



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## Noah's Ark

<sup>12</sup>The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights... and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup>The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. <sup>21</sup>And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; <sup>22</sup>everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.

Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark. But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; <sup>2</sup>the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, <sup>3</sup>and the waters gradually receded from the earth.

*-Genesis 7:12, 17b-18, 21-22, 23b, 8:1-3a*

I invite you to worship with us on Sunday as we continue our **Noah** sermon series by taking a closer look at the great flood and Noah's ark in Genesis 7-8. On the surface, this seems to be a story of death and destruction, but as we dig deeper we find that our God is at work in our world responding to violence by remaking the world. God remembers Noah in the midst of the storm, and God remembers us too when we are floating through the flood.

We also see a picture of the church as we look at the ark. In his essay, "The Church as Noah's Ark," Frederick Buechner writes:

"In the church as in Noah's ark, just about everything imaginable is aboard, the clean and the unclean both...the predators and the prey, the wild and the tame, the sleek and the beautiful ones and the ones that are ugly as sin.... There are times when they all cackle and grunt and roar and sing together.... Most of them have no clear idea just where they're supposed to be heading or how they're supposed to get there or what they'll find if and when they finally do.... There's jostling at the trough. There's growling and grousing...and sometimes it smells to high Heaven.... But even at its worst, there's at least one thing that makes it bearable within, and that is the storm without. And at its best there is...shelter from the blast, a sense of somehow heading in the right direction in spite of everything, a ship to keep afloat, and, like a beacon in the dark, the hope of finding safe harbor at last."

When we read the story of Noah's ark we realize that we are all on the ark, and God intends to save us and never give up on us.

On Sunday, July 22, we will conclude our Noah sermon series by talking about the covenant God made with humankind to never destroy the world again and the symbolic reminder God gave us by placing a rainbow in the sky. We will discuss Noah's most embarrassing moment and the conflicts within Noah's family after the flood.

I hope you will plan to join us for Mission Madness on Saturday, July 28 as our children serve at Cleats for Kids, our youth and adults serve at John Marshall High School, and our Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts serve at North Highland Elementary School. Have a great week, and I will see you at church.

Blessings,  
Trevor

## Ministry Calendar

### Sunday, July 15

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Children's Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

### Monday, July 16

Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30

### Thursday, July 19

Enrollment Night at John Marshall High School from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday to Sunday, July 21-22

Sonshine Church Camp  
for 1st and 2nd Graders

### Wednesday, July 25

Teacher's Breakfast at John Marshall High School at 7:30 a.m.

### Thursday, July 26

Seventh Grade Orientation at John Marshall High School at 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, July 28

Mission Madness at 9:00 a.m.



### James "Moss" Robertson

We are excited to announce the birth of James "Moss" Robertson. He is the son of Ande and Jacob Robertson and was born on July 1st at 9:47 p.m. Congratulations Ande and Jacob! Moss is precious!

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### The Learning Center

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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 or Michael Carpenter 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, July 15

The coffee host is Carol Magness.

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are given by Paul and Midge Lindsey in honor of their son Mark's birthday.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

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

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, July 22

The coffee hosts are Nathan and Mary Crownover.

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are given by Mary Ann Carmichael in honor of her sister, Jody, and Father, Jim "James M.", Carmichael's July birthdays.

The acolytes for 8:30 are Gabriel Ireland and Kate Maloney.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Charlotte and Avery Smith.

### 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.



## Noah

The story of Noah frequently raises questions.

Did it really happen?

Why are there flood stories in different cultures and religions around the world?

Has Noah's ark been found?

Why would a loving God destroy the earth with a flood?

Join us in worship at Nichols Hills UMC as we ask questions and explore the deeper meaning of the story of Noah and its message for us today.

