

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Beautiful Feet

¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” ¹⁶ But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. -Romans 10:13-17

Do you have beautiful feet? I like to think that I have beautiful feet but not so much because of their appearance.

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul tries to inspire the Roman Christians to share the Good News of the Gospel with people who need good news, and he quotes Isaiah 52:7 which says, ⁷ “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’”

People need good news, and more particularly, people need the Good News of the Gospel. From Saturday through Tuesday, I did my best to share the Good News at the funerals we held at our church for Marilyn Keller, Barney Brown, and Scott Cosby. When we encounter death, we need the Good News and the hope that Jesus gives us. We need to remember that when Jesus died he rose from the grave and conquered death, and we need to hear his promise that he will return to us and take us to live with him in his Father’s house. I am thankful for our Care Committee, our Music Ministry, and each of you who help us minister to grieving families share the Good News of Jesus.

Can you think of other people who need to hear good news? Your friend who is suffering with an illness or disease could certainly use some good news. Your co-worker who is dealing with depression would benefit from hearing some good news. The member of your family who is trying to overcome addiction could use some good news. The hungry student at John Marshall High School would like some good news. The stranger who feels all alone would welcome some good news.

On Sunday we are going to talk about how the Holy Spirit can work through you and me to share the Good News of Jesus with people who need good news. The local church really is the hope of the world, and one of the best ways we can offer hope to a hurting world is by sharing the Good News of Jesus’ love for everyone in the world. I hope you will invite someone you know to join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50, and I can promise you that I will share some good news with you. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, January 29

Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Monday, January 30

T.L.C. Management Team at 3:00
Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.
Women’s A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1

Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.
Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
I Am a Church Member Study at 6:00
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 2

College and Young Adult Group
at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 3

John Marshall Market, 10:30-12:30

Monday, February 6

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7

Church Council at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 9

Altar Guild Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 12

T.L.C. Sunday at 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, February 19

Scout Sunday at 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(405)842-5325



Ministry Opportunities

Hospitality Greeters

Do you like to smile and talk to people? Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, please consider becoming one of the Sunday Morning Greeters. If this is an opportunity you would enjoy, please see Alfred Walker for more details.

Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts provide 8-9 dozen cookies. At the close of the 10:50 Service, the host(s) stand by the cookie table in the Narthex and greet people. We have openings for coffee hosts for **all of February and March**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Altar Guild

The sacrament of communion is a meaningful and important part of our weekly worship. If you are interested in helping prepare the table, please contact Carol Magness at 405-640-4429 or Janet Jones at 405-627-1566.

Serving in Altar Guild this month are: Mary Ann Carmichael, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, and Jean Warner.

Transportation Ministry

Would you like to bring joy to someone by bringing them to church? If you would like to join our transportation ministry contact the church at 405-842-1486.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, January 8.

The coffee hosts are Kathy Walker and Rosemary Scalpone.

The chancel flowers are given by Kathy and Russ Walker honoring Rosemary Scalpone on her 95th birthday.

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby, Bonnie Miller, and Sylvia Miller

Town Village

Joanna Garnett

The Fountains at Canterbury

Virginia Brown and Anita Dahlgren

Autumn Leaves

Bill and Katie Alexander

At Home

Roger Etling, Ann Flesher, Jess and Bette Harris, Dale Jordan, Frances Lewis, David Mueller, and Maxine Permenter

Ekklesia: Why Church?

Why church? It may just be the question you are asking as we begin a new year. Why church? The word *church* comes from two Greek words: *Ekk* means *out*, and *Klesia* means *called*. The church is people who are called out by God to serve God and be God's people. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50 as we explore the belief that *the local church is the hope of the world* and why being part of the church will bless you and build you up in the year to come.

