

VANDERBURG METHODIST CHURCH CARRYING THE CROSS



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Where Have You Seen Jesus

By Preacher Buddy Compton

Where have you seen Jesus in your life or in the life of others this day?

In truth, recognizing Jesus each day is not about seeing him with your eyes. Although I always say that the day will come when we close our eyes to this life, (if you are a believer), you will open your eyes to see him. The thief on the cross was told that he would be with him today Paradise.

So let me begin with thinking about seeing Him spiritually. I think by perceiving His presence and influence in your life you can see Him at work.

Again, you're seeing Him is really about knowing him personally through your faith simply by having that personal relationship with Him and being attentive to the things surrounding you.

“ So having Faith in Him and trusting in His promises through the reading of His word found in the Bible will help you create that relationship.

This happens to us when we start believing that Jesus is Lord and that He rose from the dead, trusting Him for salvation and eternal life. You can find that in Romans and John.



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Where Have You Seen Jesus

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But this is a decision of the heart, not a complicated ritual that you repeat what you are told to do or something that you repeat.

Next, how do you build that personal relationship?

- Reading the Bible and by speaking to Him through prayer. Directly speak to him from your heart. Share your heart. Listen for His guidance.
- Study the Bible, read the scriptures to understand His character, His teachings, and His love.
- Fellowship and engage with other believers to grow in faith and mutual encouragement.
- Stay attentive and open to Him. Recognizing Jesus means being alert for his work and daily life and respond to Him with obedience. When you sense His presence, answer the question, what do you want me to do for you. This leads to following and glorifying Him.
- Lastly, celebrate and share. This is what I've been saying by asking that question every Sunday. Where have you seen Him and why some received crosses. YOU will know Him and you will join in corporate praise and testimony as the crowd did in Luke 18:35. This deepens our awareness and strengthens your faith.

Simply put, recognizing Jesus is a process of faith, attentiveness, and relationship. It's about seeing him in Scripture, hearing his voice in prayer, and living in obedience to his guidance. *Jesus said, I am with you always to the very end of the age* (Matthew 28:20).

Friends in Christ,

Preacher Buddy



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

CELEBRATING HOMECOMING

A wonderful celebration was held on Sun. Aug. 9, 2026 for Homecoming, scheduled annually the 2nd Sunday of August since 1942!

It was great to welcome back former members and visitors for a combined worship service and the fellowship covered dish that followed. The atmosphere was festive, and all enjoyed the beautiful display of memorabilia organized by Sherry and Ronald Armstrong and Saundra Sherrill. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day special.



Thank you to Maddi Wever Martin for the great photos!



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Circle of Friends met on Monday August 3 with 13 in attendance. Sandra Sherrill blessed us with a lovely heartfelt devotion while we enjoyed delicious treats provided by Jeanne Miller.

We had much to discuss with Senior Appreciation Lunch set for Saturday September 26 from 11:00 -1:00. Lunch served at 11:30 with baked potato plus trimmings and salad as well. Desserts are pound cake and brownies.

The Craft Fair on October 17 is coming together with 15 tables sold. We will also offer breakfast items for sale by our Circle, a bake sale and a basket raffle. There will be an Ice Cream truck on site, so its shaping up to be a good event. The ladies offered up baskets they were making for the raffle to provide for the silent auction. They will be in the fellowship hall on Saturday September 26 with bids closing October 17 and winners notified that same day.

Prayers were requested by members as we closed in a wonderful prayer by Lottie Freeze.

We will meet again on Monday September 14 at 6:30. This is due to Labor Day on Monday September 7. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend for fun, fellowship and devotion.

Blessings to all,
Stacey Pierce

MEETING

Mon. Sept. 14 | 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.



SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
All members of Vanderburg Methodist Church, celebrating 75+ years of age in 2026, along with a guest are cordially invited to attend the Senior Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the Circle of Friends.

SATURDAY | SEPT. 26
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



FREE ENTRY

VANDEBURG WELCOMES YOU

CRAFT FAIR

OCT 17 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

NEARLY 20 LOCAL ARTISANS

CRAFTS & BAKED GOODS & MORE!

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VANDEBURGCHURCH.ORG



Like, Follow & Share!

For everyone with FaceBook, you can find the Craft Fair event on the Vanderburg Church Facebook page. Please help us get the word out by liking, sharing and inviting your friends to attend!

FROM THE CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Vanderburg offers 2 weekly worship services on Sunday.

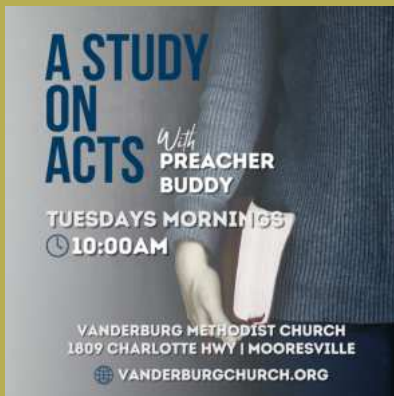
8:00 A.M.

Early Worship Service

10:00 AM

Traditional Worship Service

Acts Bible Study resumes on Tuesday morning, Sept. 1 at 10:00 AM. It's not too late to join the group!



CHOIR ON WEDNESDAYS



Want to share your talent with the church? You are welcomed in the Vanderburg Choir! See Mrs. Brenda Byrd to let her know of your interest.

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SEPTEMBER

7

The Church Office is closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

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Old-Fashion Game Night from 5:00 - 8:00 PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

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The Vanderburg Methodist Men meet for their scheduled breakfast meeting on Sun. Sept. 13 at 7:00 AM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Worship Team members are encouraged to stay after service for a planning meeting at 11:00 AM.

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The Circle of Friends Women's Ministry meets Mon. Sept. 14 at 6:30PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

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The Finance Comm. will meet on Tue. Sept. 15 at 6:30PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

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The Administrative Council will meet for the scheduled bi-monthly meeting on Tue. Sept. 22 at 6:30PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

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The Circle of Friends hosts the Senior Appreciation Luncheon on Sat. Sept. 26 starting at 11:30 AM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

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Wedding Shower honoring Sherridan Fulbright and Noah Fogleman on Sun. Sept. 27 drop-in 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS



- 1 - Chris Church, Jr.
- 2 - Emery Jo Brooks & Brittany Knox
- 5 - Stanley Stutts
- 7 - Chris Church
- 11 - Stacey Pierce
- 13 - Susan Koury & Terry Schleede
- 20 - Taylor Steelman
- 23 - Eric Brawley & Cindy Rodden
- 24 - John Freeze
- 25 - Sherry Armstrong
- 26 - Melanie Carver
- 29 - Jennifer Main
- 30 - Pam Benfield, Aaron Weddington, Andy Coleman,
Dustin Belk & Karen Peltier



September 2

Phil & Patt Hampton

September 5

John & Amber Lipari

September 7

Roger & Debbie Walker

September 8

Greg & Leigh Whitfield

September 11

John & Cindy Brotherton

Mike & Debra Smith, Jr.

September 12

Cory & Chrissy Turner

Canann & Bethany Stanley

September 18

Andy & Stephanie Neill

September 19

Zack & Caroline Hayes

Don & Gail West

September 20

Keith & Dana Beaver

September 21

Don & Brenda Byrd

September 22

Benjamin & Katie Redling

September 23

Ted & Alisha Johnson

September 27

Bennett & Lisa Hayes

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 111.

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

OLD-FASHION GAME NIGHT

All are welcome to come out to enjoy an Old-Fashion Game Night on Fri. Sept. 11 starting at 5:00 PM. The event is hosted by the Outreach Team. Drop-in and stay as long as you'd like. Enjoy board games, card games, trivia and more! There will be snacks, drink and good old-fashion fellowship!

They are also requesting donations of games, so let her know what you might be able to bring. See Sherridan Fulbright for more details.



Kindly join us
for a drop-in wedding shower honoring

*Sherridan Fulbright
and
Noah Fogleman*

Sunday, September 27th
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall
Vanderburg Methodist Church
1809 Charlotte Hwy | Mooresville, NC

The couple is registered at
www.theknot.com/sherridanandnoah



FINANCES

2027 Budget Planning



Budget season is in full swing, and the finance committee is planning for 2027. Chairs and team leaders have received information to guide them in planning for next year. Please be sure to return your budget requests by Sun. Sept. 13.

The Finance Committee will meet to finalize the 2027 Budget on Tue. Sept. 15, with final approval by the Administrative Council on Sept. 22.

Aug. Financial Snapshot

Income	\$ 11,899 (4 weeks)
Expenses	\$ 19,083
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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Give, and it will be given
to you. A good amount will be
poured into your lap. It will be
pressed down, shaken together, and
running over. The same amount you
give will be measured out to you."

