

INFORMER

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Vanderburg United Methodist Church, (704) 663-1690

Dear Church Family,

What a glorious Advent and Christmas we have experienced here at Vanderburg. Many thanks to Anna Bottoms and all who participated or helped with the Music of the Season, especially Tammy Honeycutt who coordinated the children's program; Rick Owens, Brenda Byrd, Crystal Snyder and Matt Black for special music, Wayne Sherrill and Eric Brawley for their technical assistance, and so many others. We are blessed with many gifts here at Vanderburg.

At our Love Feast on Christmas Day I was reminded about how much this church means, about how Christ is here working in our lives with mercy and grace, answering prayers and transforming our hearts. As we begin this New Year, we look forward to being a community of grace in this place. I encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers. Most people come to church either because a friend invited them or the church is a convenient, visible place in their neighborhood. Our most important work as disciples is to reach out to others that they might find for themselves the mercy and love of Jesus – the Kingdom comes as we work hand in hand with the Holy Spirit. These words by Howard Thurman remind us of our calling in Christ.

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner
To rebuild the nations
To bring peace among brothers and sisters
To make music in the heart.

Blessing for the New Year,
Susan

Thank You –

I want to thank you all for the very generous Christmas love offering for me and my family. You are indeed a blessing to us. May God give to you love, joy, peace and all the riches of grace.

Susan

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Our Mission: Follow Jesus Make Disciples Transform the World

SUNDAY SERVICES

Early Service 8:45 Sunday School 9:45

Worship 11:00

Join us for coffee, snacks and friendly conversation in the Fellowship Hall between the two services.

OUR NEW MEMBERS



Lisa Marie Alley
141 Barfield Rd
Mooresville, NC 28115
704-219-3567



Debra Blair (married David in November)
PO Box 5225
Mooresville, NC 28115
704-207-4951

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS IN JANUARY

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4

Shepherd Friendship Club..... 10:00 am

SUNDAY, JAN. 8

UM Men Breakfast..... 7:00 am

Blood Pressure Screening..... 9:45-10:45 am

MONDAY, JAN. 9

UM Women..... 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

W.A.G..... 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

Children's Ministry Team Meeting..... 6:00 pm

Weekly Happenings at Vanderburg

SUNDAYS

VUMC Basketball..... 6:00 pm

TUESDAYS

Prayer Group..... 10:00 am

WEDNESDAYS

Praise Team Practice 4:45 pm

Youth Group Meeting..... 6:00 pm

Cub Scouts..... 6:30 pm

Choir Practice..... 7:00 pm

ACOLYTES

1 - Rachel McMillan
8 - Richard Whitfield
15 - Madison Ketchie
22 - Austin Davis
29 - Sherridan Fulbright

USHERS

1 - David, Rex & Payne Edmonds
8 - Dwight Neill, John Beyerle & Paul Neill
15 - Naas Family
22 - McClain Family
29 - Tony Fogleman, Randy Woodward & Irvin Cannon

BY MY PRESENCE

Attendance Totals Nov. 27 - Dec. 25, 2011

Early Service	70
Sunday School	381
Worship Service	705

NURSERY WORKERS

1 - Roger & Fay Ketchie
8 - Stephanie Johnson & Veronica Crispell
15 - Matt & Melissa Fulbright
22 - Vickie Brooks & Randa Templeton
29 - Frankie Sue Coleman & Alice Freeze

KIDS I.A.M. WORKERS

1 - Charmaine & Amy Lambert
8 - Donna & N.B. Arnold
15 - Malease & Charles Snyder
22 - Ron & Sherry Armstrong
29 - Stephanie Johnson & Stephanie Neill

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Through Dec. 18, 2011

Given to General Fund in Memory of:

Harold Beaver by:

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Armstrong

Everette & Margaret Wilhelm by:

Evelyn Smith

Jack Overcash by:

Peggy Garwood

Mary Weisz

Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Mills

Mary R. Brawley

Christine Osborne

Virginia McLean by:

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Coleman

Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Belk Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Neill

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Neill

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sherrill

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Ketchie

William Curtis

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Armstrong

Mary R. Brawley

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Moore

Mr. & Mrs. David Edmonds

Christine Osborne

Mr. & Mrs. John Freeze

Mr. & Mrs. James Armstrong

Peggy Garwood

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Neel

Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Mills

Jackie Eudy by:

Bob Combs Class

Phyllis Mills by

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Coleman

Hubert Barnette by:

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Brawley

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Neel

Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Mills

Given to the Compassion Fund in Memory of:

