



Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

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- 8/29, 8:30 - Worship & Holy Communion
- 9:30 - Sunday School
- 10:50 - Worship
- 12:00 - Holy Communion
- 5:00 - Youth Fellowship
- 8/30, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 4:00 - Covenant Care Committee
- 8/31, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 10:00 - Staff Meeting
- 5:30 - Covenant Discipleship Group
- 9/1, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 9:00 - Heritage Committee
- 12:15 - Weight Watchers
- 5:30 - Welcome on Wednesday Dinner
- 6:00 - Just for Kids
- 6:00 - Oasis Nights
- 6:30 - Adult Classes
- 7:30 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9/2, 9:00 - Artist Group
- 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 12:00 - Children's Day Out Parents Class
- 9/3, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 9/5, 8:30 - Worship & Holy Communion
- 9:30 - Sunday School
- 10:50 - Worship & Holy Communion
- 5:00 - Youth Fellowship
- 9/6, Office Closed
- 9/7, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 10:00 - Staff Meeting
- 5:30 - Covenant Discipleship Group
- 9/8, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 9:00 - Heritage Committee
- 9:00 - Newsletter Mail Team
- 12:15 - Weight Watchers
- 5:30 - WOW Dinner
- 6:00 - Just for Kids
- 6:00 - Oasis Nights
- 6:30 - Adult Classes
- 7:30 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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WOW Begins

Join us for WOW this fall as we step into a time of renewal through fellowship, education, and outreach. Each week you will find class offerings that relate to your life. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and classes at 6:30 p.m. for adults, 6:00 p.m. for children and youth. Dinner prices are adults \$8 (a 13 meal season pass \$94), children 4-12 years \$4 (pass \$46.80), children 3 years and under \$3 (pass \$39), and for the family \$22 (pass \$257), immediate family only. For more information find us on the WEB — www.nicholshillsumc.org or call Karen at 842-1486. (See related article "WOW Sewing" on page 2.)



DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY to Begin

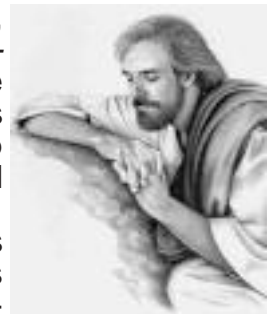
Sunday, September 5, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

The DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY, *Jesus in the Gospels*, will be offered beginning this fall. *Jesus in the Gospels* invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question, "Who is the Jesus that you see?" This study will deepen discipleship through better understanding of the biblical texts and their message.

Two questions frame this study: "Who is the Jesus you bring with you to this study?" and "Who is the Jesus you take with you from this study?" *Jesus in the Gospels* takes participants on a journey from one question to the other. This study looks closely at the Gospel texts in lesson layout and design, and in the nature of the study discussion. The study looks at the way each Gospel writer presents events and teachings and at the picture of Jesus that emerges in each of the Gospels.

While distinct in format and approach, this Bible study builds on the foundation and carries forward the philosophy and ideals that shaped DISCIPLE – high-commitment, long-term, disciplined study that fosters community and builds toward transforming. The study requires daily Bible reading during the 30 weeks of the course along with the commitment of a weekly group meeting lasting 2 ½ hours.

Rev. Dr. Janice Meese will be facilitating this class. You will need to have read the first lesson before the first class meeting. Stop by Dr. Meese's office to pick up a book.



**First Annual
State of the Church
Dinner Event
September 26
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

More information in the September 8 publication.





Secrets of a Happy Life!

Almost everyone I know would like to have a happy life. For centuries, philosophers have argued, in the best sense of that word, about what constitutes “the good life” and what it is that makes people happy. The Christian religion has bounced back and forth between the notions that 1) a person should not be happy if they are genuinely Christian, and 2) Christians are not truly Christian unless they avoid unpleasantness and are happy all of the time!

For the next four weeks, we will consider the “Secrets of a Happy Life”. I believe that God has been clear about the desire for us to experience and enjoy life. Jesus said that He came in order that we might live life abundantly. It is God’s desire for us to experience all of life in a way that creates happiness even in the midst of what sometimes appears to be overwhelming suffering.

Could that possibly be true?

If it is, then how do we do that?

This four part sermon series will focus on what I believe are the true secrets of a happy life. The titles for each week are; 1) “Quit Trying – Start Doing!” 2) “Joining God’s Creation!” 3) “Love the Way You are Loved!” and 4) “Suffer With Christ!” Each of these sermons will examine one of the proven secrets of a happy life. Together, as a series, these sermons will provide us with a firm grasp on the kind of attitudes and actions that will provide a solid foundation upon which we can build a truly happy life.

I hope you will plan on being present for this series which begins this Sunday. Also, I hope that you will invite a friend to join you at worship for this series. We all know someone who could benefit from a better understanding of these secrets and we have so many good things to offer at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church that it just seems natural to me for us to invite others to join us on Sunday mornings. I look forward to seeing you September 5th as we begin our look at these priceless secrets.

May God richly bless you! - Dr. Randy L. Scaper

At the death of a special friend or loved one you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to your church. This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through the church. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of your gift, without disclosing the amount. Learn more from the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation at 1-800-259-6863 or www.okumf.org.

Join us for NHUMC’s first pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

This is an opportunity to make the Bible come alive by seeing, touching and breathing the very places you have only read about until now.



June 18-30, 2011

Rev. Dr. Janice Meese will be your spiritual guide. Vicki Gilstrap will be your planning guide. We will travel with the Church of the Servant and Rev. Dr. Norman Neaves.

