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VANDERBURG METHODIST CHURCH CARRYING THE CROSS



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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

by Pastor Melanie Nichols



Thinking about an article for this month it is natural to look forward to Father's Day.

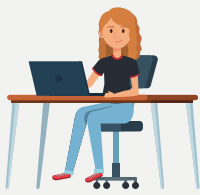
Interestingly, God is an on time God for today's devotional came from John 16:23, and as is my practice, I read the whole chapter. You see, I like to hear all of the story- or at least a couple of verses before and a couple after. Jesus is telling the disciples that he is going to go away for a little while but he will be back with them and then he will not speak in parables. And they began to question what he meant by "in a little while, He would be back".

We all know the story so I don't need to explain what Jesus meant by this expression. However, I found what he says later to be very interesting...

“

26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”
John 16: 26-28

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From The Pastor's Study

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What caught my attention was “the himself Father loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God”

What a powerful truth for us today! The knowledge that the heavenly Father loves us because we have loved and believed in Jesus His Son tells us we are perfectly loved by God. Some of us have been blessed with a wonderful earthly father. You learned to trust and love God because your earthly father did well and loved you dearly. He was not perfect but he was a good example of the heavenly Father. You likely found it easy to trust God.

Sadly, some people have never experienced that blessing. It is a wonderful thing to come to a saving faith and learn that your heavenly Father loves you dearly.

If you are seeking the love of a father then look no more for if you love and believe in Jesus the Christ you now have a Father who is perfect and loves you more than you can imagine. Paul prayed that we would know the height, the width and depth of God's love.

I pray that you all gain this before God calls you home so that you can share it with others and they can know this great love.

Happy Father's Day!

Pastor Melanie



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stream it later in the week on our website.

MAY EVENTS AT VANDERBURG!

Memorial Day Recognition



On Sun. May 25, we were honored to recognize those Vanderburg members, who have gone to glory for their military service. Framed photos of 11 individuals from various branches of the military lined the altar, and special recognition was held during both the 8:00AM & 10:00AM services.

As folks arrived to service, Pastor Keith gave out silk poppies and shared a message about the history of the poppy used at Memorial Day. During the 10AM service, Mrs. Susan Fogleman tied her children's message to Memorial Day, and also during the services, worshipers were able to stand to honor their loved ones who passed either on active duty or having served.



During the 10AM service, Pastor Melanie recognized the 2025 graduates of the preschool with a short video and honored Susan Fogleman for the tremendous work she performed throughout the 2024-25 school year.

Mother's Day

On Sun. May 11, 2025, we took the opportunity to bless the women of Vanderburg on Mother's Day.

During both services, attendees had the opportunity to choose a white or red carnation to honor their mother who was living or had passed. Red carnations are shared to signify respect and sincere love for all the mothers we're fortunate enough to have in our lives. White carnations are displayed in honor of the mothers who have passed and are no longer with us.

During the 10AM service, Nancy Brawley shared a special children's message about Jesus' mother, who was chosen to be his mother, just as God chose the children's mother just for them.

At the end of the message, the children passed out candy treat bags to the women in attendance. Thank you to the Worship Team for preparing the treat bags.

Pastor Melanie had a wonderful message about Moses' mother from Exodus, and all enjoyed special music from Matthew & Jenna Harris.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

On Monday May 5th, our Circle of Friends met in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall with refreshments and devotion presented by President Stacey Pierce. The scripture and devotion was in memory of our precious Sonja Beaver.

Due to many illnesses and travel, we had 6 ladies present. We invite all ladies to circle on the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm. We are keenly aware of ending at 7:30pm due to a workday.

Again, due to the low attendance we shelved issues of discussion and voting. We will meet on Monday June 2 at 6:30pm. In addition, I will be emailing the reminder and sending a text to all members to assist in preparing for the meeting in the amount of food and number of agendas. We look forward to seeing all the ladies who can attend.

Blessings to all,

Stacey Pierce



Mon. June 2nd| 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.

GRIEF SHARE

Our current GriefShare group continues on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM. The group will continue to meet through the end of July.

Know someone going through a difficult time with grief? A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.



Ron and I would like to give our sincerest thanks and appreciation to all those who kept us lifted up, and prayed for, over the last few years of Moma's declining health and her passing on to Glory.

We are truly thankful to all those who sent cards, made visits, phone calls, brought food, and for all the heartfelt prayers. 🙏

We especially want to thank Pastor Melanie for all of her comforting words and kindness during Mom's declining health and subsequent passing. You truly helped us prepare for and celebrate Moma's trip to Heaven. Thank you, also, to all who sent flowers and/or made Memorials to the church in Mom's memory.

It's like we said at her funeral...Its not Goodbye, Moma...its only, we'll see you later on the other side.

Sincerely,

Ron and Sherry Armstrong and Family



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



Our choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Anyone with an interest in joining the choir, should reach out to our worship leader, Lisa Zeggert. We have a place for you!

GriefShare

Our current GriefShare group meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30PM



Our weekly Bible Study continues on Thursday mornings at 10:30AM in the Bob Combs Classroom. It's not too late to join the group!

