

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Happy Birthday Church!

²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. -*Hebrews 10:24-25*

After worshipping for four months in homes and the Nichols Hills Fire Station, our church held its first worship services in its new chapel, which is now our parlor, on October 31, 1948. The stated purpose of our congregation was “to be known throughout Nichols Hills as a friendly church with a program to meet the spiritual needs of the entire community.” From that humble beginning, our church has ministered to people in our church, in our community, and around the world as we have shared the love of Jesus Christ in ways that make a Christian difference.

On Sunday, October 28, we will celebrate our church’s 70th birthday in our worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 by sharing some of the stories from the earliest days of our church and celebrating the way God has worked through our church to impact our community and the world through seven decades of ministry. We will begin a new sermon series called **Because of You** and talk about the way God is glorified through our worship. I hope you will make plans to join us for this meaningful celebration as we remember the past and cast a vision for the future of our church’s ministry.

I also want to invite you to join us on the evening of Sunday, October 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for our Fall Festival. I want to encourage you to consider making a pot of chili for our Chili Cook-off or to bring some cornbread. We will have games for children, arts and crafts, s’mores, and hayrides. It will be a fun evening to visit with old friends and meet new friends as we welcome our community into our church. I am certain that the Fall Festival will give many people their first impression of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. A conversation you have with a new person at the Fall Festival could lead to that person experiencing the love of God and becoming part of our church. 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.

This Sunday we will conclude our *Short Stories* sermon series on the parables of Jesus by taking a closer look at the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. We will talk about the posture we assume as we approach God in prayer and the attitude we have towards other people. I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you as we worship together.

November 4 is All Saints Sunday and Daylight Savings. Don’t forget to fall back one hour that day and plan to worship with us as we remember our loved ones who have passed away. If you would like us to light a candle for someone you know who has passed away, please fill out the form on page 5 of this newsletter and return it to us in the church office. Have a great week.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, October 21

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 22

Women’s A.A. Meeting at 5:30
Cub Scouts at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Keeping Faith Alive at 5:30
Quest at 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 25

John Marshall Reality Fair at 12:00

Sunday, October 28

70th Birthday for Nichols Hills
U.M.C. at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Fall Festival from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

Charge Conference at New
Covenant U.M.C., 9:30 - 3:30

Sunday, November 4

All Saints Sunday - 8:30 and 10:50
Daylight Savings - Fall Back 1 hour
Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, November 5

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 12

Church Council and Stewardship
Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 13

John Marshall Open House from
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 18

Consecration Sunday at 8:30
and 10:50
Harvest Dinner at 11:00 and 12:00

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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 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, October 21

The coffee host is Cara Fraley.

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are given by True Wallace in honor of her parents Fall birthdays.

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

The acolytes for 10:50 are Graham and Louis Fraley.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, October 28

The coffee host is Kay Musser.

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are given by Paul and Midge Lindsey in honor of their daughter Leslie's anniversary and birthday.

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

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 call the church office.

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: Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, and Janet Jones.

Birthdays

10/18 Cynda Ottaway
10/18 Nicholas Schoeffler
10/20 Preston Robinson
10/21 Melissa Davis
10/22 Chris Kauffman
10/22 Sylvia Miller

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Short Stories - The Parables of Jesus

Jesus taught people by telling parables—short stories from real life that address important questions. His short stories still speak in powerful ways and paint a picture of how God intends for us to live in the kingdom of God.

Join us for worship on Sundays at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we begin a new sermon series: **Short Stories—The Parables of Jesus.**

October 21

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Youth News

We had so much fun at our inaugural Nichols Hills Olympics! Last Sunday a bunch of our youth and their friends competed in trials of strength and teamwork all over the church. It was a great afternoon of getting to know one another and having a break



Rev. Michael
Carpenter



from the stress of school.

Congratulations to the gold

medalists! We definitely won't wait four years before bringing this event back!

This Sunday, October 21, we'll meet up again after church, to help set up for the Fall Festival. Fall Festival will be the next Sunday, October 28, but we are going to help our Children's Ministries do all the prep work to make it a blast! Lunch will be provided before we start. This will be a great way to earn a couple service hours!

Finally, congratulations to our own Gracie Sanders, whose cheerleading team at Crossings Community School won 1st place at the 3A State Cheer competition last month!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

At Nichols Hills United Methodist Church we approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective. We do not view the money people give to our church merely as a way to pay the bills. Rather, we believe that how we handle money is a spiritual issue and that it is important to talk about how the wisdom we find in the Bible teaches us to use our money in a way that is pleasing to God. We find that one of the best ways to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God is by helping them to grow in generosity by supporting our church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. Beginning on Sunday, October 28, our senior pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith, will preach a sermon series called ***Because of You*** that will focus on the impact our church's ministry is having in our community and the ministries that are coming to life because of all the generous people in our church.

Throughout these four Sundays we will focus on our relationship with God and how God's generosity to us calls us to respond by living a life of generosity. We'll let the Bible speak to us about the role of money and resources in our lives and talk about the blessings of living a generous life. We will turn to the teachings of Jesus to help you more clearly understand what it means to earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can. You will have the opportunity to prayerfully ask God, **"What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"**

Consecration Sunday will be on **November 18**. During our morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 on Consecration Sunday, we are asking the people in our church to make their financial commitments to our church's missional, benevolent, and spiritual growth ministries in this community and around the world. Every person who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* will do so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. However we encourage people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure will be done as an act of worship in such a way that no one will feel personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

