



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Jacob and His Brother

<sup>21</sup> Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. <sup>22</sup> The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." <sup>24</sup> When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup> The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup> Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. <sup>27</sup> When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup> Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. -Genesis 25:21-27

When I was a boy, my Dad used to tell my brother and me stories about how he grew up on a farm in Alfalfa County. Some of them were true stories about things that happened with his three brothers or with my grandparents, and some of them were rather outlandish stories about my Dad becoming the Alfalfa County Champion of any number of things. My brother and I loved to listen to Dad's stories. Somehow, they helped us understand our family and learn more and more about who we are.

The story of Jacob is a story like that. It was a story that was first told around the campfires for hundreds of years before it was written down. When a father came in from the fields or from the hunt, and after the family had had supper, and everyone was getting ready for bed, the children would come and say, "Daddy, tell us the story of Jacob and the bowl of stew. Tell us the story of Jacob and the blessing. Tell us about Esau again." So the father would say, "A long, long, long time ago a man named Jacob lived..." And he would tell the story. The children would be delighted. There would be shrieks of laughter, gasps of concern, and sometimes there would be tears. There would also be moments of deep reflection.

It was a fun story, but it was also a story that was meant to teach the children of Israel who they were...to teach them their identity because Jacob was the Father of Israel. God changed Jacob's name to Israel, and he was the Father of a nation. Jacob's story helped them learn something about themselves. He helped define who these people would be. When they looked at the things Jacob did wrong, they learned something about what they should avoid doing. When Jacob got things right, they learned what they should do. When they saw Jacob's relationship with God, they understood more about God's call on their lives.

I would like to invite you to worship with us at 8:30 or 10:50 for the next four Sundays as we begin a new sermon series called *Wrestling with God* in which we will hear Jacob's story in *Genesis*. I believe it is important for you to know this story because it is a foundational story.

I want to thank Ann Garrett, Janice Pitney, and Jereme Cloud for the birthday cake you served us after worship to celebrate Michael Wylder's birthday and my birthday. Thank you for thinking of us. I am so glad to be the senior pastor of such a loving congregation, and I appreciate the thoughtful ways so many of you affirm me and our shared ministry. You are a blessing to me and my family.

This Sunday we will honor and remember our loved ones who have passed away as we observe Memorial Sunday. I hope you will plan to join us for this meaningful worship service.

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

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Memorial Sunday, May 28

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

#### Monday, May 29, Memorial Day

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

#### Monday, May 29-Friday, May 31

Annual Conference  
The Learning Center Closed

#### Wednesday, May 31

Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.  
Young Adult Alpha Course at 6:30

#### Pentecost Sunday, June 4

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50

#### Monday, June 5

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.  
Women's A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.

### Congratulations, Graduates!

Nichols Hills U.M.C. celebrated our graduates last Sunday, May 21. They received a book with their name embossed on the front, and our congregation prayed for them. We are very proud of all of their achievements! Congratulations, graduates!

#### Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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(405)843-1835 Fax  
[www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org)

#### 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 **May 28 and all of June**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, May 28

The mission candle is lit by Jerry Richardson in honor of Joy and his 54th wedding anniversary on May 31. The chancel flowers are given in memory of W. Scott Shdeed, son of Pam and Bill Shdeed.

### 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



## Wrestling with God

Meet Jacob, a spoiled son, a shrewd but unethical business man, and the only person to ever wrestle with God and lived to tell about it. Despite his flaws and challenges, Jacob was blessed by God and managed to redeem himself and his broken relationships. If you have ever wrestled with God, struggled with relationships, or done things you're not proud of, you'll see yourself in Jacob's story. Join us for our current sermon series, *Wrestling with God*.

**May 28** *Jacob and His Brother*

**June 4** *Jacob and His Two Wives*

**June 11** *Wrestling with God*

**June 18** *Jacob and His Sons*

## Annual Conference 2017

Hey everyone! Next week, Pastor Trevor, Cynthia Meyerson, Lew McGinnis, and I will be attending the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in Oklahoma. Around 1000 clergy and laity from all over our state will gather at Oklahoma City University for 3 days to discuss the business of our Church and celebrate the many wonderful ministries in which our Church participates. We are in connection with around 500 other United Methodist churches in our state, and we have pledged to help celebrate and support each other.