**July 15**

*Noah's Ark*

**July 22**

*After the Flood*

## Youth News



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter

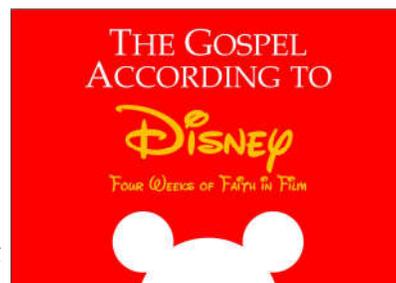
Hercules, Mulan, Simba, and Belle. These aren't just my childhood heroes, they're the subjects of our July Youth series, "The Gospel According to Disney!" We're taking a look at these beloved stories of heroism and identity and seeing

how they illuminate God's truth revealed in Scripture. It's amazing what biblical truths are running just beneath the surface of some of our favorite films!

I want to invite you to serve with us at Mission Madness on Saturday, July 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at John Marshall High School.

On Sunday, July 29, our Youth Group will go to lunch after worship at 12:15. This will let us form deeper connections with one another, as well as respect our hectic summer schedules. If you have a young person in your life who you love, invite them to join us! And if you want to be transformed, as well, come join us and be a youth sponsor!

Grace upon Grace,  
Michael



# Mission Opportunities

## John Marshall Teacher Breakfast

Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

We will serve breakfast to the teachers at John Marshall as they kick off their new school year. Helen Sullivan is coordinating this fun event.

You can sign up to help serve the breakfast or to bring breakfast foods and drinks such as egg casseroles, fruit cups, donuts, sausage rolls, juice, etc. by calling the church office at 405-842-1486. We would love to have you help us welcome the teachers back to school. They are always very appreciative of our support.



# MISSION MADNESS

## Mission Madness

July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our annual Mission Madness will be on Saturday, July 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. There will be mission opportunities for everyone from pre-school through adults.

Our children will serve at Cleats 4 Kids.

Our Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts will work on a community garden at North Highlands Elementary School.

Our youth and adults will serve at John Marshall High School by helping with preparation in the Neighborhood Market and Bear Cave as well as other projects around the school to help the teachers prepare for the new school year.

Lunch will be provided.

We invite you to serve with us from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or for any portion of the time that day.

Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office.

As part of Mission Madness, we will also will be collecting supplies for the pantry and clothing closet. The shopping list is on the back of this insert. If you would prefer that we do the shopping for you, you are welcome to donate money.

## Other Opportunities to Serve

### John Marshall High School

Thursday, July 19 from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Enrollment Night

Thursday, July 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Seventh Grade Orientation

Thursday, August 16 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Open House

Thursday, September 17 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Neighborhood Market and Bear Cave Open House

If you would like to participate in any of these, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486.

**Please turn this insert over to see the John Marshall shopping list.**

# John Marshall High School Shopping List

## Neighborhood Market:

These items are the least expensive at the Dollar Tree.

**Toothpaste** (*any brand*)

**Toothbrushes** (*any brand - the 4-pack is the most economical*)

**8 oz. Body Lotion** (*any brand*)

**Women's Deodorant/Antiperspirant** (*any brand*)

**Men's Deodorant/Antiperspirant** (*any brand*)

**10 oz. Laundry Detergent** (*Tide or Gain*)

## Bear Cave:

Thank you to all who have **generously** supported the Bear Cave Clothing Closet for the last three years. This opportunity to serve the J.M.H.S. students has made a significant difference in their lives. Their smiles say it all!

The students at John Marshall will soon be returning to school and would be grateful for **new** or **like new** clothing donations. If you have items that are **gently used**, please make sure they are clean, on hangers, or are neatly folded.

## The clothing items needed are:

**Men's and Women's White Athletic Socks** (*above the ankle and "footies" style*)

Sizes: Medium and Large

**Men's White T-Shirts**

Sizes: Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

**Boy's/Men's/Women's Jeans** (*Old Navy has some good deals.*)

**Boy's/Men's/Girl's/Women's Sweat Shirt "hoodies" or Crew Neck** (*Neutral Colors: Navy, White, Tan, Black*)

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X, 4XL

**Boy's/Men's/Girl's/Women's Cold Weather Coats** (*Jackets, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Length, Zip, Button, or Velcro, Leather, Suede, etc.*)

