



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## God Made You Good

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. -*Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27, 31a*

In the beginning, God made you good. It's true. In fact, in the beginning, God made you very good. That's the truth we find in Genesis 1, but it's not the message we receive in many experiences. I am sure each of us have been torn down by someone who told you that you were not good. Or, you may have had an experience where you desperately sought the approval and love of someone you loved or admired only to be let down or to be denied the words that would make you know and feel that you were good.

On Sunday we will begin a four-week sermon series called *In the Beginning* in which we will focus on the first four chapters of *Genesis*. The word *genesis* means *the origin or coming into being of something*, and *The Book of Genesis* tells the old, old, stories about how God created us. Through these stories we will learn more about who God is and the way God created us to live in right relationships with God, each other, and all of creation. I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you to worship with us as we focus on what God did *In the Beginning*.

I am excited to welcome Rev. Michael Carpenter as our new associate pastor. Michael began serving our church on Monday, and this will be his first Sunday with us. God has given Michael many gifts for ministry that will be a blessing to our church's ministry. Michael's primary duties will include Youth Ministry, Hospitality, Missional Ministry, and Pastoral Care. I hope you will help us welcome Michael, his wife, Rachel, and their son, Oliver, by attending a reception in their honor on Sunday at noon.

I am also excited to be part of our church's first Sports Camp next week. Beginning on Monday, June 11, we will host over forty children from our church and community to learn more about Jesus and to participate in soccer, basketball, cheerleading, ultimate frisbee, and Team 45 which is for 4 and 5 years-olds. Thank you to each of you who have signed up to help lead this ministry. We could not do it without you. We are excited to get to know so many children and their families.

We will honor the men and boys in our church in our worship services on Father's Day, June 17. That day our message will focus on Genesis 2 and we will take a closer look at the first family God created. Although the story of Adam and Eve is very familiar, my hope is that you will learn something new and see this story in a new way.

I am very happy to be appointed to continue to serve in ministry with the wonderful people of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. It is a joy and privilege to serve as your Senior Pastor, and I am looking forward to the ways God will continue to work through us to make a Christian difference in our community. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

## Ministry Calendar

### 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  
Sports Camp Leaders Meeting  
at 12:15 p.m.

### Monday, June 11

Sports Camp from 9:00 to Noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30

### Tuesday, June 12

Sports Camp from 9:00 to Noon

### Wednesday, June 13

Sports Camp from 9:00 to Noon

### Thursday, June 14

Sports Camp from 9:00 to Noon

### 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.

### Monday, June 18

Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30

### Sunday, June 24

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

### Monday, June 25

Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30

### Saturday to Sunday, July 21-22

Sonshine Church Camp  
For 1st and 2nd Graders

### Saturday, July 28

Mission Madness

### Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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[www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org)

### The Learning Center

(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.

### 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, June 3

The coffee host is the SPRC in honor of Matt Patrick.

The chancel flowers are given by 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.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, June 10

The coffee host is the SPRC in honor of Michael Carpenter and family.

The chancel flowers are given in memory of Jeffrey Connor Elkins, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ron Elkins.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland and Kate Maloney.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Gracie Buxton and Maggie Brown.

### 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: Ann Holbrook and Janet Jones.

# In the Beginning



## In The Beginning

Have you ever wondered what really happened *In the Beginning*?

The word *genesis* means *the origin or coming into being of something*, and *The Book of Genesis* tells the old, old, stories about how God created us. These stories tell us who God is and how we are to live in relationship with God, each other, and all of creation. Join us for worship at Nichols Hills U.M.C. as we find meaning in the stories that took place *In the Beginning*.

<b>June 10</b>	<i>God Made You Good</i>
<b>June 17</b>	<i>First Family</i>
<b>June 24</b>	<i>In the Garden</i>
<b>July 1</b>	<i>Sibling Rivalry</i>

## Children's Ministry

As you all know, Sports Camp is approaching quickly. It is not too late to sign up. The camp is geared for children as young as 4 years of age through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There are five sport from which to choose: Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, and Team 45 (for children four and five years of age). The Sports Camp provides children with the opportunity to learn new skills and basic biblical principles. Our Sports Camp will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15. 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



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly,  
Director of  
Children and  
Family Ministry

## Thank you!

On Sunday, May 27, we celebrated the birthdays of Dr. Trevor Smith and Michael Wylder, our Director of Church Music. A special thank you to our coffee hosts, Courtney and Lucy Ann Vaughn, and Mary Sue Hill! They provided two delicious birthday cakes and helped serve the punch.



# Welcome Rev. Michael Carpenter, Our New Associate Pastor!



Rev. Michael Carpenter has been appointed to be our new Associate Pastor beginning on Sunday, June 10. Please enjoy reading his biography below.

“A fourth-generation Methodist, I was born in Chicago, Illinois, in August 1992. My family, my father and mother, and one brother, moved to Ardmore, Oklahoma, in 2000, where I spent the rest of my childhood. Though I was baptized as an infant in the United Methodist Church, we were not serious Christians in Illinois, but we became very active in First United Methodist Church in Ardmore. During those years, from 2000 to my graduation in 2010, I regularly and actively explored my faith and deepened my participation in church activities.

