

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Blinded by the Light

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." -Acts 9:1-6

What a great story, this conversion of Saul. Saul, Church Enemy Number One, murderous persecutor of the church, struck down on his way to hunt Christians, blinded by light, name changed. Now his life so new that he is called Paul, great missionary to the gentiles. It is a story always told by the church in the afterglow of Easter. We're just two weeks from Easter Sunday, that day when the stone was rolled from the tomb, light shown, and the Risen Christ burst the bonds of death. Well, so what? What if Jesus has been raised from the dead, brought from death to life. So what about us? In answer, the church tells us the story of how a man named Saul got born again. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us on Sunday as we tell the Stained Glass Story of our window which portrays Paul saying, "*Lord, what wilt thou have me do?*"

Then, on Sunday, April 22, our message will focus on the way Jesus is the Good Shepherd as we take a closer look at the window which says, "*I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd giveth His life for His sheep.*"

I want to thank each of you who worked so hard to help us have meaningful Holy Week and Easter Worship Services. Our Altar Guild really went the extra mile to prepare the sanctuary for each of these special services and provided a delicious matzo ball soup lunch on Maundy Thursday. Each of the readers at our Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Darkness helped us to encounter Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Many people in our church donated pre-filled eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. Our musicians and our Chancel Choir blessed us with beautiful and moving music. Many of you prepared food for our Easter Brunch, and so many of you made the effort to invite someone to come to our Easter Celebration.

When I consider all of the people who served our church's ministry during Holy Week it reminds me that the Holy Spirit can work through us to help build the kingdom of God. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in so many ways. Together we are making a Christian difference in our community, and I believe that God is leading our church into a season of growth as we welcome new people into our congregation. I want to encourage you to continue to pray and to dream about how the Holy Spirit can work through us to make disciples of Jesus Christ as we step into God's future for our church.

On Sunday, April 29, we will hold both of our worship services outside as we participate in Marathon Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity we have to share Good News with the runners and our community through beautiful music, words of encouragement, and friendly fellowship. I hope you will invite someone you know to join us for one of the best Sundays of the year. I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, April 15

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

Monday, April 16

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00
Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

Nichols Thrills Meal and The Life You've Always Wanted at 5:30
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 19

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00

Friday, April 20

John Marshall Market at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 22

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
New Members Lunch at 12:15

Tuesday, April 24

John Marshall Neighborhood Market Food Stocking at 9:30

Marathon Sunday - April 29

Join us for Marathon Sunday as we move our worship services outside. There will be bounce houses, face painting, and other fun things for children. Bring a lawn chair and dress casually as we cheer on the runners.



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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, April 15

The coffee host is available.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Graham and Louis Fraley.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, April 22

The coffee hosts are the Care Committee in honor of Ray Greene's 100th birthday.

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Charlotte Smith 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: Carla Hill, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, and Karen McLain.

Birthdays

04/12 John McKee
04/13 Avery Smith
04/14 Alivia Rogers
04/15 Emily Ellis
04/16 Olivia Brien
04/16 Delaney Sheffield
04/17 Cathy Betterton
04/17 Tom Knott
04/18 Thad Butler
04/18 Raymond Greene

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Stained Glass Stories for Easter

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. Our stained glass windows tell the stories of our faith. Join us for worship during the Sundays of Easter as we explore the meaning of Easter through our *Stained Glass Stories*.

April 15	<i>Blinded by the Light</i>
April 22	<i>The Good Shepherd</i>
April 29	<i>Rest Stop</i>
May 6	<i>The Mission</i>
May 13	<i>Child Friendly</i>
May 20	<i>Preachers All</i>

Youth Baseball Night at Bricktown Ballpark



Rev. Matt Patrick

On Saturday April 28th, the youth are going to head down to Bricktown to watch the Oklahoma City Dodgers play a home game. There's nothing quite like sitting in the ball park, eating a hotdog and enjoying a baseball game together with friends and family. If you have a student between 6th and 12th grade who would want to join us, the game begins at 7:00 p.m. Contact the church office or myself if you are interested in coming! I hope you will join us.

Blessings,
Matt

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that helped with our Easter Celebration! Thank you for bringing candy, eggs, and all of the fabulous food. Special thanks to Cara Fraley, Allyson Smith, and Tausha Davison-Beverly for decorating, and to Alfred Walker Jr., who cooked all the bacon and eggs and cleaned the dishes. Many thanks to those that helped clean up the kitchen. A special thank you to Lindsay Ocker, who owns McClintock's Chop House in the Stockyards, for donating the turkey and ham. All of the food was delicious.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this Easter a huge success! We could not have accomplished this without your help.

-Jennifer McGinnis

Chancel Choir Singers to Perform in *On the Town*

Vance Klassen, Anna Lasbury, Ian Marcontell, and Gabby Ottersberg-Enriquez, members of the NHUMC Chancel Choir and OCU music majors, have been cast in OCU's upcoming production of Leonard Bernstein's *On the Town*. Performances of the musical are scheduled in OCU's Kirkpatrick Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22. Tickets are available at 405.208.5227 or www.okcu.edu/tickets.

Marathon Sunday

April 29 is Marathon Sunday. This year, we are moving our worship services outside at their usual times at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. We will gather in the green space to the west of our parking lot. We have invited a Steel Drum Band to perform with our Chancel Choir and lead our music that day.

We will have a golf cart to assist anyone who may need a ride from the parking lot to the place we are gathering. There will be bounce houses, face painting, and other fun things for children. During the Sunday school hour we will cheer on the runners. We want everyone to know that our church loves to reach out to our community and encourage people.

Plan to bring a lawn chair and to dress casually. Please let us know if you would like to bring a breakfast dish to share.

If you have an idea for Marathon Sunday, or if you would like to assist in the preparations, please contact Trevor Smith at revtrevor@gmail.com or Matt Patrick at mpatrick9376@gmail.com. Trevor and Matt can also be reached at the church at 405-842-1486.

Below and on the other side of this page are maps to help you plan your route to church that day. You will notice that the intersection of 63rd and Grand Avenue will be closed from 7:18 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. The intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue will be closed from 6:44 until 9:20 a.m. We hope you will invite someone you know to join us for a memorable Marathon Sunday.



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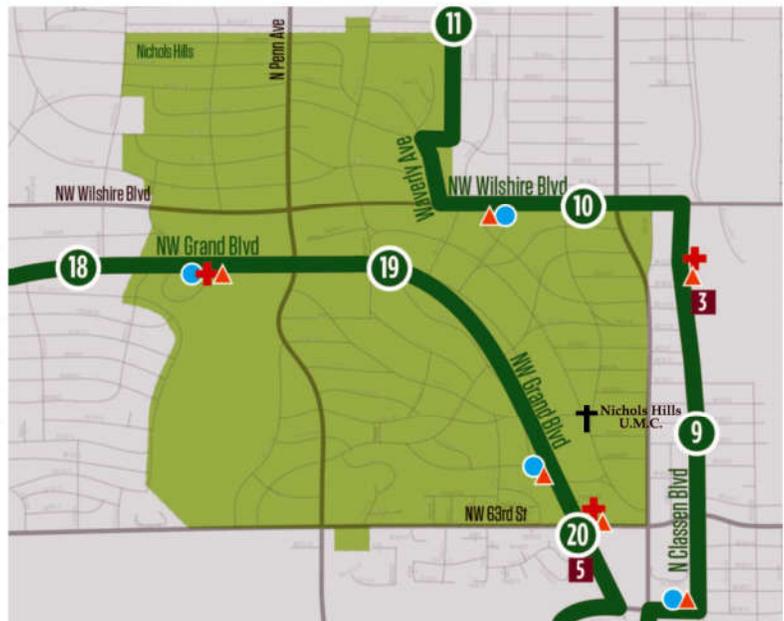
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COURSE OPENS AND CLOSINGS

MILE	STREET CLOSES	FIRST RUNNER	LAST RUNNER	STREET REOPENS
Start	04:30	06:25	06:30	10:00
9	06:40	07:00	08:54	09:04
10	06:44	07:04	09:10	09:20
11	06:47	07:07	09:26	09:36
18	07:10	07:34	11:18	11:28
19	07:14	07:38	11:24	11:44
20	07:18	07:41	11:30	11:45



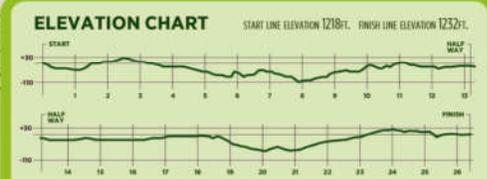
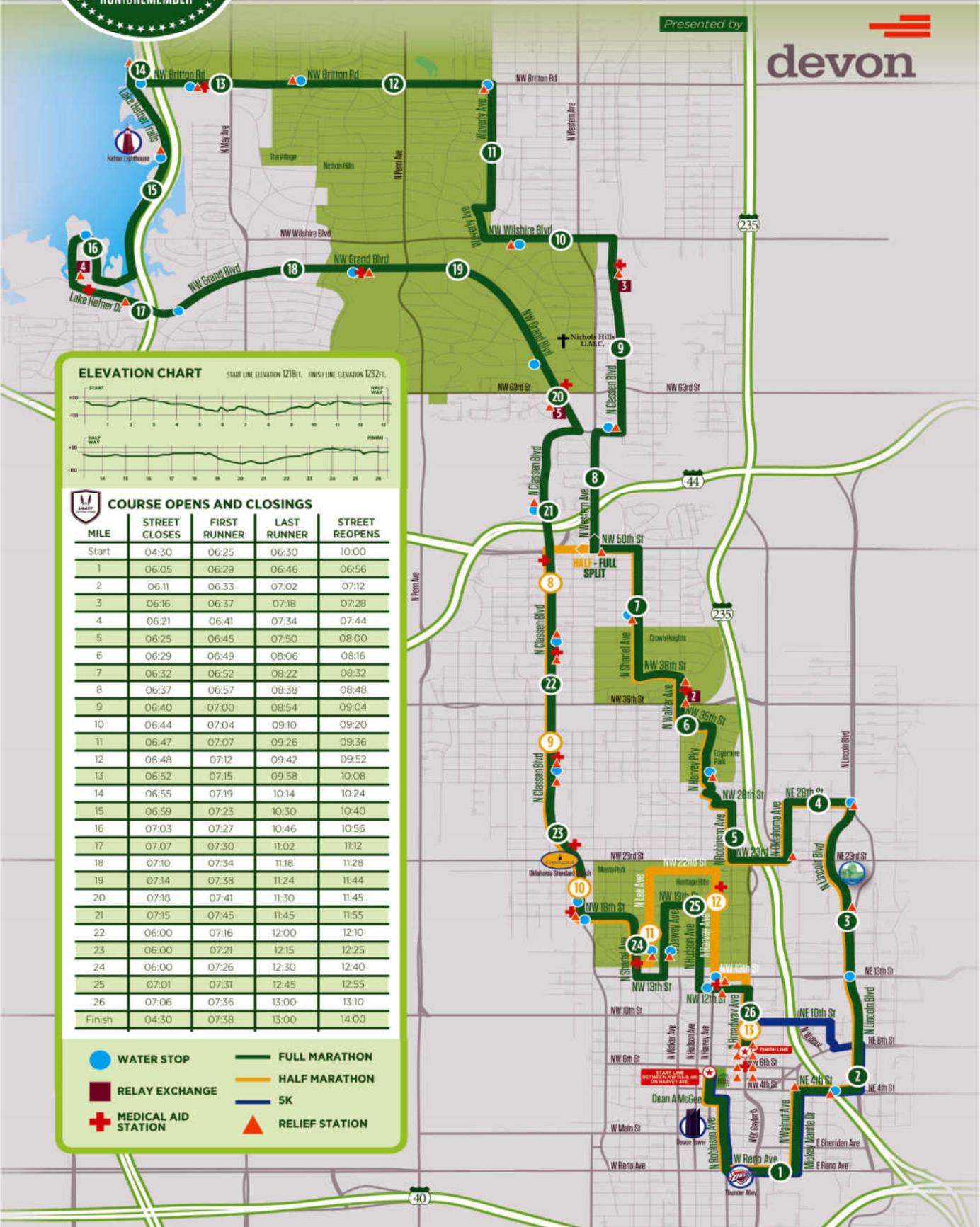


COURSE MAP

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MILE	STREET CLOSES	FIRST RUNNER	LAST RUNNER	STREET REOPENS
Start	04:30	06:25	06:30	10:00
1	06:05	06:29	06:46	06:56
2	06:11	06:33	07:02	07:12
3	06:16	06:37	07:18	07:28
4	06:21	06:41	07:34	07:44
5	06:25	06:45	07:50	08:00
6	06:29	06:49	08:06	08:16
7	06:32	06:52	08:22	08:32
8	06:37	06:57	08:38	08:48
9	06:40	07:00	08:54	09:04
10	06:44	07:04	09:10	09:20
11	06:47	07:07	09:26	09:36
12	06:48	07:12	09:42	09:52
13	06:52	07:15	09:58	10:08
14	06:55	07:19	10:14	10:24
15	06:59	07:23	10:30	10:40
16	07:03	07:27	10:46	10:56
17	07:07	07:30	11:02	11:12
18	07:10	07:34	11:18	11:28
19	07:14	07:38	11:24	11:44
20	07:18	07:41	11:30	11:45
21	07:15	07:45	11:45	11:55
22	06:00	07:16	12:00	12:10
23	06:00	07:21	12:15	12:25
24	06:00	07:26	12:30	12:40
25	07:01	07:31	12:45	12:55
26	07:06	07:36	13:00	13:10
Finish	04:30	07:38	13:00	14:00

- WATER STOP
- RELAY EXCHANGE
- + MEDICAL AID STATION
- FULL MARATHON
- HALF MARATHON
- 5K
- ▲ RELIEF STATION

Children's Ministry



Tausha Davison-Beverly,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

This Easter was an exciting time for our church! In our Children's Ministry, we reached out to over 50 young families through our Easter Egg hunt. Some of our awesome church families donated over 1300 prefilled eggs. The Youth Room downstairs looked like a sea of Easter Eggs! Children decided to skate through them because there were so many. The children and the parents loved it!

We also had an amazing outpouring of support from our mothers. Mrs. Cara Fraley and Mrs. Allyson Smith decorated our Fellowship Hall, making it feel warm and inviting. Mrs. Genevieve Quick, Mrs. Shea Na'oupu, Mrs. Lecye Lippoldt, and Ms. Keyneisha Prather volunteered in helping fill Easter bags with goodies. They also helped with the crafts in the Creation Station during worship services. Your generous love and support made our outreach to our community this Easter a huge success. Thank you for providing such an awesome experience in God's Love.

Here are a few pictures from Easter 2018, enjoy!

-Tausha Davison-Beverly



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion
Director

We recently had some lovely renovations in The Learning Center kitchenette. Over our spring break we installed new flooring, counter tops, a sink, an oven, a microwave, a stove, and a refrigerator. The cabinets were painted and new hardware was attached. The room was even painted light blue. We are so grateful for Michael Wylder coordinating this efficient renovation, and we just had to share! Drop by and take a look. Great things are happening at The Learning Center.

-Denise



Birthdays

04/20 Alan Chase
04/20 Carter Cloud
04/20 Louis Fraley
04/20 Griffin Jones
04/20 Jim Jones
04/21 Bernadene Moore
04/22 Claire Fraley
04/26 Kery Mueller
04/29 Marty Margo
04/30 Colin Anderson

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 and

Jess and Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

At Home

Roger Eting, Ann Flesher,
Frances Lewis, and David Mueller

John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

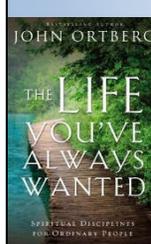
The best prices on the following items is generally found at the Dollar Tree.

We are in need of:

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

Please deliver clothing items directly to John Marshall High School.

The Life You've Always Wanted



What does the true spiritual life really look like and what keeps you from living it? **The Life You've Always Wanted**, by John Ortberg, is a six-week study that will guide you through the spiritual disciplines and teach you

how they can transform your life. This meaningful study will begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Sign up in the Church Office. Childcare is provided. The price of the book is \$11. Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith

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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. 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 leaders on various topics. 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: Lacey 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
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