



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Betrayed and Condemned

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” -Matthew 26:56-59

When Jesus experienced his greatest agony, he prayed. In the Gospels, Jesus is constantly praying. He was always going somewhere quiet to be alone with God. We struggle with prayer. Jesus knew that he drew his strength from spending time daily in prayer with God.

Knowing that he was about to be betrayed into the hands of the religious authorities, Jesus invited his three closest friends to pray with him. He threw himself on the ground and prayed, “Father, please take this cup from me. I don’t want to have to go through this. Please, Father, let there be some other way.” Luke tells us that he was perspiring drops of blood. He was in intense pain and agony. Mark tells us that Jesus was afraid. He was feeling intense sorrow and grief.

Christians believe that Jesus is fully human and fully divine. I find great comfort in the fact that Jesus knows what it’s like to be afraid. Jesus knows what it’s like to wish for a different outcome. Jesus knows what it’s like to have his heart broken by betrayal, sorrow, and grief. So, I want you to know that when you walk through times of intense grief, sorrow, pain, or suffering, Jesus knows exactly how you feel because he has experienced intense grief, sorrow, pain, and suffering. When you pray to Jesus, you are praying to someone who understands what you are feeling. I want to encourage you to have a growing and vibrant prayer life because it changes our lives.

On Sunday we will continue our *24 Hours that Changed the World* sermon series by taking a closer look at the way Jesus prayed and prepared himself for his journey to the cross. We’ll also talk about the way Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus with a kiss.

Then, on March 24, we’ll hear the most tragic and ironic story in the history of humankind. It is the story of how a group of God’s own priests, rabbis, and biblical scholars failed to see that God had taken on flesh to walk among them and how they decided to try him for blasphemy and put him to death. Jesus was an itinerant preacher and teacher who had invited lost people to be found. He ministered to prostitutes, tax collectors, and sinners. He healed the sick, the blind, and the lame. He cleansed lepers, just as the prophets had foretold. The Sanhedrin decided that this man needed to be put to death. I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you as we worship together and prepare our hearts for Easter. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, March 17

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

Monday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 19

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

March 18 to March 22

T.L.C. closed for Spring Break

Sunday, March 24

Rising Stars—Music Ministry
Fundraiser Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

Endowment Committee at 5:00

Monday, April 1

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.
John Marshall Sports Banquet at 6:30 p.m.



We are so excited that Moss Robertson, son of Jacob and Ande Robertson, was baptized this past Sunday, March 10!

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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, March 17

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are giving in celebration of Turner and Cindy Davis' anniversary.

The mission candle is given in memory of Margaret Hoy Prosser from the Prosser girls.

The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are

Lucy Ann Vaughn and Jimmy Tirrell.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, March 24

The coffee host Jereme Cloud.

The chancel flowers are given by Janice Pitney in memory of her daughter, Jill Morgan Thompson.

The mission candle is available.

The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are

Regan Miller and Graham 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 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.

Altar Guild this month are:

Becky Buchanan, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, and Sarah Lee.

Birthdays

03/01 Grace Buxton
03/01 Robert Margo
03/01 Sharon McLeod
03/02 Graham Fraley
03/04 Nolan Coyle
03/04 Nan McGowen
03/05 Jordan Cardenas
03/05 Tom Fraley
03/05 Mac Shdeed
03/05 Scarlett Shdeed



24 Hours That Changed the World

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Beginning on March 10, Dr. Trevor Smith will share a series of messages that guide us through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Each sermon will help you experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death. Whether you are a long-time Christian or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, we invite you to join us for this powerful series as we retrace *24 Hours That Changed the World*.

March 17	<i>Betrayed</i>
March 24	<i>Condemned</i>
March 31	<i>Sentenced</i>
April 7	<i>Tortured and Humiliated</i>
April 14	<i>Crucified</i>
April 21	<i>Resurrected</i>

John Marshall High School Sports Banquet

Monday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Our fifth annual John Marshall High School Sports Banquet will be on Monday, April 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will serve a great dinner to our student athletes and coaches, honor their efforts and achievements, and listen to a wonderful message.

There are several ways to serve and contribute to the Sports Banquet: Sign up to serve as a Greeter, a Table Host, a Kitchen Assistant, or a Server.

Donate prizes such as movie passes, gift cards, or Thunder, OU, or OSU tickets or apparel.

Donate a financial gift to help with the banquet.

We hope you will join us in serving and helping form an even greater bond with the students and coaches at John Marshall High School. Sign up in the Narthex or call the Church Office at 405-842-1486.



Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase a lily for Easter Sunday please fill out this form below, and return it, along with a check or cash, to the church office. The price is \$15 per lily, or you can have your donation go towards our Missions. Forms must be received in the church office before April 7.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of lilies: _____ Check/Cash enclosed: _____

In honor of _____

In memory of: _____

_____ I would like my donation to go towards purchasing a lily.

_____ I would like my donation to go toward Missions.

Lilies may be picked up after the 10:50 worship service or they will be delivered to a homebound person.

