

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Crucified and Resurrected

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

³² Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

-Mark 15:25-30, 32b

The journey to Easter Sunday leads us to the cross on Good Friday. Most of us would rather pass by the cross with our eyes averted. And yet, if we dare to look at Jesus on the cross we begin to see the depth of God's love for us. On Palm/Passion Sunday, our worship service will begin with a parade and people shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then, our message will focus on Jesus' death on the cross and the seven last words of Christ.

I also want to invite you to make plans to participate in our Holy Week and Easter Services. Join us on **Maundy Thursday, April 18** for our **Maundy Thursday Service at 12:00 p.m.** The service will conclude with Holy Communion and the *stripping of the sanctuary* as Jesus is taken into custody by the Roman soldiers. Then, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our **Maundy Thursday Lunch at 12:30 p.m.**

On **Good Friday, April 19**, we will remember our Lord's passion and death on the cross in our **Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 6:30 p.m.** Let me know if you would like to be one of the readers for this service. These Holy Week services will make celebrating Jesus' resurrection on Easter even more meaningful. I hope you will join us.

Easter Sunday will begin at **8:30 a.m.** with our **Early Worship Service** followed by **Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Easter Brunch at 9:45 a.m., an Easter Egg Hunt for children at 10:15 a.m., and our Late Worship Service at 10:50 a.m.** It will be a joyous day you will not want to miss. I would also invite you to consider attending our 8:30 worship service on Easter so that we will have space in our 10:50 worship service for first time guests.

I believe in my heart that people need the hope that Jesus offers us. I hope you have been thinking about the people you know who are not actively part of a local church. I would invite you to pray for these people and to find an opportunity to invite them to come one of our Easter Worship Services. Most people are more open to an invitation to come to church at this time of the year. I pray that you will take advantage of this opportunity to make a Christian difference by inviting someone you know to come to our Holy Week and Easter Services with you.

Marathon Sunday is on **April 28**, and we will hold both of our worship services outside as we cheer on the runners and support our community. Our church stands in solidarity with the mission of the Memorial Marathon which is to celebrate life, reach for the future, honor the memories of those who were killed, and unite the world in hope. I believe it is very significant for our church to participate in our community in this way because we have a message of hope that every one needs when we encounter acts of violence. As Christians, we believe that the worst thing is never the last thing.

I am looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Have a great week, and may the Holy Spirit work through you as you share your faith with the people in your life.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Palm Sunday, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

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

Wednesday, April 17

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Why Jesus? at 5:30 p.m.
Entrusted at 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18

Worship Service at Noon
Maundy Thursday Lunch at 12:30

Good Friday, April 19

Tenebrae Service of Darkness-6:30

Easter Sunday, April 21

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

Tuesday, April 23

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Marathon Sunday, April 28

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

Tuesday, April 30

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1

T.L.C. Music Program at 10:00

Monday, May 6

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50

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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, April 14

The coffee host is General Bill Bowden.

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is available.

The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are

Charlotte Smith and Avery Smith.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, April 21

Join us for our Easter Brunch.

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is available.

The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are

Louis Fraley 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.

Altar Guild this month are:

Altar Guild: Becky Buchanan, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, and Sarah Lee.

Birthdays

04/11 Robert Sullivan
04/12 John McKee
04/13 Avery Smith
04/14 Alivia Rogers
04/15 Emily Ellis
04/16 Olivia Brien
04/16 Delaney Sheffield
04/17 Cathy Betterton
04/17 Tom Knott
04/17 Casey Miller



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*.

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Children's Ministry

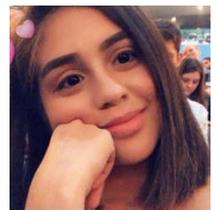


Tausha
Davison-Beverly

We have added some new team members to our Children's Ministry. LaRodree Dawkins is a native to Ardmore, Oklahoma. She works here in our church during the week for The Learning Center as a floater and will now serve in our Children's Ministry on the first and third Sundays of the month. LaRodree enjoys going to the movies and being with her loved ones in her free time.



Kassy Longoria is a Junior at Grant High School in Oklahoma City where she is Vice President of Student Counsel, Historian for the National Honor Society, and the Chairperson of the Prom Committee. Kassy will be volunteering with our Children's Ministry in April and May to fulfill a community service requirement for her school. In Kassy's free time she enjoys reading, sewing, attending concerts, and most of all volunteering to work with animals. Kassy will work alongside our staff in the Children's Ministry.



I would like to welcome both of our gifted new team members to our loving church. If you have a moment on Sunday, feel free to stop by and give them both a N.H.U.M.C. family welcome.

Blessings,
Tausha

John Marshall High School Sports Banquet

Our fifth annual John Marshall High School Sports Banquet was huge success! Thank you to all who helped! We couldn't have done it without you! Please enjoy some photos from the night.



Youth News - Saturday of Service



Rev. Michael
Carpenter

On Saturday, April 13 we're having another John Marshall Work Day. If any of you are approaching the end of the school year in need of 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 meet at John Marshall High School at 9:00 a.m. and finish by 11:00 a.m.

Also, it's not too late to sign up for Youth Force, the summer camp/mission trip that our youth will be going to from July 7-12. There is a \$50 deposit that goes toward the \$220 total price for the camp. Let me know as soon as possible if you and any friends want to go. This will be a life-changing week for you and the people we will be serving. The more youth who go from our church, the more life-changing it will be!

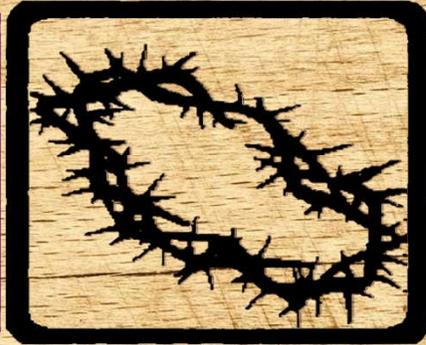
Grace upon Grace,
Michael

Holy Week



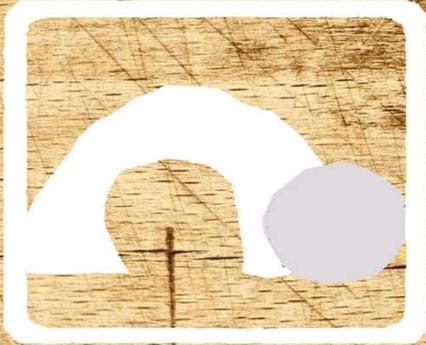
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Easter Brunch - Sunday, April 21 at 9:45 a.m.

Easter Sunday is on April 21, and we need your help for the exciting things we have planned!

You are invited to our annual Easter Brunch at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! The main meat and drinks will be provided. We invite you to sign up in the Narthex to bring your favorite Easter specialties for brunch such as appetizers, breakfast casseroles, breakfast breads, desserts, or kid-friendly foods.

We will also have an Easter Egg Hunt for children at 10:15 on Easter morning.

Thank you for your helping make Easter Sunday a huge success!

- Jennifer McGinnis

In Memory of John Marshall from the Open Circle Class

John Marshall was a special man to our class and to the church. He was the perfect representation of Galatians 5:22 which says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control." He gave a lot of himself to our class. He was always well prepared for his class and made a point to know each of us. He was very patient with our many interruptions. There is no question that he will be greeted by an enthusiastic welcoming committee as he comes home to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We will miss him very much and are so thankful to have had him as our teacher.

Marathon Sunday, April 28

Brunch and Outdoor Worship Services

April 28 is Marathon Sunday. This year, we are moving our worship services outside at their usual times at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. We will gather in the green space on the west side of Grand just south of Bedford. Look for the big tent and the bounce house. We have invited a Steel Drum Band to perform with our Chancel Choir and lead our music that day.

We will have a golf cart to assist anyone who may need a ride from the parking lot to the place we are gathering. There will be bounce houses, face painting, and other fun things for children. During the Sunday school hour we will cheer on the runners. We want everyone to know that our church loves to reach out to our community and encourage people.

Plan to bring a lawn chair and to dress casually. Please let us know if you would like to bring a breakfast dish to share. If you would like to assist in the preparations, please contact Trevor Smith at revtrevor@gmail.com. Invite someone you know to join us for a memorable Marathon Sunday.



Chancel Choir Singers to Perform in *Crazy for You*

Jacob Arnold, Joe Caskey, Vance Klassen, Anna Lasbury, Alex Reida, and Jonah White, members of the Nichols Hills UMC chancel choir and OCU music majors, have been cast in OCU's upcoming production of George and Ira Gershwin's *Crazy for You*. The show is a romantic comedic salute to the optimistic musicals of the 1930s, and features beloved Gershwin classics, including Can't Be Bothered Now, Slap That Bass, and Someone to Watch Over Me.

Performances are scheduled in OCU's Kirkpatrick Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14. Tickets are available at 405.208.5227 or online at okcu.edu/tickets.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

We are experiencing quite a boom in enrollment for summer. We have been receiving positive feed-back for the many things we are doing well for our children and families. With 115 children enrolled, we will fill all 80 spots each day this summer. Our summer fun will include snow cone days, water play, tie dying, pottery activities, music, art and Amazing Athletes. Our spring pictures of the children and staff were taken last week by Larch Family Photography. They are so efficient and reasonable in pricing. In February they did group photos of each classroom. Come by the office and see the beautiful composite we have hanging by our French doors. Happy spring to all.



-Denise

Birthdays (Continued)

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.



Thank you to all of the volunteers
that help serve at John Marshall
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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* - Dear Members of the Open Circle Sunday School Class,

I just wanted to let you know that I will plan to be with you in Sunday school this Sunday. We will spend some time talking about the ways John Marshall blessed us and consider some possible future Bible studies for your class. Thanks for the love and support you have expressed to John's family. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. - Dr. Trevor Smith

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

La Rodoree Dawkins, Nursery Attendant

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