



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Never Alone

²⁴ Some time later King Ben-hadad of Aram mustered his entire army; and laid siege to Samaria. ²⁵ As the siege continued, there was a great famine in the city. ³² Elisha was sitting in his house with the elders of Israel when the king sent a messenger to summon him. But before the messenger arrived, Elisha said to the elders, “A murderer has sent a man to cut off my head. When he arrives, shut the door and keep him out. We will soon hear his master’s steps following him.” ³³ While Elisha was still saying this, the messenger arrived. And the king said, “All this misery is from the LORD! Why should I hope in the LORD any longer?” -II Kings 6:24-24a, 32-33

During the siege, the famine was so bad that people were starving to death and mothers were becoming cannibals. The king of Israel grew so hopeless that he blamed Elisha and God for this siege. If only Elisha had let him kill the Aramean army when they had them surrounded in Samaria, but now they were back. “Why should I hope in the LORD any longer?” Maybe you have gone through a dark time in your life and wondered the same thing: “Why should I hope in the LORD any longer?” On Sunday we will conclude our Elisha sermon series by telling the story many of you have never heard of how God acted to turn misery into joy in the course of one day. Together, we’ll see why we can always find hope in the LORD. I hope you’ll invite someone to come with you.

As the summer comes to an end and we prepare to start another school year, most people who do not attend a church are more likely to respond to an invitation to come to church. I am sure that you know at least one or two people who don’t have a church home. Or, maybe you can think of someone you know who hasn’t been to church in a long time because they just got out of the habit. Our church is offering three great opportunities for you to invite someone you know to experience the fellowship and hospitality of our church.

I hope you have been praying for the persons whom you plan to invite to our **Block Party on Sunday, August 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** The Block Party is your opportunity to meet new friends and connect with old friends. I am certain that the Block Party will give many people their first impression of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. A conversation you have with a new person at the Block Party could lead to that person experiencing the love of God and becoming part of our church. If you would like to help with the Block Party you can make and bring homemade ice cream, cookies, or brownies; bring school supplies or a prize for Bingo; or help set up at 3:00 or clean up at 7:00 p.m. We will be inviting our friends at John Marshall High School and Nichols Hills Elementary School to come to the Block Party.

Then, on **August 25** we invite you to invite a friend to come with you to our **Bring A Friend Sunday** as we begin a new sermon series called **Letter from a Pastor** in which we’ll explore the *Letter to the Hebrews*. A simple invitation could change the trajectory of the life of someone you know and love.

Nichols Thrills will begin on **Wednesday, September 4** with a meal at **5:30 p.m.** I will be leading a study called *The Places You’ll Go, How Will You Know?* by John Ortberg, and Charles Neff will be leading a study on some of the writings that did not make it into the Bible called *Not Quite Holy*.

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

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, August 18

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Block Party from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 19

Women’s A.A. Meeting at 5:30

Sunday, August 25

Bring A Friend Sunday at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Youth Group Kick-off at Brickopolis at 12:15 p.m.

Monday, August 26

Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 27

S.P.R.C. Meetings at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 29

Stock the Shelves at John Marshall
Neighborhood Market at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 2

Church Office and The Learning Center Closed for Labor Day
Women’s Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 3

John Marshall Orientation at 5:00

Wednesday September 4

Nichols Thrills Begins at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 5

Bear Cave Clothing Closet Opens

Friday, September 6

Neighborhood Market Opens

Monday, September 9

Care Committee Meeting at 4:00
Congregational Care Ministers Meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, September 15

Charge Conference at 1:45

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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. Charles Neff 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, August 18

The coffee hosts are Sandra and Bill Smith.

The chancel flowers are given by Peggy and John Crawford in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

The mission candle is given by General Bill Bowden in memory of Isobel Bowden.

The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Regan Miller, Collier Vaughn, and A'Shiya Perkins.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, August 25

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is given by the Buchanans.

The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Avery Smith, Lucy Ann Vaughn, and Louis Fraley.

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 Crownover, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, Beverly Perri, Marty Smith, Alfred Walker, and Kathy Walker.

Birthdays

08/15 Cinda Lafferty

08/15 Jon Rogers

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Letter from a Pastor

Sometimes the journey of faith is longer and harder than we thought it would be. When we have grown weary from the journey we need someone to encourage us to keep going. The writer of the Hebrew Letter is a pastor who is trying to revive a church because he cares. His letter still speaks into the difficult times in our lives and helps us to find again the joy, love, and delight of walking the road of faith.

Join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings as we learn explore this special **Letter from a Pastor**.

August 25

Jesus Is Better

September 1

Jesus is Like Us

September 8

Once and for All

September 15

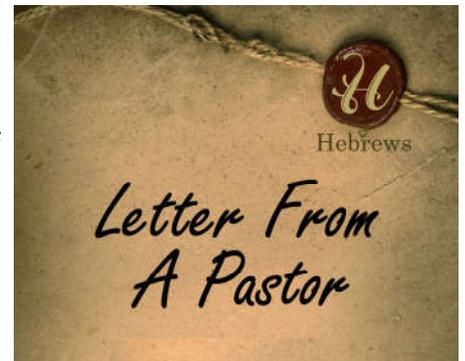
Encourage One Another

September 22

Faith of Our Fathers and Mothers

September 29

The Great Cloud of Witnesses



BLOCK PARTY

Block Party

Sunday, August 18 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for hot dogs, homemade ice cream, music, Bingo, games, a giant Slip-N-Slide, water games, face painting, and fun for all ages!

There are lots of ways to help with the Block Party: make some home-made ice-cream, brownies, or cookies; bring a prize or school supplies for Bingo; or help with the set-up at 3:00 or the clean-up at 7:00.

Sign-up in the Narthex or call the church office at 405-842-1486 to serve at the Block Party.

Teacher Breakfasts

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Teacher Breakfasts at John Marshall High School and Nichols Hills Elementary School. We shared our love and support to the teachers at both schools. Thanks for serving in our community.



Mission Madness 2019

We had a wonderful Mission Madness! Our children, youth, and adults served in our community together.

Our children Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts served at Nichols Hills Elementary School by working on the landscaping including trimming bushes and trees and putting. They also moved school uniforms from one closet to another and helped prepare for the new school year.

Our youth and adults served at John Marshall High School by preparing the Neighborhood Market and Bear Cave Clothing Closet as well as putting out mulch and doing other projects around the school to help the teachers prepare for the new school year. Thank you to all involved!

To view the Mission Madness video please visit <https://www.nicholshillsumc.org/mission-madness-2019/> .

MISSION MADNESS





Nichols Hills Elementary Meet the Teacher

Our church had the opportunity to set up an information booth in Nichols Hills Elementary school during their Meet the Teacher night. Thank you to Katy Maxwell, Tausha Davison-Beverly, and Dr. Trevor Smith sharing with students and parents how we plan to be involved in the school this year. It was a great evening.



Children's Ministry



Tausha Davison-Beverly

This year during our Mission Madness, we began a new relationship with one of our close neighbors, Nichols Hills Elementary. Our team of volunteers, along with our faithful scouts, teamed together with parent volunteers to help with several projects around the school. These projects ranged from tree trimming, moving a clothing closet, raking wood chips, rearranging offices to cleaning a gym storage area. Our young mission workers enjoyed every minute of reaching out to a school that was in need. I would like to thank Katy Maxwell, Dudley Hyde, J.B. Sims, Troop 55 and our other wonderful volunteers who helped make Mission Madness a huge success for our Children's Ministry.

Our annual Block Party will be this Sunday, August 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will have some wonderful Bingo prizes from Raising Cane's, Trader Joe's, and Earl's BBQ. We hope to see you there as we fellowship with one another, all while enjoying homemade ice cream, B.I.N.G.O, face painting, moon bounces and of course those wonderful grilled hot dogs!

Blessings,
Tausha

Youth Announcements

Youth Sunday School Resumes

On Sunday, August 18 in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Charles will share his story of faith and jump into a multi-week lesson that will bring together all the Bible stories from your childhood into one big Bible Timeline. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Youth Group Kick-Off Event



Dr. Charles Neff,
Associate Pastor

Following the second service on Sunday, August 25, the Youth (6th - 12th grade) will cruise down to Bricktown for lunch and mini-golf as a back-from-summer kick-off event. We'll have pizza at Brickopolis and play a round of miniature golf. We will plan to be back to the church by 2:30 p.m. for pick-up. It is "Bring a Friend Sunday" that day, so if you'd like to invite a friend to join you, we will be happy to include them in the fun. To insure enough transportation, please RSVP to Pastor Charles by August 22 (cneff@nicholshillsumc.org or 405-842-1486).

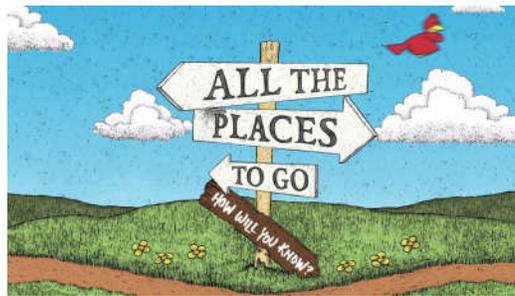
Nichols Thrills

Nichols Thrills will begin again on Wednesday, September 4 with a Meal at 5:30 p.m. and two meaningful studies for adults.

All the Places to Go, How Will You Know? Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to “Stay.” He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it—into the unknown. How we choose to respond will ultimately determine the life we lead and the person we become. To fail to embrace the open door is to miss the work God has made for us to do. In *All the Places to Go . . . How Will You Know?*, bestselling author John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await. So go ahead—walk through that door and join Dr. Trevor Smith in this six week study. The price of the book is \$10.50.

Not Quite Holy is a 6-week study. Buried in the desert for thousands of years, ancient tales of Jesus and the Apostles thought lost have returned to the light - stories of Mary and Joseph and Jesus’ childhood, a strange revelation attributed to Peter, and a gospel where Judas is the hero. The tales were not included in the Christian canon and scholars assumed that all copies had been destroyed. And then, in the last 75 years, some of these lost tales have been rediscovered in desert tombs and ancient libraries and translated into modern languages. They offer a unique glimpse into the development of the early Church and in some cases the influence of these stories can still be felt in the Church today. Join Pastor Charles on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. starting September 4 to learn about these Early Christian books that didn’t make the cut.

Sign-up in the Narthex after worship or in the Church Office at 405-842-1486 during the week.



Birthdays (Continued)

- 08/16 Allen Evans
- 08/18 Midge Lindsey
- 08/18 Katherine Schoeffler
- 08/20 Regan Henry
- 08/20 Gunnar Lavenue
- 08/20 Shawn Love
- 08/21 Dick Manley
- 08/21 Clark Musser
- 08/22 Madison Dean
- 08/22 Caroline Mueller
- 08/24 Bruce Fraley
- 08/24 Tom McDaniel
- 08/25 Thomas Flesher, III
- 08/26 Claire Vick
- 08/30 Judy Kauffman
- 08/31 Sue Hood
- 08/31 David Reed
- 09/02 J.B. Sims
- 09/06 Ryan McNeill
- 09/10 Frances Rosier
- 09/10 Jack Story
- 09/11 Donna Blakley
- 09/11 Julie Fischer
- 09/12 Audrey Harrah
- 09/14 George Craig
- 09/14 Robert Vick
- 09/15 Gracie Sanders
- 09/16 Geoffrey Stafford
- 09/16 William Stafford

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

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,
David Mueller

John Marshall Ministry

The best prices for the neighborhood market items are generally found at the Dollar Tree.

Neighborhood Market needs:

- 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 needs:

- NEW Men’s white t-shirts M-XXL
- Men’s and Women’s Shoes
- Costume Jewelry
- Purses
- Men’s Belts
- Athletic Socks
- Sample size perfume or cologne

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

Our fall session has begun! We have 96 children and continue to enroll older children (3 and 4 years olds.) The TLC staff has new shirts for this session.

The last week of July we held our annual Work Week. We completed 11 hours of formal training for the staff. Did you know there is no “I” in teamwork? We received great training from the Center



for Early Childhood Professional Development. We also did some spot painting, rearranged our classrooms, and prepared for our new students.

The Learning Center will hold an Open House on August 28 at 5:30. Everyone is invited.

-Denise

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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* - Gary Banz will be speaking on the Constitutional Tree and the Electoral College. 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: Dr. Charles Neff

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. Director of Children’s Ministry: Tausha Davison-Beverly.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Dr. Charles Neff, Associate Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

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