Jack Overcash by:

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Morrison

Mr. & Mrs. William Brawley

Stephanie Alexander

Hubert Barnette by:

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Taylor

Give to the Compassion Fund in Honor of:

Mr. & Mrs. M.H. Belk Jr. & Mr. & Mrs. Bill Benfield by:

Sonja Beaver

Natalyn Sherrill, John Freeze & Bill Benfield by:

Bob Combs Sunday School Class

Given to Rick's Ride by:

Bob Combs Class

Given to the Lowder Scholarship in Memory of:

Jackie Eudy by:

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lowder

Virginia McLean by:

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lowder

Given to the Sherrill Scholarship in Memory of:

James Freeland by:

Evelyn Smith

Virginia McLean by:

Mr. & Mrs. Don Sherrill

Evelyn Smith

William Smith and Lloyd & Eula Sherrill by:

Evelyn Smith

Given to the Sherrill Scholarship in Honor of:

Dolph Moore and Kay Edmonds Birthday by:

Mr. & Mrs. Don Sherrill

Given to the UMW in Memory of:

Virginia McLean by:

Sonja Beaver

NURTURE

The Nurture Committee would like to make the addresses of the military and the college student addresses available to anyone who would like to send them mail. If any other college student would like to be added, please see Dena Younts or email me at Whizzer628@aol.com. Please send cards or notes, upper rooms etc. to let them know you're thinking of them. **Please forward us addresses for Matthew Moore and SPC Richard Funk.**

Alex Younts Unit 336-A 2110 Avent Ferry Road Raleigh, NC 27606	Caroline Bottoms 5939 West Friendly Ave Apt. 64C Greensboro, NC 27410	Jessica P. Josey Wingate University Campus Box 2347 Wingate, NC 28174
Sgt. Sam Whitman HHC 2-18 INF, SNIPERS FOB KINDUZ APO, AE 09368	Stephen Bottoms 2805 Isabella Drive Raleigh, NC 27603	Tyler Brooks Montreat College Box 310 PO Box 1209 Montreat, NC 28757-1209
Tyler Hill Montreat College Box 239 PO Box 1209 Montreat, NC 28757-1209	Zeke Brawley University Village 1727 Walker Ave Apt. 206 Greensboro, NC 27403	

* Please, if you have any additions, changes, or updates let Dena Younts know at Whizzer628@aol.com so we can have a correct list. I want to be in better contact with our college students and those in the military. Also, if you would like me to have their email addresses for myself or to add to the list please indicate in writing to me by email. Thank you.

We Need Addresses for Dustin Belk, Kristen Belk, Matthew Moore, Dalton Pierce, and Chuckie Naas

MISSION PROJECT

We will continue to collect items for Shepherd School throughout the next few months. Thanks to those of you who have already donated many items to provide tools for students who cannot afford them. We still need tissues, white out tapes, and especially plastic sheet dividers with pockets (the plastic is much more durable than the paper ones). Any cash donations to provide unforeseen needs throughout the year would also be much appreciated. After collecting for the fifth grade it was learned that they must share with the fourth grade classes, also. This spreads the supplies much thinner and any and all donations are received gratefully.

100 two inch three ring binders	100 three ring zipper pencil Pouches
100 five subject spiral notebooks	100 two subject spiral notebooks
100 one subject spiral notebooks	100 bound composition notebooks
100 sets of dividers with pockets	100 pkg. colored pencils
200 pkgs. Wide ruled notebook Paper	100 pkg. #2 pencils
100 pkg. red pens	100 pkg. highlighters
100 pkg. pencil top erasers	100 pkg. expo marker erasers
100 pkg. expo markers	200 canisters of Clorox wipes
100 (100) 3 x 5 blank index cards	200 rolls of paper towels
300 boxes of tissues	100 bottles of expo cleaner
200 bottles of hand sanitizer	100 white out tapes
200 pkg. black or blue pens	

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

Alice Brawley, Amy Lowe, Amy Winecoff, Belk Family, Bill & Lois Benfield, Brenda Waugh, Caroline & Zach Hayes, Cindy Rodden, David Blair, Don Sherrill, Donna Arnold, Dwight Neill, Dylan Palladino, Ed Carriker, Emily Overcash, Greg Whitfield, Jean McIntyre, Jennifer Benfield, Jim & Betty Winecoff, Jimmy Brooks, Jocelyn Weddington, Keith Nance, Linda Sell's sister, Lisa Alley, Lisa Bill, Maralyn Wood, Marjorie Mecomber, Mark Bottoms, Martha Overcash's daughter-Debra Neill, Matt Black's mother, Evelyn, Mike Bowers, Myrtle Harkey, Nancy & Zonnie Belk, Nancy Brawley's Mother, Patsy Honeycutt, Rick Owens, Randy Walker & family, Shirley Key, Steve Heslop

