

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

He Heals You

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴ So he went with him.

-Mark 5:21-24

Tuesday, January 15, marked my four year anniversary as the senior pastor of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church, and I feel so blessed to see the way the Holy Spirit is moving through our church to make such a Christian difference in our church, our community, and the world. I am thankful for the many blessings God has given us in the last four years, and I am looking forward to experiencing the future God has for our church in the years to come.

Thank you for the way you have blessed me and the members of my family. You have made our family feel at home. I want you to know that our daughters, Charlotte and Avery, never want to miss a Sunday because they love coming to church, and there is nowhere else Allyson and I would rather be. I appreciate the way Tausha Davison-Beverly leads our Children’s Ministry and the impact that Lecye Lippoldt is having on the elementary-aged children in our children’s Sunday school class.

I am so grateful for each member of our wonderful church staff, and I feel blessed to work with our visionary laity who give so much of their time and resources to support our church’s ministries. Every week, I see the way people are growing as disciples of Jesus Christ through our Sunday school classes and small groups and through our missional ministries and worship services. We continue to be a growing church as we welcomed 21 new members into our church in 2018. It is always exciting to meet new people and welcome them into the life of our church. Thank you for the hospitality you show to our newest friends.

I am excited for the new ministry opportunities God is giving us in 2019. Our Nichols Thrills studies will begin again on Wednesday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. I will be leading a 12-week study of Will Willimon’s book, *Why Jesus?*, and Rev. Michael Carpenter will be doing an eight week study of Kenneth Haugk’s book, *Christian Caregiving - a Way of Life* to train our first class of **Congregation Care Ministers**. This is an opportunity to learn how to pray with people when they are hurting, visit people in the hospital or the nursing home, and be a Christian friend to persons in our church when they need to know that we care about them.

I also want to invite you to worship with us during the next month as we continue our *Why Jesus?* sermon series. This Sunday, we will talk about Jesus’ healing ministry. Jesus still heals people today, and I would encourage you to invite anyone you know who needs spiritual, physical, or emotional healing to join us for a meaningful message and worship service. We will highlight our Care Ministry and give you the opportunity to receive healing through anointing with oil.

God is using our church to make a Christian difference in our community by meeting physical and spiritual needs. This means that God is using you to transform our community. God is at work through your presence, your service, and your generosity. May God continue to bless your this week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, January 20

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

Monday, January 21

Church and T.L.C. Closed for
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Women’s A.A. Meeting at 5:30

Sunday, January 27

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

Monday, January 28

Women’s A.A. Meeting at 5:30
Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 29

Finance Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 2

Pinewood Derby at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 3

Children’s Committee at 12:15

Monday, February 4

Care Meeting at 4:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 6

Nichols Thrills Begins at 5:30 p.m.
Why Jesus? Study Begins at 5:30
Congregational Care Ministers
Training Begins at 5:30 p.m.
Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 10

Scout Sunday at 10:50 a.m.

Tuesday, February 12

Endowment Committee at 5:30

Tuesday, February 26

Church Council 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 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 in the Narthex.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, January 20

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is available.

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

The acolytes for 10:50 are Graham Fraley and Jimmy Tirrell.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, January 27

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is available.

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

The acolytes for 10:50 are Collier Vaughn and Wesley Vaughn.

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

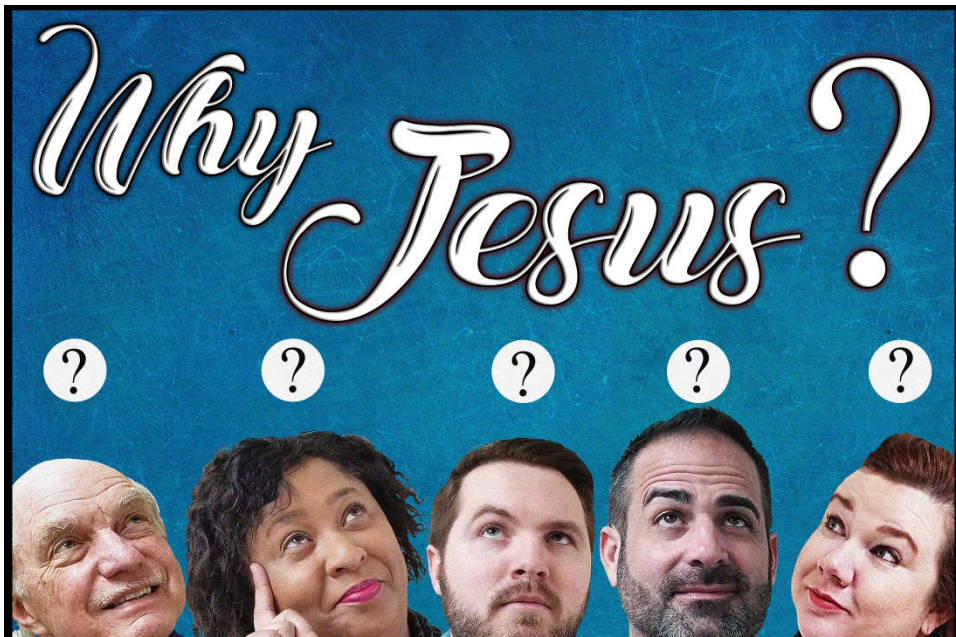
The sacrament of communion is a meaningful and important part of our weekly worship. If you are interested in helping prepare the table, please contact Carol Magness at 405-640-4429 or Janet Jones at 405-627-1566.

Serving in Altar Guild this month are: Donna Blakley, Alison Calhoon, Anne Holbrook, Sarah Lee, and Carol Magness

Birthdays

01/15 Kathy Griffin
01/15 Graham Murray
01/15 JoAnn Oakley
01/15 Pama Palmer
01/18 Cynthia Meyerson
01/19 Sue Ann Hyde
01/24 Mary Crownover
01/24 Barbara Dean
01/24 Lou Kerr
01/24 Marjorie Polk

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Why Jesus?

Why Jesus? Because in spite of the time and distance that separates his world from ours, he continues to invite men and women to claim the true meaning of their lives by giving themselves away in service to God and others. Jesus continues to fascinate and challenge us, in spite of all the attempts to domesticate his message and ignore his call to follow. In his radical teachings, his self-sacrificial death, and his liberating life beyond death, Jesus teaches and shows us the true meaning and purpose of our lives.

Join us for worship as we answer the question, **Why Jesus?**

January 20	<i>He Heals You</i>
January 27	<i>He Sends You</i>
February 3	<i>He Teaches You</i>
February 10	<i>He Saves You</i>

Children's Ministry

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to seeing some exciting things happen this year in our Children's Ministry as we continue to grow and share God's love with everyone that we meet. We will be having a Children's Ministry Committee meeting on Sunday, February 3 at 12:15. We are always looking for adults to help on Sunday. If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, we would love for you to join us. Please contact me in the church office for more information.

Blessings,
Tausha



Tausha
Davison-Beverly





Nichols Thrills

Nichols Thrills will begin on Wednesday, February 6 with a Meal at 5:30 and two studies for adults.

Why Jesus? - Why does the mysterious teacher from Nazareth still call and compel us to follow him after 2,000 years? Join us for a 12-week study of Will Willimon's book *Why Jesus?* as we focus on Jesus' teachings, his self-sacrificial death, and his liberating life beyond death that will help you find the true meaning and purpose of your life. The price of the book is \$10. Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith

Congregational Care Minister Training - What is a Congregational Care Minister? Congregational Care Ministers are laypeople trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation to an assisted living center. If you have a heart for helping people through difficult times, join us as we learn to care for people in a distinctively Christian Way. In these 8 weeks, we will read Kenneth Haugk's book, *Christian Caregiving - a Way of Life*. The price of the book is \$8. Leader: Rev. Michael Carpenter

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

Youth News



Rev. Michael
Carpenter

Welcome to 2019! With a new year are new opportunities for the Spirit to move through our Youth Ministry! We will be rescheduling our volunteer morning at Skyline Urban Ministry, so be on the lookout for when that will happen. It will be a fun-filled morning of mission at one of our Methodist connectional agencies. Then, on Sunday, January 27 we will attend Metro Worship, a gathering of Methodist youth from all around the OKC Metro. The location is TBA, but I will tell all the families as soon as it's announced!

