

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Making Money Behave

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who observe themselves in a mirror ²⁴ and immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law of liberty, and persevere in it, being not forgetful hearers but active doers, they shall be blessed in their doing. -James 1:22-25

I want to thank the faithful people who give so generously to support our church's ministries. It is a blessing to see the way so many people in our church are growing in their relationships with God by gathering together for worship and by experiencing the friendship and fellowship we share when we meet in our Sunday school classes and weekly small groups. It makes me very proud to see the way we are ministering to students in our community at John Marshall High School. We offered food to 227 students on a recent Friday, and our Bear Cave Clothing Closet continues to bless many students. Our children are also developing relationships with needy children around the world as they correspond with the six children our church has sponsored through Compassion International. These are just a few of the ways your generosity is making a Christian difference in our community and beyond.

On Sunday, October 29, we will begin a new sermon series called *Making Money Behave*. In my experience, money always behaves. It always does what you tell it to do. In this series we will explore Biblical concepts for how we can make money behave in a way that will bless you and honor God.

A member of our Stewardship Committee asked me why we needed to have a four-week sermon series on faith and money. I could think of a least three reasons.

1.) While there are certainly many generous people in our congregation, we want to continue to teach and raise up younger generations to grow in generosity.

2.) Many persons in our congregation travel frequently and may only worship with us once or twice over the course of a month. I feel a responsibility to share what Jesus teaches us about faith and money, and we want to create opportunities for people in our congregation to hear the Good News of how generous our God is so that they can respond in worship through giving generously to God.

3.) The topic of faith and money was Jesus' second favorite topic. He had more to say about money than all other topics with the exception of the kingdom of God. If Jesus thought it was this important, then I am pretty sure that it is a topic that is worthy of our attention.

I want you to know that we are going to have fun as we discuss these important parts of our faith. This sermon series will culminate in our **Consecration Sunday** and our **Harvest Dinner** on **November 19**. I am delighted to have Dr. Dick House serve as our Consecration Sunday preacher. I served with Dick at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church, in Norman, and Dick also served as the interim senior pastor at our church in 2014. I consider him a good friend. I hope you will make plans to be present in worship over the next month. I am truly excited about all that God is doing in our lives and in our church.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, October 22

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

Monday, October 23

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00
Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24

Church Council at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
The Power of a Whisper at 6:00
Living a Life That Matters at 6:00
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 26

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00
College Group at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 27

Neighborhood Market at 10:15

Sunday, October 29

Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.
Fall Festival at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, October 30

S.P.R.C. Meeting, TBD

Saturday, November 11

Saturday of Service at John
Marshall High School at 9:00 a.m.
Charge Conference at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, November 13

Church Council/Stewardship
Committee at 5:30 p.m.

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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

Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, this is an opportunity you might enjoy. Please see Alfred Walker for more details.

Newsletter Folders Needed

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts provide 4-5 dozen cookies. At the close of the 10:50 Service, the host(s) stand by the cookie table in the Narthex and greet people. To serve, sign-up outside the office.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, October 22

The coffee host is Linda Howell.

The chancel flowers are given by Pam Shdeed's 51st anniversary.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Gracie Buxton and Charlotte Smith.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, October 29

Would you like to be a Coffee Host today? Call the Church to sign up.

The chancel flowers are given in honor of Leslie's birthday on 10-27 and wedding anniversary on 10-30 by Paul and Midge Lindsey.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Charlotte and Avery Smith.

Chancel Flower Delivery

We are in need of people to deliver the chancel flowers to homebound members. If this opportunity is for you, please sign-up in the Narthex.

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: Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, and Carol Magness.

Birthdays

10/13 Trish Cloud
10/13 Annemarie Edmonds
10/13 Dick Sias

Confirmation Starts This Sunday!



Rev. Matt Patrick

Hey everyone, I just wanted to give you an update that Confirmation starts this Sunday! Confirmation is a long-standing tradition in the Methodist Church and many other Christian traditions. During Confirmation, our young people will be setting aside time for 16 one-hour sessions to learn about the Bible, theology, Church tradition, and other necessary elements to what it means to be a Christian and a Methodist. During this time, they will discern whether or not they would like to make a public profession of faith, confirm the baptism they received as an infant, or be baptized for the first time and join our church.

