

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

You Mean They're Invited Too?

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders.⁶ The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.

-Acts 15:1-2, 6

Luke says it was a single issue meeting. Are we going to continue to admit into full standing and fellowship in the church foreigners, persons who have never belonged to the people of Israel, persons who do not know the Old Testament and the story of creation, persons who do not have the moral and ethical standards of Israel, do not know the tradition of the exodus, who yesterday worshiped before shrines and idols? Shall we, simply upon their repentance and confession of faith, admit them into the church? Is that enough? That was the question. The people were divided. Luke in his own modest way says, "There was much debate." He says, "No small dissension rose among them." On Sunday we will continue our *Outside In* sermon series by talking about the way the Holy Spirit pushed Peter and the early Church to welcome gentiles through baptism. Then, on August 26 we will discuss the way Paul ministered to the jailer when he was in prison.

As the summer comes to an end and we prepare to start another school year, most people who do not attend a church are more likely to respond to an invitation to come to church. I am sure that you know at least one or two people who don't have a church home. Or, maybe you can think of someone you know who hasn't been to church in a long time because they just got out of the habit. Our church has created three great opportunities for you to invite someone you know to experience the fellowship and hospitality of our church.

I hope you have been praying for the persons whom you plan to invite to our **Block Party on Sunday, August 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** The Block Party is your opportunity to meet new friends and connect with old friends. I am certain that the Block Party will give many people their first impression of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. A conversation you have with a new person at the Block Party could lead to that person experiencing the love of God and becoming part of our church. If you would like to help with the Block Party you can make and bring homemade ice cream, cookies, or brownies; bring school supplies or a prize for Bingo; or help set up at 3:00 or clean up at 7:00 p.m. We will be inviting our friends at John Marshall High School, North Highlands Elementary School, Nichols Hills Elementary School, and West Nichols Hills Elementary School.

Then, on **August 26** we invite you to invite a friend to come with you to our **Bring A Friend Sunday** as we begin a new sermon series called **Won't You Be My Neighbor**. A simple invitation could change the trajectory of the life of someone you know and love.

Nichols Thrills will begin on **Wednesday, August 29** with a meal at **5:30 p.m.** I will be leading a study called *Love Does* by Bob Goff, and Michael Carpenter will be leading a study on hospitality called *Catch*. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, August 12

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

Monday, August 13

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
at 5:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 19

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



Tuesday, August 21

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 23

T.L.C. Open House 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.

Monday, August 27

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 28

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

Wednesday, August 29

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.

Love Does Study at 5:30 p.m.

Catch Study at 5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 3

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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, August 12

The coffee host is Robynn Poortvliet.

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are given by Paul Lindsey in honor of Midge's 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 19

The coffee host is Carla Hill.

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are given by Clark and Kay Musser in honor of their 50th anniversary.

The acolytes 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: Ann Holbrook, Janet Jones, Marty Smith, and Kathy Walker

Birthdays

08/11	Charles Brown
08/12	Philip Pippin
08/12	Chloe Robinson
08/15	Cinda Lafferty
08/15	Jon Rogers
08/16	Allen Evans
08/18	Midge Lindsey
08/18	Sue Ryan
08/18	Katherine Schoeffler

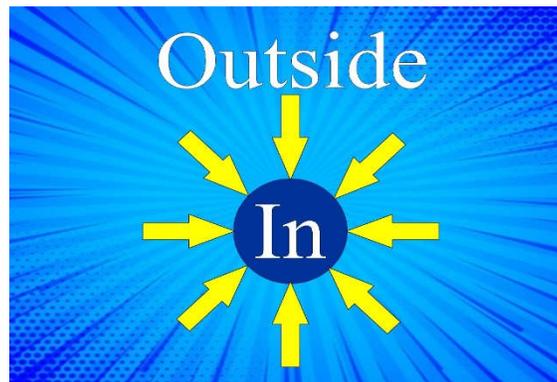
Outside In

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.

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.

