



# Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

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- 7/25, 8:30 - Worship & Holy Communion
- 9:30 - Sunday School
- 10:50 - Worship
- 12:00 - Holy Communion
- 5:00 - Youth Fellowship
- 7/26, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 1:00 - Bridge Group
- 7/27, 8:30-1:00 - Staff Meeting (Off site)
- 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 5:00 - Endowment Trustees
- 5:30 - Covenant Discipleship Group
- 7/28, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 12:15 - Weight Watchers
- 7/29, 9:00 - Artist Group
- 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 7/30, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 8/1, 8:30 - Worship & Holy Communion
- 9:30 - Sunday School
- 10:50 - Worship & Holy Communion
- 5:00 - Youth Fellowship
- 8/2, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 4:00 - Covenant Care Committee
- 5:00 - Education Committee
- 8/3, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 5:30 - Covenant Discipleship Group
- 8/4, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 12:15 - Weight Watchers
- 8/5, 9:00 - Artist Group
- 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 8/6, 9:00 - Children's Day Out

**No newsletter next week**

## Skyline Ministries and Back-to-School

Back to school means so much to our children. They are back to the business of learning . . . back to time with their friends . . . back to figuring out how to pay for it all. You can help. Back to school is a hardship for many families who must figure out how to pay for school supplies and clothing. Through Skyline Ministries children are given either two school uniforms or two outfits of suitable school clothing along with shoes, underwear and socks. Children are allowed to come to the Skyline "store" and try on their new clothes. It's an experience filled with God's grace. To outfit each child the cost is \$60-\$75. Currently, Skyline is behind in their contributions. Let's help our neighbors through our gifts of caring. Make you checks payable to NHUMC and designate "Skyline school clothes". (Your contributions on 7/18 were \$2,515; totaling \$3,130! Thank you!) - The Mission Committee



## Support for Skyline Urban Ministry

Skyline needs you to vote each and every day for the rest of July to win a \$50k grant from Pepsi for school clothing for children in need! We will be short in the number of children we can serve for back-to-school clothes if we don't get enough people voting every day. We've already taken over 500 applications from kids needing new school clothes for this school year. The grant is not automatic. You must vote on-line for Skyline to win! Please help Skyline be in the top 10 this week. **The link is: <http://www.refresheverything.com/clothesforkids>**. Click on the "Vote" button, fill in the information, click on the "sign in" button, click on the "vote" button again to cast your vote. Repeat the next day. If you'd like a daily reminder to vote, please, email [grgriffin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grgriffin@sbcglobal.net)

"Time and again I've witnessed persons from all backgrounds; all beginnings choose to support ministries and cherished causes through various forms of giving. From commitments of time to commitments of treasure, these people yearn to give in support of transforming another's life. Through our work at the Foundation, my mission is to help you see opportunities and pathways for fulfilling your yearning to give. As Christians, we share a common belief: to give our lives serving another. That challenge goes beyond and does not begin and end at the offering plate, or on the mission team, and or in the Sunday School class. Since all aspects of our lives are expressions of our Christianity, the challenge to give follows and leads us in every aspect, too. The Foundation helps all, whether a group or an individual, to rise and follow that challenge to give." If you would like to discuss a plan of giving please contact Andy Oden, Director of Foundation Relations, at [jaodena@okumf.org](mailto:jaodena@okumf.org)



## Fall Mission Tour Planned

Join us October 15-16 for a tour of missions to include Cookson Hills, the Children's Home in Tahlequah, and the Boys' Ranch in Gore. Part of the activities will include the annual Round-up Rodeo at Boy's ranch. Transportation, housing, and meals will be provided at a small cost. If you are interested in the tour, contact Neal Baumwart at 840-2138, or at [nbaumwart@cox.net](mailto:nbaumwart@cox.net).





