PM

February 11th : Cabinet Meeting, 7:00PM

February 14th : Happy Valentines Day

February 15th : Topsy Turvy Sunday Service

February 18th : Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00PM

February 19th : Thursday Dinner Crew, YNOT 5:00PM

February 21st : Norfolk Chamber Consort, 2:00PM-6:00PM

February 22nd : Elder Meeting, 11:00AM

February 24th : Sharing Over Soup (Every Tuesday During Lent) 5:30PM

February 25th : DWM Lunch Meeting, 11:30AM

February 28th : Movie Night, BFG 5:30PM

Weekly:

Tuesdays: Bible Study, 9:30AM & 6:00PM
Choir Practice, 7:00PM

Sunday Mornings:

Spiritual Roundtable, 8:30AM via Zoom

Diaconate Schedule

Barb and Jim Iman, Kaye Griffin, Cindy Childress (Team 1)

Mary Ann Stubbs, Sydney Davis, Kathy Zurek (Team 2)

Susie Drew, Steve Eggleston, Traci Ellison (Team 3)

David and Pam McEwen, Gloria French (Team 4)

Jim Melvin, Bill Hayden, Phyllis Marshall (Team 5)

Diaconate Schedule

February 1st - Team 1

February 8th - Team 2

February 15th - Team 3

February 22nd - Team 4

Elder Schedule

February 1st : Phyllis Marshall

February 8th : Ryan Ellison

February 15th - Martha Beacham

February 22nd - Rev. Dr. Bill Austin

Sunday Worship:

February 1st

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Church from Home
due to Weather

February 8th

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Youth Sunday

February 15th

Transfiguration Sunday

2 Peter 1:16-21

February 22nd

First Sunday of Lent

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Warren Stackhouse

Upcoming Events

Thursday Dinner Crew

5:00PM

February 5th: Rudee's (RSVP by February 3rd)

February 19th: YNOT (RSVP by February 17th)

RSVP to Jim Anderson @
jim.anderson567@gmail.com

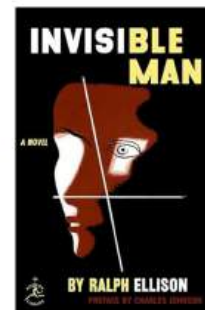
Cheers! See you there!



BOOK CLUB

The Monday Book Club meets monthly
(2nd Monday) at 1:00pm.

All are welcome to join in. This is a book club that actually discusses the books. Meetings are held mostly on Zoom, but all are welcome. At some point, the club will resume gathering under the pavilion or in the library.



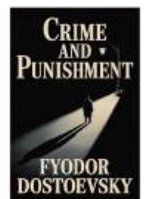
January 12th

Invisible Man
by Ralph Ellison



Up Next:

February 9th
Crime and
Punishment
by Fyodor
Dostoyevsky



Upcoming Events

YOUTH Sunday

February 8th



Hi Over Pie

**February 10th
1:30PM**

**Village Inn
313 Independence Blvd,
Virginia Beach, VA 23462**

Come join us for a special time of fellowship and connection! This event is all about building relationships, sharing stories, and enjoying time together in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Bring your smile, your friends, and your desire to connect—we can't wait to see you there!

Upcoming Events



Topsy Turvy
Sunday Service
FEBRUARY 15TH



Ash
wednesday

Worship Service

February 18th
7:00PM

Upcoming Events

NORFOLK
Chamber Consort

The Norfolk Chamber Consort Independent: 250th Anniversary of Our Nation (1776)



Saturday, February 21, 2026
Virginia Beach Christian Church
2225 Rose Hall Dr., Virginia Beach

Doors open at 2:00 pm for "Sing with us!",
Concert Program Begins at 3:00 pm
Reception to follow performance

Purchase your tickets in
advance on our website,
or pay by cash or check at the door.

<https://ncconsort.org/product/independent-250th-anniversary-of-the-nation-1776/>



NORFOLKARTS

Arts Alliance



NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS



Sharing Over Soup

Every Tuesday During Lent
February 24th - March 24th

5:30PM



Upcoming Events

DWM (Disciples Womens Ministries) LUNCH MEETING



FEBRUARY 25TH 11:30AM

AT WATERMAN'S

CONTACT MARYANNE FARLEY IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.



VBCC

MOVIE NIGHT

February 28th 5:30PM
BFG

Dinner and movie snacks are provided!
Please call/email our office if you would like a ride.
We hope to see you there!





Department News:

Men's Retreat:

Faith, Brotherhood, and the Way of Jesus

Join us for this year's Men's Retreat, a weekend focused on living as men shaped by Jesus - in faith, community, and daily life. We'll be staying Friday and Saturday nights at the Outer Banks Ocean Club in Kitty Hawk. Two-bedroom condos are just \$50 per person. That's your price for both nights (if you bring a roommate!). There will be a small fee for two breakfasts and a lunch.

We'll begin with dinner together on Friday evening, March 6, then spend Saturday in four sessions reflecting on how we see Jesus, why Christian community matters, how we are called to love others, and what it means to be men made in the image of God. Our time together will conclude with Communion on Sunday morning, after which everyone will head home.

Through stories, music, and conversation, this retreat offers time and space to connect, reflect, and grow alongside our brothers in the faith.

If you would like to attend or have any questions, contact Bill Hayden (billhayden@verizon.net or text him at 757-343-3598).

Education

Calling All Youth!

