

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## Sentenced and Tortured

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup> Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup> So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. -Matthew 27:24-26

Pontius Pilate had been the Roman Governor for several years when Jesus was brought before him. He ruled from 26 to 36 A.D. Jesus was crucified around 29 or 30 A.D. Pilate was not afraid to kill Jews. He had killed many of them already. The Jewish philosopher, Philo, tells us that Pilate was "a man of inflexible disposition, harsh and stubborn." The Jewish historian, Josephus, tells us that Pilate also slaughtered followers of a Samaritan who claimed to be a prophet. Luke 13:1 tells us how Pilate killed some Galileans who came to the Temple to offer sacrifices.

Pilate was troubled by Jesus. Mark tells us that Pilate wanted to release Jesus, saying, "What should I do with this man? I don't see any reason to kill him." In Matthew, we find Pilate's wife pleading with him to have nothing to do with Jesus' death; for she had had a troubling dream about him. Matthew also tells us that Pilate washed his hands and said, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." In Luke's Gospel, Pontius Pilate was so disturbed, that he sends Jesus to Herod Antipas, the king of the northern area of Galilee, and tells him to try him. Herod Antipas found no reason to kill him and sends him back to Pilate and says, "No. You deal with him. I don't see any reason to kill him either." Once more, Pilate goes to the crowd and says, "I see no reason to kill this man." In John's Gospel, Pilate tries to set Jesus free five or six times and tells the crowd, "I see no reason to kill him." Finally, Pilate has Jesus flogged. He brings him out, battered and bloodied, hoping that the people have pity on him, and says, "Here is your king. What shall I do with him?" Pilate knows what is just. He does not feel like it is right to kill Jesus. He has the authority to set him free, but what will he do?

On Sunday we will continue our *24 Hours that Changed the World* sermon series by taking a closer look at the way Pilate sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then, on April 7, we'll talk about the way Pilate tortured and humiliated Jesus before he was crucified. In both of these sermons we'll talk about the meaning of Jesus' passion and death and take a closer look at some of the Theories of Atonement which help us understand the way the redemptive life and death of Jesus brings about our reconciliation with God. I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you to be present for these meaningful worship experiences.

I want to thank the members of our Chancel Choir and those of you who attended our Rising Stars Music Ministry Fundraiser. We had a great evening.

I am also looking forward to our John Marshall Sports Banquet on Monday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to each of you who are planning to serve that night.

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

Blessings,  
Trevor

## Ministry Calendar

### Sunday, March 31

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

### Monday, April 1

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.  
Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30  
John Marshall Sports Banquet at 6:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 3

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.

### Sunday, April 5

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

### Tuesday, April 9

Endowment Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 13

John Marshall Work Day at 9:00

### Maundy Thursday, April 18

Worship Service at Noon  
Maundy Thursday Lunch at 12:30

### Good Friday, April 19

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

### Easter Sunday, April 21

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Family Brunch at 9:45 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m.

### Tuesday, April 23

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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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 31

The coffee host is available.  
The chancel flowers are available.  
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 Wesley Vaughn and Lucy Ann Vaughn.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, April 7

The coffee host is available.  
The chancel flowers are available.  
The mission candle is given in memory of Dr. Moorman Prosser from the Prosser girls.  
The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are Collier Vaughn and Regan Miller.

### 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

03/27 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  
04/03 Jim Buchanan, III  
04/03 Amy Hall  
04/05 Avery Robinson  
04/07 Jake Huchton



## 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

## Children's Ministry



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly

Over the next few Sundays our Children's Choir will practice singing for their performances on Palm Sunday, April 14 and Easter Sunday, April 21. If you would like for your child to participate but are unable to make it to our 10:40 a.m. practice on Sundays, please give our church office a call. I will be more than happy to send your family the songs so that they can learn the words to the songs.

I would like to thank everyone who has donated Easter eggs and candy over the past few weeks. If you have not donated yet, it is not too late. We will take donations for candy and plastic eggs through Palm Sunday. Our goal is to make sure every child has something to fill their baskets. Our Girl Scout Troop, which has 30 active girls, is so excited about helping us fill eggs this year. You can drop off any donations in the Narthex or in the church office.



Blessings,  
Tausha



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter

## Youth News

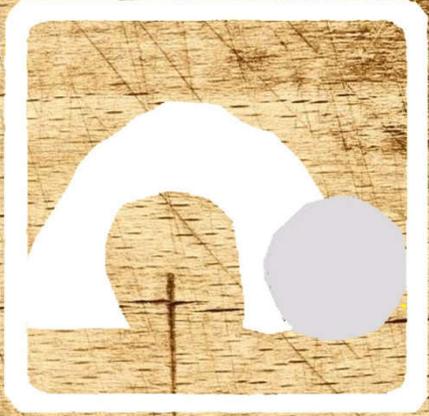
I hope everyone had a great, relaxing Spring Break and that you all are ready for the downhill slide to the end of the school year! We've got some great events and opportunities coming up soon that will help make the end of the year awesome! I am in the process of sending out our quarterly youth update letters to all our youth families. So if you don't have one by the time you're reading this, let me know and I'll get one to you!

Next Sunday, April 7, will be the final Metro Worship of the school year. I'll send specifics out in an email later this week about which church, and we will meet there at 6:00 p.m. for a great evening of worship and fellowship with Methodist youth. If you need a time to unwind and recharge, this is your chance, and if you have a friend you'd like to bring, they are more than welcome!

Finally, we're having another John Marshall Work Day on Saturday, April 13. If any of you need service hours, this is a great way to catch up. Or, if you just like helping others and having fun doing it, even better! We'll show up to the school at 9:00 a.m. and finish by 11:00 a.m.

Grace upon Grace,  
Michael

# Holy Week



## Holy Week Schedule

**Maundy Thursday, April 18**

Maundy Thursday Service at Noon  
Maundy 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 Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.  
Family Brunch and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m.

## Dick Sias Receives Distinguished Citizen Award

Dick Sias recently received the E.C. Joullian Distinguished Citizen Award, presented by the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America, for his service and support of Scouting. Dr. Trevor Smith gave the invocation, and Jackson Burghart, one of our Boy Scouts from Troop 55, played his classical guitar at the banquet which was held at the Skirvin Hotel. Congratulations, Dick! We are proud of you and are happy for this recognition.



## Boy Scout Troop 55 Fundraiser

Nichols Hills UMC's Boy Scout Troop 55 is having a Blue and Gold Fundraiser to help purchase new camping gear. The Boy Scouts will take orders for sausage (\$7), bacon (\$16) and chicken strips (\$21). Our Scouts also have Camp Cards (\$10) available until May 12. These are merchant discount cards that the boys sell to help them pay their own way to summer camp. Our Troop will have a table set-up in the Narthex this Sunday. Thank you all for your support of Troop 55!

J.B. Sims



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

We are so excited to announce our latest improvement. Over Spring Break, new flooring was installed in our hallways, the Cubs' classroom, the Pandas' classroom and the Zebras' classroom. The end result is beautiful. We know you will appreciate these floors as much as our

children, families, and staff do!

-Denise



## Birthdays (Continued)

04/08	Mason Heflin
04/08	Leigh Love
04/09	Calli Heflin
04/09	Nell Johnson
04/10	Olivia Miller
04/10	Jean Webber
04/11	Robert Sullivan
04/12	John McKee
04/13	Avery Smith
04/14	Alivia Rogers
04/15	Emily Ellis
04/16	Olivia Brien
04/17	Cathy Betterton
04/17	Tom Knott
04/17	Casey Miller
04/18	Thad Butler
04/18	Raymond Greene
04/20	Alan Chase
04/20	Carter Cloud
04/20	Louis Fraley
04/20	Griffin Jones
04/20	Jim Jones
04/21	Bernadene Moore
04/22	Claire Fraley
04/26	Kery Mueller
04/29	Marty Margo
04/30	Colin Anderson

## 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*)
- 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* - Jennie Hill, Director of CASA of Oklahoma County, will speak to the class. Leader: Lance Benham.

**Reville 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  
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