



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Build Your House on the Rock

<sup>47</sup> I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. <sup>48</sup> That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been built upon the rock. <sup>49</sup> But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.”

-Luke 6:47-49

Jesus spent most of his adult life as a blue-collar worker, a tekton who worked with wood and stone. Then one day he decided to change jobs. Jesus was a teacher. He was so convinced that he was right that even intense opposition did not sway him. Jesus was a rabbi like other rabbis, yet not like other rabbis.

Jesus would say, “I know how things are. I know about money. I know all about economics. I know it is more blessed to give than to receive. I have watched both options play out. I have thought it through. I will spare you the pain and heartache of the wrong path if you will build your life on my teachings. I know how resentment festers. I know the human heart. I know that forgiveness is superior.”

On Sunday we are going to continue our *Who Is This Man?* sermon series by focusing on the teachings of Jesus and discussing how we can build our lives on the bedrock foundation of his wisdom and truth.

Then, on Sunday, February 11, our message will focus on *The Enemies Jesus Made*. I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you as we learn more about Jesus and worship together.

I want to share several opportunities we will have to come together as a church in February. We will begin Lent with an **Ash Wednesday Service on February 14 at noon** followed by a **lunch at 12:30**.

**On Sunday, February 18**, we will begin a new sermon series called *Stained Glass Stories for Lent* in which we will take a closer look at the meaning and stories behind our stained glass windows in our sanctuary. We will also celebrate **Scout Sunday** by having our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts help lead worship that day.

I will lead a Lenten study of John Ortberg's book, *Who Is This Man?* on **Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.** beginning on **February 21**.

**On Sunday, February 25**, we will celebrate **Girl Scout Sunday** by having our Girl Scouts help lead worship. Our Girl Scouts will also be selling their wonderful cookies that day.

I am also very excited to share with you that we will host our **4th Annual John Marshall Sports Dinner on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.** In the coming weeks we will share some of the ways you can participate in this wonderful evening.

February is going to be a great month at Nichols Hills UMC. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, February 4

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.  
Confirmation at 5:00 p.m.

#### Monday, February 5

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00  
Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.  
Finance Meeting at 5:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, February 6

John Marshall Shelf Stocking-9:30

#### Wednesday, February 7

Financial Peace University at 5:30  
Choir at 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, February 8

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00

#### Friday, February 9

John Marshall Market at 10:00 a.m.

#### Sunday, February 11

Confirmation at 12:15 p.m.

#### Monday, February 12

John Marshall Shelf Stocking-9:30  
Church Council Meeting at 5:30

#### Ash Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Service at Noon  
Ash Wednesday Lunch at 12:30

#### Saturday, February 17

John Marshall Shelf Stocking-9:00

#### Scout Sunday, February 18

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Confirmation at 12:15 p.m.  
Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

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#### Monday, March 5

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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.

### 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, February 4

The coffee host is Sharon Ives.  
The altar flowers are available.  
The mission candle is available.  
The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are  
Graham Fraley and Avery Smith.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, February 11

The coffee host is available.  
The altar flowers are available.  
The mission candle is available.  
The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are  
Lucy Ann Vaughn and Regan Miller.

### 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 in the Narthex.

### 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,  
Carol Magness, and Marty Smith.

### Birthdays

02/05 Bette Harris  
02/09 Marty Smith  
02/10 James MacKellar, Jr.  
02/11 Ann Flesher  
02/12 Lucas Butler  
02/12 Carol Sue Manley  
02/13 Gwen Griffin  
02/13 Violet Robinson  
02/14 Joanne Crosby  
02/15 Nancy Flesher  
02/15 Bill Wells

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## Who Is This Man?

He was born in a backwater town to an unwed mother.

He announced a kingdom yet to come.

He sought those society rejected.

He had compassion for the broken.

He healed the sick.

He shaped western civilization and changed the course of history.

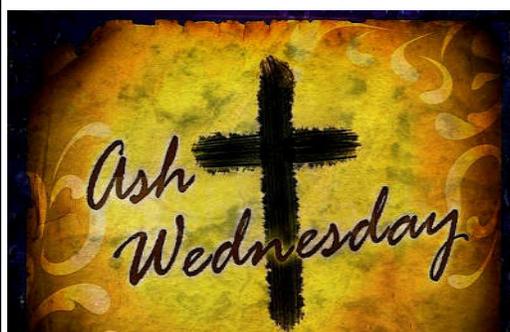
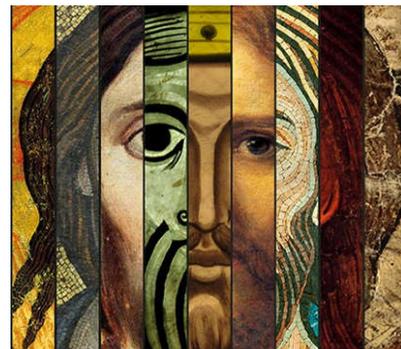
Two billion people claim to follow him.

But what do you really know about Jesus Christ?

Join us for worship at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we seek to answer the question, **Who Is This Man?**

**February 4** *Building Your House on the Rock*

**February 11** *The Enemies Jesus Made*



## Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, February 14, Valentine's Day. We will offer a 30 minute Ash Wednesday Service at noon, followed by a baked potato lunch at 12:30. Be sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful Ash Wednesday Service and lunch!

## Ash Wednesday Noon Service

Lent is almost here. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and falls on Valentine's Day. Our Ash Wednesday Service will be on February 14 at noon followed by a lunch at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can take time out of your schedule or even use your lunch break to come start this holy season off the right way. As we approach the Lenten season, please join me in prayer for our church and our world.

