



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Fishing for People

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

-Mark 1:16-20

Let's talk about fishing for people. Every metaphor breaks down at some point. If you take fishing for people very far, then you've got us luring people with bait, chopping off their heads, fileting them, and eating them. That doesn't sound very Christian to me. The kind of fishing we do is more like the man whose ponds were evaporating because of the heat. So, he began catching his own catfish, and he was putting them into deeper ponds to save their lives. That's what Jesus is trying to do when he talks about fishing for people. When we join in Jesus ministry to fish for people, we are fishing for people in unhealthy, murky, shallow ponds and putting them into beautiful, clear waters of the kingdom of God where they can swim like they were made to swim and experience the fullness of life. Throughout the next month we are going to be doing a lot of fishing for people.

On July 25 I went to North Highlands Elementary School to help Jennifer McGinnis, Stephanie Henry, and Tausha Davison-Beverly serve a lunch to welcome the teachers back for another year. They were so thankful for our hospitality. On July 27, I will be at the breakfast our church is serving to welcome back the teachers at John Marshall High School. Then, on July 29, children, youth, and adults from our church will be painting the Neighborhood Market and working on the Clothing Closet at John Marshall High School, working on a Community Garden at North Highlands Elementary School, and helping at Cleats for Kids. And I am sure many of you saw the article in the *Daily Oklahoman* on Saturday, July 22 that featured the way Kay and Clark Musser, Jennifer McGinnis, and other members of our church served at Skyline Urban Ministry to help with the Clothes for Kids program. God is using our church to bless our community and make a Christian difference.

There are generally three times each year when unchurched people are more likely to respond to an invitation to come to church: Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday, and Back to School. I am sure that you know at least one or two people who don't have a church home. Or, maybe you can think of someone you know who hasn't been to church in a long time because they just kind of got out of the habit. I want to challenge you to begin praying for that person every day for the next four weeks. Ask God to bless that person. Pray for God to demonstrate God's love to that person. And then I want you to ask God to give you an opportunity to invite that person to come to church with you on our **Bring A Friend Sunday and our Block Party on Sunday, August 20**. It will be amazing to see the way that God uses you to bless your friend, family member, neighbor, or classmate.

We would love for you to serve and participate in the Block Party. You can make homemade ice cream, help cook hotdogs, help with one of our games for children, or simply come and share in the fellowship with new and longtime friends. We will be inviting our friends at John Marshall High School, North Highlands Elementary School, Nichols Hills Elementary School, and West Nichols Hills Elementary School. We are going to let the Nichols Hills Community know that the people in our church love them.

I also hope you will plan to eat with us at our **Fish Fry on August 13 at noon**.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, July 30

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

Monday, July 31

to Friday, August 4
The Learning Center Closed

Monday, August 7

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

Wednesday, August 9

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

Thursday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 13

Fish 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.
(405)842-5325



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 outside the office.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, July 30

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

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, August 6

The chancel flowers are given by Midge and Paul Lindsey in honor of their granddaughter's birthday on August 4. The mission candle is lit by General Bill Bowden upon his grandson Ross Bowden's graduation from Arizona State University.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland. The acolytes for 10:50 are Graham 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 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.



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 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*

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



VBS Remix: Mission Madness

Saturday, July 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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 by calling the Church office at 405-842-1486.



Rev. Matt Patrick

Youth Mission Day Success!

On Saturday July 15th, six of our youth went to The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to help prepare meals for people all across Oklahoma to eat. I was told the Food Bank feeds an estimated 250,000 unique people every year out of their services! Our group joined up with a few others, and we packed enough boxes to feed thousands of people!

I want to thank our youth who came to serve Christ. We had a great time!

Blessings,
Matt



Children's Ministry



Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Hello NHUMC family!
We have some fantastic members following in the footsteps of one of our awesome elders in the church, Mr. Alfred Walker. Mr. Walker's grandson, Randall has been acolyting with his grandfather for the past five years or so, and now they both are mentoring some of our youngest church members, the Buxtons. Thank you for carrying the God's light into our church...literally!



This Saturday from 9:00 to 3:00 we will have our VBS Remix:

Mission Madness! We will help Cleats for Kids sort athletic shoes for children in their organization. If you would like to participate as a volunteer or as a family, please call the church office.

Please join us in Children's Church this Sunday as we continue to talk about fishing stories in the Bible.

Sincerely,
Tausha Davison-Beverly



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion, Director

Hello! I would like to share with you some interesting findings from the 2017 North American Child Care Sector Benchmark Survey:

"An overwhelming trend of 2016 was the increasing recognition of the importance of early childhood education in improving children's futures. James Heckman, economist and Nobel Laureate, published a study that expands upon previous work investigating the return on investment into early childhood education. He found that high quality programs for disadvantaged children can have a 13% return due to a variety of improved life outcomes, such as higher graduation and employment rates, lower drug use, and even lower blood pressure."

"The average monthly price by age group is inversely correlated with age, reflecting higher labor costs for the care of younger children as well as additional health and safety requirements. The average monthly price for infants was \$1,500, decreasing to \$612 once the child reaches School Age programs."

The Learning Center's average monthly expense for a child who attends five days a week is \$651 per month. It doesn't matter the age, the rate is the same. In August that amount will increase to \$676. That is a lot of bang for your buck at The Learning Center!

-Denise

Sonshine Camp Fun!

Charlotte Smith, Regan Miller, and Gabriel Ireland had lots of fun at Sonshine Camp! It was their first time to go to Church Camp, and they can't wait to go again next summer. A special thanks to Allyson Smith and Lew McGinnis for serving as adult leaders at the camp!



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

Manage Your Giving Online And Use Our QR Code



Visit the church website at www.nicholshillsumc.org, to make an online donation. Then 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, contact the church.

Birthdays

07/28	Stella Shdeed
07/30	Phillip Rosier
07/31	Matt Eales
07/31	John Griffin
08/01	Sarah Tirrell
08/01	Cindy Withrow
08/04	Zachary Bloomfield
08/04	Garrett Davis
08/04	Delaney Henry
08/04	Molly Love
08/05	Craig Sanders
08/06	Anita Dahlgren
08/06	Megan Dean
08/11	Charles Brown
08/12	Philip Pippin
08/12	Chloe Robinson
08/15	Cinda Lafferty
08/15	Jon Rogers

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 being a Christian influence in the world. 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*. - Please join the Bible Class July 30, when we study Amos' Call, Amos 7:10-17, to acknowledge that faithfully serving God often invites criticism from others. On August 6, we will study Called to Witness, to assert the importance of establishing priorities in ministering to people with all kinds of needs. Background: Acts 1:6-7.

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

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