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# NICHOLS HILLS

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Dr. Trevor Smith

## Can These Bones Live?

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.” -Ezekiel 37:1-5

Ezekiel is not for the faint of heart. Even before Ezekiel was called by God to be a prophet for the Lord, he knew what it felt like to suffer. He was taken into Babylonian captivity with God's people. He was ripped away from his homeland and forced to live in a foreign place. He suffered with God's people, and he suffered from personal loss as well. His wife died, and God commanded him to mourn her without shedding a tear. On top of all of this, God called Ezekiel to speak hard truths to God's rebellious people because the people had sinned and turned away from God even while they were in captivity. During this time, God's people lost hope. They had given up. They wanted to die because they couldn't find a reason to live.

On Memorial Sunday we will honor and remember our loved ones who have passed away by lighting candles for each of them and embrace our faith in Jesus' promise of resurrection and our hope to see them again in heaven. Our message will focus on the story of Ezekiel and the dry bones. This story speaks to the way that God restores us and lifts us up to new life even when we feel hopeless. I hope you will plan to join us for this meaningful worship service.

It has been a joy for me to participate in baptizing three children in the last two Sundays. Baptizing my daughters, Charlotte and Avery, was one of the most meaningful moments of my life. My wife, Allyson, and I have spent many hours sharing our faith with Charlotte and Avery, and I feel very blessed to see how both of them are growing closer to Jesus. It was also a joy to baptize Caroline Elizabeth McLain. Caroline is the daughter of Stuart McLain, who grew up in our church, and Emily McLain, who joined our church on Sunday. She is also the granddaughter of Rich and Karen McLain who are members of our church.

On Sunday, June 3, Rev. Matt Patrick will preach a sermon from I Samuel 3 which will focus on the way God calls each of us to serve in ministry. This will be Matt's last Sunday as our Student Pastor. I have appreciated Matt, and I have enjoyed working with him over the last three years. I know God has a bright future in mind for Matt, and we wish him well as he begins his new appointment at Church of the Servant. I hope you will join us for a Farewell Reception for Matt at noon that day.

Our new associate pastor, Rev. Michael Carpenter, will begin work on Monday, June 4. I hope you will join us for a Welcome Reception for Michael, his wife, Rachel, and their son, Oliver, at noon on Sunday, June 10. Have a great week.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

**Memorial Sunday, May 27**

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

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 28**

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

**Tuesday, May 29-Friday May 1**

The Learning Center Closed

**Wednesday, May 30**

Service of Commissioning and  
Ordination at 6:30 p.m.  
at Saint Luke's UMC

**Sunday, June 3**

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Farewell Reception for  
Rev. Matt Patrick at Noon

**Monday, June 4**

Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30

**Sunday June 10**

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Welcome Reception for  
Rev. Michael Carpenter at Noon

**Monday, June 11-Friday, June 15**

Sports Camp from 9:00 to Noon

**Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day**

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

**Sunday, June 24**

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

### 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, May 27

The coffee host is Courtney Vaughn. The mission candle is lit by Becky and Jim Buchanan in honor of Matt Patrick. The chancel flowers are given by Jane Harlow in memory of James G. Harlow, Jr. The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland. The acolytes for 10:50 are Lucy Ann Vaughn and Regan Miller.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, June 3

The coffee host is the SPRC in honor of Matt Patrick. The chancel flowers are given Lance and Linda Benham in memory of David Vaughn. 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 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: Mary Crownover, Gloria Crownover, Ann Garrett, Jennifer McGinnis, Karen McLain, Beverly Perri, and Marty Smith.

## Upcoming Sermons

Join us on May 27 for Memorial Sunday as we honor and remember our loved ones who have passed away by lighting candles in their honor and take a closer look at Ezekiel 37:1-14 in a sermon titled *Can These Bones Live?*

On Sunday, June 3 Rev. Matt Patrick will preach on I Samuel 3:1-20 and talk about the way God calls us to serve in ministry.



Rev. Matt Patrick

## Farewell

While I have enjoyed being one of your pastors, and I have very much enjoyed working with our youth group at the church, beginning in June this responsibility will be taken over by the new associate pastor, Rev. Michael Carpenter. I'm very excited about what Michael can do for our church and for our youth. He has great energy and will be wonderful for the program. I hope that you will join me in praying for Michael as he prepares to arrive at NHUMC. Youth ministry is an integral part of a church because it transitions children into becoming adults within our church. My prayer is that NHUMC will continue to be a church where children and youth are celebrated and discipled with great care and intentionality.

It has been my great privilege to serve here at Nichols Hills UMC. I have learned so much from this church and from all of you. I will treasure all of the relationships that I have built here and will always be proud to call NHUMC my first appointment as a pastor. I will be praying for you and cheering you on from my new placement. I can't wait to see where this church will go in the future. Thank you all so much for the gracious way in which you welcomed me and made me feel at home.

-Matt

## Congratulations 2018 Graduates!



Matt Patrick



Tyral Hayes



Maddy Eales



Keyneisha  
Prather

## Farewell Reception for Rev. Matt Patrick

There will be a farewell reception Sunday, June 3 for Rev. Matt Patrick following the 10:50 worship service. Please help us thank Matt for his service to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. A card basket will be available for anyone who would like to participate.

## We Are The Church

Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation. This week, Charlotte and Avery Smith share with us about their baptisms, lives, and what they enjoy about Nichols Hills U.M.C.

Charlotte is eight years old and will begin second grade at Russell Dougherty Elementary School in the fall. Charlotte said, "I wanted to be baptized because I love Jesus and being baptized symbolizes that." She loves going to the Nichols Hills U.M.C. because she gets to see her friends. She loves learning from Mrs. Lecye and Mrs. Tausha, and she enjoys doing crafts and learning about Jesus. Charlotte serves as an acolyte in the 10:50 worship service. Charlotte also enjoys reading, art, playing soccer, swimming, and dancing.