Rev. Michael Carpenter I first felt a call to ministry in the summer of 2009, before the start of my senior year of high school. As I contemplated colleges and career paths, I discerned the Spirit telling me that my passions for people, service, and sharing my faith would only be truly fulfilled by vocational ministry. I decided, however, to continue my educational track of engineering while I further discerned this calling. So I began studying Civil Engineering at Oklahoma State University, and my years in college only served to strengthen my belief that I am called to ordained ministry. I became a certified candidate through First United Methodist Church in Stillwater in December 2014, and I graduated two weeks later, summa cum laude and with a minor in Religious Studies.

At FUMC, Stillwater I met my wife, Rachel. We married a week after graduation and moved to Oklahoma City in the summer of 2015, so I could begin my seminary education at Saint Paul School of Theology. At the same time, she began medical school at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and will become a physician in 2019. We welcomed the birth of our first child, Oliver, in May 2017.

Through my seminary’s Fellows Program, I have served as an Associate Minister at UM Church of the Servant in Oklahoma City, after being licensed as a local pastor in 2015. Initially tasked with our church’s Young Adult Ministry, I have also stepped into the role leading our Hospitality Ministries, as well as providing worship planning and leadership for our Chapel service. In May 2017, I was commissioned as a Provisional Elder, on track to be ordained in 2020.

I am very excited to begin serving in ministry at Nichols Hills UMC! I have heard so much about your hearts for ministry, your wonderful worship, and the closeness of your connection to each other. My family and I look forward to getting to know your families and growing together as disciples and apostles of Christ. I am ready to hit the ground running come June, and I cannot wait to see how God’s Spirit is moving among you!”

There will be a welcoming reception on Sunday, June 10 for Michael, his wife, Rachel, and their son, Oliver, at noon following the 10:50 worship service. We hope you will join us in making the Carpenter family feel welcome.



## We Are The Church

Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation. This week, Emily and Stuart McLain share with us about the baptism of their daughter, Caroline, their lives, and what they enjoy about Nichols Hills U.M.C.

“Hi! My name is Emily McLain and I recently joined NHUMC. I am married to Stuart McLain who has attended the church since he was very young. He was baptized there 33 years ago! We have a 1-year-old daughter, Caroline, who was baptized at NHUMC in May. Stuart’s parents, Karen and Rich McLain, are also members of the church.

I was drawn to the church because of the kind, compassionate members. Everyone always has a smile on their face and is very welcoming. I have attended the church various times over the last few years and have always enjoyed Trevor’s sermons and words of wisdom. My favorite part of the ministry of the church is the work that is being done to give back to the community. I look forward to meeting lots of new faces around the church soon!”

Emily joined the church and Caroline was baptized on May 20. We are happy to have them in our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!



# 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!

# Youth News



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter

Hello everybody! I am so excited to have officially started at Nichols Hills UMC! Rev. Matt Patrick, a good friend from seminary, has told me all about this wonderful church, and Dr. Trevor Smith has helped me jump in with both feet this week. As I get started at the church, I want to meet all of you and hear your stories, passions, and hopes for our church. I just ask that you be patient as I try to keep all the names straight! My wife, Rachel, our son, Oliver, and I will in worship this Sunday, June 10, and we cannot wait for our family to join this church family!

In addition to some other roles and responsibilities in the church, I will be coming in as the youth pastor for the church. We won't lose a beat, so we'll start things off with youth Sunday school downstairs in the youth area at 9:45 a.m. this Sunday, June 10. Then we'll really kick off the summer with a youth party that evening at 5:00 p.m. We'll have a fun evening of food, games, and fellowship, as we get to know each other! If you've been wanting to reconnect with the youth group, or if you have been thinking about bringing a friend, this is a great opportunity!

Grace upon Grace,  
Rev. Michael Carpenter

## Thank you!

Thank you for the way you gave a gracious farewell to Rev. Matt Patrick through the thoughtful cards that were given and the supportive prayer that you shared with Matt through the laying on of hands. Thank you to each of you who came to Matt's Commissioning Service, and thanks to the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the wonderful farewell reception. Below are a few photos from Matt's last Sunday at Nichols Hills UMC and his Commissioning Service.



## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion  
Director

Meet our newest staff member, Dalisa Dean. She is from Edmond and graduated from Deer Creek High School. This May she graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in human relations. Dalisa has worked for three years in childcare. When she is not working she enjoys spending time with her family and watching movies. Her roommate, A'lexus, is also employed by TLC. We are thrilled to have Dalisa join our TLC team! Come by and say, "Hello."



-Denise

### Birthdays

06/10	Samuel Stafford
06/13	Don McCarty
06/14	Kathy McCarty
06/15	Kurlisa Briggs
06/17	Jeremee 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
06/22	Ann Marshall
06/24	Jackson Edmonds
06/27	Mary Forster
06/29	George Malone

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 Eiling, 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)

#### Bear Cave Clothing Closet

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.

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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.  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Michael Carpenter.

**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. Michael Carpenter**, Associate 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  
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**Alfred Walker**, Sunday Host  
**Tyral Hayes**, Sunday Host  
**Jessica Mayberry**, Nursery Attendant  
**Ashley Edwards**, Nursery Attendant  
**Marita Barkus**, Nursery Attendant