



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### I Dare You to Make a Friend

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. —Hebrews 13:1-2

A survey found that the average American hasn't made a new friend in five years. About 42% of adults said they have trouble making friends because of introversion or shyness.

God's people have always valued the virtue of hospitality.

The pastor who wrote the Letter to the Hebrews tells us: <sup>2</sup> *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.* When we welcome a stranger we become friends. When our church was formed in the summer of 1948, the stated purpose of our congregation was "to be known throughout Nichols Hills as a friendly church with a program to meet the spiritual needs of the entire community."

On Sunday we will conclude our **I Dare You** sermon series by discussing the way we can overcome anxiety and shyness to welcome people into our church and make new friends. Forty-five percent of adults surveyed said they would go out of their way to make new friends if they knew how to or had more opportunities to do so.

On Sunday, October 27 we will have the opportunity to offer hospitality to many new friends at our Fall Festival from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. I want to encourage you to consider making a pot of chili for our Chili Cook-off or to bring some cornbread. We will have games for children, arts and crafts, s'mores, and hayrides. It will be a fun evening to visit with old friends and meet new friends as we welcome our community into our church. I am certain that the Fall Festival will give many people their first impression of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. A conversation you have with a new person at the Fall Festival could lead to that person experiencing the love of God and becoming part of our church. We will be inviting our friends at John Marshall High School and Nichols Hills Elementary School.

November 3 is All Saints Sunday and Daylight Savings. Don't forget to fall back one hour that day and plan to worship with us as we remember our loved ones who have passed away. If you would like us to light a candle for someone you know who has passed away, please fill out the form on page 4 of this newsletter and return it to us in the church office.

On November 3, we will begin a new sermon series called **Blessed** in which we will talk about the way God blesses us and how God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to all of the families in our community. We'll hear how God is blessing people in our church and how God is working through the people in our church to bless many people in our church, our schools, and our daily lives. The **Blessed** sermon series will conclude on November 17 with our Consecration Sunday and Harvest Dinner. I am excited to welcome Dr. Guy C. Ames III as our guest speaker that day. In 1996, Guy hired me to be a youth intern at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. He guided me through the process as a candidate for ordained ministry and laid hands on me at my ordination. On Consecration Sunday, Guy will help us consider the way God blesses us in abundance so that we can give a portion of what we have received to be part of God's ministry through our church. I hope you will plan to worship with us on Consecration Sunday and enjoy a delicious Harvest Dinner. Have a great week.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, October 27

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.  
Fall Festival from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

#### Monday, October 28

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 11:00  
Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, October 29

Church Council Meeting at 5:30

#### Wednesday October 30

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
*Eternity Is Now in Session Study*-5:30  
*Between the Testaments Study* at 5:30  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:30

#### Thursday, October 31

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 11:00

#### Friday, November 1

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

#### Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday - 8:30 and 10:50  
Daylight Saving - Fall Back 1 hour

#### Monday, November 4

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, November 10

Care Ministers at 12:15 p.m.

#### Monday, November 11

Stewardship Committee and  
Church Council Meeting at 5:30

#### Consecration Sunday, November 17

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m.  
and 12:00 p.m.

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The Learning Center

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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, October 27

The coffee hosts are  
Jeff and Trish Cloud.

The chancel flowers are given by  
Rob Sandlin in memory of his mother,  
Polly Ishmael Sandlin, and his  
grandparents, Dr. and Mrs.  
Wm. K. Ishmael.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are Louis Fraley,  
Regan Miller, and Semaj Malone.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, November 3

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are given by Jane  
Harlow in honor of the Music Ministry.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are  
Lucy Ann Vaughn, Jimmy Tirrell, and  
Semaj Malone.

### 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:  
Donna Blakey, Ann Garrett,  
Carla Hill, Sarah Lee, Beverly Perri,  
and Alfred Walker

## I Dare You! Overcoming the Fear of Rejection

She said, "No," when you  
invited her to go to the dance.

No one picked you to be  
on the team.

The letter said you were not  
accepted into your favorite university.

He called and said you didn't get the job.

Rejection stings. The fear of rejection can keep us from trying new things and experiencing many of the joys God wants to give us. But what if I told you that rejection may just be one step in achieving your dreams and living your best life?

Join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings as we discover how we can overcome the fear of rejection and step into the future that God has for us.