When the meetings get long at this conference, I will remember that we are able to do much more for the Kingdom of God together than we could ever do apart.

Blessings,  
Matt



Rev. Matt Patrick

## Children's Ministry

Greetings! This has been an exciting month! This past week we honored our mothers who are in senior living by taking them a Mother's Day card. We would like to thank all of the women in our church family who have offered a motherly influence to young persons throughout the years. Thank you for showing the love of God here on Earth.



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly,  
Director of Children  
and Family Ministry

In Children's Church we discussed Ephesians 6:1-3 as it applies to honoring your mother and father. The children made a 10 Commandments plaque to take home. We also made pictures and wrote letters to Brenda, a child living in poverty whom we are sponsoring through Compassion International. Ms. Ashley Edwards also showed the children how to say *honor* in sign language. I would like to personally thank the Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Team for all of their hard work in making our ministry fun and exciting for our children to learn, grow, and be on fire for God!

Thank you!  
Tausha Davison-Beverly

## Memorial Sunday

This Sunday, May 28, we will observe Memorial Sunday and remember our loved ones who have passed away in the last year by lighting a candle in their memory. This will be a wonderful service of remembrance, and we hope you will join us.

## Skyline Urban Ministry

Thank you to all who have donated to Skyline Urban Ministry! We are so close to meeting our goal of clothing 50 children! It costs approximately \$75 to outfit each child with two new school uniforms, a pair of new tennis shoes, three pair of socks and three pair of underwear. We are lacking \$450 to meet our goal. If you would like to contribute, checks can be written out to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. Please write *Clothes 4 Kids* in the memo line. Thank you for being a blessing to the children in in our city!



Below are other ways to get involved with Skyline Urban Ministry.

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.

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
Director

We love to celebrate big achievements. Recently, two of our teachers accomplished BIG achievements. Yamilex Longoria received her USA citizenship. Her ceremony was held May 9. She spoke to an elementary school about her process of becoming a citizen to encourage others. We are very proud of her time, commitment and expense of becoming a citizen.



Yamilex Longoria

Keyneisha Prather received her pin as a Master Teacher. The pinning ceremony is held once a year. The Scholars of Excellence counselors present the pins to the new candidates. Ms. Key attends Rose State College with a major focus in Early Childhood Education. Her target date to graduate is December 2017. We are really proud of her efforts to earn her college degree. Big things continue to happen in The Learning Center which benefits all of us! Congratulations ladies!

-Denise



Keyneisha Prather

## Thank you!

This past Sunday we celebrated the birthdays of Dr. Trevor Smith and Michael Wylder, our Director of Church Music. A special thank you to our coffee hosts Jereme Cloud, Jan Pitney, and Ann Garrett. They provided and served a delicious birthday cake, punch, and coffee!



## 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

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|-------|--------------------------|
| 05/28 | Sharon Ives              |
| 05/29 | Rob Saunders             |
| 06/04 | Grant Davis              |
| 06/04 | Julian Diaz-Granados     |
| 06/06 | Reese Robinson           |
| 06/07 | John Marshall            |
| 06/10 | Samuel Stafford          |
| 06/13 | Jessica Castoe           |
| 06/13 | Don McCarty              |
| 06/14 | Kathy McCarty            |
| 06/15 | Kurlisa Briggs           |
| 06/17 | Jereme Cloud             |
| 06/18 | Linda Rosser McDaniel    |
| 06/19 | Antone Godding           |
| 06/19 | Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes |
| 06/19 | Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes  |
| 06/20 | Akia Douglas             |
| 06/20 | John Pippin              |

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 resurrection of the dead. 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* - This Memorial Day weekend, join the KIVA class for their roundtable discussion.  
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 the Bible Class Sunday as we study God's Pervasive Love. In Jonah 4 The purpose of the lesson is to repent of our hard-hearted impulse to limit God's love and mercy.

**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-Beverly.

**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.

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**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