August 12 *You Mean They're Invited Too?*

August 19 *Prison Ministry*



Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

We've had an exciting summer in the Children's Ministry. In June, we had our first ever Sport's Camp. In July, our children connected with other children through Summer Camp and serving at Cleats for Kids during Mission Madness. Allyson Smith, Stuart Ottersberg, and I shared an awesome lesson with them on the Butterfly Effect.. Raising Cain's donated gift certificates to all our children wjp participated in our Sports Camp and Mission Madness. I want to thank, Shannon Booher, the General Manager of Raising Cain's, for supporting our Children's Ministry.

In August, we will have another exciting opportunity to help through our annual Block Party. We have already received donations from Big Sky Bread Company, Earls BBQ, Trader Joe's, and Raising Cain's for our annual Bingo game. This year Bingo will be led by one of our awesome Sunday School teachers, Lecye Lippoldt. If you or your company would like to donate gifts for Bingo, school supplies, or volunteer for this event please contact the church office. We would love to help you bring God's light into the world through this wonderful event.

Blessings,
Tausha

Youth News



Rev. Michael
Carpenter

The Youth Basement has some new additions! Downstairs we have three big calendars on the wall for the next two months. This will help us catch a glimpse of everything going on in and out of our family! If your youth has any big games, concerts, or events of any kind coming up, write it down on the calendar so that we can support one another!

Also a huge shout-out to Sarah Tirrell and Craig Sanders who helped at Mission Madness on July 28! John Marshall High School students have started their school year, and your service there has made a huge impression. Any time that youth can make a difference, especially in the lives of other youth, that's a real win for the church and for God's Kingdom. We're going to build on this momentum with more fellowship and service opportunities! Stay tuned!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael

Mission Madness

Our annual Mission Madness was a wonderful success! Our children served at Cleats 4 Kids, our Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts worked on a community garden at North Highlands Elementary School, and our youth and adults served 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. Thank you to all who participated!

MISSION MADNESS



Nichols Thrills Is Returning!

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Nichols Thrills

Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m. Small Groups

LOVE DOES
WHEN YOU LOVE LIKE JESUS LOVES, YOU'LL LIVE LIKE JESUS LIVES.

CATCH
A Churchwide Program for Invitational Evangelism

Starting Wednesday, August 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Nichols Thrills will begin again on Wednesday, August 29 with a Meal at 5:30 p.m. and two meaningful studies for adults.

Love Does is a five-week study that focuses on what love does. Bob Goff believes that love takes action. Love Does. When you love like Jesus loves, you'll live like Jesus lives. Join us as we learn together how we can put our love into action and change our community for the better. The price of the book is \$8. Leader: Trevor Smith

Catch is a five-week study that focuses on invitational evangelism. This study includes daily scripture readings for you to do at home and will help you learn how you can be part of helping our church attract people in our community and help them grow in faith. The price of the devotional book is \$8. Leader: Michael Carpenter

We hope you will us for one of these meaningful small group opportunities. Sign-up in the Narthex after worship or in the Church Office at 405-842-1486 during the week.

Congratulations!

Adam and Kenna Clapp are the proud new parents of Camryn Lynn Clapp. Camryn was born on Friday, July 27. She weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Congratulations Adam and Kenna! She is adorable!



Missions



Rev. Michael
Carpenter

Our partnership with John Marshall High School is off to another great start! On Thursday, July 19 people from our church helped the school at their Enrollment Night. We had the chance to reconnect with returning students, meet new students, and get to know their new interim Principal!

The school year has already begun for the John Marshall students, and we'll be starting up the Neighborhood Market and Bear Cave Clothing Closet soon. This is a great time to volunteer to serve! If you want to help make a difference in the lives of these students and teachers, call the church, 405-842-1486, and let us know!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael

John Marshall High School Shopping List

Bear Cave

We are in need of help in the Clothing Closet. Contact Christie Baker at 405-922-5154 for more information.

Please send **new or gently used** clothing items that are clean, on hangers or are folded.