There is no more important decision in a young person's life. So, I hope you will be praying for the young people in our church going through this class. I'm looking forward to it.

Blessings,
Matt

All Saint's Sunday

On November 5, we will observe All Saint's Sunday and remember our loved ones who have died in the last year by lighting a candle in their memory. If you would like your loved one remembered, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

Person to be remembered: _____

Your name: _____

Relationship of the person to you: _____

Nichols Thrills - New Classes

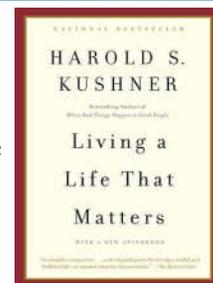
On Wednesday, October 25 we will offer two new classes for adults. We will begin with a meal at 5:30 and break into our classes at 6:00.

The Power of a Whisper, written by Bill Hybels, is a four-week study that will show you how to listen for whispers to guide your choices, nudges that rescue you from despair, promptings that spur growth, and inspiration to help you make a Christian difference in the world. The price of the book is \$10.

Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith.

Living a Life That Matters, written by Harold S. Kushner, is a four-week study that will help you make the most of your life by making a difference in your community and the world. The price of the book is \$11. Leader: Dick House.

We hope you will join us for one of these meaningful small group opportunities this fall. Sign up in the Narthex after worship or in the Church Office during the week. Childcare is provided.





Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Children's Ministry

It's that time of year again! Each October we all come together to have some fun at our annual NHUMC Fall Festival which is free and open to everyone! There will be fun fall games, hay rides around the park, and tons of hot dogs with all the fixings and awesome s'mores!

Oh, and let's not forget about our annual Chili Cook-off!

We welcome you to bring your best chili recipe for all to taste and enjoy. The winner of the contest will receive the Golden Spoon Award. Our very own Pastor Trevor won the Golden Spoon last year. Come and taste his award winning chili along with all the other participates entries as well. This year may be your year to win over the judges!

There will be live music provided by our very own choir. Please come out and bring your family and friends to this wonderful event on Sunday, October 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,
Tausha Davison-Beverly



Chancel Choir Singer to Perform

Tessa McQueen, member of the NHUMC chancel choir and OCU music major, will sing her junior recital on Saturday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the small rehearsal hall of the Bass Music Center on OCU's campus. McQueen, who is from Loveland, Colorado, has sung in the chancel choir for two years and is a vocal performance major at OCU and a voice student of Professor Larry Wade Keller. At this performance she will be accompanied by pianist Claudia Carrol-Phelps in works by Schubert, Bizet, Purcell, Viardot, Head, and Herrmann. The recital is free and all are invited.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion, Director

We are happy to welcome a new assistant teacher to The Learning Center. Meet Jacy McNally who began on October 9. She currently attends the University of Central Oklahoma. She will graduate in the summer of 2018 with her Bachelor's in Applied Liberal Arts with a concentration in Sociology. Jacy was recently married to her amazing husband, Jack, last April. They have two cute cats and love seeing movies together. She loves to cook, travel, and read. Her hope is to open a non-profit organization sometime in the near future. She has a passion for working with children and helping people. She also enjoys discovering new restaurants around Oklahoma City. Welcome Jacy McNally to our Nichols Hills United Methodist Church family.



Blessings,
Denise

Birthdays (continued)

- 10/17 Gwen Niemann
- 10/17 Patricia Schonwald
- 10/18 Cynda Ottaway
- 10/18 Nicholas Schoeffler
- 10/20 Preston Robinson
- 10/21 Melissa Davis
- 10/22 Chris Kauffman
- 10/22 Sylvia Miller
- 10/24 Tim Sanders
- 10/25 Margaux Lavenue

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

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Joanne Crosby and Sylvia Miller

Town Village

Joanna Garnett

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

Autumn Leaves

Katie Alexander

At Home

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

Manage Your Giving Online And Use Our QR Code

Visit the church website at www.nicholshillsumc.org to make an online donation. Then 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 questions, contact the church.

John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

We are in need of:

- Individual Bags of Snacks such as Cheez-its, Goldfish, etc.
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Cheese Sandwich Crackers
- Fruit Snacks (Rollups or Gummy)
- Nature Valley Granola Bars
- **Jeans/Shirts** - Boys/Girls Sizes 12-20 (we have some small middle school students)
- **Men's Jeans** - All Sizes
- **Men's Shirts** - Dress, Polo's and Casual) - Size Small
- **Coats** - All Sizes
- **Women's Casual Tops** - All Sizes
- **Accessories** - Ties and Jewelry

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

At Nichols Hills United Methodist Church we approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective. We do not view the money people give to our church merely as a way to pay the bills. Rather, we believe that how we handle money is a spiritual issue and that it is important to talk about how the wisdom we find in the Bible teaches us to use our money in a way that is pleasing to God. We find that one of the best ways to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God is by helping them to grow in generosity by supporting our church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. Beginning on Sunday, October 29, our senior pastor, Trevor Smith, will preach a sermon series called ***Making Money Behave*** to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship emphasis this year.

Throughout these four Sundays we will focus on our relationship with God and how God's generosity to us calls us to respond by living a life of generosity. We'll let the Bible speak to us about the role of money and work in our lives and offer you some helpful steps that will help you work towards becoming debt free. We will turn to the teachings of Jesus to help you more clearly understand what it means to earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can. You will have the opportunity to prayerfully ask God, **"What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"**

Consecration Sunday will be on **November 19**. During our morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 on Consecration Sunday, we are asking the people in our church to make their financial commitments to our church's missional, benevolent, and spiritual growth ministries in this community and around the world. Every person who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* will do so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. However we encourage people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure will be done as an act of worship in such a way that no one will feel personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. We are delighted to have Dr. Dick House serve as our Consecration Sunday preacher this year. During morning worship, Dick will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration in which we will each make our commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will be sharing more information about Consecration Sunday with you in our worship services in the coming weeks. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform and inspire in our hope that everyone will commit to attend Consecration Sunday for worship and our Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. and noon on November 19. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday.

Sincerely,
Tim Baker
Chairperson of the Church Council



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- October 29** *Money Behaves*
- November 5** *What I've Learned About Money*
- November 12** *The Money Test*
- November 19** *An Act of Worship*



Fall Festival This Month!

Sunday, October 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our Chili Cook-off, Hayrides, Games, Face Painting, Pumpkin Ring Toss, and S'mores! Who has the best chili? Who will win the coveted golden spoon this year? Come taste, and see if you agree! Register for the chili cook-off on our website; www.nicholshillsumc.org, in the Narthex, or by calling the church office at 405-842-1486, and be ready for a ton of fun!

Below are some fun photos from previous Fall Festivals. We hope to see you on Sunday, October 29 for this year's Fall Festival!



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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" as we gather for fellowship and for an Andy Stanley study called *What Makes You Happy*. For more information about "The Brew" contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Join us as we learn how we can be a Christian influence in the world.

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 Class is mid-way through a series of lessons about the *Book of Revelation*, the gospel written by the apostle John in the 90s A.D. We are utilizing a lesson-plan for studying *Revelation* called the "Bible-Study Fellowship." A member of our class, Joie Dickey, completed the 29 lesson-plans several years ago. Joie loaned them to us to help our teacher and class to better understand and appreciate the *Book of Revelation*. Join us in the Archives Room. Teacher: John Marshall.

The Bible Class: *Meets in the Conference Room*. - Please join The Bible Class as we learn from the *Adult Bible Studies* curriculum.

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. Teacher: Lecye Lippoldt.

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: Tausha Davison-Beverly.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Rev. Matt Patrick, Student Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Delaney Sheffield, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

Louise Glass, Financial Secretary

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center

Michael Hall, Maintenance/Custodian

Alfred Walker, Sunday Host

Jessica Mayberry, Nursery Attendant

Ashley Edwards, Nursery Attendant

Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant