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VANDERBURG METHODIST CHURCH CARRYING THE CROSS



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FOR THE ONE WHO'S HEARD THE EASTER STORY COUNTLESS TIMES

By Grace Valentine|proverbs31.org

Growing up, I heard the gospel often. But one Easter, I remember walking into church, singing the songs, hearing the verses read ... and feeling nothing. I used to be the girl sobbing in church when the pastor explained the gospel

feeling the Spirit during worship. But then, without me even realizing it, the Good News suddenly felt like old news. I could go through the motions of Easter and never take more than five minutes to thank God. Not only that, but sin had become more common for me. Overlooking the gospel caused me to overlook peace, conviction and joy. My selfish living was causing me restlessness.

Many of us can acknowledge we have heard the gospel countless times. Many of us have heard that the Son of God was sent as a servant, and although He was flawless, He took on the punishment we deserve. Because He was a perfect sacrifice and suffered death on a cross, we can finally be forgiven. Three days later, His tomb was empty. He defeated death and was resurrected from the grave, so now we have the opportunity to believe in His death and resurrection and spend eternity in heaven.

“Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.”
Mark 15:15 (NIV)

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FOR THE ONE...

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Or maybe you have never heard this before — and if that's the case, I invite you to read the gospel by starting in the book of John. And I invite you to accept Christ as your Savior and decide to follow Him!

This message changed my life.

However, in the midst of a busy life, errands and daily duties at work or school, I became numb to it. Suddenly, hearing and believing the gospel became something I put on my to-do list but easily skipped over.

Is this true for you right now? Maybe you kind of know Jesus, at least in your head, but when temptation is too strong in your heart, you give in. When the world is loud, you listen to it over your Savior.

When I felt this way toward the gospel, I remember reading Mark 15 and relating to Pontius Pilate. He was the governor who made the official order for Jesus to be crucified — not because he thought Jesus was bad or deserved this punishment but because the crowd wanted Jesus dead. “Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.” (Mark 15:15)

I'm not the governor of anything, and the only thing I'm in charge of is bringing the mac and cheese to Easter brunch (which I like to believe is a big duty) ... but like Pilate, I have denied Jesus publicly. And I've listened to the crowd over the man who came to save my soul. Because frankly it isn't always convenient to stand by Him, right?

When we feel numb to the cross, it's often because we're distracted, and through our daily choices, we're denying Jesus as our Savior and listening to the crowd. There may not be a crowd yelling at us to crucify Jesus, but each day, we reside in a world that shouts lies about our Savior and our identity in Him. And without even realizing it, we begin to believe these lies.

Jesus isn't just a “good guy” — He's our Savior, worthy of all praise and attention. We were made for a relationship with Him, a consistent prayer life with Him, and a committed practice of reading His Word. Even in the busyness of our lives, we must tend to our relationship with Jesus. Only then will our hearts thaw to the gospel.

So if you feel restless and the gospel has become old news, stop what you're doing and talk to Jesus honestly. Pray for conviction and a heart that doesn't get distracted by the crowd. Add prayer time and worship to your routine, and walk with faithful friends who daily point you to Jesus, even when the crowd is loud.

Dear God, remind me this Easter not to let myself become numb to the gospel. Please soften my heart and allow me to remember all You've done for me and all You continue to do. Help me to remember Your power this Easter. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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



EASTER@vanderburg



On Sun. March 29, all are welcome to celebrate Palm Sunday during the 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM services!

“Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!”



On Sun. April 5, join with others to celebrate Easter during a special Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM. Following the service, enjoy a delicious Sunrise Breakfast hosted by the Vanderburg Methodist Men.



We will joyfully celebrate our risen Savior as a church family during a combined 10:00 AM service on Sunday, April 5. Be sure to invite your friends and bring your family to this significant occasion.



Everyone is invited to our Easter Egg Fest on April 4th at 2:00 PM!

Come enjoy an Easter egg hunt, scavenger hunt, crafts, and refreshments with our community.

“He is not here; for He is risen,
as He said.”

Matthew 28:6

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Circle of Friends met Monday night March 2 at 6 pm. In attendance were 12 ladies who enjoyed a wonderful devotion by Susan Fogleman and delicious refreshments with a St Patrick's Day theme by Sherridan Fulbright. Stacey Pierce opened the meeting with prayer and refreshments were enjoyed while noting birthdays of Susan Fogleman and Beverly Mayhew. Officers reports were given and approved. Stacey Pierce thanked everyone profusely for their assistance and coordinating the Chili and Pinto dinner which was a huge success.

Sherridan Fulbright updated all on the dates of the Soup luncheon on March 15, as well as the shower for the Naas Family April 12 and the Easter Egg Fest on April 4. The outreach team is accepting candy for the event through April 2. She also noted that April 22 is a meeting for VBS planning at 6 pm. A discussion was held regarding a joint fundraiser with Methodist men to raise money to repair our church chimes. The motion passed to have a BBQ chicken dinner with all sides and dessert in May. More details to come.

The ladies planned a fun fellowship meeting on Monday March 16 to learn bow making and basic crocheting, but storms required us to postpone. We are planning on a Seniors appreciation lunch in September. The Spring Blood Drive is set for Wednesday April 29 from 2-6 in the Jack Overcash Fellowship hall with Blood One.

Our next meeting is April 13 at 6pm in the Jack Overcash fellowship hall. Please note the date is one week later than normal due to Easter.

Blessings to all,
Stacey Pierce

MEETING

Mon. Apr. 13 | 6:00 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.

DONATE BLOOD



Donors Receive



-plus



-and more!

ID REQUIRED



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 67300



Vanderburg Methodist Church
Wednesday, April 29

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

All donors receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**

- **Umbrella**

- **Wellness Checkup**

including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.

SOUP LUNCHEON MARCH 15

The Soup Luncheon on March 15, hosted by the Young Adults Class and Outreach Team, was a great success with around 60 people in attendance. Thank you to everyone who came to support our growing young adults ministry and to those who contributed soups, desserts, and drinks for the meal. We are thankful for the fellowship and support from our church family.

Love,
The Young Adults Class



OUTREACH & VBS PLANNING APRIL 22

Please join us for the Outreach Committee Meeting on April 22nd at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we begin preparing for this year's Vacation Bible School, "One Nation Under God." We will be discussing volunteer needs and plans for VBS!



VBS will take place June 11 to 13 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Children and their families will be invited to the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, June 14th, where the children will perform songs they learned throughout the week. After the service, everyone is invited to attend a 250th Birthday Party for America. We hope you will join us as we begin planning this special week for our children, our church, and our community."

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.

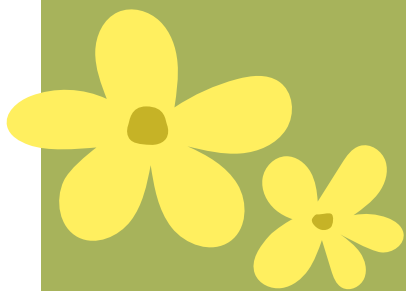
10:00 AM

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

CHOIR



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



April

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All are welcome for a Good Friday Service on April 3rd at 7:00PM

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Children are invited to the annual Easter Egg Fest on April 4th at 2:00PM

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Easter Sunday Services on April 5th. Sunrise at 7:00 AM, combined worship service at 10:00 AM.

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The Church Office is closed in observance of the Easter Monday holiday.

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The Vanderburg Methodist Men meet for their scheduled breakfast meeting on Sun. April 12th at 7:00AM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

The Young Adult Class welcomes the church family to a baby shower for the Naas Family at 2:00PM.

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The Circle of Friends Women's Ministry meets Mon. April 13 at 6:00PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

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The Trustees will meet on Tue. April 14th at 6:30PM.

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The Outreach Team meets Wed. April 22nd at 6:00 PM to continue VBS Planning. All who have a heart to serve the community are invited to attend!

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The Circle of Friends will host a community blood drive on Wed. April 29th from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS



- 1 - Scott Harkey
- 2 - Johnny Bradshaw
- 3 - Julie Wyatt & Kelly Malcolm
- 5 - Matthew Hedrick
- 8 - Terrie Benfield
- 9 - Laquita Edmonds
- 10 - Christine Osborne & Stacey Robinette
- 11 - Dwight Neill
- 12 - Lottie Freeze & Mark Overcash
- 13 - Eric Walker
- 14 - Cailyn Drake, Nicole Mills, Jeanette Overcash,
Gladys Iruka, Eric Schronce & Tonya Boerschinger
- 16 - Jamie Winecoff
- 19 - April Ritchie
- 20 - Don West
- 21 - Judy Neill & Barbara Riter
- 22 - Chuckie Naas
- 25 - Alice Freeze & Terry Shinn



April 1

Brad & Michelle Christenberry

April 4

Rusty & Terrie Benfield

April 7

Bobby & Laurie Furr

Gary Wilson & Jeanette Overcash

April 14

Rex & Angela Edmonds

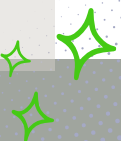
April 15

Terry & Alison Schleede

April 27

Donnie & Cathy West

**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.



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 115 on the Preschool Hall.

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 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 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.

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. May 26 | 6:30 PM**

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING Mar. 10, 2026



The Administrative Council met Tue. Mar. 10, 2026 at 6:30PM in the newly renovated Scout Hut. There were 13 council members & 5 non-voting members present. Following an opening prayer by Greg Whitfield, and approval of the October minutes, the following committees reported. The full minutes are available from the church office.

Vanderburg Methodist Men reported by John Beyerle

Boston Butt Fundraiser is coming up in a couple weeks and help is needed to split logs. The VMM will help host a BBQ Chicken fundraiser with the Circle of Friends on May 16. They recently sent donations to the following: \$600 to Samaritan's Purse, \$600 to Special Olympics, \$600 to FeedNC, \$600 to Christian Mission & \$800 to St. Jude Hospital. The men will host the Sunrise Breakfast on April 5.

Circle of Friends No report

Vanderburg Preschool reported by Susan Fogleman

Registration for 2026-27 is open and they have 17 enrolled. The Village Inn Pizza fundraiser will be held Mar. 26 and the Nothing Bundt Cakes the week of Mother's Day. May 15 is graduation. Expressed gratitude to the church for covering utilities and providing facilities

Sunday School report by Susan Fogleman

Attendance is staying strong. 3 classes use Lifeway, 1 class does Bible Study and 1 class uses Group Curriculum. They would like to move the children's class to the room formerly used by Scouting. Need to move forward on Safety Training using Ministry Safe. A Safety Handbook needs to be adapted for Vanderburg. Susan Fogleman, Tommy Carriker and Greg Whitfield will review and update.

Scholarship reported by Greg Whitfield

The scholarship committee plans to meet to discuss current funds.

Membership reported by Kay Edmonds

Current membership is at 339; down due to 2 deaths and 1 transfer.

Pastors Report reported by Buddy Compton

Concerned about attendance and giving. Charge Conference for the new pastor should be easy when time comes. He's been able to visit members.

Trustees reported by David Edmonds

Current contract with cleaning vendor will be terminated effective June 1. A registered letter will be mailed indicating the termination will go out 45 days prior. Iredell County Schools has reached out inquiring purchasing a small corner of the property at Blue Door for installation of a traffic signal. Discussions are ongoing. They are obtaining prices to add inground lighting in the area of the ditch down by the road. Tommy Carriker shared that renovations of the Scout Hut are complete and hopes the space can be renamed and used regularly. He covered the more than 32K in renovation costs.

SPRC reported by Kevin Winecoff
Waiting to hear from conference regarding a potential new pastor.

Outreach reported by John Freeze

Soup luncheon planned for Mar. 15. VBS planning is underway for One Nation Under God. Sherridan Fulbright is serving as Chair.

Finance reported by Linda Wilhem

All 3 CDs were renewed at the best rate for 5 months. Giving is down, but finances are OK. Designated funds aren't tracked showing a profit and loss, but highlighted the 4 funds people give to regularly: cemetery, compassion, missions and trustees.

Parsonage Committee report by Jeanne Miller

The committee is appreciative for the Trustees helping to oversee the parsonage.

Worship Report reported by Eric Brawley

The chimes need an upgrade. Pre-Amp, Amp and Speakers cost estimated \$8100. Working to obtain 3 estimates. Anonymous donor has given \$4000 & VMM & Circle of Friends are hosting a fundraiser to cover remaining costs. Sunrise service is planned for April 5.

FINANCES

Gifts Made to Vanderburg

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

In Honor of:

Gifts were given to the General Fund in honor of Stacey Robinette & Eric Brawley by Frankie Sue Coleman

In Memory of:

Gifts were given to the Music Fund in memory of Phil Coleman by:
Blaine & Donna Moore

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Richard Walker, brother to Roger by:
Paul & Lynn Neill
Adult Bible Class

Gifts were given to the Compassion Fund in memory of Richard Walker, brother to Roger by:
Lloyd & Sandra Smith

March Financial Snapshot to Date Mar. 1-26

Income	\$ 16,364
Expenses	\$ 12,476
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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Directors: Susan Fogleman & Angelene Nelson



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Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is going well. If you know anyone looking for a preschool, send them our way.

Thanks to everyone who joined the preschool at Village Inn Pizza in Mooresville on Thursday, March 26th . We always appreciate your support.

IMPORTANT DATES

Easter Holiday
April 3-7

Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser
Place Order April 12-24
Delivery May 8

Field Trip to Rescue Ranch
May 1

PreK Graduation
May 15 at 9:30am

A SWEET WAY TO SUPPORT VANDERBURG METHODIST PRESCHOOL

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Our Nothing Bundt Cake fundraiser kicks off April 12th . Order forms and money envelopes will be in the Sunday school classrooms and Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall. Pickup will be May 8.

March News

Wacky Wednesday



"It all began with that shoe on the wall"... Wacky Wednesday was wacky indeed!

Celebrating Palm Sunday



Dr. Seuss Week Complete with Green Eggs and Ham!



Dr Seuss Week is always so much fun!



Green eggs and ham were a big hit at snack time today!



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Please join the Young Adults Class for a Baby Shower honoring the Naas family on Sunday, April 12th at 2:00 PM.

We are excited to celebrate Caitlyn, Harley, and their growing family! If you have any issues accessing the Amazon registry link, or would like to help out, please email Sherridan at sherridan17@gmail.com

Amazon Registry:

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/caitlin-naas-may-2026-mountulla/36FIHB5RESY32>



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