White Athletic Socks (*above the ankle and "footies" style*) - Sizes: Medium and Large

Men's White T-Shirts - Sizes: M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Jeans (*Old Navy has good deals.*)

Shoes (*All Types and Styles: Athletic, Dress, Basketball, Tennis, etc.*) Sizes: Men's: 7 to 12; Women's: 6 to 12

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

Odds and Ends - Purses, Wallets, Costume Jewelry, Perfume/Cologne, Stationary, Note Pads, Scarves, and accessories to help the students feel special.

Sweat Shirt "hoodies" or Crew Neck
(*Navy, White, Tan, Black*)

Cold Weather Coats

Sweat Pants, Shorts, Jerseys, T-Shirts, or Athletic Clothes

Neighborhood Market

These items are the least expensive at the Dollar Tree.

Toothpaste (*any brand*)

Toothbrushes (*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*)



Enrollment Night at John Marshall High School

Books for North Highland Elementary School

The 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. Full Circle Bookstore's phone number is (405) 842-2900.

John Marshall High School's Teacher and Staff Breakfast 2018

We had a wonderful time serving breakfast to John Marshall High School's teachers and staff! It was their first work day back, and we were so excited to show how much we value and appreciate them! Thank you to all involved!



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!



We Are The Church

Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation. This week, Sandy Bracken shares with us about her life and what she enjoys about Nichols Hills U.M.C.

“Sandy Bracken, is a life-long Methodist and a preacher’s kid. Sandy is a Banker/CPA. She was one of the original four officers that started First Liberty Bank twelve years ago, and is still EVP and CFO of the Bank.

Sandy has one daughter, Sharon, who lives in Edmond. She loves golf and grilling anything that will fit on the grill, and is very glad to be a part of NHUMC.”

Sandy joined the Church on July 22. We are happy to have her in our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!



Tidbits from The Learning Center



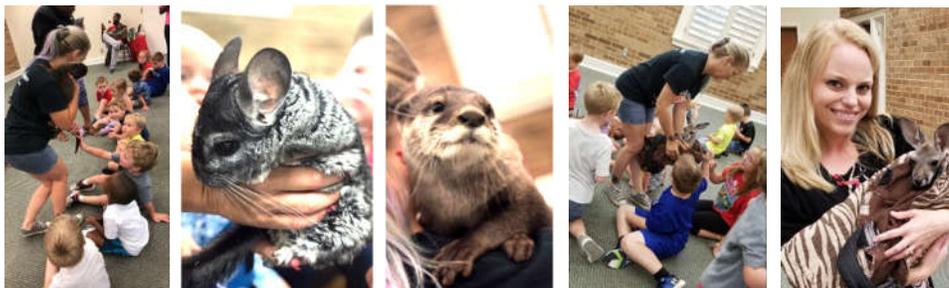
Denise Buthion
Director

Our summer session has come to an end. It has flown by, but that’s what happens when we have exciting experiences at The Learning Center. One week the summer campers watched the movie, *Coco*, in the Fellowship Hall. The next week they painted pottery and had it glazed. The finished products look amazing! We also observed and held some exotic animals. Have you ever held a baby kangaroo or petted a lemur? Those were just some of the animals that they saw.



The teachers have worked diligently to create special memories for our children. All of the activities, field trips, and special events have been fun, and we know that the children will remember their time with TLC fondly.

-Denise



Birthdays (Continued)

- 08/20 Regan Henry
- 08/20 Gunnar Lavenue
- 08/20 Shawn Love
- 08/21 Dick Manley
- 08/21 Clark Musser
- 08/22 Madison Dean
- 08/22 Caroline Mueller
- 08/24 Bruce Fraley
- 08/24 Tom McDaniel
- 08/25 Thomas Flesher, III
- 08/26 Claire Vick
- 08/28 Michael Carpenter
- 08/30 Judy Kauffman
- 08/31 Sue Hood
- 08/31 David Reed

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

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

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
- Men’s and Women’s Sweatpants, Athletic Shirts, Shorts, Jerseys, and T-Shirts
- Men’s and Women’s Shoes (*Men’s 7 - 12 and Women’s 6 - 12*)
- Odds and Ends (*New or Gently Used*)
Purses, Wallets, Note Pads, 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.

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
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