Avery is six years old and will begin Kindergarten at Russell Dougherty Elementary School in the fall. Avery said, "I wanted to be baptized because I love Jesus, and I want to follow him." She loves going to Nichols Hills U.M.C. because she loves learning new things about Jesus. Avery is glad to serve as an acolyte at the 10:50 worship service, and she enjoys drawing, painting, dancing, gymnastics, and playing soccer.

Charlotte and Avery are the daughters of Trevor and Allyson Smith and the granddaughters of Jack and Suzy Hughes, who live in Tulsa, and Bill and Sandra Smith who are members of our church.

Charlotte and Avery were baptized on May 13. We are happy to have them in our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!



## Service of Commissioning and Ordination Service for Rev. Matt Patrick

Rev. Matt Patrick will be commissioned on Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Luke's United Methodist Church. We invite you to attend and support Matt as he takes his next step in ministry. Saint Luke's U.M.C. is located at 222 NW 15th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly,  
Director of  
Children and  
Family Ministry

## Children's Ministry

It was an honor to watch Charlotte and Avery Smith, as well as Caroline McLain be baptized this month. If you would like to be baptized or become a member of our church, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486.

As you all know, Sports Camp is approaching quickly. Some of our sports are starting to fill up! It is not too late to sign up. The camp is geared for children as young as 4 years of age and all the way through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There are five sport from which to choose: Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, and Team 4-5 (for children four and five years of age). The Sports Camp provides children with the opportunity to learn new skills all while learning basic biblical principles. Our camp will be on Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Don't miss out on this awesome experience to have fun and meet some new friends. If you need more information or would like to sign up, call the church office at 405-842-1486. I hope to see you there!



Blessings,  
Tausha

# Nichols Hills United Methodist

## SPORTS



Basketball



Cheerleading



Soccer



Ultimate Frisbee



4 - 5 Year Olds

## CAMP

June 11 - 15  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

### Nichols Hills United Methodist Church Sports Camp

June 11- 15 from 9:00 - Noon

\$55 per child

4 year olds through 6th graders

Children may participate in Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, or Team 45 (which teaches the fundamentals of motion, rhythm, and balance development to 4 and 5 year-olds) all while experiencing God's love!

Register by filling out the form below and returning it to the church office.

Name(s) and Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Sports include: Basketball, Cheerleading, Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer, or Team 45.

Cost: \$55 per child - Pay by cash, check, or credit card.

### Opportunity to Serve in Ministry!

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church Sports Camp

June 11- 15 from 9:00 - Noon

Would you like to help with our Sports Camp on June 11 - 15. We have several positions available. Please call the church office at 405-842-1486 or email [tdavison@nicholshillsumc.org](mailto:tdavison@nicholshillsumc.org) for more information!

# Bear Cave Announcement

Thank you to all of you who have supported the Bear Cave Clothing Closet for the last two years. Your generosity continues to be appreciated. However, with the school coming to a close, the Bear Cave Clothing Closet will be on summer break after this Friday, and we will not be accepting donations over the summer.

Please watch the church newsletter throughout the summer for changes in the donation process and updates regarding needed items that will meet the needs of the John Marshall students and staff.

Thank you!  
Christie Baker



## Tidbits from The Learning Center

Our program is proud to celebrate the graduation of Keyneisha Prather from Rose State University. She intends to continue her formal education at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Upon notice that she was being honored as the "Outstanding Scholar" of the Social Sciences Division we were asked to contribute comments about her work at TLC. This is what we submitted:

"To say that The Learning Center at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is proud of Keyneisha Prather would be a huge understatement. Since 2011 Ms. Key, as she is referred to by the children, has been committed, dedicated, and engaged with our program.

Ms. Key has supported and assisted us to build and guide The Learning Center to the place we are today. We are remodeling, adding new equipment in classrooms, updating computers in the staff lounge and office, and adding new playground equipment. I can directly attribute much of these improvements to the support Ms. Key has brought to TLC. Many families have been blessed by Ms. Key's ministry with their children. All the while she was working forty-plus hours a week, raising a young son, babysitting outside of work, and continuing to pursue her formal education. Her skill in working with children is something that comes naturally. Her commitment to early childhood education is evident through her support of other staff members professional development and growth. Two of her assistants have earned their CDA because of her encouragement. Our children's portfolios have been developed with her system of organization.

Keyneisha is a loving, caring and fun woman to work with. Suffice to say we hope to have her continue her professional career with TLC and her higher education. Congratulations Ms. Key on your outstanding achievement."

-Denise



Denise Buthion  
Director



Birthdays	
05/28	Sharon Ives
05/29	Rob Saunders
06/04	Grant Davis
06/04	Julian Diaz-Granados
06/06	Reese Robinson
06/07	John Marshall
06/10	Samuel Stafford
06/13	Don McCarty
06/14	Kathy McCarty
06/15	Kurlisa Briggs
06/17	Jereme Cloud
06/18	Linda Rosser McDaniel
06/19	Antone Godding
06/19	Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes
06/19	Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes
06/20	Akia Douglas
06/20	John Pippin
06/21	Paul Lindsey
06/21	Bette MacKellar

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 Etling, Ann Flesher, Frances Lewis, and David Mueller

The logo for John Marshall Ministries features a stylized blue outline of a house with a cross on top. Below the house, the words "Love", "Hope", and "Community" are written in red. At the bottom, the words "John Marshall Ministries" are written in a circular path around the base of the house.

## 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)

We are no longer accepting clothing donations until the Fall of 2018. Thank you for your continued support!

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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: 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