



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Going Fishing

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. -*Luke 5:1-7*

Jesus loved the lake so much that the Gospels take place in and around the Lake of Gennesaret, which was also called the Sea of Galilee. Jesus grew up about twenty miles from the lake in a town called Nazareth. The lake was probably about a day’s walk away. When he began his public ministry, Jesus relocated to the town of Capernaum which was a lakeshore town.

Jesus traveled across the Sea of Galilee to Tiberius, Magdala, Gennesaret. Capernaum, and Bethsaida and back again. He chose these lakeside towns. It was here that he felt his heart really connected with the people and with God. Jesus could have done his ministry in Jerusalem or in Joppa or one of the big cities. But instead, Jesus chose to go to the lake. Everyone knew this lake. People either loved the lake, or they didn’t.

If Jesus was doing his ministry today, the Gospels would say, “Jesus moved to Lake Tenkiller, and he conducted his ministry in Gore, Cookson, Tahlequah, Keys, Notchietown, and Vian.” That’s how they heard the story in the first century. Jesus hung out at the lake for three years. There, he did his ministry...not in the big cities.

So, what we find in our scripture is that Jesus was at the lakeshore, and he began to minister with people. Even though he was rejected in Nazareth, he came to Capernaum and began to heal and teach and preach. Huge crowds began coming to see and listen to him. He’s standing on the seashore, and the people began to back him into the lake. So he got in a boat and taught the people.

On July 23, we will begin a five-week sermon series called *Going Fishing: the Fishing Stories in the Gospels*, and we will talk about the way Jesus calls us to cast our nets in the deep waters. I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you to worship for this fun and meaning sermon series.

I also hope you are prayerfully considering serving with us at Mission Madness on Saturday, July 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You will find more information about Mission Madness on Page 3. Have a great week.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, July 16
Worship at 8:30
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Monday, July 17
Women’s A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19
Young Adult Alpha Course at 6:30

**Saturday, July 22
to Sunday, July 23**
Sunshine Church Camp
for 1st and 2nd Graders

Wednesday, July 26
Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.
Young Adult Alpha Course at 6:30

Saturday, July 29
Mission Madness at 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, July 31
to Friday, August 4**
The Learning Center Closed

**Thursday, August 10
to Friday, August 11**
Global Leadership Summit
at Crossings Community Church

Sunday, August 13
First Fry at Noon

Sunday, August 20
Bring A Friend Sunday
at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Block Party from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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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. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, July 16

The chancel flowers are given in honor Mary Ann Carmichael in memory of her father, Jim Carmichael, and her sister, Jody Carmichael.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Avery Smith and Regan Miller.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, July 23

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

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Charlotte Smith and Gracie Buxton.

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: Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, Sharon Ives, Janet Jones, and Carol Magness.

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 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 ends happily.

July 16 *Tables Turned*



Going Fishing

Join us as we take a look at the fishing stories in the gospels and explore what Jesus was really teaching us about life. Whether you're into fishing or not, you'll love this special series of worship services. Our "fishing trip" will include a

Fish Fry on August 13. So bring a friend and join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we learn about the fishing stories in the gospels.

July 23 *Cast Your Nets into the Deep Waters*

July 30 *Fishing for People*

August 6 *Feeding the Five Thousand*

August 13 *Parable of the Nets and Fish*

August 20 *The Gospel's Final Fishing Story*



Tausha
Davison-Beverly,
Director of Children
and Family Ministry

every Sunday at our 8:30 service. Gabriel also volunteers as an amazing mentor to all of our new faces who have chosen to serve in this area of ministry. Way to go guys! Keep up the awesome work by allowing your light to shine!

As you already know, Mission Madness will be on Saturday, July 29 from 9:00 to 3:00. Please contact the church office if you are interested in signing up for this event. We would also like to encourage you to bring a family member or a friend with you as we continue to spread the love of God throughout the community by reaching out to those who are in need.

Sincerely,
Tausha Davison-Beverly

Children's Ministry

Hello everyone! I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July celebration! This past Sunday at our 10:50 service, we had the amazing Fraley trio volunteer to Acolyte. Mr. Bruce Fraley and his two boys, Graham and Louis, have helped serve by volunteering as Acolytes for the past year.

