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VANDERBURG METHODIST CHURCH CARRYING THE CROSS



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Honoring Our Past

The history of Vanderburg Methodist Church booklet contained years 1870-1987 as compiled by Christine Osborne in May, 2008. The following is an excerpt starting in August 1941.

In August, 1941, because the Vanderburg Church building was inadequate for the needs of a growing congregation, the present church building was started. While the new church was being constructed, services were held at Shephard School.



The Old church was not torn away but turned 90 degrees and remodeled into Sunday School rooms and an assembly hall. The new sanctuary was built in front of the Sunday School rooms and now the church building was in the shape of a cross.

The final service in the old church was held the 2nd sunday in August, 1941. The new building was completed and paid for in exactly one year from the time it was started. The cost of the 1941 construction was \$14,000. The first service in the new church was held one year after the last service in the old church. This was the 2nd Sunday in August, 1942. This is the reason homecoming at Vanderburg is still held on the 2nd Sunday in August.

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Honoring Our Past

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Rev. J. C. Reichard
1933-1936

On Sunday, August 9, 1942, Dr. J. S. Hiatt, District Superintendant, preached at the eleven o'clock service. That afternoon the church was dedicated by Bishop Clare Purcell. Rev. A. G. Lackey, pastor, and Rev. J. C. Reichard, former pastor, participated in the service which concluded with singing "The Church's One Foundation".



Rev. A. Glenn Lackey
1937-1942

At the time this church was built, Rev. Glenn Lackey was pastor. He had four churches. They were Vanderburg, Wesley's Chapel, Rocky Mount and McKendree Chapel. Rev. J. Max Brandon, Jr. followed Mr. Lackey, and even though he had four churches, he preached every Sunday at Vanderburg. One Sunday each month preaching was at night. We often sang, "Day is Dying in the West". If preaching was before Sunday School, we would meet in the assembly hall for singing and closing prayer, often led by Mr. Lloyd L. Sherrill, Sunday School Superintendent or Mr. D. W. Wihlelm.



Rev. J. Max Brandon, Jr.
1942-1945

Rev. M. A. Osborne followed Rev. J. Max Brandon, Jr. as pastor. He had four churches until Wesley's Chapel and Vanderburg separated from Rocky Mount and McKendree's Chapel and became a 2-point charge. At least once Mr. Osborne did not get to Vanderburg to preach at the eleven o'clock service because he was stuck in the mud somewhere between the two churches. Those were the days before Governor Kerr Scott paved roads. Shepherd Road and Shinville Road were unpaved until the summer of 1951.



Rev. M. A. Osborne
1945-1949

Vanderburg stayed with Wesley's Chapel until 1957, when Vanderburg became a station church. Rev. O. C. Loy was pastor. ##



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Watch our 10:00am services
each week on our YouTube
channel
[@vanderburgchurch1809](https://www.youtube.com/vanderburgchurch1809) or
stream it later in the week on
our website.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Circle of Friends met on Monday July 15 due to the Independence Day Holiday. We had 8 ladies attending who enjoyed a lovely devotional by Nancy Brawley that led to a discussion. We enjoyed delicious homemade brownies by Sherry Armstrong with all the fixings to go with homemade ice cream by her precious husband, Ron Armstrong.



In addition, we are actively recruiting crafters for our Fall Craft Sale with bake sale and breakfast. We will be doing a silent auction with baskets again this year. This will be held on Saturday October 17. An ice cream truck will be there and working on a coffee truck as well.



We discussed the success of the VBS by Sherridan Fulbright. We enjoyed feeding the children on Thursday that week. We are planning for fall activities of a Senior Appreciation Lunch on September 26 from 11-1 pm in our fellowship hall with a light lunch and desserts.

Our next meeting is Monday August 3 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend for fun, fellowship and a blessing of friendship. Blessings to all,

Stacey Pierce



Mon. Aug. 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.



FROM THE CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Vanderburg offers 2 weekly worship services on Sunday.

8:00 A.M.

Early Worship Service

10:00 AM

Traditional Worship Service

HOMECOMING



Special 10:00 AM
Service



Fellowship Lunch Follows
at 11:00AM

2026

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August

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

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Annual Homecoming will be held on Sun. Aug. 9th at 10:00AM. A Fellowship Lunch will follow.

