

# NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## Unanswered Prayers

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger, or discipline me in your wrath. <sup>2</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror. <sup>3</sup> My soul also is struck with terror, while you, O Lord—how long? <sup>4</sup> Turn, O Lord, save my life; deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love. <sup>5</sup> For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who can give you praise? <sup>6</sup> I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. <sup>7</sup> My eyes waste away because of grief; they grow weak because of all my foes. <sup>8</sup> Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping. <sup>9</sup> The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord accepts my prayer. -Psalm 6:1-9

Each one of us has prayed a prayer at some point in our lives for a loved one who was sick or dying. Each one of us have prayed a prayer for God to help us when we were sick or going through a very difficult time in our lives, and when those prayers are not answered the way we would like them to be it can cause us to have doubts and wonder why God didn't intervene. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us as we continue our sermon series, *Why? Making Sense of God's Will* by addressing the question, *Why My Prayers Are Unanswered?*

**Nichols Thrills** will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 5:30 with a Fellowship Meal. We will invite Sunday school classes and small groups to sign up to provide one of the meals. You can really get to know people when you cook together.

Then, at 6:00 p.m. we will offer three small group studies for adults.

I will lead a 6 week study of Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*. The cost of the book is \$12.

Allyson Smith will lead a 7 week women's study of Angie Smith's *Seamless* which presents the Bible as a seamless story. The cost of the book is \$13.

Matt Patrick will lead a 6 week study of Adam Hamilton's *Love to Stay* which focuses on love, sex, and marriage. The cost of the book is \$9. You can sign up in the narthex on Sunday, in the church office during the week, or by emailing me at [revtrevor@gmail.com](mailto:revtrevor@gmail.com).

I am so grateful to be part of the new things God is doing in our church, and I invite you to come and share in God's blessings as we join us as we grow closer to God together.

Blessings,  
Trevor



## Ministry Calendar

### Sunday, September 3

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

### Monday, September 4

Church Offices and The Learning Center Closed for Labor Day  
Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30

### Wednesday, September 6

Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.  
Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
Purpose Driven Life at 6:00 p.m.  
Seamless at 6:00 p.m.  
Love to Stay at 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday, September 7

College Group at 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, September 8

Neighborhood Market at 10:15

### Monday, September 11

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 12

CJAMM Banquet at 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 13

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
Nichols Thrills Studies at 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday, September 14

College Group at 7:00 p.m.

### Monday, September 18

S.P.R.C. Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

### Nichols Hills U.M.C.

(405)842-1486  
(405)843-1835 Fax  
[www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org)

### 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

Wednesdays 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, September 3

The mission candle is lit by General Bowden in honor of Wesley Bowden, grandson, who is a college student. The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland. The acolytes for 10:50 are Charlotte Smith 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: Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Bette MacKellar, Carol Magness, and Marty Smith.

### Five Ways To Help The Victims of Hurricane Harvey

Visit our website at [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org) and click on the opening slide that says "Hurricane Harvey - 5 Ways You Can Help." This slide will take you to an article published by the Oklahoma United Methodist Disaster Response Team that lists five ways you can help.



## Why?

*Why does God allow suffering?  
Why do bad things happen to good people?*

*Why should I trust God when nothing seems to make sense?*

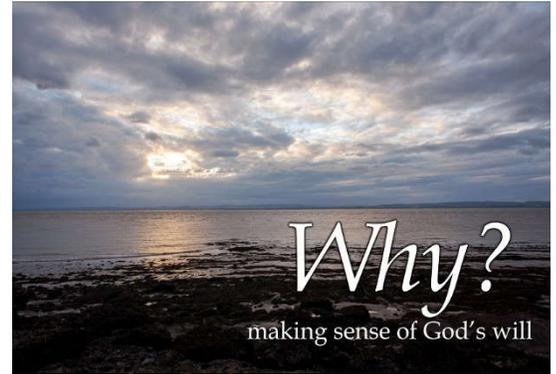
We all wrestle with these questions. When we go through tough times it's natural to wonder how or if God's will is at work in our world. Even people who are deeply committed to their faith struggle to answer these perplexing questions.

Join us as we seek to answer these difficult questions through both ancient scriptures and new ideas.

**September 3** *Why Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?*

**September 10** *Why Is God's Will So Elusive?*

**September 17** *More Than Conquerors*



## John Marshall Neighborhood Market

Our Neighborhood Market at John Marshall High School opened on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and served **132 students!** It was so wonderful to see so many of the students from last year, as well as welcome the new 7<sup>th</sup> graders and new students. On Friday, we met a new student who had not even been to class yet. The counselor kept telling us that she is extremely shy. We welcomed her into the market, and she spoke to all of us and left with a big smile. We hope we made her introduction to a new school a little less scary.

We are still welcoming new volunteers. If you are interested in serving with us, please contact Stephanie Henry at 405-850-5518.

### Donations needed for the Market:

- Individual Bags of Snacks – Cheez-its, Goldfish, etc.
- Peanut Butter Crackers and Cheese Sandwich Crackers
- Fruit Snacks (Rollups or Gummy)
- Nature Valley Granola Bars



## Why John Marshall Matters

I just wanted to give everyone an update on our John Marshall Ministry as we begin a new school year. Our neighborhood market opened for a new school year last Friday. We served over 130 students. I'm expecting that number to grow, and I'm confident that our church can meet the need.

I'm incredibly proud of all the hard work that has gone into making the John Marshall Neighborhood Market and the "Bear Cave" clothing closet a reality. This ministry matters because it has engaged our church in a very real way with our community. Not only has it had a positive effect on the students, but God has made this ministry have a positive effect on our hearts. The word is out: N.H.U.M.C. is here to stay!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stephanie Henry at 405-850-5518, and we will get you started wherever we can! I hope you'll join me in praying for this ongoing ministry!

Blessings,  
Matt

# BLOCK PARTY

We had another amazing Block Party this year with about 250 people in attendance! We met people from Nichols Hills Elementary School, West Nichols Hills Elementary School, North Highland Elementary School, and many others from our surrounding area. What a wonderful outreach to our community! Thank you to all who helped make this event a huge success!

Below are a few photos from the Block Party.







## Children's Ministry

We had a wonderful time at the Block Party on August 20! Clark and Kay Musser put on a wonderful Bingo game, the ice cream was amazing, and the slip-and-slide was enjoyed by all ages. The children had a blast with the face paintings by Glory Bee, the bounce house, along with the obstacle course from Party Time Inflatables. Last and certainly not least, our amazing Scouts (led by our very own J.B. Sims) grilled some amazing hot dogs, and they also set up some fun in the shade with the Juice Box Regatta that everyone thought



Tausha Davison-Beverly,  
Director of Children and Family Ministry

was a hit!

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who came out to participate and who volunteered to make this year's Block Party such a success! We were able to reach out to North Highland Elementary School, Nichols Hills Elementary School, West Nichols Hills Elementary School, and John Marshall High School for this event. Also because of your donations of school supplies, we were able to bless over 100 children and some teachers with pencils, markers, paper, back packs, crayons, and erasers.

Needless to say, we touched many families' lives in God's name through our annual Block Party. Hopefully and prayerfully they have seen the love of God through each and every one of us and will consider connecting to our church family to have a relationship with God.

Way to go Nichols Hills U.M.C.! We hope you enjoy these pictures from our event on the insert in this newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Tausha Davison-Beverly



## Tidbits from The Learning Center

We are so proud to have five teachers in the process of attaining formal credentials. Having a well-educated and loving staff makes a quality program. Please enjoy this article from the *Atlantic Monthly*.

In Lillian Mongeau's article, *What Boston's Preschools Get Right*, she writes, "Providing high-quality public preschool is no small feat. Only a handful of city and state programs meet the quality standards established by the National Institute for Early Education Research, a think tank which publishes annual reports evaluating state preschool programs across the country.

Boston's program exceeds those standards. In fact, the school district here is so enamored of its preschool program that city school officials hope to soon bring the principles of high-quality early education to later grades."

"The key elements of quality are simple," says Jason Sachs, the director of the district's early-childhood education department: "A great curriculum and ongoing, effective staff support. Who the teacher is and what the teacher is teaching? Huge," Sachs said.

As Mongeau explores the question of how Boston has been able to provide high-quality programs, she asserts that "the answers include well-educated, well-paid teachers."

Blessings,  
Denise

Source: "What Boston's Preschools Get Right," *Atlantic Monthly*, August 2, 2017.  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2016/08/what-bostons-preschools-get-right/493952/>

## 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](http://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

08/30 Judy Kauffman  
08/31 Sue Hood  
08/31 David Reed  
09/02 J.B. Sims  
09/03 Norma Moe  
09/06 Ryan McNeill  
09/10 Frances Rosier  
09/10 Jack Story  
09/11 Donna Blakley  
09/11 Julie Fischer  
09/12 Audrey Harrah  
09/14 George Craig  
09/14 A'Shonda Garrett  
09/14 Robert Vick  
09/15 Gracie Sanders  
09/16 Geoffrey Stafford  
09/16 William Stafford  
09/17 Kerry Maye

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

## John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

We are in need of:

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- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Cheese Sandwich Crackers
- Fruit Snacks (Rollups or Gummy)
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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 *What Makes You Happy*. 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* - Our Open Circle Class is mid-way through a series of lessons about the Book of Revelation, the gospel written by the apostle John in the 90s A.D. We are utilizing a lesson-plan for studying Revelation called the "Bible-Study Fellowship." A member of our class, Joie Dickey, completed the 29 lesson-plans several years ago. Joie loaned them to us to help our teacher and class to better understand and appreciate the Book of Revelation. Join us in the Archives Room. Teacher: John Marshall.

**The Bible Class:** *Meets in the Conference Room*. - Please join the Bible Class on September 3 as we study *The Rainbow*; to recognize that despite the often-destructive forces of existence, God's promise of life endures. Reference text is Genesis 8:20-9:17.

**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. Teacher: Lecye Lippoldt.

**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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**Rev. Matt Patrick**, Student Pastor

**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music

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