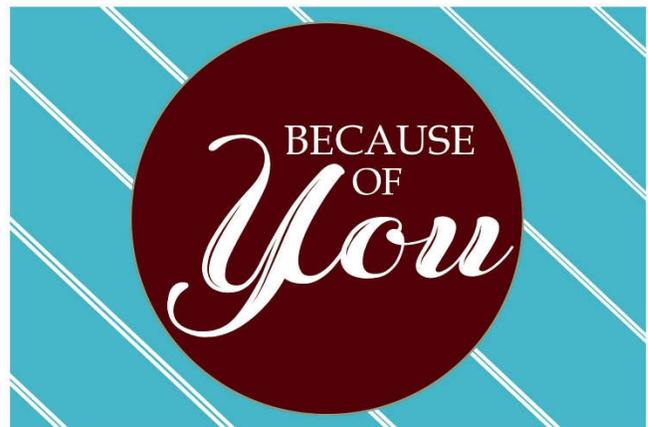
We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. We are delighted to have Rev. D.A. Bennett serve as our Consecration Sunday preacher this year. D.A. is the senior pastor of Saint Andrew's United Methodist Church in Moore. During morning worship, D.A. will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration in which we will each make our commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will be sharing more information about Consecration Sunday with you in our worship services in the coming weeks. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform and inspire in our hope that everyone will commit to attend Consecration Sunday for worship and our Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. and noon on November 18. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday.

Sincerely,
Tim Baker
Chairperson of the Church Council

Our Next Sermon Series Because of You

Beautiful things happen when you invest your life in the work of Jesus. God is glorified, disciples are made, lives are changed, and God's kingdom grows. Join us for worship as we take a look at what's coming to life ***Because of You***.

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| October 28 | <i>God is Glorified</i> |
| November 4 | <i>Disciples Are Being Made</i> |
| November 11 | <i>Lives Are Changed</i> |
| November 18 | <i>God's Kingdom will Grow</i> |



Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

Our annual Fall Festival is almost here! Please join us on Sunday, October 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will have hay rides, arts and crafts, face painting, a photo booth, s'mores, desserts, and of course our Chili Cook-off. The sign-up list for the chili cook-off is located in the Narthex. You can also sign-up by going online at www.nicholshillsumc.org or by calling the church office at 405-842-1486.

Be Blessed!
Tausha



Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts are working on earning their Animal Care Badges. This past week the Girl Scouts had a fun outing to Harvest Hills Veterinary Hospital. They learned about animal vaccinations and surgeries, looked at bacteria under a microscope, and listened to a cat's heart.

We want to thank Dr. Reser, Dr. Moss, Kayla, Holly, and Reagan for their hospitality! We had a wonderful and educational time!



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

On October 4, we had a group of children and chaperones who visited Chester's Party Barn in Piedmont. It is our annual fall trek out to the "punkin" patch. Fortunately for us it was an overcast day and not too warm. The children rode ponies, petted baby goats and other small animals, and fed the chickens and ducks. We took a tractor ride out to a large corn maze. Most of the children went straight to the very tall slide that adults rode down with them. The children wore the bright yellow and

orange tie-dyed shirts that they made themselves and were easy to spot in a crowd. After their picnic lunch the children selected their own pumpkins to take home. They could pick any pumpkin they liked, as long as they could carry it themselves. Enjoy our pictures!



-Denise

Welcome!

We are excited to welcome Scott and Alison Calhoun to our church family. Scott and Alison joined the church this past Sunday, October 14. You can look forward to an article about the Calhoons in the next newsletter.



70th Birthday Celebration

Join us on Sunday, October 28, as we celebrate our church's 70th birthday during our morning worship services. We'll hear stories from the earliest days of our church and celebrate the way God has worked through our church to impact our community.



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 28
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual Fall Festival on October 28 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. We will have a chili cook-off, s'mores, hayrides, crafts, and games! To compete in the chili cook-off, sign-up in the Narthex, online (nicholshillsumc.org) or call the church office at 405-842-1486.



All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 4 we will observe All Saints Sunday by remembering people in our church who have passed away by lighting a candle in their memory. We will also remember family and friends of the people in our church who have died. If you know of someone you would like us to remember in this way, please fill out the following information and return it to the church office by Monday, October 29.

Person to be remembered: _____

Your name: _____

Relationship of the person to you: _____

Birthdays (Continued)

- 10/24 Tim Sanders
- 10/25 Margaux Lavenue
- 10/25 Ashton Niemann
- 10/26 James Tirrell
- 10/27 Suzanne Lavenue
- 10/27 Regan Miller
- 10/29 Akiko M. Knotts
- 10/29 David Mueller
- 10/30 Kay Goebel
- 11/01 Larry Ottaway
- 11/03 Beau Butler
- 11/03 Peter Rosier
- 11/04 Bill Bowden
- 11/05 Joni Flesher
- 11/05 Bennett Murray
- 11/06 Linda Lyle
- 11/06 Kathy Walker
- 11/07 Georgeanne Yehling

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 (*Small Sizes Please*)
- Sweat Shirt "Hoodies" or Crew Neck
- Men's and Women's Coats/Jackets
- Men's and Women's Sweatpants, Athletic Shirts, Jerseys, T-Shirts
- Men's and Women's Shoes (*Men's 7 - 12 and Women's 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. We are currently doing a study called *Modern Parables* which focuses on six of Jesus' life-changing stories. Join us on Sunday as we study the Parable of the Widow and the Judge For more information about "The Brew" contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Joe Dorman will speak on child advocacy. 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
Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications
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Kathy Smith, Treasurer

Louise Glass, Financial Secretary
Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center
Brandon Price, Custodian
Alfred Walker, Sunday Host
Randall Blair, Sunday Host
Brandy Jones, Nursery Attendant
Jessica Mayberry, Nursery Attendant
Ashley Huling, Nursery Attendant