

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## The Unchanging Principles of Parenting

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. -Mark 10:13-16

Recently, a robin built a nest on a window above the door that leads from my kitchen to my backyard. My family was excited to see three blue eggs appear in the nest, and then we were so pleased to see the three baby birds who hatched out of those eggs. In the last week, it has been so interesting to see the way the momma bird and the daddy bird take turns feeding the three baby birds with their mouths wide open and how the two parents protect their babies when we get too close to the nest. Observing this little family of robins has made me think about the importance of parenting and our responsibility to raise our youngest generation to know, love, serve, and worship Jesus.

On Sunday we will continue our *Parenthood* sermon series by taking a closer look at how Jesus cared for children, and we will talk about three unchanging principles of parenting that can apply to all relationships. We will also celebrate Mother's Day by honoring and blessing all of the women in our church. I hope you will invite the special women in your life to come with you to worship with us on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m.

I also want to share some of the exciting ways that the Holy Spirit has been helping our church to reach younger generations. In the last year several young adults between the ages of 25 and 35 years old have begun attending our church. I wanted to create an opportunity for these younger adults to get to know each other, so I invited them to have lunch with me at the beginning of April. We had lunch a second time on Sunday, and we are making plans to begin meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 to do the Alpha Course which is an opportunity to explore spirituality from a Christian perspective. I am so grateful to be part of the new things God is doing in our church, and I want to thank you for the way you offer hospitality and help us to welcome new people into our church.

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

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

**Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day**

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 10:50 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 17**

Young Adult Alpha Course at 6:30

**Friday, May 19**

John Marshall Market, 10:30-12:30

**Graduate Sunday, May 21**

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50

Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

Youth Party at 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 22**

Women's A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 24**

Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.

**Memorial Sunday, May 28**

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50

**Monday, May 29, Memorial Day**

Church Offices and

The Learning Center Closed

**Monday, May 29-Friday, May 31**

Annual Conference

The Learning Center Closed

**Pentecost Sunday, June 4**

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50

**Monday, June 5**

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

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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 **May 14, 21, and 28**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, May 14

The mission candle is lit by General Bowden in honor of Mary Bowden Montgomery, 1st cousin, St. Louis, MO. The chancel flowers are given by Jane Harlow in honor of Kristina Harlow on her 21st birthday.

### 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: Ann Garrett, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, Jan Pitney, and Marty Smith.

### 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

Katie Alexander

#### At Home

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

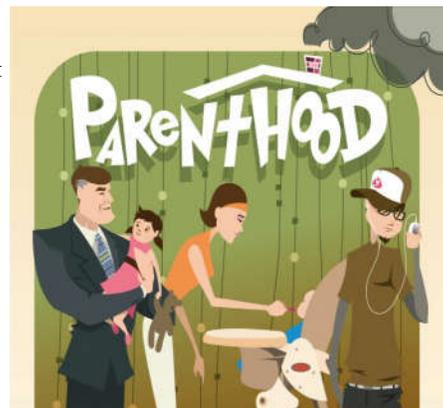
## Parenthood

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 14** The Unchanging Principles of Parenting

**May 21** Discipline



## Our Sponsored Children Update

During our Christmas season, our church committed to sponsoring children in developing countries through *Compassion International* in order to provide for their basic needs such as food, water, shelter, schooling and basic medical care. I wanted to give you an update on the children we have selected that are now receiving care and their basic needs because of *your* generous spirit. I have provided a name, age and country below so that you can begin praying for these children with me as we walk with them in the journey of life. Thank you!

**Madoché:** Boy, Age 3, Country: Burkina Faso

**Grace:** Girl, Age 4, Country: Kenya

**Brenda:** Girl, Age 5, Country: Colombia

**Moses:** Boy, Age 6, Country: Kenya

**Cristian:** Boy, Age 9, Country: Colombia

**Kelly:** Girl, Age 10, Country: Bolivia



Rev. Matt Patrick

-Matt

## Missions in May

As we wind down on another school year, it's time to gear up for school uniforms. Families are able to come to Skyline with a school referral to receive two new school uniforms, shoes, a pair of new tennis shoes, three pair of socks and three pair of underwear. This ministry is solely supported by donations from area churches. There are three ways that you can get involved:

### 1. Donate Money to Purchase Uniforms.

It costs approximately \$75 to outfit each child. Checks can be made out to N.H.U.M.C. – write *Clothes 4 Kids* in the memo line.

### 2. Volunteer.

Tuesday, May 30: 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Monday, June 5: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, July 10: 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Monday, July 17: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### 3. Stock the Pantry and the Clothing Closet.

Bring canned and dry goods, particularly on soap, dry beans, cereal, canned fruit, and canned vegetables. For the Clothing Closet, please bring a package or two of NEW underwear to donate.

**Sizes needed:** Girls: 4-16; Boys: 4-20; Women: 5-10; Men's: 30-48 (boxer briefs only in dark colors)

Sign-up to serve in the Narthex.



Tausha Davison,  
Director of Children  
and Family Ministry

## Children's Ministry

Hello everyone!

This week in Children's Church we talked about how children are a blessing from God. We made bracelets with the memory verse on them. We also wrote letters and made pictures for a child in Columbia whom we are sponsoring through *Compassion International*. We will learn about a different child each week for the next 6 weeks and then send letters and pictures to them. The children are very excited about being part of this ministry.

-Tausha

## Special Sundays in May!

Join us for four special Sundays in May!

On May 14, we will honor the women in our church as part of our Mother's Day Celebration. It will be a wonderful worship service!

On May 21, we will honor our graduating seniors and hear their plans for the future.

On May 28, we will observe Memorial 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 to the church office.

### Memorial Sunday

Person to be remembered: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of the person to you: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
Director

Each year across our country we celebrate the dedication of our teachers with Teacher Appreciation Week. The week of May 1-5 we recognized the hard work of our teachers. Our Management Team and families contributed to sweet treats, a pizza party, bagels and coffee, flowers, and personal notes from the children. We ended the week with gift cards for each teacher to Target. This is just a small gesture to express our gratitude for the contributions

our teachers make in the lives of our children. Our children are our greatest blessing. May God bless them one and all.

-Denise



## John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet 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.

## 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

- 05/10 Norma Baker
- Mark Miller
- 05/13 Roger Etling
- 05/17 Rosemarie Chase
- Rachel Huchton
- 05/18 Warren Henry
- Charlotte Smith
- 05/20 Dudley Hyde
- 05/21 Jeff Cloud
- 05/23 Jerry Richardson
- Trevor Smith
- 05/24 Michael Wylder
- 05/28 Sharon Ives
- 05/29 Rob Saunders

**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*. This Sunday we will talk about the Church and the communion of saints. 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* - Helen Sullivan has arranged for Skyline Urban Ministries 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*. - Please join our class Sunday as we study Jonah 2 and see how God's love preserved Jonah.

The purpose of this lesson is to remember God's steadfast love for us, even when we have been disobedient. 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.

Director of Children's Ministry: Tausha Davison.

**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.

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**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  
**Michael Hall**, Maintenance/Custodian  
**Alfred Walker**, Sunday Host  
**Randall Blair**, Sunday Host  
**Jessica Mayberry**, Nursery Attendant  
**Ashley Edwards**, Nursery Attendant  
**Hollie Cuthbertson**, Nursery Attendant