



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Hannah and The Widow's Son

There was a certain man whose name was Elkanah. <sup>2</sup> He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. <sup>3</sup> Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh. <sup>4</sup> On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup> but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Her rival would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the LORD had kept her from having children. <sup>7</sup> Year after year it was the same—Peninnah would taunt Hannah as they went to the Tabernacle. Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat. -I Samuel 1:1-7

Hannah felt barren and hopeless. She wanted to have a child so very badly, but year after year she lived with the pain of barrenness. Although her husband loved her, his other wife would cruelly taunt her and put her down.

Have you faced barrenness in your life. Have you played on a losing team? Have you been fired from a job you desperately needed? Have you struggled to find a spouse? Have you struggled with infertility? All of us experience barrenness at some point.

When Hannah struggled with barrenness and infertility she poured herself out to God in prayer. She prayed: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

On Sunday we are going to talk about the way God answered Hannah's prayer and lifted her up from barrenness, infertility, and despair to fullness, pregnancy, and joy. We will also talk about how the practice of daily prayer can help us get through our seasons of barrenness and hold onto our hope that God is present and will act to bring blessings into our lives. We will also honor and bless all of the women in our church as we observe Mother's Day. I hope you will join us for this meaningful worship service.

On May 19 we will honor our graduates in worship. Please make us aware of any of your loved ones who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school. We will also continue our **Lifted Up** sermon series by talking about the way Jesus lifted up a widow's only son from life to death and gave him back to his mother. Together, we'll explore the meaning of Easter for our lives today.

We had a wonderful Marathon Sunday as we worshiped under a big tent on the west side of Grand Boulevard. I know the runners appreciated the beautiful music, the encouraging words, and the friendly waves that so many people in our church directed their way as they ran down Grand Boulevard. The runners also appreciated our church's hospitality as we opened our building for them to use our restrooms and wait to run in the relay race. Several of the runners prayed in our sanctuary as they prepared to run. Thank you to each of you who brought food and helped take everything down at the end of the morning. I want to thank J.B. Sims, Michael Wylder, Brandon Price, Michael Carpenter, Tausha Davison-Beverly, and our nursery staff for helping us set up and get everything put back in place that day. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

**Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day**  
Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

**Monday, May 13**  
Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 15**  
Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
*Entrusted* at 5:30 p.m.

**Graduate Sunday, May 19**  
Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

**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

**Monday, June 3**  
Care Committee Meeting

**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

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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 12

The coffee host is available.  
The chancel flowers are given by Judy and Chris Kauffman in memory of Bruce Scott Lee.  
The mission candle is available.  
The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are Jimmy Tirrell and Collier Vaughn.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, May 19

The coffee host is available.  
The chancel flowers are given by Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Elkins in memory of Jeffrey Connor Elkins.  
The mission candle is available.  
The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are Regan Miller and Lucy Ann 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: Donna Blakley, Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, Beverly Perri, and Alfred Walker.

### Birthdays

05/01 Christie Baker  
05/01 Alice Pippin  
05/02 Kristen Robinson  
05/03 Nathan Hilger  
05/04 Myrla Pierson  
05/07 Jennifer McGinnis  
05/08 Jacob Ellis  
05/08 Kathleen Ellis



## 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 12**

*Hannah*

**May 19**

*The Widow's Son*

**May 26**

*Tabitha*

**June 2**

*Up, Up, and Away*

**June 9**

*Thomas*

## New Appointment

Last week, I received the news that the Bishop of the Great Plains Annual Conference, which includes Nebraska and Kansas, has given me an appointment to a local church. Come June, I will be the solo pastor at Wahoo UMC in Wahoo, Nebraska, a town of about 5,000 people west of Omaha. Rachel and I met with Wahoo's SPRC last week, and we are excited to begin the transition.



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter

The church is over 100 years old, and they are known around town for their thriving after-school ministry with children from Wahoo Public Schools. Additionally, they have taken the mantle as the hub for relief efforts after Nebraska's catastrophic flooding earlier this year. So, needless to say, I will feel right at home with another church family who cares so deeply about their neighbors and community.

In my final few weeks with you at Nichols Hills, I hope I get a chance to express to each of you how much you mean to me and what a blessing you have been. Please pray for me and my family in this time of transition, and know that you will continue to be in my prayers, as well.

Grace upon Grace,  
Michael





## Youth News



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter

As we count down the days until the end of the school year, there are still awesome events on our calendar! Next Saturday, May 18, we are going to an OKC Energy FC soccer match! We'll meet at Taft Stadium at 7:15 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. match against Real Monarchs. The cost is \$10 per person, so bring your friends and join us to cheer on our home team!

Graduation Sunday will be on Sunday, May 19. If you or someone you know is graduating from high school or college, let me know so we can recognize and celebrate your accomplishment in worship

Grace upon Grace,  
Michael



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly

## Children's Ministry

We had a wonderful time this past weekend during Marathon Sunday! Our church family had fellowship with not only our community but everyone who came to cheer on runners from across the globe. Our church was a resting place for many runners as they finished their relay races and needed a place to regain their strength. Our children enjoyed crafts, a bounce house from Partytime Inflatables, and free Sundae tokens from Freddy's Steakhouse.

Our Sports Camp is just around the corner. If you are looking for a camp for your children to enjoy, please join us this summer for Sports Camp on June 10 - 14. This year we will offer Basketball, Soccer, Cheer, or Team 45 which teaches children ages 4 and 5 the fundamentals of all sports. If you would like information, please call our church office.

Blessings,  
Tausha

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

Last week our families participated in Teacher Appreciation Week. Our Parent Advisory Committee made suggestions for each day of the week about what to do for the teachers.

On Monday staff received thank you notes and pictures from the children. We set up an "Appreciation Station" at the side entrance with markers, doobers, crayons, and thank you cards. One family donated bagels and cream cheese for the morning. On Tuesday each teacher received her favorite drink like coffee, flavored water, and soda. Many parents brought the teachers their favorite snacks too. On another day a family provided donuts for the whole staff. Wednesday was *Bring Your Teacher a Flower* day. Ohmy, what beautiful flowers we received! Gift cards from the families were given out on Thursday, and on Friday we had a catered lunch from Olive Garden. To commemorate the week TLC gave each teacher a pair of socks that state, "Making a difference. It's what I do-Today, Tomorrow, and Always." This is our mission every day! It is a blessing to work in our church.

-Denise



## Birthdays (Continued)

05/10 Norma Baker  
05/10 Mark Miller  
05/13 Roger Etling  
05/17 Rosemarie Chase  
05/17 Rachel Huchton  
05/18 Warren Henry  
05/18 Charlotte Smith  
05/20 Dudley Hyde  
05/21 Jeff Cloud  
05/23 Jerry Richardson  
05/23 Trevor Smith  
05/24 Michael Wylder  
05/28 Sharon Ives  
05/29 Rob Saunders

## 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.

### Saturday of Service

Thank you to all who helped with the April 13th Saturday of Service!



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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* - John Starkey 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

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