**Please inform the office of any changes that need to be made.*



Members in

Military Service:

Anthony Miller
Canaan Stanley
Daniel Davis
Michael Kaufman
Richard Funk
Sammy Whitman
Timothy Doster

Our Members in Care

Facilities:

Genesis Center, Mooresville

- Mary Harwell
- Pat Douglas

Heritage Place, Statesville -

Evelyn Day

Summit Place, Mooresville

-Eunice Waugh
-Ruth Overcash

Homebound Members:

April Ritchie
Harry Moore
Helen Neel
Margaret Melchor
Martha Overcash

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Alexis Dell
Jerry Neill
Kenneth Wooten
John Waugh, Jr.
Patt Hampton
2 Joyce Cannon
David Overcash
3 Debbie Compton
Harry Moore
Ann Richardson
4 Lisa Crispell
5 Shannon Waggoner
6 Richard Whitfield
Wayne Neill
7 Dustin Todd
Amy Winecoff
James Armstrong
Veronica Crispell
8 Kay Edmonds
9 Matt Fulbright
11 Sue Taylor
12 Jimmy Brooks
13 Ron Wyatt
14 Avery Neel
Mike Smith, Sr.
Sydney Honeycutt
15 Ella Hayes
Cameron Waggoner
16 Helen Smoluk
17 Morgan Evans
18 Marianne Crispell
22 Don Sherrill
25 Derek Harwell
28 Lane Baker
29 Jessica Brotherton
Kaci Brotherton
Marcus Evans
30 Jared Settlemyre
31 Harley Blair

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

6- Mike & Debbie Bowers
9- Bill & Lois Benfield
10- Leroy & Kathy Williams
15- Tom & Rebecca Ritchie
16- Mike & Ann Richardson
20- Jerry & Brenda Waugh

MEMO

If you are not getting **phonetree** messages, please be in touch with Charmaigne for some trouble shooting.

MINISTRY NEWS/SMALL GROUPS

The Office

Vanderburg Church has been asked by the Western North Carolina Conference to participate in the Vital Signs program. In order to accurately record our information we need for each small group and Sunday School class to record their attendance (with names) each week. Forms are in the door of the office. Please fill them out during your meeting/class and leave them in the office door on your way out. Each person can only be counted once, so we need the names to cross check. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Linda Mayer, Secretary

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Monday, January 9, 2012. We will have a program and planning session.

The UMW would like to thank those who donated blood for our November Blood Drive. The number of units collected was 22 which was greatly appreciated by the Red Cross. Also, thank you to those who gave gifts for the Toys for Tots drive. Some child will receive a blessing from your giving.

Lay Speaking Ministry

The Lake Norman District will be offering Lay Speaker Training on Monday evenings in February. This training will afford individuals the opportunity to gain valuable experience, knowledge and confidence that will serve in the various ministries found within the United Methodist Church. For more information see flyer on bulletin board outside the church office.

W.A.G.

Ladies,

It is time for a Daniel reunion. We will meet January 10th to discuss how we are doing in Babylon and get some logistics ready for "Breaking Free".

Please extend the invitation to join this study to your spouses and significant others! We will need to order books very soon after our meeting to make sure we are ready to go by February 7th when we will start. We will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Actual room will be made known as soon as we have an idea how many participants we will have.

As always, let us pray with and for one another,

Happy New Year!

Charmagne

Breaking Free

The Women's Accountability Group just finished a Beth Moore study on Daniel. The experience made us realize that true sister-in-Christ support is an undeniable part of our being the church.

We, as a group would like to invite you to a joint study, starting February 7th. We especially want to invite spouses as well. The next study is called "Breaking Free". In "Breaking Free" Beth Moore embarks on a study of selected passages from the Book of Isaiah, drawing several parallels between the captive Israelites and today's Christians, in order to show how to make freedom in Christ a daily reality. Moore teaches participants to remove obstacles that hinder freedom by identifying spiritual strongholds in their lives and overcoming them through the truth of God's Word—truth that will set us free.

We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity for couples to start the new year with some spiritual resolutions.