The youth are gearing up for Youth Sunday to be held on February 8th, 2026. All are welcome to participate! Please reach out to Traci Ellison at 918-285-1084 or join us for Sunday School at 9 am in the room above the sanctuary as we will be preparing in the coming Sundays.

Thank you!

Traci Ellison

Department News:

Membership

"All you need is LOVE..."

FEBRUARY is a month when we focus on LOVE, but let's remember that LOVE is a FOREVER commitment God made w/us. "There is nothing you can do to make God love you more; there is nothing you can do to make God love you less...God loves you." We are to follow His example, so let us remember every day, to LOVE others as He loves us. We are the "church that LOVE is building". May that LOVE, displayed daily by our membership, be the foundation for VBCC's continuing growth.

Rhonda Skaggs



Welcome to VBCC,
Melissa Mecca!

Please join me in reaching out with that LOVE to welcome our newest church member, Melissa Mecca! Melissa has been attending regularly, and was actively involved in our Christmas season celebrations. If you have not met her, please extend that "right hand of fellowship" and introduce yourself. Melissa is a native of Grants Pass, Oregon.

She moved to Virginia Beach in 2021. She has served in the US Navy since 2021, and is currently stationed at JEB Little Creek. Melissa has two sons, Chris (17) and Anthony (14).

Welcome to our family! ❤️

Rhonda Skaggs
Membership



Department News:

Church Directory

"HELP DESK"

Are you experiencing any difficulties with our incredible new Instant Church Directory? Changed phones and having difficulty downloading the app? Successfully downloaded app, but aren't sure about navigating it?

Face-to-face help is on the way! It's a lot easier than researching/emailing, to take just 5-10 min. in person, resolve issues, and have you leave happily and confidently. Mark your calendars now for February 8th, immediately following worship. Our technology "master", Vince Hutcheson, has agreed to serve at our Directory "Help Desk" in Conference rm #1416. Several of us will be present w/him, so...bring your phone, be sure you know your current email address, and show up! You will leave a "happy camper"...guaranteed!

Rhonda Skaggs
Membership

Eldership

In February we celebrate Valentine's Day. The Bible verse Romans 12:10 tells us "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. In the early church a kiss was symbolic of Christian fellowship and brotherly love. Affection is a simple way to show those around you that we care.

Human contacts are necessary to life as food and water. No matter how you express your love by food or good deeds, this is telling our neighbors and friends we care about them.

VBCC Staff Support Committee will be making decisions about a person to fill in for Pastor Kelsey Sherazi while she is on maternity leave. Please pray that we can find a special leader during this time.

Remember to be a loving and kind Christian to your friends and neighbors.

Martha Beacham



Department News:

Outreach

Twenty lucky teens say thanks for the hoodies. One lucky girl says thanks for the lovely sweater. Twelve heads are sporting new stocking caps and twelve youngsters have warm hands. All these items were found under our Chrismon tree. To all of those supporting the project, Outreach says thanks.

More surprises were under our tree: 6 sticky note pads, 6 glue sticks, 10 single subject spiral notebooks, 3 three subject spiral notebooks, 32 erasers, 102 ballpoint pens, 1 composition book, 10 reams of loose-leaf notebook paper, 9 subject folders, 3 pencil cases, 120 pencils, 8 boxes of 24 crayons, 12 pencil sharpeners, 1 pack of graph paper, 4 packs of markers, 4 pairs of scissors, and 2 highlighters. Project Dream will be able to supply and re-supply students needing supplies. Give yourselves big pats on your backs for your generosity

Each year the preschool has a Super Bowl contest to determine the winner by votes. Boxes appropriately labelled for each team are available. Each food item deposited counts as one vote. So that no good idea goes uncopied, Outreach will have Super Bowl boxes available for your food donation votes. It will be interesting to see which team wins, but the real winner will be the food pantry receiving all the food. Last year our youth delivered the food to the pantry and placed it appropriately on the shelves. It gave our youth a chance to compare a local food pantry to the one they worked in on their mission trip.

Susie Sumnick





Department News:

Worship

Worship is gearing up for a busy and blessed season leading up to Holy Week! We have some special events happening in February.

On February 8, the youth will lead our worship service. We've heard rumors that instead of a children's moment, there will be an "adult moment" - we are looking forward to that!

On February 15, we will celebrate Mardi Gras with a Topsy Turvy Sunday service - all the same elements of our regular Sunday service, just turned around a bit. We'll follow this with Bingo Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

Folks are encouraged to dress in wacky tacky styles if they wish!

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday, February 18, here at VBCC, along with our friends from Wycliffe Presbyterian Church at 7 pm.

On February 22, we will be blessed to hear a message from Reverend Warren Stackhouse.

Our Lenten Soup and Sharing series kicks off Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30. This series is always such a wonderful time of reflection and fellowship as we approach Holy Week. We are looking for volunteers to provide soup/bread/desserts each week. If you are able to provide any of that, please contact Pam McEwen to let her know.

*Patti Watters,
Pam McEwen,
& Suzanne Genz*



A Note from the Office

Happy February everyone! To the left is the QR Code that you can scan with your phone to get to the Building Request form.

Request to use the VBCC Church Building



Also, please let me know if your birthday is not on the calendar, I would love to add it.

with love,

Jade V.



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(or by Appointment)

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Secretary Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Available By Phone:

Mon - Fri, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday Worship Services
10:00am In Person & YouTube

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