



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Invisible People

<sup>1</sup> One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” <sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. <sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” <sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. -Acts 3:1-8

People would lay the crippled man daily at the gate of the temple so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. He couldn’t work, and so he was at the mercy of the God’s people. At least a few people took pity on him enough to bring him to the temple so he could beg. There were always a few people who extended God’s mercy to him. They would give him spare change. Other people just ignored him and tried not to see him, but the truth was he was there everyday, begging for a handout. If we had been there that day I wonder if we would have noticed this man or if we would have passed him by. But there is something more I want you to know about this man. He wasn’t just lame. He was also excluded from the temple. The people didn’t bring him into the temple to receive God’s blessings. They always left him outside by the gate of the temple to beg. Do you know what it feels like to be excluded...to be an outsider? In our new **Outside In** sermon series we are going to talk about the way the Holy Spirit opens our eyes to see the needs of the people around us and calls us out of our comfort zones to welcome people from the **Outside In**.

On Sunday, August 5, our message will focus on the story of Philip the Deacon and the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8:26-40 and the way the Holy Spirit pushed and shoved the early church beyond ethnic borders, national borders, sol borders, and economic borders, that repentance and forgiveness be preached to all the nations. We’ll explore the way God is leading our congregation into new mission fields to reach people in the name of Jesus.

I hope you are planning to join us for Mission Madness on Saturday, July 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You’ll find more information on pages 3 and 4.

I also want to share with you that this Sunday will be Tyrall Hayes’ last Sunday as one of our Sunday Hosts. Tyrall will be moving to Colorado, and I want to express my appreciation to Tyrall for his service in our church over the last year. Tyrall has helped open and close the building on Sundays, provided hospitality, and assisted with our audio visual elements in worship. We wish Tyrall many blessings as he steps into God’s future.

I am pleased to share with you that Randall Blair will be temporarily filling in as one of our Sunday Hosts as we seek a more permanent replacement. I hope you will welcome Randall as he begins serving in our church on Sunday, July 29.

Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, July 29

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

#### Monday, July 30 to

#### Friday, August 3

The Learning Center Closed

#### Monday, August 6

The Learning Center Fall Session Begins at 9:00 a.m.

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, August 7

Endowment Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, August 9 to

#### Friday, August 10

Global Leadership Conference -  
Church Offices Closed;  
The Learning Center Open

#### Sunday, August 19

Block Party from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, August 21

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, August 26

Bring A Friend Sunday at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

#### Tuesday, August 28

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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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 29

The coffee host is available.

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are given by Paul and Midge Lindsey in honor of their granddaughter Ella's 17th birthday.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

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

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, August 5

The coffee host is available.

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are available.

The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

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

### 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 Carol Magness.

### Birthdays

07/28	Stella Shdeed
07/30	Phillip Rosier
07/31	Kristin Byrdsong
07/31	Matt Eales
07/31	John Griffin
08/01	Sarah Tirrell
08/01	Cindy Withrow
08/02	Steve Brown
08/04	Zachary Bloomfield
08/04	Garrett Davis



## Outside In

*The Acts of the Apostles* is the story of how the Holy Spirit pushed and shoved the early church beyond ethnic borders, national borders, social borders, and economic borders, that repentance and forgiveness be preached to all the nations. And the Holy Spirit pushed and pushed and pushed and pushed.

Join us for our **Outside In** sermon series as we take a closer look at how the Holy Spirit calls us outside our comfort zones to welcome people into our church.

<b>July 29</b>	<i>Invisible People</i>
<b>August 5</b>	<i>They Won't Fit In</i>
<b>August 12</b>	<i>You Mean They're Invited Too?</i>
<b>August 19</b>	<i>Prison Ministry</i>

## Youth News

Talking a big spiritual game at church can be easy, but living it out every day, not so much. So to gear up for a new school year, our August Youth series will be "Walking the Walk." Starting Sunday, August 5, we'll dive into figuring out more of what it means to "walk like Jesus walked" (1 John 2:6). Come check it out during the Sunday school hour for a great, challenging discussion!

We also have some great Youth events coming up soon! Mission Madness is this Saturday (see the other article in this newsletter for more info!), and the youth will be making an impact at John Marshall High School that day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Don't miss your chance to serve missionally as we help our



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter

ministry partner start another great school year!

We'll also have a lunch celebration after church the next day, July 29, where we'll set some other service opportunities for the Fall. We'll probably plan a party or two while we're at it! If you've had a hectic, wall-to-wall summer, now is the perfect chance to reconnect with old and new friends.

Grace upon Grace,  
Michael

# 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

We are in need of help in the Bear Cave clothing closet for a few hours a week.

If interested, please contact Christie Baker at 405-922-5154.

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, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486.

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

## Block Party

Sunday, August 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for hot dogs, homemade ice cream, music, Bingo, games, a giant Slip-N-Slide, water games, face painting, and fun for all ages!!!

There are lots of ways to help with the Block Party.

Make some home-made ice-cream, brownies, or cookies.

Bring a prize or school supplies for Bingo.

Help with the set-up at 3:00 or the clean-up at 7:00.

Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office to serve at the Block Party.

# BLOCK PARTY

# 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.

We are in need of help in the Clothing Closet. If interested, please contact Christie Baker at 405-922-5154.

### 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.*)

**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.

**For the following items, these sizes are needed:** Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X, 4XL

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

**Boy's/Men's/Girl's/Women's Cold Weather Coats** (*Jackets, ¾ Length, Zip, Button, or Velcro, Leather, Suede, etc.*)

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

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

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

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

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

## Books for North Highland Elementary School

The overall theme for North Highland Elementary School this year is: "Reading is exciting!" The librarian has asked if we could help with a book drive to beef up the library. For a list of requested books contact the church office. They are looking for new or lightly used hard cover books. Full Circle Bookstore is helping us with this project. If you tell them it's for North Highlands and Nichols Hill United Methodist they will give you a 10% discount and will be tax-exempt. They will order any books that they don't have in stock and hold them for delivery. Full Circle Bookstore's phone number is (405) 842-2900.

## Children's Ministry



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly,  
Director of  
Children and  
Family Ministry

A few of our children had the opportunity to participate in Summer Camp this year. Regan Miller and Charlotte Smith attended Sunshine Camp and Gabriel Ireland attended Growing in Grace Camp. We are all excited to hear about their camp experience and the new friends they made. No matter what circumstance you have been born into the Bible says in Proverbs 8:17, *God's love is for all who seek him.* Church camp is just one way God uses our children to be disciples of his mighty work. Our children get a chance to explore this amazing mission field and have fun while helping others in these church camps.

I hope you will plan to join us for Mission Madness on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Our children will serve for two hours at Cleats for Kids and then come back to the church for worship songs, arts and crafts, and a spiritual lesson on *The Butterfly Effect*. One act of love through volunteering could change the world for so many. We would love to see you and your children help to make a difference in a young child's life through this wonderful organization!

This month I gave our children a Noah's Ark challenge to design their own version of Noah's ark. Below are a few of the results.



Blessings,  
Tausha



## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion  
Director

What a glorious time of the year to celebrate The Learning Center's staff. Each month we congratulate those staff members who are celebrating their T.L.C. anniversaries. This July we are celebrating Maggie Figueroa anniversary. Maggie began working at T.L.C. on July 22, 2013. I am also happy to share with you that July 31 will be my work anniversary as well. It has been wonderful to serve as the director of The Learning Center for four years.



Maggie Figueroa

We also have two new staff members we would like to introduce to you: Ashley Huling and Carrie Rhymes. Both Ashley and Carrie have years of experience in childcare, are mothers, and have formal education. Ashley and Carrie each have a love for children, and we are so pleased they have joined our staff. Please join us in welcoming Carrie and Ashley to N.H.U.M.C. and T.L.C.!

-Denise



Ashley Huling



Carrie Rhymes

## Birthdays (Continued)

08/04	Delaney Henry
08/04	Molly Love
08/05	Craig Sanders
08/06	Anita Dahlgren
08/06	Megan Dean
08/11	Charles Brown
08/12	Philip Pippin
08/12	Chloe Robinson
08/15	Cinda Lafferty
08/15	Jon Rogers
08/16	Allen Evans

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

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- 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)
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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: 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. 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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**Randall Blair**, Sunday Host  
**Jessica Mayberry**, Nursery Attendant  
**Brandy Jones**, Nursery Attendant  
**Marita Barkus**, Nursery Attendant