LUKE 6:38 NIRV

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
meets again on
Sept. 22 | 6:30 PM**

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING Aug. 18, 2026



The Administrative Council met Tue. Aug. 18 at 6:30PM in the Scout Hut. There were 11 council members & 2 non-voting members present. Following an opening prayer by Greg Whitfield, and approval of the May minutes, the following committees reported. The full minutes are available from the church office.

Vanderburg Methodist Men reported by Kevin Winecoff

Recently, the group has made several contributions to local & national non-profits. A Golf Tournament is up for discussion in October, and the VMM will host the annual Thanksgiving Meal the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Circle of Friends reported by Stacey Pierce

They had a good attendance at their meeting on 8/3. They are planning for the Senior Appreciation luncheon on 9/26 and the upcoming Craft Fair on 10/17 has had a good turnout of vendors. May need to expand into the Narthex. Due to Labor Day, the next meeting is 9/14.

Vanderburg Preschool reported by Susan Fogleman

For the 2026-27 school year, there are 26 children registered. Open House will be held 8/19-8/21. A fundraiser is planned for Oct. 20 at Randy's BBQ. Village Inn Pizza in Mar. 2027 and Nothing Bundt Cakes in May 2027.

Sunday School reported by Susan Fogleman

No changes to report. All continues to go well. VBS was successful with 36 kids in attendance.

SPRC

reported by Terry Pardew

It was noted that for benefits only, Preacher Buddy is listed as half-time.

Membership

reported by Kay Edmonds

Current membership is 337. Baptized non-professing membership is 74.

Scholarship No report.

Trustees reported by David Edmonds

The roof is leaking in the area of the Narthex and Fellowship Hall, seeping into the walls and occasionally the women's bath. A contractor will be brought in to make repairs. There is a new focus on church security due to several instances. Estimates are being compiled for security cameras and additional lighting has been discussed.

A new light pole has been installed at the bottom of the driveway.

Several Scout troops have inquired about the use of church facilities and the Scout Hut should be able to accommodate those groups. Trinity Cleaners are up and running and so far pleased with their work.

Outreach - No Report.

Susan Fogleman noted that Game Night is coming up Sept. 11 and Trunks & Treats is planned for Oct. 25.

Parsonage No report.

Finance reported by Linda Wilhem

Finances are doing well YTD. Pastors travel will exceed the budget. The necessary 3 year windows with Erie Insurance is now expiring, so Finance will get quotes to change providers. Budget Planning for 2027 is starting now.

Pastors Report by Preacher Buddy

Average attendance is holding steady since 2024 numbers. A good group of 14-15 have been attending the Acts Bible Study. Several outreach events are being discussed. (1) A spring-time revival inviting other GMC churches. (2) A community outreach for children at a local neighborhood. (3) Drive-through Prayer.

A lot of visitation recently for members who have been hospitalized.



Vanderburg Church Preschool

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704.664.1625

Directors: Susan Fogleman & Angelene Nelson



FIRST CHAPEL!

Our preschool children returned for the new year on Mon. August 24th. We are blessed with 26 children and 6 staff and a lot of smiling faces. We had our first chapel on Wed. Aug. 26 lead by Mrs. Susan and the Bible story was about God's creations. Thank you to all that volunteered to lead chapel in the weeks ahead.



Did you know you can support the preschool by purchasing some of our most used items. You can find this display near our double glass entrance doors. Choose from such items as large bottles of bubbles, gift cards, tissues, baby wipes, Lysol spray, Play-doh and much more! We are grateful for anything you can donate!

Great First Week!



IMPORTANT!



Sept. 7: Labor Day Holiday
(No School)



Sept. 16: Preschool
Committee Meeting in
the Library @ 6:00pm



Sept. 25: Field Trip
to Dan Nicholas Park
(School Closed)

SAVE THE DATE

SUPPORT VMC'S PRESCHOOL

RANDY'S BBQ

FUNDRAISER & BAKE SALE

Come eat delicious BBQ, fixin's, and dessert to support: Vanderburg Methodist Church's Preschool!

Dine-In or Take-Out
Cash or Check ONLY*

Take-Out: (704) 873-4444

Tuesday, October 20th
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Randy's Address:
213 Salisbury Rd.
Statesville, NC 28677



Save the date!

The Outreach team is planning to host:



Trunks & Treats

Sun. Oct. 25

from 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

Watch for details to follow!



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TO: