

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Believing Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." —*John 20:24-29*

When I read through the Gospel accounts of the resurrection, one of the most interesting things I notice is that almost no one believed in the resurrection at first. Mark tells us that the women who came to the tomb *fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.* Luke tells us that even as the resurrected Jesus stood before the disciples, *in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering...* John tells the story of how Thomas refused to believe in the resurrection at first. But even more interesting than the way they doubted the resurrection is the way that Jesus helped them all to believe. This Sunday, we will conclude *Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John* and learn how our doubts often challenge us to grow deeper in our faith.

I want to thank each of you who worked so hard to help us have meaningful Holy Week and Easter Services. Our Altar Guild really went the extra mile to prepare the sanctuary for each of these special services. Each of the readers at our Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Darkness helped us to encounter Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Our youth served our children by hiding the Easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. Our musicians and our Chancel Choir blessed us with beautiful and moving music. Many of you prepared food for our Family Breakfast, and so many of you made the effort to invite someone you know to come to our Easter services.

When I consider all of the people who served our church's ministry last week it reminds me that the Holy Spirit can work through us to help build the kingdom of God. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in so many ways. Together we are making a Christian difference in our community. I want to encourage you to continue to pray and to dream about how the Holy Spirit can work through us to make disciples of Jesus Christ as we step into God's future for our church.

On Sunday, April 30, we will hold both of our worship services outside as we participate in Marathon Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity we have to share Good News with the runners and our community through beautiful music, words of encouragement, and friendly fellowship. I hope you will invite someone you know to join us for one of the best Sundays of the year. I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, April 23

Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 10:50 a.m.
Children's Camp Meeting at 12:15
Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 24

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

Wednesday, April 26

Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.
College and Young Adult Group at 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28

John Marshall Market, 10:30-12:30

Saturday, April 29

Circle of Care Banquet, 5:00 p.m.

Marathon Sunday, April 30

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50

Monday, May 1

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.
Trustee Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 7

Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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The Learning Center

(405)842-5325
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Ministry Opportunities

Hospitality Greeters

Do you like to smile and talk to people? Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, this is an opportunity you might 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 **April 23, and 30**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Chancel Flower Delivery

We are in need of people to deliver the chancel flowers to homebound members. If this opportunity is one you would enjoy, please sign-up on the bulletin board outside of 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: Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, Sharon Ives, Janet Jones, Bette MacKellar, Karen McLain, Carol Magness, Ellie Roberts, Marty Smith, and Kathy Walker.

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

Circle of Care Banquet

Saturday, April 29 - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

National Cowboy

and Western Heritage Museum

Featuring: Jackie Joyner-Kersey
Individual Tickets and Tables Available

Reserve online at circleofcare.org

Attire is Semi-Formal

Parenthood

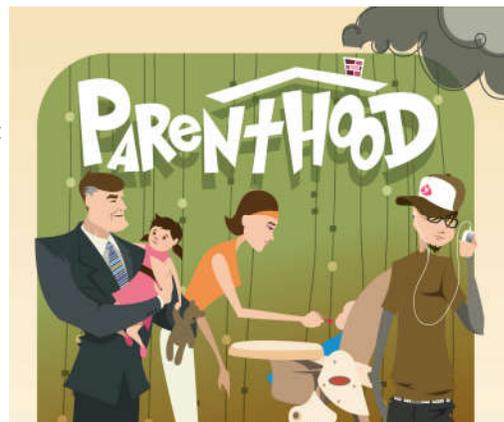
If you have kids or are even thinking about having them, you won't want to miss this three-week series that explores what God's Word has to say about all things parental. Whether they're bawling, crawling, walking, talking, driving you crazy or asking to drive your car, kids are a gift from God, and God provides some very clear guidance and insight on how to raise them to be full of faith and focused on God, rather than leaving you frustrated, frazzled and fatigued.

Join us at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings for this fun series on *Parenthood*.

May 7 *The Parent's Priority*

May 14 *The Unchanging Principles of Parenting*

May 21 *Discipline*



We Are The Church

Our church makes a Christian difference through our wonderful people. We want to introduce you to our newest member, Christi Coyle.

"I am thrilled to be a new member at Nichols Hills U.M.C. I have been a member of a Methodist church in OKC for many years but really wanted to be active in a church with my husband rather than each of us attending separate services. So I have been coming to N.H.U.M.C. for a while but decided to join to make it "official". I have enjoyed getting to know all of the kind people at the 8:30 service.

The Wednesday night bible study is something new for me, and I really look forward to the next series. The atmosphere and genuine caring is very evident and makes me feel like I am where I am supposed to be at this time in my life. The feeling of being supported by a church and its members is very important to me. Thank you so much for making me feel at home!!!"

Christi joined our church on April 2. We are excited that she is part of our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!



Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone that helped and brought food to the Easter Brunch. We couldn't have done it without you. An extra big thank you to Cara Fraley for all the decorating that helped make the event special.

- Jennifer McGinnis

Below are a few photos from our wonderful Easter Sunday.



Children Singing



Easter Brunch



Easter Egg Hunt



Worship Service

Church Camp Information

Sonshine Camp, for students entering 1st through 2nd grade
Saturday, July 22 to Sunday, July 23 at Canyon Camp
Early Bird price before April 30: Campers: \$59
Regular price: Campers: \$79, Adult Shepherds: \$56

Growin' In Grace Camp, for students entering 3rd - 5th grade
Monday, July 17 to Wednesday, July 19 at Canyon Camp
Early Bird price before April 30: \$167
Regular price: \$187

Joy Camp - Creative Arts Camp for students entering 3rd - 5th Grade
Friday, June 16 to Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day) at Canyon Camp
Early Bird price before April 30: Campers \$167
Regular price: Campers: \$187

Sixth Grade Camp - Entering Grade 6

June 23-25 at Canyon Camp
Early Bird price before April 30: \$167
Regular price: \$187

July 17-21 at Canyon Camp
Early Bird price before April 30: \$279
Regular price: \$299

Join us after church this Sunday, April 23 at 12:15 for a meeting where we will discuss more about the camps.



Marathon Sunday Is Coming Up!



Rev. Matt Patrick

Last year a new tradition started at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. Our church was inspired to move our worship services outdoors and be with the people participating in the marathon. It was a great day of fun and celebration as we sang hymns together and encouraged the runners to finish the race that God had set before them.

We will be doing that again this year on Sunday, April 30th. We are excited about all of the opportunities that come along with such a great celebration, and we hope that you will join us for our outdoor services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Below is more information on Marathon Sunday. Invite a friend to come with you and join us for an incredible day.

-Matt

Marathon Sunday

April 30 is Marathon Sunday. We are moving our worship services outside at their usual times at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. We will gather in the green space to the west of our parking lot. We have invited a Steel Drum Band to perform with our Chancel Choir and lead our music that day.

We will have a golf cart to assist anyone who may need a ride from the parking lot to the place we are gathering. There will be bounce houses, face painting, and other fun things for children. During the Sunday school hour we will encourage the runners. We want everyone to know that our church loves to reach out to our community and encourage people.

Plan to bring a lawn chair and to dress casually. Please let us know if you have a canopy tent we could use or if you would like to bring a breakfast dish to share.

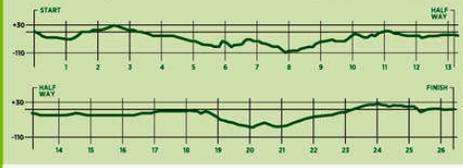
If you have an idea for Marathon Sunday, or if you would like to assist in the preparations, please contact Trevor Smith at revtrevor@gmail.com or Matt Patrick at mpatrick@nicholshillsumc.org. Trevor and Matt can also be reached at the church at 405-842-1486.

On the other side of this page is a map to help you plan your route to church that day. You will notice that the intersection of 63rd and Grand Avenue will be closed from 7:18 a.m. until noon. The intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue will be closed from 6:44 until 9:20 a.m. We hope you will invite someone you know to join us for a memorable Marathon Sunday.



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COURSE OPENS AND CLOSINGS

MILE	STREET CLOSURES	FIRST RUNNER	LAST RUNNER	STREET REOPENS
Start	04:30	06:25	06:30	10:00
1	06:05	06:29	06:46	06:56
2	06:11	06:33	07:02	07:12
3	06:16	06:37	07:18	07:28
4	06:21	06:41	07:34	07:44
5	06:25	06:45	07:50	08:00
6	06:29	06:49	08:06	08:16
7	06:32	06:52	08:22	08:32
8	06:37	06:57	08:38	08:48
9	06:40	07:00	08:54	09:04
10	06:44	07:04	09:10	09:20
11	06:47	07:07	09:26	09:36
12	06:48	07:12	09:42	09:52
13	06:52	07:15	09:58	10:08
14	06:55	07:19	10:14	10:24
15	06:59	07:23	10:30	10:40
16	07:03	07:27	10:46	10:56
17	07:07	07:30	11:02	11:12
18	07:10	07:34	11:18	11:28
19	07:14	07:38	11:34	11:44
20	07:18	07:41	11:50	12:00
21	07:15	07:45	12:06	12:16
22	06:00	07:16	12:22	12:32
23	06:00	07:21	12:38	12:48
24	06:00	07:26	12:54	13:04
25	07:01	07:31	13:10	13:20
26	07:06	07:36	13:26	13:36
Finish	04:30	07:38	13:30	14:00

- WATER STOP
- RELAY STOP
- MEDICAL AID STATION
- FULL MARATHON
- HALF MARATHON
- 5K
- RELIEF STATION



COURSE MAP



17TH ANNUAL
Run to Remember
 APRIL 30, 2017

REGISTER AT okcMARATHON.com

Children's Ministry

Easter Sunday was a huge success for our children and families here at NHUMC! We had such an awesome turn out of people and support.

The Children's Ministry staff would like to thank everyone who supported our event through your time, generous donations of candy, plastic eggs, and your support that made this Easter outreach event a success. It truly was successful, not only to our families here, but throughout our neighboring communities. Because of your outstanding efforts, you have made this one of our most spectacular Easter egg hunts ever. Thank you!

-Tausha



Tausha Davison,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
Director

Celebrating Holy Week was a very busy time at The Learning Center. Our families contributed twelve eggs per child and helped "hide" Easter eggs for our annual hunt on Wednesday, April 12. Everyone was told to be ready to go at 1:45 p.m. The hunt lasted quite some time this year - a whole five minutes. Blink and you missed it. The children were

thrilled with their treasures and happily shared eggs (stuffed with goodies) with their friends.

The Learning Center has the most supportive and wonderful families. Moms, dads, grandmothers, and grandfathers (plus several nannies) came and photographed their children during the hunt. It is truly a blessing to work with families who are so dedicated to their children's growth and development. A wonderful time was had by all. Enjoy the photos!

-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. 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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| 04/20 | Alan Chase
Carter Cloud
Louis Fraley
Griffin Jones
Jim Jones |
| 04/21 | Bernadene Moore |
| 04/22 | Claire Fraley |
| 04/26 | Kery Mueller |
| 04/29 | Marty Margo |
| 04/30 | Colin Anderson |
| 05/01 | Christie Baker
Alice Pippin |
| 05/02 | Kristen Robinson |
| 05/03 | Nathan Hilger
DeDe Maxwell |

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 Adam Hamilton's book, *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*. 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* - Join us as we hear from Denise Buthion, director of The Learning Center, about the state of The Learning Center. 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*. - Please join our class Sunday as we study God's Reconciling Love and talk about how we can live with the confidence that God loves us at all times and in all circumstances. Background texts, Romans 5:1-11; 8:31-39. 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.
Leader: 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: Tausha Davison.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor
Rev. Matt Patrick, Student Pastor
Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music
Tausha Davison, 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
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