HOW IT WORKS:

On Tuesday nights, 6:30 - 8:30 pm all participants will watch a video together. We will then break away in groups of men and women. (This is not a study where we can be in the same room.) Group sizes will be limited to 12. It is our prayer that we have enough participants that we can make a minimum of two groups and hopefully many more.

Please consider this invitation with open minds and open hearts. It is my conviction that we will become true Disciples of Christ through fellowship, prayer and study.

If you have any questions, please speak with myself or Marguerite Byerle. If you are considering joining the study, but are concerned about child care, please let us know. We will be providing child care. Kids will be able to watch videos, play games or do some crafts.

In Christ,

Charmaine Van Rooyen

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Ministry Team

The Children's Ministry Team will be meeting on Sunday, January 15th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

This meeting needs to be attended by all Sunday School teachers, Children's Church workers and Children Ministry Committee members.

On the Agenda will be:

- Opening - Charmaigne Van Rooyen
- Safe Sanctuary - Johann & Annabella Stoltz
- Sunday School - Susan Fogleman
- Children's Church - Stephanie Johnson
- Children's Music - Charmaigne
- Calendar - Lead by Stephanie Johnson
- Other
- Next Meeting

Preschool

Handwritten musical notation for a preschool song, including notes, rests, and lyrics such as "I'm a little girl with a big heart" and "I'm a little girl with a big heart".

Handwritten musical notation, possibly a signature or initials.

Acolyte Training

Acolyte training is scheduled for Sunday February 5, and February 12, 12:30 - 2:00 pm. Any child 2nd grade through 5th grade, interested in becoming an acolyte, should consider this training. Any child that has already completed acolyte training and would be interested in a refresher course, may join this training as well.

Training is a two day course. Week one is a short history of the duties of becoming the acolyte. Week two is to practice lighting and distinguishing the candles. If you are interested in being trained, please sign up. There will be a sign up sheet on the hall table across from the office.

It would be nice to serve the children interested in this training lunch. Let me know if anyone would be willing to prepare lunch for us.

Lastly the new 2012 acolyte calendar will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall way across from the office. Please feel free to pick up a copy so that you will know which weeks you are scheduled to serve. If you should have any questions feel free to contact me at 704 664 8033.

Blessing
Veronica Naas

Youth News

I look back at the year and I am just so humbled at all we have achieved and all the prayers that were answered,

We had a wonderful Youth VBS, trips to SpiritUs, and four young leaders attended Choose to Share Christ in mid-November. We took "more-than-a-van-load" of kids to do Mission work right here in North Carolina. The adults have been growing in their faith and ministry. But most importantly, the Youth have been stepping up and out of their comfort zones. Several initiatives were sparked by them!

We will be doing two big fundraisers next year and pray that you will support us in our endeavors. We will be doing a fundraiser - not for us!- in late February or early March of 2012. It is a 30-hour Famine. Participants will only be allowed water and juice. Throughout we will be educated about the plight of the hungry around the world. A Feast will conclude the Famine. Please support the Youth in this effort. We are trying to encourage the principle "it is not all about us". It will mean so much to us all if we can make them proud of their efforts. [Parents, do not fret, we will have a meeting with you before hand to make sure we have no medical issues among the participants.]

Lastly I want to thank the very special adult youth workers. Without you this ministry is not possible. You have given your time, your hearts and your thoughts and prayer to the teenagers we minister to. Thank you David, Dennis, Lisa, Stacey and Shannon. Your reward is surely stacking up in heaven!

To parents, thank you for allowing your teenager to be part of this sub-culture of Christ's church.

My wish for one and all is a wonderfully blessed 2012. May we all live in Christ's light.

In Christ,
Charmaine

Building a Faith That Lasts

There's so much talk and concern from parents and youth workers about teenagers' graduating from their faith. In this seminar, Duffy Robins and Doug Fields will address this legitimate concern and present practical ideas for helping teenagers own their faith. **The exciting part of this seminar is that it will be for youth workers AND parents.** We want lead youth workers to not only invite their team of volunteers, but also their parents. We will help parents understand how vital their support and connection with the youth ministry is toward life-long discipleship.

DATE: Saturday, February 11, 2012

VENUE: Myers Park United Methodist Church, 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28207

COST: \$40.00 per person.

I do have an offer from the hosts for help in paying for some of our parents and volunteers, But I will need to know very soon whether you can join us. Please let me know as soon as possible. You can learn more about this seminar by visiting the website:

<http://www.speakingtoteenagers.com/faiththatlasts.html>

I pray that we will have all our volunteers, future volunteers and parents with us as we learn about this vital part of teens' faith development.

Charmaine