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The Circle of Friends Women's Ministry meet Mon. June 2 at 6:30PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

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The Vanderburg Methodist Men meet for their scheduled breakfast meeting on Sun. June 8 at 7:00AM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!



Celebrating the Holy Spirit's role in launching the Church, Pentecost takes place on the seventh Sunday (50th day) after Easter. Join us on this special day by wearing **RED**, and help us celebrate the birth of the church.

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This year, Vanderburg invites all the men to be honored. Whether you are a biological father, a single father, a grieving father, a grandfather or have mentored anyone in your life, we want to recognize you. Thank you for all you do for your family and community! This special recognition will be held at both the 8:00AM & 10:00AM services.

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The Administrative Council will meet for their bi-monthly meeting on Tue. June 24th at 6:30PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Happy
Birthday

Celebrating in
June

- 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 - Phil Coleman & Roger Wayne Ketchie
- 14 - Paige Merkel & Chris Neill
- 16 - Michael Whitfield
- 18 - Jerry Waugh
- 20 - Saundra Smith & Linda Sells
- 23 - Dana Hedrick & Lisa Alley
- 25 - Sarah Davis & Chris Schleede
- 26 - Kandy Jones
- 27 - Crystal Davis
- 28 - Peyton Neill

**TIME TO
CELEBRATE**

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

June 1

Terry & Cindy Pardew

June 2

Payne & Samantha Edmonds

June 3

Harley & Caitlin Naas

June 6

Phil & Frankie Sue Coleman

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 serve as the Safe Sanctuary person 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. Thank you, Lynn Neill, Debbie Walker, and Crystal Davis for helping!



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.



The Young Adult class is growing! The class has moved to Room 107. All are invited to be part of this group.

CHILDREN & PRE-TEEN



Our children use the series All-in-One Sunday School, designed for preschool-12 yrs old. The teachers have enjoyed combining the classes and learning together.

All children are welcome each Sunday. You will find them in room 115 on the Pre-school Hall.

Susan Fogleman and Sarah Davis will be joining the team to rotate teachers. This will allow for teachers to have the opportunity to enjoy being a part of a Sunday School class or take some needed time of rest. If you feel led to stop by and give the leaders a hand, they would appreciate it!

WONDER JUNCTION



We are excited to announce VBS coming July 13-17! During Wonder Junction VBS, kids explore key moments in Jesus' life, emphasizing the wonder of His birth, childhood, ministry, death, resurrection, and return. You'll hear more about VBS in the weeks to come!

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

It is such a blessing to see that our new Young Adult class is going well. They are using the Lifeway Bible Study.

We have seven that have been attending. Please invite others.

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 led by Mark & Nancy Brawley & Susan Fogleman and meet in room 102.

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

The following gifts were made to Vanderburg during the month of May:

In Honor of:

- April Birthdays & Anniversaries to the General Fund by Sandra Sherrill
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- Marie Hedrick to the General Fund by John & Alice Freeze
- Joyce Cannon to the General Fund by John & Alice Freeze
- Pastors Melanie & Keith to the General Fund by Jerry & Katy Smith

In Memory of:

- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by John & Alice Freeze.
- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Beverly Mayhew.
- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Terry & Cindy Pardew.
- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Phil & Frankie Sue Coleman.
- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Dwight & Judy Neill.
- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Paul & Lynn Neill.
- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Kay & David Edmonds.
- Sonja & Harold Beaver to the General Fund by Jerry & Katy Smith.
- Sonja Beaver to the Building Fund by Janice & Gene Brawley.
- Sonja Beaver to the Cemetery Fund by Sandra & Lloyd Smith.

In Memory of (continued):

- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Greg & Leigh Whitfield.
- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Stacey Pierce.
- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Wayne & Sandra Sherrill.
- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Kathy & Coyle Evans.
- Sonja Beaver to the General Fund by Mark & Nancy Brawley.

April Financial Snapshot

Income	\$ 15,509*
Expenses	\$ 44,063
Budgeted per Month	\$ 22,323

*April 27 giving will be included for May

If mailing your Tithes and Offerings, please send to:



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hello summer

The bittersweet end of the 2024-2025 school year has come and gone. Our last week of school May 12-16 was packed with many fun activities.

- The children had fun with an obstacle course set up in the gym followed by story time with Mrs. Crystal.
- The weather finally cooperated for our annual "Water Day". The children had a blast!
- The week came to an end with graduation. Our seven graduates entertained approximately fifty proud family members and friends. Kindergarten here they come!

Summer hours are by appointment. Please call 704-664-1625 and leave a message or you may reach us by email(vumcpreschool@gmail.com).



Congratulations to the future Class of 2038 as they completed preschool this year!

Father, may these children continue to learn, and grow, and thrive in your presence and care. May they learn to love you more and more each day, as you have loved them from day one.



May ties abound on Father's Day!



We love and appreciate you!

—HAPPY—
FATHER'S
—DAY—



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TO: