

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Jacob and His Sons

<sup>1</sup> Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup> This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. -*Genesis 37:1-4*

Summer is the season for Missional Service in our church. On Sunday, we will welcome a group of 100 United Methodist youth and adults from the Central Texas Annual Conference to stay in our church for the week as they do missional service projects in our community. Each day, they will work from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Then, in the evening, the group will gather for dinner, recreation, and worship. They have invited our congregation to join them for worship in the sanctuary at 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Showing hospitality to strangers is a core value in our church, and I always appreciate the warm way the people in our church welcome people and make new friends.

Mission Madness will be on Saturday, July 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our Mission Committee and our Children's Ministry Committee will host a meeting on Sunday, June 25 at 12:15 p.m. to plan the various ways we will serve in our community at Mission Madness. I hope will plan to join us if you have an idea on how we can make a Christian difference in our community or if you would simply like to help us make preparations for a wonderful day of serving people in need.

On Sunday we will celebrate Father's Day by honoring and blessing all of the men in our church. We will also conclude our *Wrestling with God* sermon series by talking about Jacob and his sons. It is a story of favoritism, jealousy, deceit, heartbreak, and reconciliation, and it is also a story that helps us understand how God can redeem the most painful parts of our lives to serve the very will of God. As Joseph so sincerely put it, <sup>20</sup> "Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today." I hope you will worship with us as we see how God can bring good even out of pain.

On June 25, we will begin a new sermon series on Esther which is the only book in the Bible in which there is no mention of God, but throughout the story you will see God's hand at work through the lives of Esther and Mordecai. It's a story that challenges all of us to consider whether God has placed each of us in certain places for such a time as this. In the first sermon we'll take a look at how an orphan girl became a queen.

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

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

**Father's Day Sunday, June 18**  
Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:50 a.m.  
Mission Group Worship, 9:30 p.m.

**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.  
Mission Group Worship, 9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 20**  
Mission Group Worship, 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 21**  
Young Adult Alpha Course at 6:30  
Mission Group Worship, 9:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 22**  
Mission Group Worship, 9:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 23**  
Mission Group Worship, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 24**  
Mission Team Breakfast at 8:00

**Sunday, June 25**  
Children's Committee and Mission Committee Meeting to plan Mission Madness at 12:15 p.m.

*it's time to celebrate*  
**DAD**

### Father's Day, June 18

Join us for a special Father's Day on June 18! There will be surprises for all the men!

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## 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 18, 25, and all of June.**

To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, June 18

The chancel flowers are given by Midge and Paul Lindsey in honor of Paul's birthday on 6-21.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland. The acolytes for 10:50 are Charlotte Smith and Regan Miller.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, June 25

The chancel flowers are given in honor of Bette's birthday on June 21 by Jim MacKellar.

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

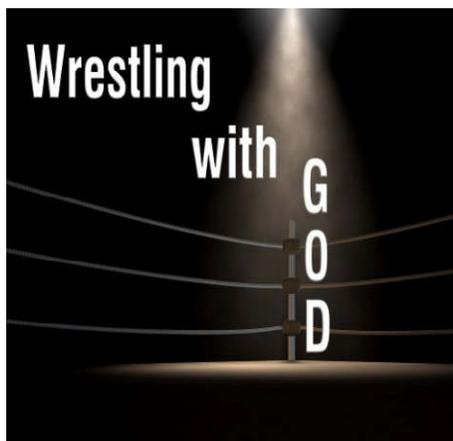
### Chancel Flower Delivery

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.



## 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*.

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

## Esther

The story of Esther contains all the elements of a popular romance novel: a young and beautiful heroine; a wicked, scheming villain; a wise and older father figure; and a bumbling king. It is a story of palace intrigue and the threat of genocide, and although it is the only book in the Bible that doesn't

mention God's name, God's presence is evident through the faith of Esther, an orphan girl who became a queen for such a time as this.

Join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church for Esther, a story where good triumphs, evil is destroyed, and all ends happily.