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X, 4XL

**Athletic (Sports) T-Shirts/Jackets/Jerseys**

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X, 4XL

**Boy's/Men's/Girl's/Women's Sweat Pants**

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X, 4XL

**Boy's/Men's/Girl's/Women's Shorts**

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X, 4XL

**Boy's/Men's/Girl's/Women's Jerseys**

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X, 4XL

**Boy's/Men's/Girl's/Women's T-Shirts**

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X, 4XL

**Shoes** (*All Types and Styles: Athletic, Dress, Golf, Football, Basketball, Tennis Shoes, etc.*)

Sizes: Men's between 7 - 12; Women's between 6 - 12

**Please make sure that shoes are in ready-to-wear condition (clean, polished, gently worn, etc.)**

**Odds and Ends** (*New or Gently Used*)

Purses, Wallets, Trendy Costume Jewelry, Perfume/Cologne, Stationary, Note Pads, Scarves, and Accessories to help the students feel special.

## Children's Ministry



Tausha Davison-Beverly,  
Director of  
Children and  
Family Ministry

Our Children's Ministry has grown this month! I would like to congratulate Jacob and Ande Robertson on their new bundle of joy, James "Moss" Robertson. We can't wait to welcome Moss into our Children's Ministry.

We are also glad to welcome Brandy Jones to our nursery staff. Brandy is a seasoned early childhood professional who has a love for children of all ages. She is a mother of two children: a six month old son and a one year old daughter. Brandy is First Aid and CPR certified and teaches toddlers during the week at The Learning Center. Brandy enjoys dancing and singing in her church choir.

I am also happy to have Emma Speir serving with our Children's Ministry. Emma is from Riverside, California and moved to Oklahoma to pursue a career as a professional ballet dancer with the Oklahoma City Ballet. She is also a Pilates instructor and works at the Cheesecake Factory. Emma enjoys working with children and looks forward to serving in our church. Emma will help with our acolytes at our 10:50 worship service.

I am also excited to share that Regan Miller and Charlotte Smith will be attending Sonshine Church Camp and Gabriel Ireland will be attending Growin' in Grace Church Camp. We will bless Regan, Charlotte, and Gabriel in our worship services this Sunday.



Moss Robertson



Brandy Jones



Emma Speir

Blessings,  
Tausha

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion  
Director

Our summer campers are having the summer break you would want to have as a child. They recently attended Oklahoma City Community College Performing Arts Center for a circus just for children. There were no clowns, animals, fire eating or other stuff that might be scary. Instead, we saw acrobatic children who did amazing tricks that would delight anyone. It was a very hands-on experience as the children danced and sang and "oohed" and "ahhed" throughout the one hour performance. Of course the highlight was the van ride.

Loading up nineteen car seats in 100 degree weather is quite a feat. In the end it was worth all of the sweat equity. A great time was had by all. We thank the two grandparents and the mother who chaperoned and attended the program with us. Six adults and nineteen children were thoroughly entertained.

-Denise



### Birthdays

07/15	David Brown
07/17	Margaret Wells
07/20	Owen Lafferty
07/21	Stuart, Jr. Hunt
07/22	Becky Robinson
07/23	Janet Jones
07/23	Beverly Pirtle
07/24	Linda Howell
07/28	Stella Shdeed
07/30	Phillip Rosier
07/31	Kristin Byrdsong
07/31	Matt Eales
07/31	John Griffin

**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

### John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

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

#### Neighborhood Market

##### 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*)
- 8 oz. Body Lotions
- 10 oz. Laundry Detergent (*Tide or Gain*)

#### Bear Cave Clothing Closet

##### Items needed are:

- Athletic Socks (*above ankle/footies*)
- Men's White T-Shirts (*all sizes*)
- Men's and Women's Jeans (*all sizes*)
- Sweat Shirt "Hoodies" or Crew Neck
- Men's and Women's Coats/Jackets
- Athletic Sports T-Shirts, Jerseys, etc.
- Men's and Women's Sweatpants
- Men's and Women's Shorts
- Men's and Women's Jerseys
- Men's and Women's T-Shirts
- Men's and Women's Shoes (*Men's between 7 - 12*) (*Women's between 6 - 12*)
- Odds and Ends (*New or Gently Used*)  
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Scarves, Accessories, Perfume,  
Cologne, etc.

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