The tour of sights will be intermingled with times for worship and devotion to make the trip even more memorable. Experienced guides from *On Eagles’ Wings* will keep our tour interesting and stirring. Comfortable accommodations and transportation will help you relax and enjoy.

We will stay in such noted hotels as the Crowne Plaza and the Moriah Sheraton Plaza located on the Mediterranean Sea. The cost is approximately \$4,000 and includes airfare, accommodations, ground transportation, tours, breakfast and dinner, entrance fees, gratuities, taxes, service charges, medical insurance and more. Pre-planning and information meetings will be scheduled.

If you are interested please call or e-mail Dr. Janice Meese at 842-1486 or jmeese@nicholshillsumc.org to be included in future plans.

WOW Sewing for Missions

For this class we will be making infant layettes for mission donation. I have purchased the material to make receiving blankets and pre-cut them to 42” x width of fabric for our first class on September 8. If you plan to participate in this class you will need to bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies: bobbin, scissors, straight pins, seam ripper, and, of course, your sewing machine. I will provide the thread to match the fabrics provided. If you would like to provide your own fabrics to make the blanket, feel free to do so. Remember to bring thread to match. We will meet in the Conference Room at the east entrance. Please call Karen at 842-1486 if you plan to attend this class.



Next newsletter on September 8

Oasis Youth

Pool Party!!

Yalp!

If you don't know by now, the Oasis youth are having a blast! We have been growing steadily and we are having so much fun doing it. Recently we have cleaned out the old junk room (room 20) and are preparing to paint it. I can't promise that the youth won't be painted as well, but I can promise that we are going to have some fun doing it. The youth have also been hard at work on Sunday mornings memorizing the books of the Bible. The way we have been doing this is by making the first letter of each book the first letter in a slightly different sentence, i.e., "Gene Especially Likes Not Diving" for the first five books. (I'll let you work out the answer.) We have been having so much fun and hopefully learning a bit, too. I hope that you will spread the word about our program and hopefully you might want to



On September 12th the youth will be having a pool party at the home of our gracious hosts, Nancy & Joe Bradley.

The youth should bring appropriate bathing suit, a towel, chips &/or pop, & a friend.

The youth will come directly to the Bradley's & leave from there as well. Hope to see you all there!



volunteer. If you are thinking, "I couldn't volunteer with the youth", talk to me and I will prove you wrong. I have loved every second I get to spend with these youth and I thank each and every one of you for the opportunity. - Yalp, yalp, yalp! Andy Nelms



Youth Summit

On Saturday, October 16th the youth will be going to Yukon to attend the annual Youth Summit. This will be an event where youth across the conference



come to share in worship, a message, and fellowship. This year the message will be brought to us by Shane Caliborne who is a world renowned social activist and follower of Christ. The youth will be meeting at the church at 9:00 a.m. return some time in the afternoon. More information to follow in the next newsletter on September 8th.

Activities

Oasis Nights-Wed. Dinner @ 5:30
 Youth Class @ 6:00-7:00
 Sunday School 9:30-10:45
 Sunday Night Youth 5:00-7:00



Do you have a few hours a week, bimonthly, or monthly that you can volunteer at the front desk? Some days the phone will keep you busy and other days the staff may have some easy tasks for you to do. Our

Administrative Assistant, Karen, will be on vacation from August 30-September 3 and Dr. Scrapper would like volunteers to be here especially during those days. If you can volunteer please call Karen at 842-1486 or email ksledge@nicholshillsumc.org, or Kathy, our Finance Secretary, at kanderson@nicholshillsumc.org.

Cares & Concerns

Epworth Villa: Marybell Luper
 Fountains at Canterbury: Mary Zachritz
 Inn at Canterbury: June Parsons
 Sterling House: Dorothy Graham
 Town Village: Nancy Garrett

At Home

Marilyn Black, Jim Carmichael, B. C. Clark, Sue Ann Hyde, Dorothy Jarnigan, Beth Jordan, Virginia Marshall, Martha McCauley, Marian Pope, Theda Stevenson, Barbara Sullivant, Phyllis Wheeler & Joyce Wilson.

Lectionary Reading

August 29
 Jeremiah 2:4-13
 Psalm 81:1, 10-16
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 5
 Jeremiah 18:1-11
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 12:25-33



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Adult Sunday Class News

Adult Bible Study - This column covers the next two Sundays ~ the lesson for Sunday, August 29, is from Acts 28:16-35 about Paul's two-years confinement in Rome ~ writing, with limited evangelistic efforts and interviews with individual Christians filled up Paul's prison days. Though a prisoner, he was allowed to live in his own rented house with his guard, with freedom to receive visitors and to teach Christ. He had many meetings with the local Jewish leaders, trying to convince them about Jesus from both the Law of Moses and from the prophets. Some were convinced, others refused to believe. The Acts ends without recording His fate. Some speculate that he was convicted and executed; others that he was acquitted, later rearrested and beheaded. The lesson for September 5 comes from Exodus 3:1-15. It is a great story of the first encounter of Moses and God at the burning bush. Remember?

Have a safe and fun Labor Day weekend. -
 Joe McClendon

Kiva Class - Larkin Warner will speak to the class on August 29 about *The Economic Status of Women in Oklahoma*. With September 5th being the Labor Day weekend those of us who are in town will join the Roundtable Class, which meets across the hall from the Parlor. - Sherron Evans

Roundtable Class - Our Aug. 29 lesson is entitled; *Upheld by God*, and the scripture reading is Acts 28:16-25a, and 28-31 Philippines 4:15-23. Nancy Conner is moving the end of this month to Des Moines, Iowa, and we had a great going-away party for her. Thank you to Wayne and Letha Weeks for hosting. We wish Nancy all the best! - Ray Greene



No newsletter on 9/1