January 29

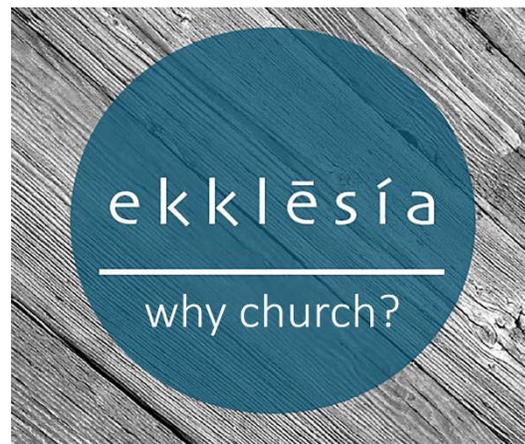
Beautiful Feet

February 5

Our Mission

February 12

The Body of Christ



Rev. Matt Patrick

June Youth Mission Week

There is a very exciting opportunity coming up this summer in our church, and I wanted to give you a really advanced notice so that you could mark it on your calendars. From June 18th-24th, around 80 youth and adults from the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church will be coming to Oklahoma City for a week of mission work. Our church's youth have been invited to join this group for a week of work together and our church will likely be involved in helping to show hospitality during their stay. If you have a student who will be finishing the 6th grade through graduating High School, they are welcome to sign-up and join our church and me in service to the community. I hope that you will mark this on your calendars and stay tuned for updates about how you can help as June gets closer.

-Matt

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
Director

Recently the whole TLC staff participated in a training regarding Safe Sleep Environments for Infants. It is amazing the information that was given to us. In an effort to reduce the incidence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome all child care providers are required to attend this two-hour training. It began with a mother, who showed pictures of her beloved son, and told the story of his tragic passing which was completely avoidable and preventable. The room was so quiet you could hear a pin drop



and there were over three hundred people in attendance. No one wants to experience such a loss. Needless to say we learned a lot and hope to share the information with anyone who will listen. Avoid over heating infants. They need to sleep ideally in a room between 68-72%. No blankets, bumper pads, quilts, toys, mobiles, etc., should be in the child's crib. It is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (www.healthychildren.org), that children always be placed in their cribs and bassinets on their back (supine position.) Remember the **ABCs**: **A**lone. **B**ack. **C**rib. Come by TLC and we will be happy to share any information and resources that we have received.

- Denise

Children's Ministry

I hope everyone is enjoying their week and making the most out of this beautiful weather!

The kids will be practicing with Michael Wylder for the next time they sing at the 10:50 a.m. service, so please make sure they attend Sunday school so they can start learning the new songs!

We will be having a Children's Ministry Committee meeting in the near future so please keep an eye out for that date!

If you have an interest in volunteering on a Sunday morning in Children's Ministry we would love to have you! If you have any questions about Children's Ministry or would like to volunteer please email me at mchillless@uco.edu.

See you all on Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

John Marshall High School Ministry



The John Marshall Neighborhood Market

The John Marshall Neighborhood Market is growing every week! The following are items we are in need of: **Women's Deodorant, Toothpaste, 10 oz. Laundry Detergents, Snacks** (bars, crackers, etc.), **Travel Toiletries** (the students love the shampoo, conditioners, and shower gels). You can find most of these items at the Dollar Tree or other dollar stores.

The John Marshall Clothing Closet

We are in the initial stages of setting this up and defining the needs for this ministry. We currently need clothing for students in 7th -12th grades in adult sizes XS-2XL.

- **Sports Bras**
- **Coats/Jackets** (Anything warm that you might have that a middle school or high school student could or would wear to school)
- **Hats or Gloves** (It really helps us if these items are clean and ready to distribute.),
- **T-Shirts** (to be used for athletic practice. No private school names/logos or inappropriate topics. Thunder, old race shirts, OU, OSU, etc. would be great!)
- **Gym Shorts** (to be used for athletic practice. Again, no private school logos. They would like these to be longer for the girls. Basketball shorts would be great.)

If you have any of these items, please hang them in the coat closet in the Narthex as soon as possible.

Volunteers Still Needed - Contact Stephanie Henry (sajhmom@aol.com or 405-850-5518) for more information.

We Are The Church

Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation. This week, David Lawrence and Annie Heinzelmenn share with us about their lives and how Nichols Hills U.M.C. will be a blessing to them.

David Lawrence is from Enid and attended the University of Oklahoma for both undergraduate and graduate schools. During the summer of 2016, he opened Warwick Family Dental where he currently practices dentistry.

Annie Heinzelmenn is from Fort Worth, Texas and also attended the University of Oklahoma. She is currently a math teacher and coach in the Upper Division at Casady School. Annie and David enjoy spending time at Grand Lake and playing with their black lab, Sam! The two plan to marry on June 24th, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

Once engaged, Annie and David searched all over Oklahoma City for a church in which they could grow together in their walk with Christ. After visiting Nichols Hills U.M.C. for the first time, they felt that they had found that place. Everyone that they met was very welcoming, and they felt very connected to the close community of the church. Annie and David are very excited to grow in their faith, join a small group, and get to know everyone in the church.

Annie and David joined our church on January 8, 2017, and we are very excited to have them in our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!



Manage Your Giving Online And Use Our QR Code

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Visit the church website at

www.nicholshillsumc.org,

Click on the blue *Make A Donation*

button. Then follow the online instructions.

We also have a QR Code that you can scan with your cell phone to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Glass at the church 405-842-1486.



Birthdays

01/28	Ken Blakley Morgan Hunt Stuart Hunt Rosemary Scalpone
01/30	Nick Berry
02/01	Christopher Mosz
02/05	Bette Harris
02/07	Virginia Brown
02/08	Steve Forster
02/09	Marty Smith
02/10	James MacKellar, Jr.
02/11	Ann Flesher Lillian Straughn Olivia Straughn
02/12	Lucas Butler Carol Sue Manley
02/13	Gwen Griffin Violet Robinson Hannah Story
02/14	Joanne Crosby
02/15	Nancy Flesher Bill Wells

If your birthday isn't included in our list, please contact the church office (405-842-1486) to be added.

RDS Unite App

We are excited to announce a new app from RDS called Unite that allows you to have access to our church directory, make contributions, change your personal information, change your directory photo, and view your personal contribution history all from your phone!

This app is available for Apple, Android, and Microsoft. It is free for download from the app store on your phone. To find it, search for "RDS Unite.", download and install it. Then open it and click "Register." Enter the church code 10081, then your email address, then enter a password of your choice and click "Register." If you have any questions, contact Delaney in the Church Office at 405-842-1486.

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Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

The Brew Class: *Meets in the Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” for fellowship and discussion on topics that provide insight and support for staying on the pathway of a Christian lifestyle in today’s world. For more information about “The Brew” please contact: Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Cheryl Hudak will speak on “Sacred Art.” Leaders: Mike and Pama Palmer.

Reveille Class: *Meets in the Library* - Do you like to see how your faith impacts your everyday life? Join us for a discussion of how the Bible speaks to the current events in our lives. Teacher: Tom Fraley.

Open Circle Class: *Meets in the Archives Room* - Our Open Circle devotion from the Sarah Young book, *Jesus Calling*, begins with the statement: “Keep Your Focus On Me.” With the myriad of activities surrounding our everyday lives, the focus on God can be a challenge to maintain even for Christians and Methodists. Are we tempted to reason? “Well, this coming week I will be just super busy, so I will have to put Jesus things on my list for next week.” Our class will discuss this devotion plus Matthew 5:1-2, the story of when Jesus went up a mountain, and he taught his disciples lessons about the kingdom of God. Teacher: John Marshall.

The Bible Class: *Meets in the Conference Room*. - Join us as we study the Bible through the Adult Bible Study curriculum. Teacher: Dr. Jerry Perryman. For more information, contact the Church Office at 405-842-1486.

Youth Class: *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God.
Leaders: Rev. Matt Patrick and Matt Eales.

Second Graders through Fifth Graders: *Meets in Room 124*. Join us for a fun time with your friends as we grow closer to God and each other.
Director of Children’s Ministry: Madison Chilless.

Children’s Class: *Meets in the Children’s Area*. - Join us for a child-friendly lesson, snacks, and crafts as we learn about the Bible together. Director of Children’s Ministry: Madison Chilless.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor
Rev. Matt Patrick, Student Pastor
Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music
Madison Chilless, Director of Children’s Ministry
Delaney Sheffield, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Antone Godding, Organist
Kathy Smith, Treasurer

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