We will have a Youth Family meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, January 27. All youth and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend. We will talk about big events including camps and other summer activities, so bring your calendars!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael

Congregational Care Ministry

This church is so loving, caring, and compassionate. In my first year with you, I have been amazed at your passion and capacity for meeting each other's needs and showing Christian love to one another. A large part of this is because of the ministry from our Care Committee, and now I'm excited to announce that we will be launching a new ministry to complement and strengthen their work.

Beginning on Wednesday, February 6, as part of Nichols Thrills, we will begin an eight-week training for new Congregational Care Ministers. If you have a heart for people, this is a wonderful ministry for you. If you find that people naturally open up to you and confide in you, then I believe the Spirit is moving you to become a Congregational Care Minister.

With this new ministry, our church will be able to provide one-on-one, restorative care to members who are sick, homebound, or experiencing a crisis. If God is calling you toward this ministry, please sign up in the Narthex or give me a call at (405) 842-1486.

Grace upon Grace,
Michael

Congregational Care Ministers



Save the Dates for Camp!

Sports Camp

Monday, June 10 - Friday, June 14

4 year olds through entering 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!

Sonshine Camp

Saturday, June 29 - Sunday, June 30

Entering 1st through 2nd grade at Canyon Camp

Early elementary campers enjoy a taste of hiking, swimming, crafts, and active learning in small groups under the caring and watchful eye of adult leaders.

All activities and creative worship in this overnight camp are geared for this younger age-level. After this fun camping experience, children will want to return to camp year after year.

Growin' In Grace Camp

Monday, July 15 - Wednesday, July 17

Entering 3rd through 5th grade at Canyon Camp

Older elementary campers have the opportunity to experience God's love in God's beautiful creation over this three day; two night camp. In addition to hiking, swimming, recreation, and crafts, campers participate in interactive small group learning and creative worship.

During these experiences, campers build relationships with new friends from other churches around the state that continue as they return to camp year after year. If you would like more information, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486.



Are You Interested in Serving in the Neighborhood Market or the Bear Cave Clothing Closet?

Is God calling you to make a Christian difference by serving in our Neighborhood Market or our Bear Cave Clothing Closet? To learn more about the Neighborhood Market please contact Stephanie Henry (405-850-5518 or sajhmom@aol.com), and for more information about the Bear Cave Clothing Closet, please contact Christie Baker (405-922-5154 or cbaker50@earthlink.net).



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

Another year has passed, and our spring session has begun. We are excited to have 105 children enrolled in our six classrooms. Our capacity is 80 children a day so we are within the appropriate limits. Each session when children have a birthday they move up to the next classroom. This year many children have transitioned. It is always thrilling to see children who have entered TLC as infants continue to grow and move through each of our classes.

They feel different and get so excited about their new classrooms. Yet, it is hard to leave moms and dads. This emotional shift helps children learn that they can handle their feelings, that moms and dads always return, and that they are safe at school. There are many benefits to being in group care before elementary school.

Children are more adaptable and prepared to work in a group setting. We also prepare our families with group orientations so they will be aware of the differences in each new class and know what to expect. It helps when children move as a group, too. We find great joy in helping each child acclimate to his or her new environment and have fun!



-Denise

Birthdays (Continued)

01/25	Fletcher Hill
01/28	Ken Blakley
01/28	Morgan Hunt
01/28	Stuart Hunt
01/28	Rosemary Scalpone
01/30	Nick Berry
01/31	Tausha Smith
02/01	Christopher Mosz
02/05	Bette Harris
02/08	Steve Forster
02/09	Marty Smith
02/10	James MacKellar, Jr.
02/11	Ann Flesher
02/11	Lillian Straughn
02/11	Olivia Straughn
02/12	Lucas Butler
02/12	Carol Sue Manley

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

Jess and Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Joanna Garnett and

Ray and Lynn Greene

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 Fellowship Hall* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study on Matthew. For more information about “The Brew” contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Fellowship Hall* - Join us as our Senior Pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith, speaks to us on Congregational Care.
Leader: Lance Benham.

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 and celebrate Christmas. 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

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

Randall Blair, Sunday Host

Ashley Huling, Nursery Attendant

Brandy Jones, Nursery Attendant

Yamilex Longoria, Nursery Attendant