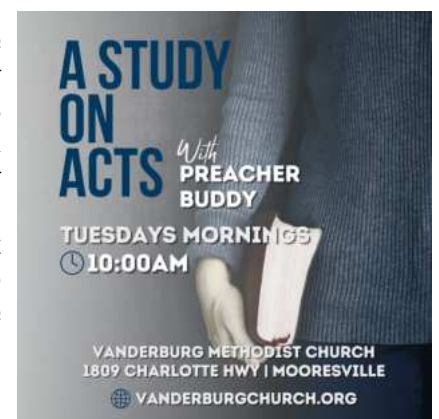
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The Trustees will meet for their scheduled bi-monthly meeting on Tues. Aug. 11th at 6:30PM.

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Preschool Resumes for the 2026-27 School Year.

Acts Bible Study continues on Tuesday mornings. It's not too late to join the group!



SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Happy
Birthday

Celebrating in

AUGUST

Happy
Anniversary

- 1 - Katie Redling & Lily Claire West
- 2 - Mandy Bowers & Tommy Carriker
- 4 - Glenda Lambert & Wyatt Hayes
- 5 - Ryan Blalock
- 7 - Lou Anne Steelman, Sammy Whitman & Ellen Neill
- 10 - Tammy Erwin
- 11 - Colton Pierce
- 12 - Kaylee Smith & Sara Stephenson
- 14 - Marie Hedrick & Kristen Smith
- 15 - Dylan Blalock
- 16 - Jennifer Benfield & Judy Wiggins
- 17 - Bethany Stanley
- 18 - Brenda Byrd & Sarah Johnson
- 19 - Tony Fogleman, Angela Kaufman & Lucas Johnson
- 21 - Bradley Mills & Wanda Sheets
- 22 - Zeke Brawley
- 24 - Remy DuTremble
- 25 - Jacob Smith
- 27 - Amber Lipari
- 28 - Charles Rodden
- 29 - Elizabeth Settlemyre & James Waggoner
- 30 - Nathan Coleman
- 31 - N. B. Arnold

August 1

Ray & Sue Taylor

August 2

Mitchell & Beverly Mayhew

August 4

Paul & Lynn Neill

Scott & Tammy Erwin

August 6

Josh & Taylor Belk

August 21

David & Lou Anne Steelman

August 24

Wayne & Sheila Moore

August 31

Johnny & Tina Bradshaw



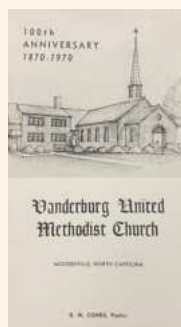
HOMEcoming

HISTORY OF VANDERBURG

Excerpt from A History of Vanderburg Methodist Church
By Christine Osborne

Vanderburg was organized in the early 1870's; but records show its roots go way back to 1802, when a great camp meeting was held here at Shepherd Crossroad.

- 1870 - Gethsemane Church was organized as a Methodist Protestant Congregation
- 1914 - Church moved from present cemetery location to current location.
- 1942 - the first service was held in the new debt-free location.
- 1950 - Osborne Fellowship Hall built by youth of the church. Named for Rev. M. A. Osborne.
- 1959 - parsonage built and fully paid for.
- 1965 - Educational wing was added.
- 1970 - 100th anniversary of Vanderburg United Methodist Church was celebrated!
- 1972 - 2nd Educational wing was added.
- 1978 & 1979 - The Ethel Hethcox Library and Pastor's study and church office was completed.
- 1986 - new Fellowship Hall and Narthex was built, completing the master plan.



AT VANDERBURG!

The first annual Senior Citizen's Banquet was held on Sat. Oct. 16, 1971 at 6:00 PM. Hosted by the Loyalty Class, a menu of turkey, dressing, rice, green beans, yams, cranberry sauce, desserts and beverages was served to all in attendance.



The program featured a solo performance by Rev. Joe Parker, who also served as speaker. Recognition of the eldest and a group singing was enjoyed. The program also included a poem by Cotton Ketchie, entitled The Autumn Years.

You can find a scrapbook of photos and other memorabilia from this and future banquets in the Historic Room located on the 2nd floor.



**Blue
Door
Cemetery**



Did you always wonder where the Blue Door Cemetery got its name? According to history, the first church building on the property located where the cemetery resides today, was a wooden frame building painted white, with the front doors painted blue. The color of the doors was distinctive enough to cause the church to become known as the "blue door church", much to the annoyance of its membership.

Before her death, Mrs. Vanderburg had the doors repainted white to match the other parts of the building. However, it seems the name stuck, and was carried over to this day.



