



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Tabitha and The Ascension

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. -Acts 9:36-42

Tabitha was the woman in the church on whom people depended. She was always doing things to help people who could not help themselves. In a time where a woman needed a man's provision, Tabitha reached out to the women who no longer had husbands. She cared for the widows. In fact, she organized and ran a clothing closet for these widows. In those days, widows, by definition, were poor, on the bottom rung of society, without anyone to represent them or to protect them. Tabitha's ministry lifted up these widows and gave them new life and new hope. The scripture understates it and simply says, "*She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.*"

On Memorial Sunday we will honor and remember our loved ones who have passed away by lighting candles for each of them and embrace our faith in Jesus' promise of resurrection and our hope to see them again in heaven. Our message will focus on the story of how God worked through Peter to raise Tabitha from death to life. This story speaks to the way that God restores us and lifts us up to serve people in need. I hope you will plan to join us for this meaningful worship service.

On Ascension Sunday, June 2, Rev. Michael Carpenter will preach a sermon from Acts 1 which will focus on Jesus' call for us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. This will be Michael's last Sunday as our Associate Pastor. I have appreciated Michael, and I have enjoyed working with him over the last year. I know God has a bright future in mind for Michael, and we wish him and his family well as he begins his new appointment at First United Methodist Church in Wahoo, Nebraska. I hope you will join us for a Farewell Reception for Michael at noon that day. A card basket will be available for anyone who would like to participate.

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee has been in conversation with our District Superintendent, Dr. Rockford Johnson, and we hope to be able to share with you who our next associate pastor will be in the very near future.

Our Sports Camp for children who are four years old through sixth grade will be on Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We are looking forward to a great week of welcoming children into our church to grow closer to God through playing soccer, basketball, and cheerleading. If you would like to help, please let me or Tausha Davison-Beverly know, and we find a place for you to serve. Have a great week.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Memorial Sunday, May 26

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

#### Monday, May 27-Memorial Day

Church Office and TLC Closed

#### Tuesday, May 28 through

#### Thursday, May 30

Annual Conference

#### Sunday, June 2

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Farewell Reception for

Rev. Michael Carpenter at noon.

#### Monday, June 3

Care Committee Meeting at 4:00

Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30

Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

#### Monday, June 10 through

#### Friday, June 14

Sports Camp at 9:00 a.m. - Noon

#### Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

#### Saturday to Sunday, June 29-30

Sonshine Church Camp

#### Sunday to Friday, July 7-12

Youth Force

#### Monday-Wednesday, July 15-17

Growin' in Grace Church Camp

### John Marshall Bear Cave Clothing Closet

Thank you for your continued generous support of the John Marshall Bear Cave Clothing Closet. The Bear Cave will be closed during the summer break. Therefore, we are not accepting any more clothing at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

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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, May 26

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is available.

The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are

Wesley Vaughn and Avery Smith.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, June 2

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are given by Pam and Bill Shdeed in memory of Scott Shdeed on his 45th birthday.

The mission candle is available.

The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are

Charlotte and Avery Smith.

### 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:

Alison Calhoon, Carla Hill, Anne

Holbrook, Sarah Lee, Carol Magness, and Alfred Walker

### Birthdays

05/23 Jerry Richardson

05/23 Trevor Smith

05/24 Michael Wylder

05/28 Sharon Ives

05/29 Rob Saunders

06/04 Grant Davis

06/04 Julian Diaz-Granados

06/06 Reese Robinson

06/10 Samuel Stafford

06/13 Don McCarty

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## Lifted Up

Failure, barrenness, doubt, death...

We all experience situations that pull us down, but Jesus can lift us up with his resurrection power.

Come and be **Lifted Up** as we explore the way Jesus **Lifted Up** people from despair to joy, from failure to leadership, from doubt to belief, and from death to life. Together, we'll explore the meaning of Easter for our lives today.

**May 26**

**June 2**

**June 9**

*Tabitha*

*Up, Up, and Away*

*Thomas*



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter

## Farewell

Dear Church Family,

Sunday, June 2, will be my last as your associate pastor. On the following week, my family will move to Wahoo, Nebraska, where I will serve as the pastor for Wahoo UMC.

Though I have only been with you for one year, you all have meant so much to me. This church was my first full-time appointment in ministry, and you have shown me the ropes with such grace and encouragement. Because of you, I am a more confident minister, especially in the areas of mission and congregational care. Your hearts for service and each other have inspired me. Your hospitality and welcome have blown me away. Most of all, your example as committed disciples with hearts for your community has given me joy and hope. I know that the Spirit has wonderful things in store for you in the days, months, and years ahead, and I will look forward to watching them from afar in Nebraska.

I know my last Sunday will be a mixture of sadness and joy. I hope to see you that day, as we celebrate the Lord's Ascension and the beginnings and endings of new ministry.

Grace upon Grace,

Rev. Michael Carpenter

## Youth Ministry

We had a great time last Saturday at the OKC Energy FC soccer match! The game went scoreless until the 75<sup>th</sup> minute, when an Energy striker drove in the first goal. Even though the game ended in a tie, after Real Monarchs got a goal in under the wire in the third minute of stoppage time, it was still a great evening at the soccer pitch.

Now that the school year is almost over, I pray that everyone has a wonderful, fun, safe summer. If you're looking for a way to have fun and help out, come join us at our Sports Camp next month, from 9:00am-12:00pm on June 10 to 14! We need you to bring your energy and positivity to help teach our elementary-aged campers soccer, basketball, or cheerleading in a fun, faith-filled way. If you can help out, even for just a couple of the days, call the church office and let us know!

Grace upon Grace,

Michael

## Farewell Reception for Rev. Michael Carpenter

There will be a farewell reception Sunday, June 2 for Rev. Michael Carpenter following the 10:50 worship service. Please help us thank Michael for his service to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. A card basket will be available for anyone who would like to participate.

# Children's Ministry



Tausha Davison-Beverly

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful women who have been a motherly influence to others. On May 12 we had a wonderful celebration of mothers during our worship services. The women were given flowers, cards, and a special gift from our children. During children's church, we talked about how a mother's love is a lot like the love God has for us as a church and how his love for us is unconditional.



Always remember that God's love will always be there to comfort and guide you, just as you have done for others. As a church we would like to say thank you for your influence on our lives as children of God. Your work within us has not been overlooked or forgotten. We love you; may God's blessings be upon you!

Our Sports Camp is just around the corner. Please join us this summer for Sports Camp on Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. You can register online. We are offering Basketball, Soccer, Cheerleading, and Team 45, which teaches children ages 4 and 5 the fundamentals of all sports. For more information, please call our church office at 405-842-1486.

Blessings,  
Tausha

**Nichols Hills United Methodist**  
**SPORTS**

Basketball

Cheerleading

Soccer

Team  
45  
4 - 5 Year Olds

**CAMP**  
June 10 - 14  
9:00 a.m. - Noon  
\$75 per child  
[www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org) to register

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

Every May we honor our mothers from The Learning Center with a "Come and Go" breakfast. Our Parent Advisory Committee had the idea for us to serve muffins in Fellowship Hall so the moms could sit and visit with each other. We served fresh squeezed juice and a variety of muffins and sweet breads.

We also had a great Tippi Toes dance recital. We have two classes of dancers, one class for the older children, 3 to 4 years old, and a second class for the younger ones, 18 months to 2 years old. The recital was held at the Bishop McGuinness High School Auditorium. There was a fantastic turnout from the families. At The Learning Center we strive to offer an excellent ministry that exceeds the expectations of our families. Please enjoy the photos.

-Denise



### Birthdays (Continued)

06/14 Kathy McCarty  
06/15 Kurlisa Briggs  
06/17 Jereme Cloud  
06/18 Linda Rosser McDaniel  
06/19 Antone Godding  
06/19 Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes  
06/19 Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes  
06/20 Akia Douglas  
06/20 John Pippin  
06/21 Paul Lindsey  
06/21 Bette MacKellar  
06/22 Ann Marshall  
06/24 Jackson Edmonds  
06/27 Mary Forster  
06/29 George Malone

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

Joanne Crosby and Sylvia Miller

#### Town Village

Jess and Bette Harris

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

#### StoneCreek

Ray and Lynn Greene

#### At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,  
and David Mueller

#### John Marshall

#### Neighborhood Market

*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*)

### The Learning Center Tippi Toes Dance Recital



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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* - Patrick M. Gaffney, M.D. at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation will speak to the class.  
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* - Join us as we gather for worship and a meaningful study.

**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: Lacey 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

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