



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Jesus Is Like Us

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —Hebrews 4:14-16

Even though the day began with rain showers, the sun came out, and we had a beautiful night for our Block Party. I want to thank all of you who invited someone to come with you that evening. With more than 350 children, youth, and adults in attendance it was such a blessing to have the opportunity to meet new friends. I want to thank our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and their families for providing and cooking our hot dogs. Of course, I am also very grateful to all of you who made homemade ice cream and other goodies. I sampled them all, and everything was delicious. Thanks to Lakeside United Methodist Church for loaning us the Bingo equipment and to each of you who contributed prizes and school supplies. I also really appreciate our church staff and our T.L.C. staff. Each one is so gifted and contributes so much to our church. It is amazing to see what God can do through us when we work together to make a Christian difference in our community.

Would you like to make a Christian difference by blessing students this fall?

Join us on **Tuesday, September 3rd at 5:00 p.m.** for our **John Marshall Ministry Orientation** in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss everything you need to know about serving in the Neighborhood Market and the Bear Cave Clothing Closet.

Join us on **Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** for our **Nichols Hills Elementary School Reading Buddies Orientation**. We will share with you everything you need to know about serving as a reading buddy and blessing a child this fall.

Nichols Thrills will begin on **Wednesday, September 4 at 5:30** with a Meal. Please let me know if you would like to cook or provide one of our meals. You can really get to know people when you cook together.

We will offer two small group studies for adults.

I will be leading a study called *The Places You'll Go, How Will You Know?* by John Ortberg which focuses on the way God opens doors in our lives and calls into new adventures to serve in ministry. The price of the book is \$10.00.

Charles Neff will be leading a study called *Not Quite Holy* in which he will discuss how the books of the Bible were chosen. Why did some books and letters make the cut, and why were some not added to the Biblical canon?

Sign up in the Narthex to be part of either study.

On Sunday we will continue our **Letter from a Pastor** sermon series by talking about how Jesus is like us. The writer of the *Letter to the Hebrews* tells us, "He was like us, so he will help us. He is not like us, so he can help us." Why is it so important to know that Jesus is fully human and fully divine? Invite someone to come to worship with you.

I am so grateful to be part of the wonderful things God is doing in our church, and I invite you to come and share in God's blessings as we step into the future God has for us. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

Church Office and The Learning Center Closed for Labor Day
Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 3

John Marshall Orientation at 5:00
Read Buddies Orientation at 6:00

Wednesday September 4

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
The Places You'll Go... How Will You Know? Study Begins at 5:30
Not Quite Holy Study Begins at 5:30
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:30

Thursday, September 5

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 11:00

Friday, September 6

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

Monday, September 9

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

Tuesday, September 10

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 15

Charge Conference at 1:45

Tuesday, September 17

Nominations Committee at 5:30

Tuesday, September 24

S,P,R.C. Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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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, September 1

The coffee hosts are Alfred and Della Walker.

The chancel flowers are given by General Bill Bowden in honor of Andy Bowden.

The mission candle is given by Elaine Weinmeister in honor of Jean and Dick Webber's 68th wedding anniversary on August 18.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Charlotte Smith, Regan Miller, Collier Vaughn.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, September 8

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are available.

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

The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Jimmy Tirrell, SaRaiya Gavin, and A'Shiya Perkins.

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.

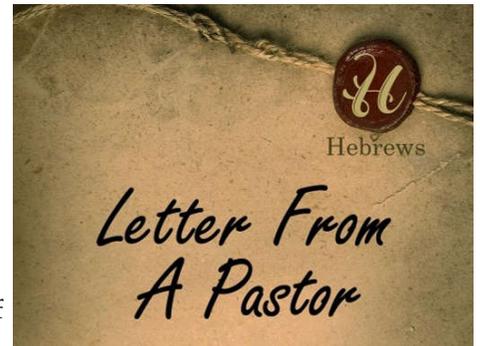
Altar Guild this month are: Mary Crownover, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, Beverly Perri, Marty Smith, Alfred Walker, and Kathy Walker.

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**.

September 1	<i>Jesus Is Like Us</i>
September 8	<i>Once and for All</i>
September 15	<i>Encourage One Another</i>
September 22	<i>Faith of Our Fathers and Mothers</i>
September 29	<i>The Great Cloud of Witnesses</i>



Youth at Brickopolis

The youth enjoyed a fond farewell to summer after worship on Sunday, August 25. If you would like any information about our youth program, please contact me at the church, 405-842-1486, or email me at cneff@nicholshillsumc.org.

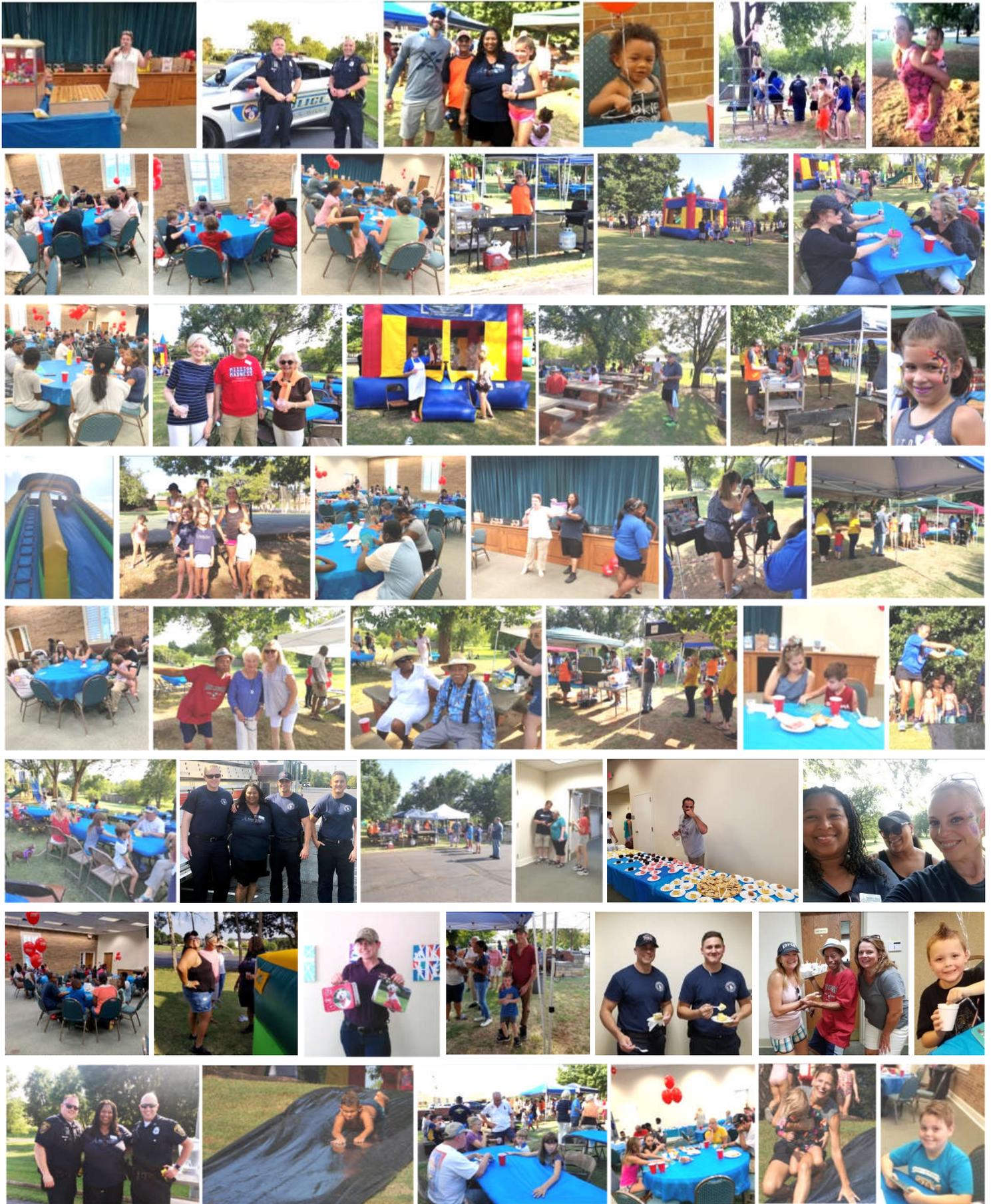


Dr. Charles Neff,
Associate Pastor



BLOCK PARTY

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this Block Party the best yet! We had about 400 people in attendance! Please enjoy the photos on the next page.



Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly

Last week we were able to bless families through one of our largest missionary fields as a church family. The Block party is an opportunity for our entire church family, young and young at heart to fellowship with one another and more importantly our surrounding communities.

This year we had some amazing support and donations. Nichols Hills Police and Fire Departments brought their vehicles along with fire hats, Brandi Libey with Raising Cane's, 6340 N. May Ave., donated school supplies, Raising Cane's lunch boxes, balloons, school swag, gift cards, lemonade and sweet tea, Matthew Worsham with Earl's BBQ at 6816



N. Western donated two twenty dollar gift cards for our Bingo game, Stephanie McCain with Trader Joe's, 6409 Avondale Drive, provided two reusable shopping bags with lots of goodies inside, Eileen's Colossal Cookies, 7700 N. May Ave., made a donation for two dozen cookies, and our biggest help of all came from our amazing scouts and their families from Troop 55 by grilling over 400 hot dogs and helping with the set-up and tear-down process.



We also had many donations for our Bingo game from our wonderful Nichols Hills family and friends. I would also like to thank Cara, Graham, and Louis Fraley; Lecye and Dutch Lippoldt; and Ashley Butler for being outstanding Bingo hostesses. Regan Miller also did a fantastic job greeting guests as they came to the park. Our TLC family provided much needed help and care for our guests. The children enjoyed a moon bounce and a slide from



Party Time Inflatables, and Karrina De Garmo and her daughter Danielle provided wonderful face painting.

On behalf of the Children's Ministry we would like to thank all of the companies and individuals who were involved physically and those who sent prayers for the Block party to be a way to touch people's heart through God's love. In the words of Mr. Alfred Walker, "This is what heaven would look like when we get there."

John 13:34-35 says, ***"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."***

Blessings,
Tausha

Greeters and Ushers Needed



Dr. Charles Neff,
Associate Pastor

The Ushers Team, which distributes bulletins, collects the offering, and assists with communion each Sunday morning, is looking for a few persons to join the team. The 8:30 service needs one back-up usher who can be available as a sub, and the 10:50 service needs one weekly team member and two back-up ushers.

The Hospitality Team, which welcomes guests and members at the outer doors and provides directions for anyone in need, is in need of several team members to serve on a month-on/month-off rotation. Greeters serve for twenty minutes on Sunday mornings at either 8:15, 9:30, or 10:35 a.m. Families (including children!) are welcome to serve together.

Ushers serve on Sunday mornings from 8:10 to 9:40 or 10:30 to 12:00. If you are interested in serving as an Usher or a member of the Hospitality Team, please sign-up in the narthex. We will train all new team members before you begin serving. Contact Pastor Charles if you have any questions or would like additional information.

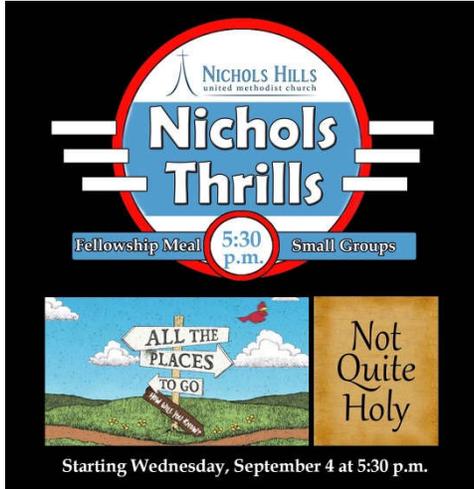
Nichols Thrills

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 Dr. Charles Neff on Wednesday nights from 5:30 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)

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
 09/17 Kerry Maye
 09/17 Sally Stringer
 09/19 Jess Harris, Jr.
 09/22 Billie Boston
 09/22 Jami Cravens
 09/22 Meg Miller
 09/24 Jason Ott
 09/26 Ellie Roberts
 09/27 Alan Niemann
 09/28 Caitlin Dyke
 09/30 Cara Fraley

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 currently have 99 children. This Wednesday, August 28, we will hold our Open House. We invite church members to attend and hear about the wonderful activities that take place each week. We continue to host Amazing Athletes, Munchkin Music, Tippi Toes and chapel services three times a week.

Our children are very busy! Plan to join us 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor for our annual Open House. We would love to have you. Refreshments will be served.

-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* - Join us as we learn from wonderful leaders, speaking on various topics. 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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