## True Worshipers . . . . !

Have you ever felt like you were just “going through the motions” when it comes to worship? Have you ever wondered if there is a more meaningful and life changing way to worship? Most people I have talked with have agreed that they have gone through a time in their lives when that was the case. In fact some have said that they are still there!

When Jesus talked with a Samaritan woman about her life and what was appropriate, she became uncomfortable enough to deflect His questions and change the subject to worship. This gave Jesus the opportunity to share one of the most profound statements He ever made about worship and true worshipers. We all owe the Samaritan woman a debt of gratitude for giving Him the opportunity to make that statement! This Sunday we will continue our look at what I believe to be “John’s Fabulous Five” statements as we focus on the meaning of true worship.

It is interesting to note how much our practice of worship has changed over the years and yet the meaning of true worship has never changed. We have tried to substitute many things for true worship and none of them can measure up to the life changing power that true worship provides. When we avoid the benefits of true worship, our lives, our relationships, and our families suffer greatly. When we pay attention to the meaning of true worship, life is more rewarding all the way around.

I believe that God wants us to worship in a way that adds to the quality of our lives, changes the world that we live in, and moves us toward the completion of God’s will in our lives. None of these are small things! Yet, these are the very things that God desires for us. That is why I believe that this second “fabulous” statement in the gospel of John deserves our attention.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we gather for what we hope will be “true worship” and seek to be molded in the image of Christ. Did you know that most surveys show that summer is the best time to invite a friend to join you for worship? Please be encouraged to invite a friend to join you at church this week. We have many great things to share at Nichols Hills UMC. Blessings, Dr. Randy L. Scrapper

### Lectionary Reading

July 25

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

August 1

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

### **Cares & Concerns**

Epworth Villa: Marybell Luper

Inn at Canterbury:

June Parsons

Sterling House:

Dorothy Graham

Town Center: Mary Zachritz

Town Village: Nancy Garrett

### **At Home**

Jim Carmichael, B. C. Clark,

Dudley & Sue Ann Hyde, Beth

Jordan, Virginia Marshall,

Martha McCauley, Marian

Pope, Theda Stevenson,

Barbara Sullivant

& Joyce Wilson.

**Thank you, thank you** to the nearly 40 members of NHUMC who listened to children read at Project Transformation and cooked dinner for the interns who worked with them. Your efforts were appreciated by all. Kathy Walker, Alfred Walker and Kathy Baumwart

## Sponsors Needed Now for Mission Candle & Chancel Flowers

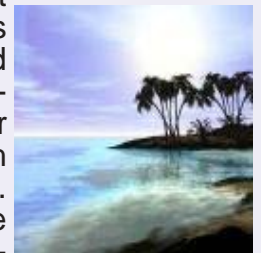
We have immediate openings to sponsor the **Mission Candle**. For a donation of \$25 you can help to support our missionary, Rev. Meridith Whitaker, Director of Cookson Hills Center United Methodist Mission, a mission project to the Cherokee Indians in Cookson Hills, OK. You may choose to honor or memorialize a friend or family member. Our first opening is July 25 & every Sunday thereafter, except Aug. 29 & Sept. 5. To sponsor the Mission Candle call Karen at 842-1486, or sign up at the office bulletin board.



Openings for **Chancel Flowers** begin on Aug. 15 & continue through Nov. 7, excluding Sept. 19. The cost for flowers is \$62.50. To sponsor the Chancel Flowers call Karen at 842-1486 or sign up at the office bulletin board.



Will you be gone a lot during the summer months and not able to attend church services and activities? You can still give your tithe and gifts to the church even if you aren’t in town. As more and more people do their banking electronically, it is only natural to consider giving to the church electronically. If you would like more information on giving gifts to the church electronically call our Finance Secretary, Kathy Anderson, at 842-1486, or e-mail her at [kanderson@nicholshillsumc.org](mailto:kanderson@nicholshillsumc.org).



## Adult Sunday Class News



**Adult Bible Class** - After an absence of five weeks, Carole and I are happy to be home. We could not stand the cool weather of Minnesota any longer. This week's lesson is from 2 Thessalonians 3:1-15. Paul is addressing the need for prayer, which he received; condemning lazy people, who claimed the right to be supported by those who had means (sound familiar?) and condemning the able-bodied who could work but would not. - Joe McClendon

**Kiva Class** - Our discussion on July 25 is arranged by Dick Manley; Dick Webber will teach us about the fishing boats of the Bible. On August 1 Carol Sue Manley has arranged for Rev. Dr. Janice Meese to lead our class. We invite all to attend our class. - Sherron Evans

**Roundtable Class** - We had a good turnout for a hot Sunday. We missed Wayne Weeks; Letha said he was up and somewhat about. Dr. Perryman led a good discussion on our lesson about "Chosen and Called".

Our lessons for the next two weeks are studies to help us understand that we can depend on God's love. He has concern for us and he has proven his reliability through the gift of his grace for all people. The July 25 lesson is entitled; *God's Own Faithfulness*. The background text is 2 Thessalonians 3:1-15. On August 1 our lesson is *Sharing God's Grace*, and the background text is Philippians 1:18-29. Remember Jim and Becky Buchanan, and John Marshall in your prayers. - Ray Greene

## Children's Area News



Ware are days away from returning to our nursery, and only weeks from being back in our children's class rooms. Your Trustees are working quickly to return the church to better than before.

During the next few weeks and months there will be light construction in some of the children's areas such as replacing ceiling tiles and painting. Much of it will be work we had decided to do before the hail and rains came, such as update flooring and place a hand washing sink in the craft room. We will be moving the Sunday School and nursery from space to space to insure our children's safety. We do not want them in or around rooms that may contain equipment or building supplies.

Please watch for announcements and signs that indicate where your child's class is meeting. We will try to make this as simple as possible, but again, our main concern is for the safety of our children.



## Children's Sabbath



Children's Sabbath 2010 will be celebrated Sunday, September 26. Children will be invited to help lead worship, which includes singing in the choir, serving as liturgists, and ushering. Please place the date on your calendar and let me know if your children will be available to participate. Call Rev. Meese at 842-1486 or e-mail [jmeese@nicholshillsumc.org](mailto:jmeese@nicholshillsumc.org). - Rev. Meese

## Ice Cream Social

The three children to the top left are guests, possibly grandchildren of members, who are intrigued with the many toppings available for their ice cream. Jeannette Sias & Neil Winslow have a conversation over the wonderful homemade brownies, cookies & cakes (bottom left). Anita Dahlgren, Milly Chrislip & Joanne Crosby (right) are dishing up the delicious homemade ice cream. We thank all those who provided treats & attended the event on 6/25. This was also the last night of VBS 2010 & it was great!





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## Oasis Youth

**WOW!**  
 What a summer! I've had such a blast this summer that I don't want it to end. First on my agenda was being a counselor/speaker at 6th Grade Camp at Egan June 28-July 2. This was an awesome opportunity to help plan worship and to give a sermon every night for a week! I had such a great time. The following week Morgan Hennigan, Claire Fraley, and I (top photo) went to OKC District Camp at Canyon Camp. This was an opportunity to go to a camp that I have never gone to before and participate in their traditions. It was an awesome opportunity for us! I'm hoping to have even more youth come with me next year. Finally, the youth attended a Red Hawks game Sunday evening, 7/18. We had 8 youth and 3 adults (bottom photo). I am so excited about the things that are going on here and hope you are as well. If you're not excited, meet with me after worship on Sunday and you will be!



Peace - Andy Nelms

**Coming Soon!**

This fall we will start having youth on Wednesday nights beginning 8/25, which we will call *Oasis Time*. Each time we meet we will attempt to experience God in a new way, whether it be in different worship styles, liturgy, interactive prayer, silent prayer, etc. We will make it our mission to find God and find our rest in God. May we all find the rest we so deeply need! - Andy



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