

NICHOLS HILLS

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Dr. Trevor Smith

Jacob and his Two Wives

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” ²⁶ Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” ²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. ²⁹ (Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her maid.) ³⁰ So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. He served Laban for another seven years. -*Genesis 29:21-31*

As June begins, it is hard for me to believe that I have had the privilege to serve as your senior pastor for two and a half years. I want you to know that our family is thrilled to be reappointed for another year of great ministry with Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. We love this church, and we want to thank for how you bless us in so many ways. I am so grateful for the way God is working through our congregation as we work together to bless so many people in our community, and I believe God has big plans for our church as we head into the summer.

The ancient Hebrew people loved to tell stories. They told stories of their heroes of old and of the patriarchs of their faith. They told stories of what God did in the lives of people. Sometimes, these stories made them laugh, and sometimes, they made them cry. These stories helped them learn about life and learn about God. The oldest stories we still have are found in the *Book of Genesis*. These stories were so important in helping people understand who they were and who God is that they were written down and kept for us. Of the fifty chapters in Genesis, twenty-five of them have to do with Jacob.

On Sunday we will continue our *Wrestling with God* sermon series by talking about the heartbreaking story of how Jacob’s uncle, Laban, tricked him into marrying his oldest daughter, Leah, after Jacob had served Laban for seven years to marry his youngest daughter, Rachel. In this story we will see how Leah dealt with her desperate need to be loved by her husband and how Rachel dealt with her struggle with infertility. Through it all we will see how God worked through a very dysfunctional family to keep God’s promises and to accomplish God’s purposes and how God reached out in love to Leah and Rachel when they experienced sorrow and pain. We will also celebrate the birthday of the Church as we observe Pentecost Sunday. I hope you will plan to worship with us at 8:30 or 10:50 for a memorable Sunday. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Pentecost Sunday, June 4

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

Monday, June 5

The Learning Center Summer Session begins at 9:00 a.m.
Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.
Women’s A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7

Young Adult Alpha Course at 6:30

Sunday, June 11

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50

Monday, June 12

Women’s A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14

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

Father’s Day Sunday, June 18

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50

June 18 to June 24

Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission at Nichols Hills U.M.C.

Monday, June 19

Women’s A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21

Young Adult Alpha Course at 6:30

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

Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, this is an opportunity you might enjoy. Please see Alfred Walker for more details.

Newsletter Folders Needed

Every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts provide 4-5 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 **June 11, 18, 25**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, June 4

The coffee hosts are Carla Hill, Marty Smith, and Ann Garrett. The mission candle is lit by GT and Libby Blankenship.

The chancel flowers are given by Jane Harlow in memory of James G. Harlow, Jr.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland. The acolytes for 10:50 are Sarah Tirrell and Louis Fraley.

Chancel Flower Delivery

We are in need of people to deliver the chancel flowers to homebound members. If this opportunity is for you, 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: Mary Ann Carmichael, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, and Carol Magness.

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



June 4 *Jacob and His Two Wives*

June 11 *Wrestling with God*

June 18 *Jacob and His Sons*

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*.

Update from John Marshall Neighborhood Market

We just completed a great year serving Christ through our ministry at John Marshall High School. I thought I would give you an update about our year.

On average, each week we served food to 150 students who came to our Neighborhood Market for assistance. Beyond that, we have built some really long lasting and faithful relationships with the students and faculty there.

We have learned and been blessed by the folks at J.M.H.S. far more than we could ever bless them. God is working in mighty and powerful ways through our church and J.M.H.S., and I'm so proud of our church for its accomplishment.

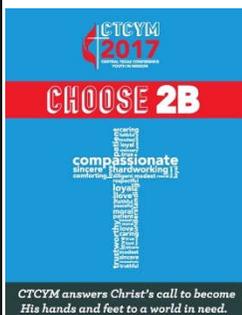
We recently conducted a focus group with some key student leaders in order to discern what went well this year and what we could improve. I think we have learned a lot. We will be making some adjustments to serve more effectively at the start of the next school year, which will begin on August 1st.

I hope you will consider getting involved with this wonderful ministry next year. I know you will find blessings when you become the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Matt



Rev. Matt Patrick



Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission

We are excited to announce that Nichols Hills United Methodist Church will be hosting the Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission from Sunday, June 18 through Saturday, June 24.

During the day, the group of 100 youth and adults will serve in mission throughout Oklahoma City. In the evening, they will have dinner, fellowship, worship, and rest at our church.

The Mission Committee will be serving breakfast on Saturday, June 24. If you would like more information on how to be involved, please contact Dr. Trevor Smith at revtrevor@gmail.com, Rev. Matt Patrick at mpatrick9376@gmail.com, or call the church at 405-842-1486.

Summer Newsletter Schedule Change

During the Summer months of June, July, and part of August, we will be producing a newsletter every other week. The dates we will mail a newsletter are as follows: May 31, June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, and August 9. Beginning on August 9 we will return to sending out a weekly newsletter.



Children's Ministry

Hello everyone. As you may have noticed we have had some new acolytes in our 10:50 service! Mr. Gabriel Ireland has been a shining star for our 8:30 service and now we can add Graham and Louis Fraley, Reagan Miller, and last but certainly not least, Charlotte and Avery Smith to our 10:50 service.

A special thank you to Gabriel, who did a fantastic job this past Sunday of showing the "newbies" all the ropes of being an outstanding acolyte!

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

If you have a child who is school age who may be interested in being an acolyte, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486 or email me at tdavison@nicholshillsumc.org. Have a blessed and safe week.

Thank you!
Tausha Davison-Beverly



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion, Director

Last week we completed our annual Family Surveys. We received a 75% return rate which is considered "very good." We utilized Survey Monkey for their feedback. There were nine questions covering their introduction to our program: policies and procedures, involvement in child's learning, regular information about the child's development, conferences, director's availability when needed, staff knowledge of childcare issues, and rating their overall satisfaction. On a scale of 1-5, families rated our program 4.59 which is considered "outstanding." Twelve people were kind enough to leave some information about how we can better meet their families' needs.



THE LEARNING CENTER

Our art ministry received many compliments. Our families are grateful for our ministry and appreciate the love and care their children receive. I am so happy that we have received such positive feedback from our families.

-Denise

The Wesley Foundation at OU and OSU

Calling all graduating Seniors! If you plan to attend Oklahoma University or Oklahoma State University, The Wesley Foundation would like to get to know you! The Wesley Foundation is a United Methodist campus ministry that helps to make disciples, create leaders, and transform lives.

To register at OU, please go to okwesley.org/im-new-here.

To register at OSU, please go to wesleyosu.com/register.

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. 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 questions, please contact Louise Glass at the church; 405-842-1486.

Birthdays

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| 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 |
| 06/21 | Paul Lindsey |
| 06/21 | Bette MacKellar |
| 06/22 | Ann Marshall |

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 gather for fellowship and to grow in our faith. 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 learn from different speakers on how we can be a Christian influence in the world.
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 the Bible class when we study Judges 4-5 and consider how we can accomplish great things when we work together to carry out any mission God gives us.

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.

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