



## Frequently asked questions about VanderBUILDERS

### Who is eligible to be a VanderBUILDER?

It's for new members, long time members, affiliate members, not-yet members and friends—everybody.

### I'm single. Will I be the only one?

Not at all. In the initial gathering of 46 persons, there were 9 singles. We'd like to have even more.

### What about younger participants?

Younger participants—working couples or singles, couples with children, etc., will be seated with persons in similar situations to encourage fellowship among the age group. Child care will be provided at the initial gathering.

### Do I need to register ahead of time in order to participate?

Registration is not required, but it would help in the planning if you could let us know that you intend to be there by calling the church office—597-5410 (That is particularly true if you will need child care.)

### What happens to the groups after the four months?

The groups will disband, and new groups will be formed twice a year—in January and September.

### Is four months enough time to get acquainted and make friends?

Experience has shown that it is, provided that everyone is faithful in attending the monthly get-togethers. Some groups decide to meet more than once a month.

Looking for deeper involvement in a small group?

In addition to VanderBUILDERS, there are several more traditional small groups involving 6 to 10 persons who get together to become focused on being a part of the VPC family through prayer, study and personal support of each other.



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- ⇒ Traditional Small Group Activities and
- ⇒ VanderBUILDERS . . . Meeting People, Building Friendships

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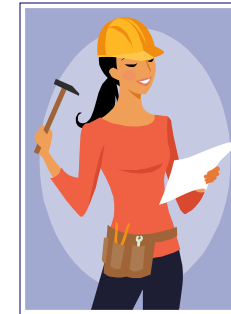
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# Vander*BUILDERS* Meeting people . . . . . . . . .Building Friendships

a program of the  
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Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church



## What is VanderBUILDERS?

VanderBUILDERS is a program designed for meeting people and building friendships in groups of 8 to 10 over a four month period.

### On Friday night, January 8, 2010,

those interested in VanderBUILDERS will gather in Fellowship Hall for dessert and beverage.

As you arrive, you'll be escorted to a table for 8 or 10 and seated with persons you probably don't know—or not know very well, anyway.

There will be a short time to begin to get acquainted, and following some brief instructions, the people at your table will

- Agree to meet together at least once a month for four months.
- Decide what, when and where your first event will be. (Be sure to bring your social calendar to this initial meeting.)
- We'll have a list of suggested activities, including such things as
  - ◇ Pot luck suppers
  - ◇ Desert and coffee
  - ◇ Bible studies
  - ◇ Attending a concert,
  - ◇ etc., etc., etc.
- After four months, the group will disband, and new groups will be formed again the following January.



## VanderBUILDERS? “Traditional” Small Groups?

### What's the difference?????



**VanderBUILDERS** is a short-term (4 to 5 months) program designed to give people the opportunity to meet others in the church without long-term involvement. New groups of 8 – 10 individuals are formed once or twice a year.



### Traditional Small Groups

(8 to 10 individuals) are typically formed around a particular focus - Bible study, mission projects, pot luck suppers, for instance – and are of a more permanent basis than VanderBUILDERS.

Several people in the congregation participate in both types of groups.



## Here are some of the events that prior VanderBUILDERS have conducted:

- ⇒ A bocce ball game followed by a Memphis barbecue.
- ⇒ “Met in members homes for dinner or games—great experiences each time.”
- ⇒ “Cruise on the Cocohatchee before dinner—wonderful time.”
- ⇒ “I enjoyed the first gathering the most when we went through ‘Tell me about yourself.’”
- ⇒ “Brunch after church at the home of one of our group.”
- ⇒ “A visit to the Gabriel House.”
- ⇒ “A trip to the Holocaust museum—a very meaningful experience.”
- ⇒ “Served dinner at St. Matthews House.”
- ⇒ “Visited the Nature Conservancy.”
- ⇒ And, of course, many pot-luck suppers.