Gabriel Ireland and his grandfather, Mr. Lew McGinnis, hold down the fort faithfully





Rev. Matt Patrick

VBS Remix: Mission Madness!

Hey everyone! I just wanted to give you an update on a calendar item coming up soon. On Saturday July 29th, our children, youth, and adults will gather to serve God together and have fellowship. We call this event *VBS Remix: Mission Madness*, and we will have family service opportunities available for our families to serve together. I truly believe that there is nothing that draws people closer together and closer to God faster than serving together.

I hope that you and your family will consider setting that Saturday aside to serve together. You can learn more about Mission Madness in the article below.

Blessings,
Matt



VBS Remix: Mission Madness

There will be Mission Opportunities for everyone from pre-school through adults. The children will be helping at Cleats 4 Kids, and the youth and adults will be helping at John Marshall High School.

We will also be collecting some supplies for the John Marshall High School. The items needed are: **bar soap, body lotion (maximum of 8 oz.), toothbrushes, men's antiperspirant, women's antiperspirant, and 10 oz. laundry detergent (available at Dollar Tree).**

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex, or you can call the Church office at 405-842-1486 for more information. Be sure to include your T-shirt size.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
Director

photography, writing, and disc golf. I'm very energetic and love running around with the children. I look forward to getting to know you all.

We are glad to welcome two new assistant teacher to the Learning Center: Jacey Jay and Brandy Jones.

Hello! My name is Jacey Jay, and I'm a new assistant teacher at The Learning Center. I was raised in Bethany, Oklahoma and graduated from Yukon High School. I have also lived in California, Texas, and Colorado. I have a ten-year-old daughter, and we have returned to live in Bethany. I have five years of experience in childcare. I enjoy travelling, nature, animals,



Jacey Jay,
Assistant Teacher



Brandy Jones,
Assistant Teacher

Hello! I am Brandy Jones, and I'm a new assistant teacher at The Learning Center. I will be a freshman studying Early Childhood Education at the University of Central Oklahoma. When I am not in school, I pursue my love of the outdoors, hiking on Mount Scott, horseback riding, and swimming. I am very skilled in supervising activities for children of all ages while providing them with love and guidance in a safe environment. I've been in childcare for five years because I love being a role model for younger children. I enjoy watching them blossom into wonderful people. I am grateful to be working with your children. God bless.

John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

We are in need of bar soap, body lotion (maximum of 8 oz.), toothbrushes, men's antiperspirant, women's antiperspirant, and 10 oz. laundry detergent (available at Dollar Tree).

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Joanne Crosby 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, Frances Lewis, David Mueller, and Maxine Permenter

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We also have a QR Code that you can scan with your cell phone to donate. If you have questions, contact the church.

Birthdays

- 07/17 Margaret Wells
- 07/20 Owen Lafferty
- 07/21 Stuart Hunt, Jr.
- 07/22 Becky Robinson
- 07/23 Janet Jones
- 07/23 Beverly Pirtle
- 07/24 Linda Howell
- 07/28 Stella Shdeed
- 07/30 Phillip Rosier
- 07/31 Matt Eales
- 07/31 John Griffin

If your birthday isn't included in our list, please contact the church office (405-842-1486) to be added.



What a great photo of the Miller family enjoying Independence Day! Thank you, Kay Musser for the wonderful picture!

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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* - On July 16, Lew McGinnis will introduce Dr. Bob Spinks to speak on non-profits. Leader: Bruce Day.

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* - In addition to our Lectionary scripture study approach, we will be studying selected lessons from the 29 lesson "Bible Study Fellowship on Revelations." We have members of the Open Circle Class, who either had lessons on Revelations or completed these 29 lesson plans. If we get into a "bind" on this study, we will contact Dr. Smith or Matt to resolve it. Our first lesson last week covered the first three lesson plans. Teacher: John Marshall.

The Bible Class: *Meets in the Conference Room*. - On July 16, the Bible Class will study Jeremiah 1:4-10. This is Jeremiah's call and commission to recognize that we can be reluctant and afraid when confronted with divine challenge. On July 23, we will study Ezekiel 1-3. This is Ezekiel's call to learn to depend on the teachings of Scriptures for help in rising above seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Please join 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

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