Rising Stars Music Ministry Fundraiser

Sunday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The Music Ministry of Nichols Hills U.M.C. presents *Rising Stars*, a musical review of your favorite songs featuring members of our Chancel Choir. Join us on Sunday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for an elegant evening of dinner and music to support our music ministry.

Encore Table Sponsorships are \$1000.

8 tickets and table name recognition

Ovation Table Sponsorships are \$500.

4 tickets and table name recognition

Individual tickets are \$65 per person.

Checks may be made out to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church.

To reserve your seat, call the church office, 405-842-1486, or email info@nicholshillsumc.org.



Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly

Easter is on April 21st this year, and it is quickly approaching. The Children's Ministry has started planning for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will need lots of plastic eggs and prefilled plastic eggs to make this a memorable event for our children and the families in our community as well.

Our Girl Scouts have volunteered to fill our Easter Eggs on Sunday, April 7 during their normal scheduled meeting. If you can donate candy, plastic eggs, or prefilled plastic eggs, please place them in the wagon in the Narthex by Monday, April 1st.

Blessings,
Tausha





Rev. Michael Carpenter

Youth News

I want to thank everyone who came out to our Mission Relay last weekend! Thanks to your hard work and hearts for ministry, we packed 95 blessing bags for our homeless neighbors, wrote letters to our Compassion International friends, and cleaned out and organized the Youth supply closet! Selfishly, I'm pretty excited about that last one. You have made a great impact in our church, in our community, and around the world!

We're going to an OKC Thunder game next Monday, March 18, for their Faith Night! Church groups and youth groups will be coming out for a night of fun, faith, and watching the Thunder beat up on the Miami Heat. If you or someone you know wants to go, let me know ASAP!

Finally, we will be having a Mini-Retreat after church on Sunday, March 24. That's the last day of most of our Spring Breaks, so this will be a time to rest and refuel before the downhill slide to the end of school. We'll gather for lunch, games, and a time of worship and fellowship to get our spirits ready to end the year!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion, T.L.C. Director

Each week our two oldest classes, the Jaguars and the Cheetahs, go to chapel. We invite the children to experience worship in our lovely sanctuary. They learn a Bible story and sing songs. Pastor Trevor, Associate Pastor Michael, and Tausha, our Director of Children's Ministry, lead the fifteen minute chapel services. These children have experienced the joy of praying at our alter and taking home stories to share with their families. Last week one of the children came early to school with her father and showed him around the sanctuary. She looked around the pews calling "Jesus, come out. I'm here. Don't be shy." Isn't that delightful? She's only two years old and has a relationship with Christ. Several families have recorded their children singing songs they've learned in chapel and shared them with us. Last week our children experienced Ash Wednesday and received their sign of the cross on their hands. They look forward to the weekly chapel lessons and are growing in their faith journeys.

-Denise



Pianist Angela Michael to Play on Sunday

Angela Michael, pianist, will collaborate with Antone Godding at the services on Sunday, March 17. The musicians will perform a piano/organ arrangement which blends together a classical composition and a hymn. Recent new members at NHUMC, Angela and her husband, Medhat Michael, joined the church in April 2018. Their son, Mark (also affectionately known to the church as the “Kiva Baby”), will turn 2 years old on March 18. Mark may very well share Angela’s interest in music, because any time she attempts to play the piano, Mark is quite determined that HE is the one who should be playing! Music provides great joy to Angela. As a child she studied piano and organ, and later minored in music at the University of Texas at Austin. She currently serves as Deputy General Counsel for the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services, where she negotiates technology contracts on behalf of the State of Oklahoma.



Pictured above: Angela, Mark, and Medhat Michael.

2019 Camps

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Maunder Thursday, April 18

Maunder Thursday Service at Noon.

Maunder Thursday Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19

Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Family Brunch at 9:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:50 a.m.

Birthdays (Continued)

03/06	Harvey Harmon
03/06	Kaley Were
03/10	Kati Miller
03/11	G. T. Blankenship
03/11	Lauren Heflin
03/13	Christi Coyle
03/15	Lydia Hunt
03/15	Gordon Ryan
03/16	Kathryn Guerra
03/19	Mary Ann Carmichael
03/20	Kneely Buxton
03/20	Caleb Magness
03/21	Jacob Robertson
03/21	Becky Sims
03/22	Stephanie Henry
03/24	Dick Graves
03/24	Helen Sullivan
03/24	Russell Walker
03/27	Buzz McDaniel
03/28	Layton Hill, IV
03/28	Drake Parsons
03/28	Bruce Rosier
03/28	Della Walker
03/28	Dick Webber
03/29	Ann Brown
03/29	Judith Flesher
03/31	Preston Parsons

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.

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Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

The Brew Class: *Meets in Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study on the Gospel of 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 the class about the General Conference. 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 part 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

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