

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Believing is Seeing

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." -John 9:39-41

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." -Ferris Bueller

Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?

Can you immediately answer that question, or do you have a hard time thinking of the last time you saw God at work in your life?

God is actively at work every day in your life and in our community. You may or may not see what God is doing. It depends on your ability to see the world with eyes of faith.

I call them God Sightings, and I experience them every week in our church. On Sunday morning I opened the *Daily Oklahoman* to see a wonderful article by Carla Hinton on the front page of the Metro/State section about our life-changing ministries at John Marshall High School. God is with us, among us, and in us as we develop relationships and feed and clothe students through our Neighborhood Market Food Pantry and the Bear Cave Clothing Closet.

A week ago I saw God at work in our children as they sang God's praises in worship, and I certainly saw God at work when 5 year old Regan Miller closed our Children's Conversation with an inspiring prayer.

I saw God at work again on Sunday morning as our entire congregation came forward to lay down their stones on the Communion Rail and so many people knelt to pray and ask God to help them refrain from judging others. It was a holy moment.

I saw God sitting there at the table with us in our Lenten Study on the Gospel of John last Wednesday, and when I walked in the fellowship hall that night I saw God engaging people in our Sacred Secrets study as well.

I could go on and on about all of the places I see God at work in the lives of people in our church. On Sunday we are going to talk about the way Jesus healed a man who was born blind. As we take a closer look at this story we are going to find that this man not only receives his sight, he also gains the ability to see that Jesus is the Son of Man. You see, believing is seeing. I invite you to join us in worship this Sunday so that you may believe in Jesus and begin to see all of the ways he is at work in your life and in our community.

Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

**Sunday, March 19**

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

**Monday, March 20**

Women's A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, March 20 to**

**Friday, March 24**

T.L.C. Enrollment Begins

**Tuesday, March 21**

John Marshall Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 22**

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 24**

John Marshall Market, 10:30-12:30

**Monday, April 3**

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday, April 13**

Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30

**Good Friday, April 14**

Tenebrae Service 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 26 and all of 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, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Cinda Lafferty, Carol Magness, and Beverly Perri.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, March 19.

The coffee host is Janet Jones.

The chancel flowers are given by Ellie Roberts in loving memory of Dr. Gary Roberts.

### Job Opportunity

Nichols Hills U.M.C. is in search of a full-time Children's and Family Director. Please call the church office at 405-842-1486 if interested.

### 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

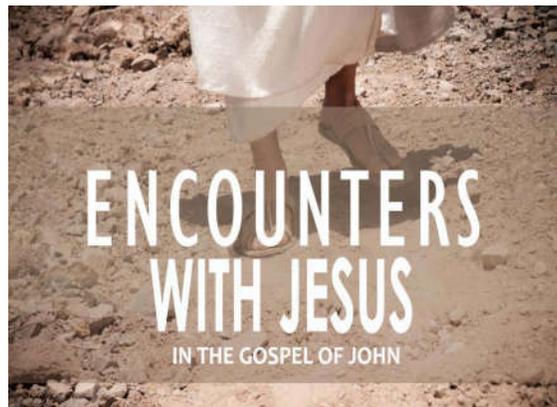
#### At Home

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.

March 19	<i>Healing the Blind</i>
March 26	<i>Washing Feet</i>
April 2	<i>Anointing the King</i>
April 9	<i>The Parade and the Passion</i>
April 16	<i>In the Garden</i>
April 23	<i>Believing Thomas</i>



## John Marshall Sports Dinner

We will host our third annual John Marshall Sports Dinner on **Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter, table host, server, or kitchen helper contact Janet Jones at 405-627-1566 or janetjones1@juno.com.



## Easter Lilies

We will continue the tradition of placing lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16, however this year we are offering two options. If you would like to purchase a lily, the cost will be \$15 per plant or you can have your donation go towards our Missions. Please fill out this form, check whether you would like to purchase a lily or have your donation go towards Missions, and return the form, along with a check or cash, to the church office. Forms must be received in the church office before April 4.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lilies: \_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my donation to go towards purchasing a lily. I will pick up my lily following the 10:50 worship service or have my lily be delivered to a homebound person.

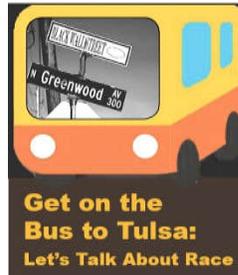
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my donation to go toward Missions instead of purchasing a lily.

# Missions Committee

## Get on the Bus to Tulsa:

### Let's Talk About Race-March 24 - 26, 2017

This chance to talk about race, bias, Tulsa race riots, and other relevant topics is sponsored by the Oklahoma Methodist Conference. Conversations about Check out the details at [www.okumc-reg.brtaapp.com/getonthebus2017](http://www.okumc-reg.brtaapp.com/getonthebus2017).



## Calling All Former Girl Scouts and Strong Women!



Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is starting Girl Scout Troop #928. This troop is for Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Nichols Hills Elementary, West Nichols Hills Elementary, Belle Isle Enterprise School, and North Highlands Math and Science Academy.

If you were a scout, then you know the skills you learned are really needed today. If you weren't, we will be happy to fill you in. Please contact Jennifer McGinnis at [skipjip@aol.com](mailto:skipjip@aol.com) or call 405-641-1038 for more information.

## Children's Ministry

I hope all our wonderful families are having a great week and enjoying their Spring Break!

This Sunday during Sunday school we will be practicing with Michael Wylder to learn the song that we will sing in front of the congregation on April 9th. We would love to have you and your children be a part of that experience!

We are so excited about everything going on in our Children's Ministry, and we love to get all of our families involved!

For more information about our Children's Ministry, contact me at [mchillless@uco.edu](mailto:mchillless@uco.edu). Have a great week and we will see you Sunday!

Blessings,  
Madison



Madison Chillless

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion  
Director

This week we are off for spring break. We will gear up for summer enrollment when we return.

New tee shirts have been purchased for the summer session, and each child will receive a shirt upon their summer enrollment. Children ages 4 and up will wear these shirts on our field trips so that they can be clearly identified with The Learning Center.



Orr Family Farm - Summer Session 2016

We have many exciting activities during our fun-filled summer session that will begin on June 5. We will keep you posted. See you on March 20.

-Denise

## John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet Needs:

### Neighborhood Market Needs:

- Snacks – bars, snack bags of
- Goldfish, Cheez-Its, Pretzels, etc.
- Chicken salad and tuna salad boxes (found at Dollar Tree)

### 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

- 03/19 Mary Ann Carmichael
- 03/20 Kneely Buxton  
Caleb Magness
- 03/21 Becky Sims
- 03/22 Stephanie Henry
- 03/24 Dick Graves  
Helen Sullivan  
Russell Walker
- 03/27 Buzz McDaniel
- 03/28 Layton Hill, IV  
Drake Parsons  
Charlette Perryman  
Bruce Rosier  
Dick Webber

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* - Dudley Hyde has invited Susana Della Maddalena from the Humane Society to speak on March 19. 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. 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  
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