

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Forgiving Others

¹⁵ “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell

you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” -*Matthew 18:15-20*

If we want to be followers of Jesus, then we have to take forgiveness very seriously. Nothing can hinder the mission and ministry of a church like the unwillingness to forgive. When we fail to work towards forgiveness, we are like a festering wound that will never heal. In Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus gives us a way to handle conflict in the church. He teaches us that when someone wrongs you, go and talk to the person about it. Don't go tell someone else what a bad person you think that person is. Go and try to work it out with that person. If that doesn't work, take a person or two with you to help mediate the situation. If that still doesn't work, bring it before the church. And if that still doesn't work, you treat that person like he or she is not a brother or sister in Christ. Another word for this is excommunication.

When someone continues to hurt people in the church and shows no remorse even after all of this effort has been made to help the person confess the sin and repent, it breaks the communion between that person and the church. Jesus isn't saying that we should shun someone like that. He's saying that we need to treat them like someone who needs converting. Jesus didn't give up on the Gentiles and the tax collectors. He called them to repent and receive the forgiveness that God offers to each of us.

I think this was the kind of stuff Peter was talking about when he asked Jesus a question about how many times we are to forgive. He wanted to know if there were any limitations we could put on forgiveness. When Peter asked this question he was talking about one of his fellow disciples. “Can I just forgive seven times? Is that enough?” Jesus said. “No. I tell you seventy times seven times.” Jesus was saying, “You forgive these kinds of sins an infinite number of times.”

I hope you will worship with us this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 as we continue our *Forgiveness* sermon series by talking about *Forgiving Others*. Then, we will conclude our sermon series on October 15 by talking about *Forgiving Families*. Invite someone you know to worship with us. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, October 8

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

Monday, October 9

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

Wednesday, October 11

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Purpose Driven Life at 6:00 p.m.
Love to Stay at 6:00 p.m.
Seamless at 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

Neighborhood Market at 10:15

Sunday, October 15

Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 16

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20

T.L.C. Closed for Fall Break

Tuesday, October 24

Church Council at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 29

Fall Festival at 5:00 p.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

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 8

The coffee hosts are Alan and Rosemarie Chase.

The chancel flowers are given by Pam Shdeed in honor of Bill Shdeed's birthday.

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 15

The coffee hosts are Jackie Hall and Della Walker.

The mission candle is lit by General Bill Bowden in honor of his 1st cousin, Evelyn Wilson.

The chancel flowers are given by Ann Garrett in loving memory of Bill Garrett and in celebration of the marriage of Mel Clark and Karen Funk.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Reagan Miller 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

10/04 Carol Magness
10/05 Louise Glass

Forgiveness

Jesus was clear in his teaching: He offers us God's **forgiveness** and teaches us to **forgive** one another.

Why is **forgiveness** so hard?

What makes us so **unforgiving** of ourselves and of each other?

We invite you to join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday as we take an honest, realistic look at how to seek, extend, and accept **forgiveness**.

October 8

Forgiving Others

October 15

Forgiving Families



Tausha Davison-Beverly,
Director of
Children
and Family
Ministry

Children's Ministry

Our Cub Scouts meet at the church and have made some awesome growth within their troops. They provide a fun, friendly, and safe environment. Cub Scouts also give a place for families to connect with one another as our boys grow and make long lasting connections in a Christian atmosphere.

The Cub Scouts are led by the one and only: Mr. J.B. Sims, who is the Cub Master and also leads one of our dens on Monday evenings. Mr. Sims leads a den called the Arrow of Light. There are several other dens at the church as well. The Pack 55 Den leaders are Austin Koehn, Zach Housel, Willie Collins, James Chalk, Raquel Glover, Nicole Chavez, Brad Williams, Michael Pedder, and Kris Martin.

These adults do an outstanding job of teaching our young boys everything from setting up tents to tying different knots. The Scouts meet every Monday night at the church.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in some tasty popcorn, look no further than right here at our church home. Our Cub Scouts are currently selling popcorn!

We are thankful that we have such awesome Den Leaders who are transforming the lives of young boys through our church and through Cub Scouts. If you need more information about Cub Scouts please contact our church office.

Sincerely,

Tausha Davison-Beverly



NHUMC Singers in Choral Concert

A majority of the singers in the NHUMC chancel choir will participate in OCU's fall choral concert on Thursday, October 12, at 8:00 p.m. The concert will take place in the Bass Music Center's Petree Recital Hall at OCU and will feature the Ad Astra Women's Chorus, the Chamber Choir, the University Singers, and the University Chorale. Conductors Randi Von Ellefson and Tony Gonzalez will lead the groups in music from several centuries, from the Renaissance master William Byrd, to Haydn, Brahms, and several contemporary composers. The concert is free and all are invited.



Congratulations, Lew McGinnis!

Congratulations to Lew McGinnis on receiving the Stan Basler Award. Lew has helped the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (CJAMM) for 23 years and was influential in starting Exodus Houses in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Lawton. Congratulations Lew!



We Are The Church

Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation. This week, Adam and Kenna Clapp share with us about their lives and how Nichols Hills U.M.C. is blessing them.

Adam and Kenna met in college at Oklahoma State University. Adam is originally from Edmond, and Kenna is from Buffalo, Oklahoma. They were married in Stillwater in the summer of 2011.

They enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends and hanging out with their dog, Berkley in their spare time. During the week, Adam can be found at Sandridge doing reservoir engineering, and Kenna works at Chesapeake doing land work.

