

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Encounters with Jesus

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” *John 3:1-9*

How did Jesus come into your life? When did you first experience the grace and forgiveness that Jesus so freely offers to us? How did you get to know the Son of God?

In our new sermon series, *Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John*, we will see how many different people encountered Jesus including a scholarly Pharisee, a woman who had been caught in adultery, a man who had been born blind, and a woman who anointed Jesus’ feet with costly perfume. We’ll see how Jesus offered them the love of God, forgiveness for their sins, healing from blindness, and life in the face of death. I hope you will invite someone you know to come and encounter Jesus with us in worship in March and April.

Throughout March we will have many opportunities to encounter Jesus in our church. I am leading a six-week Lenten study on Adam Hamilton’s book, *John: the Gospel of Light and Life* beginning on Wednesday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. This study will complement our Lenten sermon series, *Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John*. The price of the book is \$13.00.

Allyson Smith is leading a six-week study of Beth Moore’s *Sacred Secrets* beginning on Wednesday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. The price of the book is \$10. You can sign up in the church office or in the narthex on Sunday to be part of either of these studies.

It has been exciting to see the way the Holy Spirit is leading our church be in ministry with hungry students, with grieving families, and with children and youth. In the last two weeks you have heard firsthand from members of our church about many of the ways that the Holy Spirit is working through us to make a Christian difference in our community. I want to thank Jennifer McGinnis, Margaret Wells, Morgan Smith, Cynthia Meyerson, Matt Eales, Kay Musser, Gordon Ryan, Janet Jones, Stephanie Henry, Paul Lindsey, Nathan Crownover, Christie Baker, Matt Patrick, and Rufus Howard for sharing with us about all of the exciting ways God is working through us.

It was also a great blessing to see so many people come out for our Open House at John Marshall High School. Carla Hinton from the Daily Oklahoman spent the evening with us, and I want you to be looking for an article on our church in the Religion Section on Saturday. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, March 5

##### John Marshall Sunday

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

#### Monday, March 6

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.  
Women’s A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 8

Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.  
Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
John The Gospel of Light and Life Study at 5:30 p.m.  
Sacred Secrets Study at 5:30 p.m.  
College and Young Adult Group at 7:00 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, March 10

John Marshall Market, 10:30-12:30

#### Sunday, March 12

Daylight Savings Begins



#### Tuesday, March 21

John Marshall Dinner at 6:30 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

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 **March 12, 19, 26, and April**. 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, Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, and Kathy Walker.

### 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, March 5.

The coffee hosts are Bill and Sandra Smith.

The chancel flowers are given by General Bill Bowden in memory of Isobel Bowden.

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

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

#### Town Village

Joanna Garnett

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

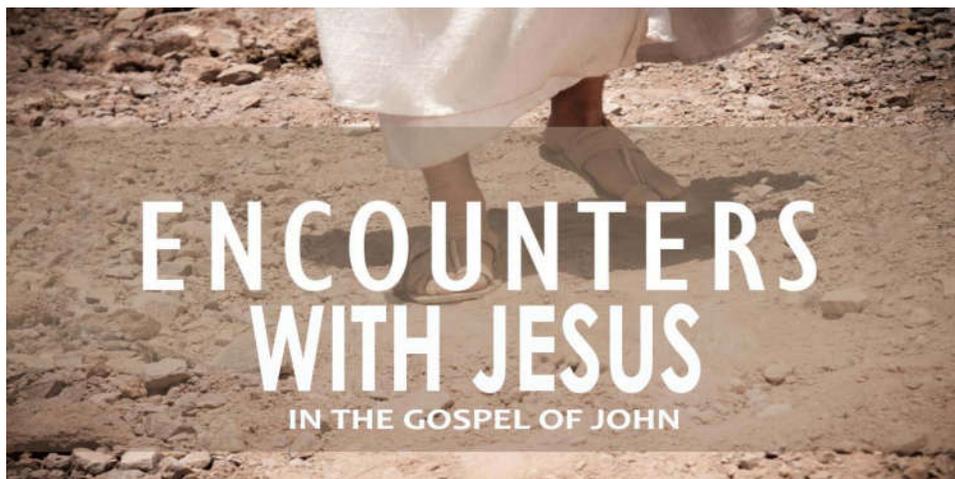
Anita Dahlgren

#### 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



## Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John

This Lenten season we will come to know Jesus through the most loved of all gospel stories. Join us as we focus our sermons on *Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John*—stories of Jesus' ministry with people that will touch your heart and deepen your faith.

<b>March 1</b>	<i>Cleansing the Temple</i>
<b>March 5</b>	<i>Nic at Night</i>
<b>March 12</b>	<i>Throwing Stones</i>
<b>March 19</b>	<i>Healing the Blind</i>
<b>March 26</b>	<i>Washing Feet</i>
<b>April 2</b>	<i>Anointing the King</i>
<b>April 9</b>	<i>The Parade and the Passion</i>
<b>April 16</b>	<i>In the Garden</i>
<b>April 23</b>	<i>Believing Thomas</i>

## John: the Gospel of Light and Life

Fifty years after Jesus died, one of his closest companions wrote an account of Jesus' life. *The Gospel of John*, which has historically been described as "the spiritual Gospel," doesn't just tell us what Jesus said and did. It reveals why Jesus matters. Beginning on March 8, join us on Wednesday nights at 5:30 as we study Adam Hamilton's book, *John: the Gospel of Light and Life* and read *the Gospel of John* together. The price of the book is \$13. Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith.

## Sacred Secrets

The world is obsessed with telling secrets for the sake of sensationalism. But not all hidden things are poisonous and dark. Some secrets are forgiven, some are covered, and some are kept between you and God. Beginning on March 8, join us on Wednesday nights at 5:30 as we study Beth Moore's book, *Sacred Secrets*. The price of the book is \$10. Leader: Allyson Smith.

## John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

Our Open House was a huge success! Thank you to all who came! A special thank you to the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference and the Daily Oklahoman for interviewing. We are very excited about this ministry! So far we have served over 1013 students from November 11 to February 24!

If you are interested in volunteering in the Neighborhood Market or Clothing Closet please contact Cheryl Fraley at [cherylfraley@gmail.com](mailto:cherylfraley@gmail.com). We have a place for you to serve!



# John Marshall Sports Dinner

We will host our third annual John Marshall Sports Dinner in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m.** The volunteer sign-up sheets will be available on Sunday, March 5th in the Narthex.



Rev. Matt Patrick

## Jesus: Rebel with a Cause

As we begin our Lenten season with Ash Wednesday this week, we will be turning to a story in John 2 about Jesus becoming angry and then cleansing the Temple. In this story, Jesus finds the moneychangers exploiting the poor by heavily marking up prices on goods that would be required for religious rituals during the Passover. Jesus' anger is righteous because the Temple is allowing additional barriers to be put up between the people and God. Jesus then protests angrily to try

and send a message that God's people will not be exploited.

During this Lenten season, I invite you to take a look at our world and notice where injustices and exploitations are still happening. As you notice them ask God what you can do about it and how you can join Jesus in standing up for the most vulnerable.

I hope that this Lenten season will bring you and I closer to God together.

- Matt

## Children's Ministry

I hope everyone is having a great week! I can't believe it's already March! The year is going by so fast!

I had so much fun watching our kids sing in worship this past Sunday! I hope you and your family will be a part of this awesome experience the next time they sing.

We would love to see you all in Sunday school and Children's Church!

Blessings,  
Madison



Madison Chilless

## Tidbits from The Learning Center

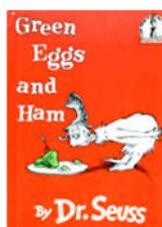
This week we will celebrate the birth of Dr. Theodor Seuss Geisel, known around the world as Dr. Seuss. Each year we spend a week reading his stories and incorporating some of his silliness into fun activities in art, cooking, dramatic play, sensory experiences, and problem solving. Our hope is that our children will enjoy the zaniness and remember their experiences with fondness. It is so important to instill a love of reading. We will make his stories come alive by creating our own hats, acting as the characters Thing One and Thing Two, and cook Green Eggs and Ham. Each day of the week we will do something a little different that refers back to Dr. Seuss stories. On Monday everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite Dr. Seuss book. On Tuesday everyone is asked to wear crazy socks. Wednesday is crazy hair

day. Thursday is hat day. And Friday is crazy clothing day. We will share photos of these activities in the next newsletter.

- Denise



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## John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

### Needs:

#### Neighborhood Market Needs:

- Snacks – snack bags of Goldfish Cheez-Its, Pretzels, etc.
- Regular Feminine Hygiene Pads

#### Clothing Closet Needs:

- Hangers (from the dry cleaners)
- Jeans (men and women – appropriate for teenagers)
- Women's uniform type pants (washable) - black, khaki or navy
- Polo shirts for men and women in white, red or black
- Women's shoes for school
- Prom Dresses, shoes, bags, jewelry

Clothing should be clean and ready to wear. Please drop off clothing and food at the church or call the church office for more information.

## 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](http://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

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|-------|---------------------|
| 03/05 | Tom Fraley          |
|       | Dale Jordan         |
|       | Mac Shdeed          |
|       | Scarlett Shdeed     |
| 03/11 | G. T. Blankenship   |
| 03/11 | Lauren Heflin       |
| 03/15 | Lydia Hunt          |
|       | Gordon Ryan         |
| 03/16 | Kathryn Guerra      |
| 03/19 | Mary Ann Carmichael |
| 03/20 | Kneely Buxton       |
| 03/20 | Caleb Magness       |
| 03/21 | Becky Sims          |
| 03/22 | Stephanie Henry     |

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

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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 study Max Lucado's book, *Next Door Savior*. 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* - Jennifer McInnis has invited the Circle of Care to speak to the class. 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* - The Open Circle Class primarily utilizes the lectionary approach to studying scriptures, which excerpts scriptures from the Bible so that the full Bible is covered every three years. We also study hymns. Teacher: John Marshall.

**The Bible Class:** *Meets in the Conference Room*. - Join us as we study the Bible through the Adult Bible Study curriculum. Each week covers a different scripture and lesson, and you are given a new book of studies each quarter. Come prepared to join in the discussions and fellowship. This class rotates teachers. 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.  
Leaders: Cynthia Meyerson and Morgan Hunt.

**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.

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**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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**Louise Glass**, Financial Secretary  
**Denise Buthion**, Director of The Learning Center  
**Michael Hall**, Maintenance/Custodian  
**Alfred Walker**, Sunday Host  
**Randall Blair**, Sunday Host  
**Rachel Spear**, Nursery Attendant  
**Shendra Stevens**, Nursery Attendant

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