1987 Apache Landing



1997-98 Children receiving New Bibles



1997-98



1981 Nursery



1994

PASTORS SERVING VANDERBURG

Rev. Peebles	1870
W. M. Bagby	1888-1889
F. H. Wood	1889-1890
W. L. Dawson	1892-1894
J. L. Triplett	1895-1896
J. R. Moose	1896-1897
W. S. Cherry	1897-1899
G. W. Callahan	1899-1900
J. J. Havener	1900-1902
A. J. Burrus	1902-1906
M. T. Hinshaw	1906-1907
T. B. Johnson	1907-1908
J. J. Edwards	1908-1912
C. L. McCain	1912-1914
J. J. Eades	1914-1915
J. C. Keever	1915-1919
H. C. Byrum	1919-1921
O. C. Fortenberry	1921-1922
J. H. Peeler	1922-1923
F. H. Price	1923-1925
O. P. Routh	1925-1926
J. M. Green	1926-1927
J. B. Tabor	1927-1928
A. C. Kennedy	1928-1930
G. L. Wilkinson	1930-1933
J. C. Reichard	1933-1936
Key W. Taylor	1936-1937
A. G. Lackey	1937-1942
J. Max Brandon, Jr.	1942-1945
M. A. Osborne	1945-1949
R. L. Phillips	1949-1952
Paul R. Taylor	1952-1956
O. C. Loy	1956-1961
Homer A. Barker	1961-1966
Robert W. Combs	1966-1971
M. Joe Parker	1971-1975
Bob Dennis	1975-1979
Harold T. Reeves	1979-1981
Oren Edmonds	1981-1986
John Duvall	1986-1989
Derry Barnhardt	1989-1993
Steve Joyce	1993-1996
W. Gerald Davis	1996-2002
John Stein	2002-2004
Steve Porter	2004-2006
Susan German	2007-2014
Tommy Conder	2014-2016
Bonnie Harris	2016-2019
Tom Schnitzlein	2019-2021
Melanie Nichols	2021-2025
Hugh Compton	2025-present

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!

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

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.

NEWS AND EVENTS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY JULY 19



At 4:00 p.m. on Sun. July 19, and in celebration of National Ice Cream Day, the Outreach Team welcomed all for Vanderburg Ice Cream Supper. This annual event invites the Vanderburg church family to bring their favorite homemade ice cream recipe to share with those in attendance, and this year did not disappoint!

From flavors such as traditional vanilla to Butterfinger, Cherry, Peach, Butter Pecan, Chocolate, Wendy's Chocolate and Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, the 51 in attendance had various flavors to enjoy! No doubt, everyone returned home with their bellies full!

Thank you to the Outreach Team for coordinating this fun fellowship event!

WELCOME FREESTYLE!



On Sun. July 26, we welcomed Freestyle, a singing group of friends who share a love for family, church, harmony, and their wonderful friendship!

During the 10:00 a.m. service, the group sang several collections that included A Gospel Medley and The Lord's Prayer, among others, and all were appreciative for the group sharing their talent with the Vanderburg Church family.

If you were unable to attend, you can find the service on the Vanderburg YouTube channel.

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



FINANCES

GIFTS MADE TO VANDERBURG

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

In Honor of:

- The 95th birthday of Loyce Davis and Joyce Hight to the Sherrill Scholarship by Lloyd and Sandra Sherrill

A special gift was made to the Cemetery Fund and the Vanderburg Preschool by Mr. George Brawley just before he passed. We were grateful for his support and love of Vanderburg throughout his lifetime.

A gift was also made to the Cemetery Fund by Judy Gabriel.

July Financial Snapshot

Income	\$ 20,312
Expenses	\$ 13,289
Budgeted per Month	\$ 21,996

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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Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord with your wealth then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine."



Vanderburg Church Preschool

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Directors: Susan Fogleman & Angelene Nelson



After a restful summer, our teachers and staff arrive back to campus on Aug. 10th to start preparing their rooms and planning for another successful school year.

Returning for the 2026-27 school year are:

Staff

Susan Fogleman: Preschool Co-Director

Angelene Nelson: Preschool Co-Director

Teachers

Terri Leach: 2 year old Teacher

Phoebe VanSickle: 3 year old Teacher

Toni Bohonko: Pre-K Teacher

Torie Campbell: Pre-K Teacher



We appreciate the dedication and hard work of all the staff and teachers, and we thank you for your ongoing prayers for the children and the Preschool Staff.

Important



Teacher Work Days
Aug. 10-21



Open House
by Appointment
Aug. 19-21

First day of School

Aug. 24
Welcome Back!





Save the date!

The Outreach team is planning to host an Old-Fashion Game Night on Fri. Sept. 11th ! Make plans to attend this time of fellowship and fun!

Watch for details to follow!



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TO: