



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Thomas and Amazing Grace

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."*John 20:19-25*

No one believed in the resurrection at first. When Mary Magdalene told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," they fearfully locked themselves behind closed doors. Can you imagine what it was like when Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." I bet it was awesome. Then he breathed on them and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Don't you wish you had been there that day? I am sure Thomas did. Can you imagine what it was like to miss out on such a life-changing moment?

On Pentecost Sunday we will celebrate the birthday of the Church and the way Jesus poured out his Holy Spirit to empower his disciples to continue his ministry in the world by taking a closer look at the story of Thomas. We'll conclude our **Lifted Up** sermon series by focusing on the way Jesus lifted up Thomas from doubt to faith and how Jesus still comes to us today to help us overcome our doubts.

I am looking forward to our church's second **Sports Camp**. Beginning on Monday, June 10, we will host over thirty children from our church and community to learn more about Jesus and to participate in soccer, basketball, cheerleading, and Team 45 which is for 4 and 5 years-olds. Thank you to each of you who have signed up to help lead this ministry. We could not do it without you.

On June 16, we will honor the men in our church with a special blessing as we celebrate Father's Day. We will begin a new sermon series called **The Faith We Sing** and take a closer look at the stories that inspired some of your favorite hymns. We will begin by telling the story of how God's *Amazing Grace* saved a slave trader named John Newton. We'll have the opportunity to sing three versions of this timeless hymn.

I hope you will help me welcome our new associate pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles Neff, and his family to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 23. Charles and I have been friends for many years, and I know he will bless our ministry.

I want to thank Kathy Walker for serving as our coffee host and providing a birthday cake to celebrate Michael Wylder's birthday and my birthday. Thanks for thinking of us. We are glad to get to celebrate our birthdays with such a loving church.

I am very happy to be appointed to continue to serve in ministry with the wonderful people of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. It is a joy and privilege to serve as your Senior Pastor, and I am looking forward to the ways God will continue to work through us to make a Christian difference in our community. Have a great week.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

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

Monday, June 10
Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30

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
Sunshine Church Camp

Monday, July 1
Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 4
Church Office and
The Learning Center Closed

Sunday to Friday, July 7-12
Youth Force

Monday-Wednesday, July 15-17
Growin' in Grace Church Camp



Thank You!

Thanks for celebrating Trevor Smith's and Michael Wylder's birthdays. The cake was delicious.

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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 Rev. Trevor Smith 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, June 9

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

Regan Miller and Lucy Ann Vaughn.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, June 16

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

Collier Vaughn 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:

Mary Ann Carmichael, Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Sarah Lee, Carol Magness, and Alfred Walker.

Birthdays

06/06 Reese Robinson

06/10 Samuel Stafford

06/13 Don McCarty

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

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Lifted Up

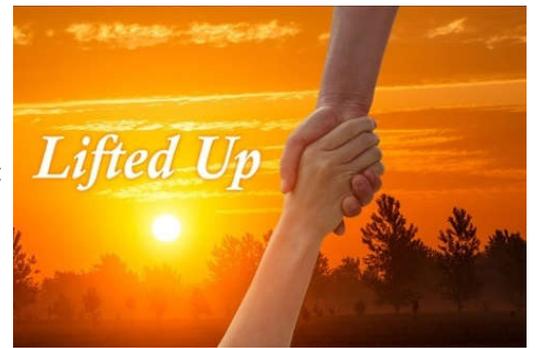
Failure, barrenness, doubt, death...

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.

June 9

Thomas



Our Next Sermon Series: The Faith We Sing

The faith we sing is the faith we know.

Music is an important part of forming and expressing our faith. The great hymns of our faith connect scripture to our hearts and help us carry our faith into our everyday lives.

Join us for worship as we take a closer look at **The Faith We Sing** by singing your favorite hymns and telling the stories that inspired them.

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| June 16 | <i>Amazing Grace</i> |
| June 23 | <i>How Great Thou Art</i> |
| June 30 | <i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i> |
| July 7 | <i>Jesus Loves Me</i> |
| July 14 | <i>Here I Am, Lord</i> |
| July 21 | <i>When We All Get to Heaven</i> |

Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly

Our Sports Camp is quickly approaching. It's not too late to sign up for one of our fun sports. We have an amazing line up of coaches and volunteers this year.

Basketball will be coached by Mr. Cameron Henderson. Cameron has been the assistant coach for the UCO basketball team for the last four years. He was highly successful during his three years at Connors State College. Mr. Henderson helped UCO to a 53-36 record for the last three seasons. Cameron is married to his lovely wife Kiesha and they have three children.



Cheer this year will be led by Alexis Newey. Alexis has been dancing for over 15 years in all styles of dance. She was on the pom team in high school and college and is currently an Oklahoma City Thunder Girl. She graduated from UCO with a Strategic Communications degree and she is currently a dance instructor at Dance Phase as well as a website and social media coordinator for a cupcake shop.

This year's soccer instructor will be Aasha Haile. Aasha will be a senior at UCO this fall. Her major is Strategic Communication. Aasha has played soccer most of her life. She has also lead Soccer camps for youth at UCO and over the years she has played a vital part as a team member for the UCO soccer team!



Team 45 will have two coaches this year. Our lead coach will be Delaney Henry. Delaney is the daughter of Warren and Stephanie Henry. She graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with a Mechanical Engineering Degree and is pursuing a Research and Development position with a biomedical company. Delaney was a top athlete at Casidy in both Basketball and Volleyball and has coached at the Cassidy sport camps for the past few years.

Our second coach for Team 45 will be Mrs. Lecye Lippoldt. As you all know Lecye is one of our shining stars here in our Children's Ministry, at NHUMC. She leads our Elementary Sunday School class every Sunday and reminds us all to remember to laugh and enjoy life and to never give up on our goals! Lecye is a Realtor and Motivational Speaker at Kevo Properties. She also enjoys volunteering in her spare time with the Miss Oklahoma pageant.



We would love to have children who are 4 years of age through 6th grade join us for Sports Camp this year! They will enjoy a lesson from the Bible and have fun in their favorite sports with their friends.

Blessings,
Tausha

Nichols Hills United Methodist SPORTS



Basketball



Cheerleading



Soccer



4 - 5 Year Olds

CAMP

June 10 - 14

9:00 a.m. - Noon

\$75 per child

www.nicholshillsumc.org to register

Welcome Rev. Dr. Charles Neff!

Dear Nichols Hills Church Family,



Rev. Dr. Charles Neff

Let me begin by saying how excited I am to be joining with you in ministry. My name is Charles Neff, and for the last five years I have served as Vice-President for University-Church Relations and Dean of the Chapel at Oklahoma City University. I am in the midst of a transition in my ministry, and I have been appointed by Bishop Nunn to serve with you as your new associate pastor.

I come to you with a variety of gifts and experiences. My background is in strategic planning, Christian discipleship, cross-generational ministry, and missions. I hold a Doctorate of Ministry in Christian Spirituality from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., a Master of Divinity in Christian Education and a Master of Theological Studies in New Testament from Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and a Masters of Business Administration from Oklahoma City University. I have taught Church Leadership for Saint Paul School of Theology, Mission Studies for OCU, World Religions and Bible as Literature for Eastern Oklahoma State College, and a number of Sunday school classes and small group studies during my time as VP for Church Relations. Prior to my appointment at OCU, I served seven years as senior pastor of McAlester First UMC where I led the congregation through a successful merger, rebranding, and the construction of a new church campus. Before McAlester, I served as Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Adult Ministries at Faith UMC in Tulsa. While in seminary in Ohio, I served four years as pastor of Green Valley Chapel UMC, a small, rural congregation. I began my ministry while still a student at OCU as Director of Youth Ministries at Blanchard First UMC and then Asbury UMC, and later as Director of Generational Ministries at Acts 2 UMC in Edmond.

My wife, Laura, and I just celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary. She was raised at University UMC in Tulsa, and we met as co-leaders at camp while at college. Laura has a degree in Early Childhood Education and serves as the Preschool Director of the Edmond First UMC Preschool and MDO. We have two children: John (16) and Emma (13). John has just completed his sophomore year at Edmond Memorial and Emma her seventh grade year at Oakdale. They are active in a number of school and extracurricular activities. We live on a small acreage just east of I-35 with a couple of dogs, a barn cat, a goat, and a few chickens.

In many ways I feel very connected to you already. Pastor Trevor and I are friends and colleagues and have known each other since college. I have been Pastor Michael's mentor for the last three years. I worked with Pastor Matt Patrick when he was still a student at OCU. And I have thoroughly enjoyed the many opportunities to be with you over the last five years in Sunday school and worship. I already know a lot about the wonderful things that are happening at Nichols Hills, and I am looking forward to being a part of it.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve with you! My family and I are looking forward to meeting you all in worship on June 23.

Many blessings,
Rev. Dr. Charles Neff

Summer Time Singing Is Easy!



Michael Wylder

I love cookies and punch time after church each Sunday. It is a time when I get to connect with people who have attended church and listen to what they have going on in their lives.

Often times these after church conversations are centered on the music of our church. One of the most frequent subjects brought to my ear are conversations concerning how beautiful the music of our church sounds and how can we get more people involved in this area of our discipleship process.

Well, I must say, it's Easy Peasy, but sometimes taking the first step to enter the process can be intimidating. The time commitment for singing in our church choir or playing with the praise band is small in the scheme of our quotidian lives, but the rewards are great. Take that first step in upping your discipleship game and join us as we worship with our art on Sundays. I guarantee your life and the lives of people around you will be enriched by your study of God's Word through music. Contact Michael Wylder mwylder@gmail.com to get involved this summer.

-Michael



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

The Learning Center began our summer session on June 3 with 118 children. To celebrate the end of our spring session the staff attended a painting class together. One of our families owns Paint n Cheer in the Plaza District, and we enjoyed learning to express ourselves. It was such fun and very relaxing. You should try it. Enjoy the photos of our last get together. See you in June!

-Denise

Birthdays (Continued)

- 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.

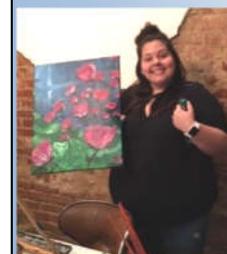
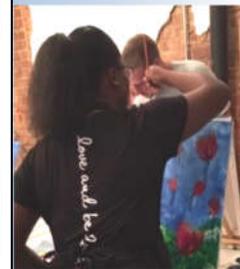
Neighborhood Market

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*)

Tidbits from

The Learning Center



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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* - Tonya Ratcliff, Executive Director of Pepper’s Ranch 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.

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

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

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