They noticed Nichols Hills U.M.C. when they were driving through the neighborhood and were drawn to the friendly atmosphere the church claimed (and has proven) to be. "We love not only the friendliness of the church but also the true feeling of community. We have really enjoyed serving at the clothing closet and the food pantry at John Marshall High School. The church is making a big impact there, and we've enjoyed being a part of that. Trevor and Matt are very relatable, and we have really enjoyed their teachings."

Adam and Kenna joined our church on July 30. We are happy to have them in our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!



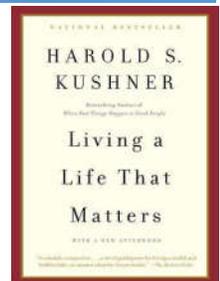
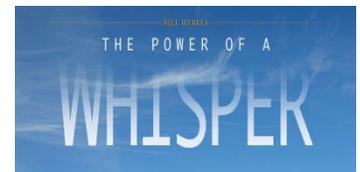
Nichols Thrills - New Classes

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 \$12. 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.



Nichols Hills U.M.C. and North Highland Update

Nichols Hills U.M.C. has been asked to sit on an oversight committee by the volunteers and staff at North Highland Elementary School. Jennifer McGinnis has been attending on behalf of the church. The goal of the committee is to help the school be successful this year. We have been asked to sponsor the two 4th grade classes, led by Ms. Bell and Ms. Maxwell. Below are a few of the teacher's classroom needs and personal likes for care packages.

We have some volunteer openings for a committee to keep in direct contact with our two teachers to help meet their immediate needs and to support the teachers directly with care packages. These teachers have a tough job, and we want to show them how Nichols Hills United Methodist Church supports them. I guarantee this to be a rewarding job. Anyone interested in this opportunity can text Jennifer McGinnis at 405-641-1038 or email her at skipjip@aol.com.

Ms. Bell:

Classroom needs: Chapter books grade level 1st - 4th
Book series to read
Help with testing

Ms. Bell likes: 100% Real Juice
Peanut butter cookies
Seaweed
Carican Flavors Restaurant
Books on African American topics

Ms. Maxwell:

Classroom needs: Incentives for the children such as candy or toys
Pencils
17 copies of the same book for the children to read
Classroom volunteers

Ms. Maxwell likes: Arizona Sweet Tea
Lemonade
Reece's Peanut Butter Cups
Vanilla Oreos
Pringles (BBQ or Cheddar)
Red Lobster Restaurant
Encouraging notes
Relaxation gifts for home use



Dr. Trevor Smith Spoke at Orders Meeting

Our very own Senior Pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith, had the opportunity to share with all of the United Methodist pastors in Oklahoma the story of how the Holy Spirit has challenged us and opened doors to begin our Neighborhood Market and our Bear Cave Clothing Closet on the campus of John Marshall High School. We are now feeding over 200 students per week through the John Marshall Neighborhood Market, and we are blessing many students through our Bear Cave Clothing Closet.

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is making a marvelous difference in our community!



Save the Date - Fall Festival 2017!

Our annual Fall Festival will be on **Sunday, October 29** from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Join us for a Chili Cook-off, Hayrides, Games, S'mores, and more! Stay tuned for more details!



Pray for Las Vegas



Rev. Matt Patrick

Early Monday morning, the unspeakable happened in Las Vegas, Nevada. The mass shooting at the music festival claimed tens of lives and injured over 500 people. In the wake of tragedy so incomprehensible, it is hard to know what to do. As Christians, it is our calling to help and do good in any way we can. This week, we can start with prayer. I hope that you will join me in praying for those who lost loved ones in this horrendous attack. We will also pray for the family members of the shooter who must learn to move on with the trauma of knowing a member of their family committed such a heinous

act. We pray for peace in the midst of chaos to remember that God is with us, even in the darkest moments. However, prayer is not the end. It is only the beginning. We must rise from our knees and into action in our world. In Romans 12:21, St. Paul writes "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." We must act to make our world and our community a safer and more loving place. That starts with simple acts of love and justice in our own community. Please join me in prayer and in acts of goodness as we move forward

Blessings,
Matt

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
Director

Last Sunday we, The Learning Center staff served as the hostesses for cookies after the last service of church. We had precious handprint cookies with TLC iced on them for people in our church. It was a delightful experience that we will definitely do again. Sometimes you get more out of such a simple gesture than the folks receiving it.

We definitely felt proud to represent our little ministry (no pun intended.) Thank you all NHUMC members for so graciously blessing us with your on-going love, support, and encouragement. There is no place we would rather serve than in our church.

Blessings,
Denise



Birthdays (continued)

- 10/05 Linda Klos
- 10/06 Joie Dickey
- 10/06 James Lavenue
- 10/07 Anna Bookout
- 10/07 Hardy Robinson
- 10/07 Fred Schonwald, Jr.
- 10/09 Randi Garza
- 10/09 Jacob Roan
- 10/09 John Rowntree, Jr.
- 10/10 Bill Shdeed
- 10/11 Blythe Butler
- 10/11 Ann Garrett
- 10/12 Tracey Saunders

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

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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 on October 8 as Linda Rosser McDaniel will presents *My thirty years with Kiva Class*. Join us on October 15 as Michael Clayton will share with us Part 2 of *Prosecuting Terrorists*.

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

Randall Blair, Sunday Host

Jessica Mayberry, Nursery Attendant

Ashley Edwards, Nursery Attendant

Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant