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# VANDEBURG METHODIST CHURCH CARRYING THE CROSS



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

by Pastor Melanie Nichols

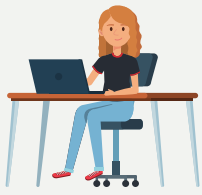
This morning in my Bible reading of John chapter 14 verse 21 popped out to me:  
*21 Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."*



I thought what most of us want is for Jesus to reveal himself to us.

I am learning more and more that obedience to the commandments that Jesus gave us leads us into the presence of God. Some may question this but I say to you that peace in this world can only be attained in the presence of God.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

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The psalmist was inspired to write in Psalm 46:10

“ Be still, and know that I am God!  
I will be honored by every nation.  
I will be honored throughout the world. ”

It is in that stillness before God where peace resides that we find the strength to obey even when the world rejects us for His sake.

Our obedience to love our enemies is proof that we belong to Jesus. Proof to the world. I am so thankful for Jesus' presence and peace revealed to me.

I hope and pray you have Jesus revealed to you all each and every day! This year don't forget to give thanks for all your blessings including those saints who have influenced you for the kingdom of God.

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

*Pastor Melanie*

### Pastor Appreciation Month

What a blessing you all have been this month! Keith and I have enjoyed your encouraging cards, messages, gifts, flowers, hugs, and love! Thank you all for letting us know how much you appreciate us!

*grateful* 



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## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Our Circle of Friends met Monday Oct. 6 with 10 in attendance including a returning member and a visitor. The meeting was opened with a verse from 1 Peter 5:7 and Sandra offered a prayer to open the meeting.

Beverly did a wonderful devotion about the Good Stuff inside likening it to an Amazon package. God wants the good stuff inside of each of us. Refreshments were enjoyed by all and provided by Stacey Pierce. Cindy Pardew's birthday was recognized for October. Officers reports were given and approved. Stacey thanked the Circle for all their efforts in the resounding success of the Senior Appreciation Luncheon.

On Saturday October 11, the circle supported the Preschool Craft Fair by doing a bake sale as well as providing sausage biscuits, sausage gravy and orange juice for sale. They nearly sold out of everything, and it was a resounded success!

We wrapped up the month with our One Blood blood drive on Oct. 29, where 12 attendees gave blood. One Blood did a great job coordinating it, and we were blessed to have the best participation in 3 years.

Finally, November 1 is a planning meeting hosted by Stacey to brainstorm for 2026.

Blessings to all,

*Stacey Pierce*

## MEETING

Mon. Nov. 3rd | 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.

The Vanderburg Young Adults will host a Friendsgiving Dinner on Sun. Nov. 16. All interested in attending, please contact Sherridan at 704.230. 6454 for questions and the sign-up link!



VMC'S YOUNG ADULTS' FRIENDSGIVING fellowship

JOIN US FOR: A THANKSGIVING POTLUCK, FOOTBALL, CRAFTS, & PHILANTHROPY

NOVEMBER 16 AT 5:30 PM

1809 Charlotte Hwy, Mooresville NC

## Circle of Friends FUNDRAISER



Vanderburg Circle of Friends Offers

**HAPPY HOME FLAVORING**

**\$3.00 EACH**

You can find assorted flavorings for sale in the main hall outside the church office.

Proceeds support the work of the Circle of Friends.

OTHER ASSORTED FLAVORINGS AVAILABLE

# SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



On Sat. Sept. 27, the Circle of Friends celebrated Vanderburg's 75+ seniors with a special luncheon!

Approximately 40 people were in attendance, and all enjoyed baked potato and salads with all the trimmings as well as homemade yeast rolls courtesy of Stacey Robinette. Plates were dropped off for 2 families unable to attend in person.

Desserts were Boston cream bars or old-fashioned pound cake made by Stacey Pierce. Following the meal, everyone enjoyed a fun round of bingo hosted by Sherry Armstrong. Door prizes were awarded as were prizes for Bingo and also the centerpieces from each table.

Special thanks to Beverly Mayhew, who spearheaded the kitchen and was assisted by Sandra Sherrill and Crystal Davis.

Sherry Armstrong, Susan Fogelman, Jeanne Miller, Sarah Davis, Vickie Brooks, Stacey Robinette and Stacey Pierce. Jack served the guests.

The Circle thanks everyone who attended as it was a special time of fellowship and fun!





# 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!



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The Circle of Friends Women's Ministry meets Mon. Nov. 3rd 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. Nov. 9th at 7:00AM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

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Veterans will be honored on Sun. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> during both services.

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The Young Adult Class will host a Friendsgiving meal in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM

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The Vanderburg Methodist Men will host a Thanksgiving dinner on Sun. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

# SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

## HAPPY November BIRTHDAY

- 1 - Luke Neill
- 2 - Randy Hedrick
- 3 - Joy Blalock
- 6 - Dante Washington & Abraham Newton
- 7 - Joyce McLean
- 8 - Ronald Armstrong, Sherridan Fulbright & Alisha Johnson
- 9 - Jeff Evans & Dana Blalock
- 10 - Dennis Overcash
- 11 - Melissa Fulbright & Lloyd Smith
- 14 - Rob Younts
- 15 - Roger Ketchie
- 18 - Elizabeth Tyson
- 20 - Sandra Sherrill
- 22 - Leigh Whitfield
- 24 - Janice Brawley & Jessica Insogna
- 25 - Lori Dishman
- 26 - Amber Meadows
- 27 - Isabella Dayton
- 29 - Brodie Neill
- 30 - Joshua Belk



## HAPPY Anniversary

November 9

Stan & Kelly Stutts  
Chris & Ellen Neill

November 21

Duck & Julie Wyatt

November 27

Michael & Tonya Boerschinger

November 28

Bradley & Nicole Mills

## Baptism

On Sun. Oct. 12, Miss Eleanor Naas was baptized during service by Pastor Melanie Nichols in the presence of her family and church members. All were blessed to be a part of this meaningful service!



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



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Administrative Council meets bi-monthly during the even 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 Melanie Nichols 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 - Melanie Nichols  
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  
SPRC Chair - John Freeze  
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 Member - Frankie Sue Coleman & Tommy Carriker

**The Administrative Council is scheduled to meet again  
Tues. Dec. 23 | 6:30 PM**

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 28, 2025



The Administrative Council met Tue. Oct. 28th at 6:30PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall. There were 7 council members & 1 non-voting member present. Following an opening prayer by Greg Whitfield, and approval of the September minutes, the following committees reported. The full minutes are available from the church office.

### Circle of Friends reported by Stacey Pierce

The Senior Luncheon was successful and enjoyed by those who attended. Their fundraisers during the Preschool Craft Fair were also very successful with approximately \$2,000 raised. A planning session for 2026 will be held on 11/3.

### Vanderburg Methodist Men No report

### Vanderburg Preschool No report

### Sunday School No report

### SPRC No report

**Membership  
reported by Kay Edmonds**  
Current membership is unchanged at 342. One child was baptized.

### Parsonage Committee No report

### Scholarship No report

### Trustees reported by David Edmonds

No issues with the church HVAC systems. All operating properly. Following receiving 3 bids and an approval process, the contractor cleaned gutters, repaired siding and cleaned the steeple. The installation for a roof over the basement stairs is on hold

### Finance reported by Linda Wilhem

On Sun. Oct. 29, a love offering was accepted and presented to the Phil Coleman family. The church CDs were up for renewal and recently renewed for 3 months at 3.44%

### Outreach reported by John Freeze

Hosted by the Vanderburg Methodist Men, a fellowship meal for Thanksgiving is planned for No. 23.

### Worship & Pastor's Report reported by Pastor Melanie

We are preparing for All Saints Sunday on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

On Mon. Oct. 20, Charge Conference was held at 6:30PM in the sanctuary. The service was lead by Pastor Will Van Wieren, who serves as our district elder. Under GMC, Charge Conference now incorporates worship and prayer, while reviewing our past and looking ahead to the future. Twenty members and 1 non-member were in attendance and Lisa Zeggert provided music.



# 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.



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. 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!

## YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Vanderburg's Young Adult class is reaching out to the community and planning events and get togethers 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 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.





# MISSION & OUTREACH

Your gifts and donations are greatly appreciated as we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus! May God bless you abundantly!

Vanderburg budget funds to annually support FeedNC, Christian Mission and Samaritan's Purse. We regularly receive newsletters highlighting the work they do in support of individuals and families. In addition to these regular Mission contributions, our Circle of Friends and the Vanderburg Methodist Men make contributions to other worthwhile organizations.



## 1 Supporting FeedNC

At FeedNC, everyone is welcome to enjoy lunch at Donoghue's Open Door. From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. M-F, all are welcome to choose from their menu offerings and enjoy meals at community tables. There is no charge for the food, but donations are accepted. Last year alone, 50K meals were served.

## 2 Our Daily Bread

Did you know that because of your giving, we are able to support Our Daily Bread each quarter. More than just the daily devotion, a recent letter highlighted the work they do in prison ministry. Last year, to help alleviate loneliness, Our Daily Bread sent 65,000 Christmas Hope Packets that included a Christmas Card, an Armor Book and snacks.

## 3 Supporting Samaritan's Purse

Recently, Samaritan's Purse shared that the organization will continue to send much-needed food and medical help to the Gaza region. Since July, 2025, they've sent 12 relief flights to the middle east with over 200 tons of ready-to-use supplemental nutrition pouches.

## 4 Supporting Christian Mission

Christian Mission recently shared that in 2024, they served over 6600 individuals, a 43% increase over the year before. They are grateful for the support of the community as the continue help families move toward stability and self-sufficiency.



# FINANCES

## GIFTS MADE TO VANDERBURG

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

In Honor of:

- Jerry Smith, on his birthday, to the General Fund by Alice Freeze.
- September birthdays and anniversaries to the General Fund by Sandra Sherrill.
- October birthdays to WNC Home re-building by Sandra Sherrill.
- October anniversaries to the General Fund by Sandra Sherrill.

## Sept. Financial Snapshot

Income	\$ 17,031
Expenses	\$ 16,807
Budgeted per Month	\$ 22,323

Monthly Finance Reports can be found in the Narthex the first Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, you can always direct them to Pastor Melanie or the Finance Chair.

If mailing your Tithes and Offerings, please send to:



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Bring all the tithes into the  
storehouse. I will open the  
windows of heaven for you.  
*Test me in this.*

 MALACHI 3:10





# Vanderburg Church Preschool

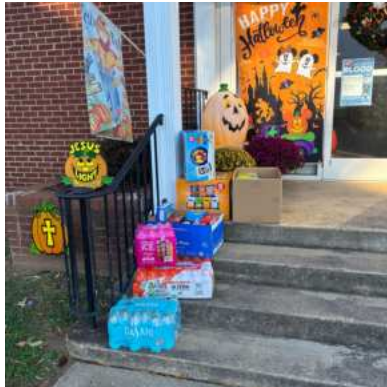
vumcpreschool@gmail.com

704.664.1625

Directors: Susan Fogleman & Angelene Nelson



## WHEW! A BUSY OCTOBER WAS ENJOYED



The Craft Fair and the Randy's BBQ fundraiser were huge successes. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. We appreciate all that you do for our preschool.

October was Fire Prevention Month. The children were excited to have a firetruck from Shepherds Fire Department visit. Each child was able to enter the firetruck, see the equipment used, and hear the sirens. All were very excited! We also enjoyed having Pastors Melanie and Keith and the grandchildren with us. As a special thank you, we gave the firefighters snacks and drinks (donated by the parents and staff) to take back to the station.



Our visit to Dan Nicholas Park in Salisbury started out as a cool, crisp morning. That didn't stop the children! They had fun playing on the playground, riding the carousel, mining at the gem mine, and seeing the animals.



November 11: Veterans  
Day Holiday  
(Preschool Closed)

## SCHOOL BREAK

November 26-28:  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
(Preschool Closed)





Rejoice always, pray continually, give  
thanks in all circumstances; for this is  
God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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