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VANDEBURG METHODIST CHURCH CARRYING THE CROSS



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MAKING DISCIPLES - FARMING OUR FIELDS

By Rev. David Banks|NC GMC Conference Superintendent

The supply chain is not the answer. Cultivating our own fields is. What do I mean? Of what am I speaking?



I was recently given the notice that an important layperson from an important church hoped to speak with me. The messenger conveyed a concern for the next pastoral appointment. The present pastor has given notice of taking senior status. When that occurs, the layperson is concerned to receive an excellent pastor.

This church is not alone. Numbers of congregations are presently in need of pastors. Numbers more understand that they too will need a pastor in the near future. To these churches, and to every church, I raise a question. What are you doing to supply the next generation of pastors? For years, we have depended upon a supply chain that reached into colleges and seminaries all over the country to acquire an import the next crop of pastors. At the same time, our churches have not cultivated our own fields.

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Every church can make disciples, even those of five or six worshippers on a Sunday. Disciples invite others to Christ. Disciples make disciples. Disciples become leaders who guide persons in the ministry of the Gospel. Disciples engaging in the ministry of the Gospel are more likely to hear the call to vocational ministry. Disciples recognize and nurture the call to ministry in others. Those nurtured in discipleship, called into ministry, recognized by the church, and equipped by the church become pastors of our churches.

Yes, we believe in training and education. We desire to strengthen the prospect of effectiveness of teaching theology and Bible, preaching and evangelism, worship, and evangelism. But the seminaries and course of study rely on the discipling work of every local church. If the church does not produce the crop from its field, the seminary cannot package it for a better appointment. There are other reasons to emphasize our obedience to making disciples. There are also other costs to our weakness in addition to the scarcity of pastors.

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“If the medicine is good, why are the people sick?”
--John Wesley

John Wesley asked this question, “If the medicine is good, why are the people sick?” His concern was the ineffective life of so many churches. The Gospel is not the problem; it is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe. The atonement is not the problem. The cross is the power and wisdom of God. The ministry is of the Holy Spirit is not the problem for we may all walk by the Spirit. So why, he asks, are the people sick?

Why are there so few conversions and subsequent baptisms? Why are churches frustrated in ministry for lack of resources? Why are pastors in short supply? We have forgotten how, or we never intended in the first place, to make disciples and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.



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VANDEBURGCHURCH



Vacation Bible School

Free Dinner



JUNE 11 - 13
5:30 - 8:00 PM



POTTY TRAINED - 12 YEARS OLD

Learn About: God, Respect, America,
G.R.A.C.E Community, & Education

Join us at Vanderburg for One Nation Under God Vacation Bible School! To Honor our Country's 250th Birthday, this Year's Theme is G.R.A.C.E.

- ♥ God
- ☁ Respect
- ♥ America
- 👏 Community
- 📖 Education



We would love for your family to celebrate with us as we learn about faith, community, and the blessings God has given our nation.

Children preschool aged (potty-trained) through 12 years old are invited to celebrate America's birthday through faith, fellowship, history, and hands-on learning! Each evening, children will enjoy supper followed by exciting VBS stations including:

- 🎮 Games
- 📖 Bible Study
- 🔬 Science
- 🎵 Music
- 🎨 Crafts

Registration forms can be found online at vanderburgchurch.org/vbs or there are copies available in the narthex.

ONE NATION UNDER GOD		VANDERBURG METHODIST CHURCH	
1776 - 2026		Vacation Bible School 2026	
STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM		June 11 - 12, 5:30 - 8:00 PM & June 14, 10:00 AM - Noon	
Child's Full Name:	Age:		
Please Circle One: Male or Female	Child's Rising Grade Level:		
Parent/Guardian Full Name:	Home Phone:		
Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:	City:		
Parent/Guardian Email:	Phone:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Parent/Guardian Address:	Phone:	Check here if information is same as Parent/Guardian*	
Emergency Contact 1:	Phone:		
Emergency Contact 2:	Phone:		
Allergies or Other Special Needs:			
*Note that all accommodations may not be met. If you have serious concerns, please contact the church office.			
AMERICA'S 250th BIRTHDAY PARTY!			
Participating children and their families are invited to a special "Birthday Party for America" on Sunday, June 14th at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Children will perform during the service, followed by a free lunch and birthday cake for everyone! Please let us know how many people from your family plan to attend.			
# of Lunches Needed/Attendees in Your Family			
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:		
Please return signed Registration Forms to the Church Office, or submit digitally by emailing vanderburgchurch1870@gmail.com			

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Circle of Friends gathered for their May meeting on Monday May 4. Sherry Armstrong, filling in for Stacey Pierce who was traveling, brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

- We discussed the get well/happy birthday cards. Jeannie will take over but will send out quarterly instead of monthly. Crystal, Sherry and Stacey will keep Jeannie updated.
- Sherry ordered the dark vanilla flavoring, and since the price has gone up, we decided to sell for \$4 a bottle.
- We enjoyed the lovely refreshments provided by Marguerite and Lottie.
- The devotion was about the Way of the Wildflowers, read by Vicki.
- Birthdays were recognized. Jeannie and Nancy had birthdays in May. The girls sang in good refrain!
- Treasurer's Report: \$2,053.21 in our account at this time.
- Jeannie read the minutes from April. All approved.
- The Blood Drive was postponed and we will choose another date.
- Vacation Bible school dates changed from June 25-28 to June 11-13, 2026. The Circle will provide a meal on June 11.
- The Methodist Men's BBQ chicken take-out lunch date has been changed to May 30. We decided to price each meal at \$12. The men will provide the BBQ chicken. Take-out boxes, plastic ware and napkins will be furnished by either men or the women. The Circle will provide beans, slaw, rolls, desserts, and tea and lemonade.
- Last order of business is our Craft Fair held on October 17, 2026. We will be in charge of selling tables for \$30, providing a breakfast, a bake sale table, and an array of gift baskets for auction. Set up will be Oct. 16.
- Marguerite closed in prayer and the meeting ended at 7:30 pm.
- Our next meeting will be Mon. June 1 at 6:30 pm with ladies of all ages invited.



Mon. June 1 | 6:30 PM
Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall

The Circle of Friends women's group that meets monthly to enjoy a time of fellowship, ministry and prayer. They are integral to the mission of the church, and you will find them at work at most every church event.



Many of you are probably not aware that we no longer utilize Safe Sanctuary for our child safety training.

The Global Methodist Church uses Ministry Safe, a child safety program designed to reduce the risk of sexual abuse.

Over the last few weeks, several individuals have been working to put into place training for volunteers who have been identified as working with children. The process for training includes a background check, an online video training and concludes with reviewing the new Safety Policies Manual with Susan Fogleman. In addition to members working with children, this training will also be utilized for all who volunteer for VBS.

We appreciate your support as Vanderburg completes these measures to assure parents that we care about the safety of their children.



Happy Birthday to the Church!

On Sun. May 24, we enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the birth of the church on Pentecost Sunday, held 50 days after Easter! Preacher Buddy shared a special sermon, "Pentecost! And the Church Came Alive!" based on Acts 2. It was also good to see so many wearing Red to signify the Holy Spirit!

Congratulations!

Special congratulations are extended to these Vanderburg members who were celebrated for their special accomplishments! We are so proud of them and continue to pray for success in their respective fields!



Melissa Fulbright for receiving Bus Driver of the Year at Shepherd Elementary School.



Sherridan Fulbright for completing her studies for a Master of Arts in Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC), where she finished with a 4.0!

Adam Stephenson who received a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA.

Noah Fogleman who received an Associates of Arts from Mitchell Community College.



Cashion Fulbright for a BS in Business Administration in Communication Systems Cum Laude from Appalachian State University.



Memorial Day - Sunday May 24

On Sun. May 24, during both services, we honored Vanderburg members who had served in the armed forces and have gone on to Glory. A special memorial video was shown along with sharing photos at the Altar. We are grateful for their service to our country!



REMEMBERING IN PRAYER



Thank you for remembering the following individuals in prayer. You will find a complete list of names posted in our Prayer Room (room 108) each month.

All are invited to use the prayer room to pray for these and others. If you need to add someone for prayer, please contact the church office.

Buzzy Benfield
Gene & Janice Brawley
Ezra Brawley
Brenda Byrd
Laura Carriker
Doris Cockrell
The Family of Phil Coleman
The Family of Vickie Cook
Laquita Edmonds
Mike & Lottie Freeze
Sherridan Fulbright
Nate Garrett
Sarah Grady
Marie Hedrick
Shirley Key
Brenda Keyser
Susan Koury
Dwight Neill
Christine Osborne
Rick Owens
Linda Overcash
Terry & Cindy Pardew
Stacey Pierce
Rev. Robert Pierre
Stacey Robinette
Wayne & Sandra Sherrill
Greg Whitfield
Patsy Zeggert



FROM THE CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Vanderburg offers 2 weekly worship services on Sunday.

8:00 A.M.

A more relaxed service with contemporary worship songs.

10:00 AM

A blended service enjoys worship with traditional hymns & contemporary worship songs.



Choir Resumes

We are excited to have Mrs. Brenda Byrd back, and that means choir rehearsal has returned! All are welcome to join them on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM!

Tuesday Study of Acts

Preacher Buddy continues a Bible Study on one of his favorite books, Acts. All are welcome to meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. He has the material so there is no cost.



On Father's Day, join us for special recognition at both the 8:00AM & 10:00AM services.

June

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The Circle of Friends Women's Ministry meets Mon. June 1 at 6:30PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

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VBS Training & Outreach Meeting to be held Tue. June 2 between 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Adult Bible Classroom.

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Combined Service at 10:00 AM celebrating our 2025 & 2026 Graduates

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The Trustees will meet for their scheduled meeting on Tue. June 9 at 6:30 PM.

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VBS Kicks-Off on Thur. June 11 - Sat. June 13.

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The Vanderburg Methodist Men meet Sun. June 14 at 7:00AM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

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VBS wraps-up with a BIG 250th Birthday Party for America. Children and their families are invited to attend the 10:00 AM service, and all will enjoy a special celebratory lunch following.

17

Preacher Buddy and our Conference Delegate, Brenda Byrd will attend Annual Conference in Winston Salem, June 17-20.

21

Fathers will be celebrated during both services on Sun. June 21.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS



Happy
Birthday

- 1 - Sherry Smith
- 2 - Angela Ketchie, Rachel McMillan & Dalton Pierce
- 3 - Beth Downing
- 4 - Kaye Overcash
- 6 - John Williams, Lana Hunsucker, Logan Hunsucker & Lane Hunsucker
- 7 - Easton Haley, Kacey Stutts Elder & Chrissy Turner
- 8 - Sheryl Belk
- 9 - Samantha Mullins
- 10 - Vickie Brooks & Taylor Walden
- 11 - Tyler Brooks, Karl Hedrick & Matthew Moore
- 12 - Brenda Keyser & Billy Newton
- 13 - Roger Wayne Ketchie
- 14 - Paige Merkel & Chris Neill
- 16 - Michael Whitfield
- 18 - Jerry Waugh
- 20 - Saundra Smith & Linda Sells
- 22 - Preacher Buddy Compton
- 23 - Dana Hedrick
- 25 - Sarah Davis & Chris Schleede
- 26 - Kandy Jones
- 27 - Crytal Davis
- 28 - Peyton Neill



June 1

Terry & Cindy Pardew

June 2

Payne & Samantha Edmonds

June 3

Harley & Caitlin Naas

June 7

Gene & Janice Brawley

June 9

Rob & Dena Younts
Adam & Sara Stephenson

June 16

Chap & Paulette Turner

June 19

Roger & Angela Ketchie

June 21

Andy & Allison Coleman
Keith & Kathi Harward

June 24

Wayne & Sandra Sherrill
Brian & Tricia Freeze

Thank you for being God's guiding light, transforming the world through
God's unconditional love.



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School 9:00 AM hour offers classes for all ages! Choose from any of these classes geared to help you dig deeper in the Word!



We need volunteers to help us meet our Ministry Safe Guidelines in the kids Sunday School class. We just need your presence. You will not have to help with the class or prepare a lesson. If enough are willing to serve, a schedule will be made.



As a church, we need to have a nursery available for visitors as well as church members. See Susan Fogleman if you are interested in helping with this ministry. The service is streamed live, for nursery workers to enjoy.

CHILDREN & PRE-TEEN



Our children use the series All-in-One Sunday School, designed for preschool-12 yrs old and beginning January 4, they will start a road trip through the Bible. Let's invite others to join them in room 111.

Anyone is welcome to stop by any Sunday to give the leaders a hand! We know they would appreciate it!

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Vanderburg's Young Adult class is reaching out to the community and planning events and get together as they grow closer to Christ. Can't wait to see all the great things that they will be doing!

The class meets in room 107, and all young adult singles and couples are invited.

BOB COMBS CLASS

The Bob Combs Class offers a quarterly curriculum for older adults 60+. Dig deeper into Scripture with the Bible Studies for Life, a resource featuring in-depth Bible exposition on the passages studied in this book.

They are looking for people to serve as leaders for our weekly lesson on Sunday morning. Prayerfully consider joining us as we worship together.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

The Christian Outreach Class chooses a variety of topics; from Word studies on Bible Books or deciding on a study by a respected teacher. The group is made up of all age Adults.

They are lead by Marguerite Beyerle and Bradley Mills and meet in room 110.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The Adult Bible Class offers a quarterly curriculum for adult men and women. The study offers opportunities to deeper explore the truths found in God's Word.

Many help facilitate the weekly discussions and lessons. You can find them in room 104.



FINANCES

Gifts Made to Vanderburg

Thank you to the donors who made gifts to Vanderburg during the month of May:

In Honor

Gifts were given to the General Fund in honor of Tommy & Susan Carriker by Lloyd & Sandra Smith.

In Memory

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Phil Coleman by Greg and Leigh Whitfield

May Financial Snapshot

Income*	\$ 14,554
Expenses	\$ 10,422
Budgeted per Month	\$ 21,996

*does not include 5th Sunday offering

Monthly Finance Reports can be found in the Narthex the first Sunday of each month. All questions can be directed to the Finance Chair, Linda Wilhelm.

If mailing your Tithes and Offerings, please send to:
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2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 (NIV)

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Administrative Council meets bi-monthly during the odd months. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings, but only members are allowed to vote.

If you have any questions or concerns you would like to pass on to the council, please reach out to Pastor Buddy Compton or Chair, Greg Whitfield.

Administrative Council Members

The following individuals serve Vanderburg as a member of the Administrative Council. Their service to the church is greatly appreciated!

Pastor - Buddy Compton
Chair - Greg Whitfield
Vice Chair - Dwight Neill
Lay Leader - John Beyerle
Lay Annual Conf. Delegate - Brenda Byrd
Council & Finance Secretary (non-voting) - Jill Lowe
Trustee Chair - David Edmonds
Interim SPRC Chair - Kevin Winecoff
Finance Chair - Linda Wilhelm
Treasurer - Kay Edmonds
Parsonage Chair - Jeanne Miller
Sunday School Superintendent - Susan Fogleman
Scholarship Chair - Greg Whitfield
Membership Secretary - Kay Edmonds
Circle of Friends President - Stacey Pierce
Methodist Men President - Bradley Mills
At Large Members - Frankie Sue Coleman & Tommy Carriker

**The Administrative Council is scheduled to meet again
Tues. July 28 | 6:30 PM**

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING May 26, 2026



The Administrative Council met Tue. May 26, 2026 at 6:30PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall. There were 12 council members & 2 non-voting members present. Following an opening prayer by Greg Whitfield, and approval of the March minutes, the following committees reported. The full minutes are available from the church office.

Vanderburg Methodist Men by Bradley Mills

The BBQ Fundraiser, co-hosted with the Circle of Friends is coming up on Sat. May 30. It was a successful fundraiser, selling over 100 plates. Easter Sunrise Breakfast was well attended with 65-70 present.

Circle of Friends by Stacey Pierce

The Circle is preparing for the BBQ Chicken Fundraiser. At their recent meeting, it was decided to send greeting cards quarterly. Flavoring is now \$4 per bottle. The Blood Drive has been postponed until the fall, perhaps during the upcoming Craft Fair on Oct. 17.

Vanderburg Preschool reported by Susan Fogleman

Enrollment for 2026-27 is currently at 24 with potentially an additional 3 to sign-up. The Village Inn Pizza fundraiser raised \$121, and with 379 Bundt Cakes sold, they netted over \$750 for the Preschool! On May 16, graduation was held for 6 children.

Sunday School report by Susan Fogleman

With a potential new family to attend, there is a need to start a new children's class due to the age disparity. Volunteers are encouraged to sign-up as teachers or assistants. Ministry Safe Training has been implemented in preparation for VBS, which is coming up June 11-13. One Nation Under God, an original curriculum by Sherridan Fulbright is the theme.

Scholarship reported by Greg Whitfield

No report

Membership reported by Kay Edmonds

Current membership is at 338; down due to 1 death.

Pastors Report reported by Preacher Buddy Compton

Attendance has been steady. The Acts Bible Study is going well with 14-15 attending regularly. He is testing a new headset mic to get better sound during Sunday services. He hopes to pursue doing a Carnival type outreach at a local neighborhood, as well as do something with model airplanes and model cars. Addressing the council, what are you looking for? What does the body want to do to get going? What brings youth?

Trustees reported by David Edmonds

Current contract with cleaning vendor will be terminated effective June 30 and new cleaner will begin July 1. A local organization has requested the use of the church facilities, and following discussion related to our liability and the type of programming they will offer, it was decided to continue to evaluate their request before making a decision. A light pole was donated to the church, and after approval by the council, Kevin Winecoff will start the process to get it installed near the driveway.

SPRC reported by Kevin Winecoff

Rev. Buddy Compton has been appointed as Pastor of Vanderburg effective May 1. Salary & benefits to be adjusted but still within budget.

Outreach reported by Buddy Compton

Preacher Buddy is regularly visiting home-bound members. The Soup Luncheon was successful and VBS is well underway.

Finance reported by Linda Wilhem

Finances are staying strong, with all expenses being met. The Scholarship CDs were recently renewed at the best rate for 12 months. Net income and YTD Profit & Loss was noted.

Parsonage Committee report by Jeanne Miller

Following a recent walk-through of the house, a couple of maintenance items were identified, including the need to add miniblinds to exposed windows. The thermostat is set on 74* to maintain a proper temperature.



Vanderburg Church Preschool

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Directors: Susan Fogleman & Angelene Nelson



Celebrating the End of School

The School Year ended with lots of celebrations! Thank you to Vanderburg for your support for another successful year!

Rescue Ranch!



Water Day!!



Celebrating our Graduates!



Honoring the USA with a morning Pledge of Allegiance.





SAVE THE DATE!

The Outreach Team will host an Ice Cream Dinner on Sun. July 19th in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall! This annual event is always a hit, so watch for more information to come!



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