- June 25** *The Orphan Queen*  
**July 2** *For Such a Time as This*  
**July 9** *Defining Moments*  
**July 16** *Tables Turned*



## Texas Mission Group Arrives Sunday

On Sunday, a group of 100 students and adults from central Texas will arrive at our church to engage in a week of mission around the Oklahoma City area. I am excited that our church has graciously chosen to receive these students. It will be our job to engage in radical hospitality during the week and be in prayer for those whom the students will serve and for the work team themselves.

I have found on mission trips that I have come away just as blessed by the experience as the persons that I have been serving. There's a special way that God touches our hearts when we serve. I will be praying that God will transform the hearts of the people being served and for the transformation of the students serving them. I hope you will join in this effort.

Blessings,  
Matt



Rev. Matt Patrick



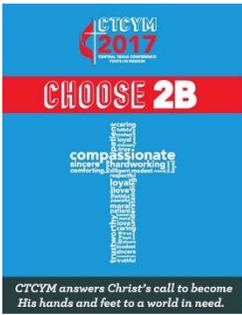
Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

## Children's Ministry

Standing stronger together! That was our topic of discussion this week. During children's church we learned about Pentecost, the day that God sent the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus. We discussed how we, as Christians, gain strength in each other. The church is our place to be fed with God's Word and to get our encouragement to go out and help and encourage others.

We discussed different ways we have helped others in our community through different acts and encouraged others through words and prayers. We also learned different words we could use in our prayers to pray for people, such as courage, understanding, love, compassion, and strength. We learned that we must ask God for these things for ourselves because it is important to ask God for help and guidance.

Sincerely,  
Tausha Davison-Beverly



## Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission at NHUMC

The Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission will be staying in our church 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. Our congregation is invited welcome to join the group for worship in the sanctuary at 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and for closing worship on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Mission Committee will be serving breakfast on Saturday, June 24 at 8:00 a.m. Please help us show them our appreciation and send them off with full bellies. We need people to bring one of the following breakfast foods: fruit, juices, donuts, muffins, toast, biscuits or bagels, bacon, sausages, and egg casseroles.

If you would like to help, contact the church office, or you can sign up in the narthex on Sunday.

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion, Director

After our week of rest and relaxation, we have returned for our summer session. We have 110 children enrolled for eight weeks of fun activities. We have snow cones and dance scheduled for Mondays. On Tuesdays we have water play outdoors, art classes, and chapel. On Wednesdays there are music classes, chapel, and Amazing Athletics for the summer campers. On Thursdays we have chapel, more Amazing Athletes classes, and field trips for our summer campers. On Fridays we will end the week with more Amazing Athletes. Our summer campers will wear their blue T.L.C. shirts on field trips. The first field trip is to the Elevation Jump Park in Edmond. Fortunately for us, the United Methodist Conference Office loans us a van so we can more easily transport our children on these field trips. We will keep you up to date on all of the summer fun.



-Denise

## John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

We are out for Summer but will return in August!

### 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 Edling, Ann Flesher, Jess and Bette Harris, Frances Lewis, David Mueller, and Maxine Permenter

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

### Birthdays

- 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
- 06/24 Jackson Edmonds
- 06/27 Mary Forster
- 06/29 George Malone

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 for an Andy Stanley study called *Christian: It’s Not What You Think*. For more information about “The Brew” 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*. - On June 18th the Bible Class will study Judges 11, Jephthah answers the call to affirm that people who disagree on many issues can still work together to accomplish common goals.

On June 25th we will study Judges 13-16, Samson’s call to remember that God created each person for a purpose that may involve circumstances not of our choosing.

**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  
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**Kathy Smith**, Treasurer  
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**Denise Buthion**, Director of The Learning Center  
**Michael Hall**, Maintenance/Custodian  
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**Randall Blair**, Sunday Host  
**Jessica Mayberry**, Nursery Attendant  
**Ashley Edwards**, Nursery Attendant  
**Marita Barkus**, Nursery Attendant