Blessings,  
Matt



Rev. Matt Patrick

## Children's Ministry

During the month of January, we learned about the characteristics of Jesus and all the special, yet not so perfect, people God used to help others.

One of those people was John the Baptist. John the Baptist lived in the wilderness and never shaved or looked tidy, yet God used him to baptize his son.

The children enjoyed making John the Baptist beards as a craft during Children's Church. Here are a few pictures that I hope you will enjoy.

Blessings,  
Tausha Davison-Beverly



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly,  
Director of  
Children  
and Family  
Ministry



# Congratulations, Tausha!

Our very own Children's Director, Tausha Davison-Beverly, was voted as the December Mom of the Month for the *Oklahoma City Mom Blog!*

There are many wonderful things written about Tausha in the article. These are just a few: *"Tausha Davison-Beverly is a beautiful, selfless mother that has truly been a blessing to her family, friends, and the Oklahoma community for 20+ years."*

*"Her devotion as a mother has truly been amazing to witness! She does not boast or look for attention, but she is truly deserving of recognition as one of OKC's best mothers."*

*"She holds true allegiance to her calling to encourage, develop, and foster self-loving and servant-minded children and young adults."*

We would love for you to read the whole article, found at <https://oklahomacity.citymomsblog.com/mom-month-tausha-davison-beverly-december-2017/>. Congratulations, Tausha!



## Chancel Choir Singers to Perform



Vance Klassen Madeline Powell Scott Snipes

Vance Klassen, Madeline Powell, and Scott Sipes, members of the NHUMC chancel choir and OCU music majors, have been cast in the upcoming OCU Stripped production of *Urinetown*. This version of the Tony award-winning show is an all-student production, "stripped" of sets and orchestra and with only minimal costuming. Performances are scheduled for the Petree Recital Hall in OCU's Bass Music Center on Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3 at 8:00 p.m. It is free and open to all.

## Tidbits from The Learning Center

We are fortunate to have had a limited number of flu illnesses reported. It is quite serious world-wide, as we have all seen in the news reports.



Denise Buthion, Director

There are several steps that we take to reduce the amount of exposure to colds, viruses and illnesses. Every day as children arrive and depart we wash their hands. The Center for Disease Control states "good" handwashing is the number one step in the fight against spreading germs. You may ask "What is good handwashing?" It is using soap and water, vigorously lathering, for at least 15 seconds. Singing "happy birthday" twice is a good way to measure this time. Washing the hands front and back, wrists, between fingers, around and under fingernails is the objective. Hands must then be rinsed thoroughly with warm water. A clean paper towel is used to dry the hands and to turn off the faucet handles. Avoid your clean hands from touching faucet handles. This step is one that many people are not aware of. Hands are washed multiple times throughout the day such as coming inside from the playground, after toileting or diapering, before eating meals and snacks, and after nose wiping. It is indeed a full-time job! We are in this for the safe-keeping of all of our children and adults.

Blessings,  
Denise

### Birthdays

02/16	Trent Saunders
02/16	Laura Tirrell
02/17	Kellie Fischer
02/18	Jerry Jennings
02/19	Gloria Crownover
02/19	Jennifer Klos
02/21	Becky Buchanan
02/21	Doug Franklin
02/21	Kathy Smith

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

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

Joanne Crosby and Sylvia Miller

#### Town Village

Joanna Garnett

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

#### Autumn Leaves

Katie Alexander

#### Heritage Point

Norma Moe

#### At Home

Roger Etling, Ann Flesher,  
Jess and Bette Harris, Frances Lewis,  
and David Mueller

### John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

We are in need of:

- Men's Deodorant
- Women's Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (prefer the 4-pack at Dollar Tree that can be cut apart)
- Bars of soap (Sam's Club also has good pricing on packages of soap)

**NOTE:** *The best prices on these items is generally at the Dollar Tree. The best Dollar Tree Stores are: 10908 N. May Ave. (just north of Hefner) and 2221 NW 138<sup>th</sup> Street (north of Memorial Road, by Toys R Us and Hobby Lobby)*

- New Socks
- Front Zip Hoodies
- Monetary donation for underwear
- New or gently worn shoes  
Boys/Men's: 9-12  
Girls/Women's: 8-10

### Would you like to help at John Marshall on Saturdays?

The Neighborhood Market would like your help on

**February 17,  
March 31, and  
May 12!** Contact

Stephanie at 405-850-5518 or [sajhmom@aol.com](mailto:sajhmom@aol.com) for more information.



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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 study John Ortberg's book, *The Me I Want to Be*. 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 this Sunday as Clark Musser leads the class on an overview of several of our Founding Documents, ranging from the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 and The Federalist to Martin Luther King's *I Have a Dream* speech of 1963. Included within this range are the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, which we will highlight. These documents will lay the foundation for next week which will be devoted to Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Pulitzer Prize winning historian Garry Wills describes the Gettysburg Address as "the words that remade America." Other authorities have described Lincoln's magnum opus as the document that re-founded America. Leader: Dudley Hyde.

**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 focuses on the Lectionary approach with studies of scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments. Although we change our approach for "special Bible-study events," the Lectionary approach is based on "The United Methodist Music and Worship Planner." Class discussion and applying Christianity in today's world are an important parts of our lessons. Teacher: John Marshall.

**The Bible Class:** *Meets in the Conference Room*. - Please join The Bible Class as we learn from the *Adult Bible Studies* curriculum.

**Youth Class:** *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God. Student Pastor: Rev. Matt Patrick.

**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.

**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  
**Brandon Price**, Custodian  
**Alfred Walker**, Sunday Host  
**Tyral Hayes**, Sunday Host  
**Jessica Mayberry**, Nursery Attendant  
**Ashley Edwards**, Nursery Attendant  
**Marita Barkus**, Nursery Attendant