**I Dare You!** I triple dog dare you!

**October 27**

*I Dare You to Make a Friend*



## Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 27 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Join us for a chili cook-off, games, hayrides, and s'mores!**

Join us for our annual Fall Festival on October 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will have a chili cook-off, s'mores, hayrides, crafts, and games! Bring your friends and family for an evening of Fall Fun!

If you would like to donate candy, please drop it off in the church office during the week or on Sunday.

Sign up for the chili cook-off in the Narthex or call the church at (405) 842-1486.

# Consecration Sunday Is Coming

At Nichols Hills United Methodist Church we approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective. We do not view the money people give to our church merely as a way to pay the bills. Rather, we believe that how we handle money is a spiritual issue and that it is important to talk about how the wisdom we find in the Bible teaches us to use our money in a way that is pleasing to God. We find that one of the best ways to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God is by helping them to grow in generosity by supporting our church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. Beginning on Sunday, November 3, our senior pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith, will preach a sermon series called *Blessed* that will focus on what it means to be blessed and how God blesses us to be a blessing to all of the families in our community.

Throughout these three Sundays we will focus on our relationship with God and how God's generosity to us calls us to respond by living a life of generosity. We'll let the Bible speak to us about the role of money and resources in our lives and talk about the blessings of living a generous life. We will turn to the teachings of Jesus to help you more clearly understand what it means to earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can. You will have the opportunity to prayerfully ask God, **"What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"**

**Consecration Sunday** will be on **November 17**. During our morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 on Consecration Sunday, we are asking the people in our church to make their financial commitments to our church's missional, benevolent, and spiritual growth ministries in this community and around the world. Every person who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* will do so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. However we encourage people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure will be done as an act of worship in such a way that no one will feel personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. We are delighted to have Dr. Guy C. Ames III serve as our Consecration Sunday preacher this year. Guy previously served as the senior pastor of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. During morning worship, Guy will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration in which we will each make our commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will be sharing more information about Consecration Sunday with you in our worship services in the coming weeks. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform and inspire in our hope that everyone will commit to attend Consecration Sunday for worship and our Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. and noon on November 17. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday.

Sincerely,  
Tim Baker  
Chairperson of the Church Council

## Blessed



What does it mean to be blessed?  
Is being blessed just about pursuing the American Dream of owning a big house, a fancy car, and the newest iPhone?  
Or...is there something more?

Beginning on November 3, we'll learn more about what it means to be Blessed as we focus on the way God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to all of the families of the earth. Come and be Blessed as we worship together at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church.

**November 3**     *Blessed by God*  
**November 10**     *Blessed to Be a Blessing*  
**November 17**     *Abundant Blessings*

# All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 3 we will observe All Saints Sunday by remembering people in our church who have passed away by lighting a candle in their memory. We will also remember family and friends of the people in our church who have died. If you would like us to remember in this way, please fill out the following information and return it to the church office by Monday, October 28.

Person to be remembered: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of the person to you: \_\_\_\_\_

## Children's Ministry



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly

The Fall Festival will be this Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We would love for you to invite someone to this year's event. It is sure to be filled with fun and fellowship! I hope to see you there!

Our Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts will be wrapping up their fall sales over the next few weeks. The Scouts would like to thank all of our church family and friends for their continued support and contributions towards reaching their goals. If you have a child that may be interested in becoming a Scout, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486.

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 at 405-842-1486 or [cneff@nicholshillsumc.org](mailto:cneff@nicholshillsumc.org) if you have any questions or would like additional information.



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Libby and Aaron Gober and big sister Caroline on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Colette Gober. She was born on October 12 at 2:16 p.m., weighing 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. We are so excited for you and can't wait to meet your beautiful baby girl!

# Nichols Thrills

Beginning on Wednesday, October 23, we will offer two meaningful five-week studies: *Eternity is Now in Session* and *Between the Testaments*. We begin with a meal at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Eternity Is Now in Session** - Most of us think of eternity as something that begins after we die. However, Jesus doesn't talk about eternity that way. In fact, Jesus defines *eternal life* only once, with great precision, and in a way that has been largely lost in our day. Join Dr. Trevor Smith in this five week study and engage in a radical rediscovery of the Christian concept of salvation. The price of the book is \$13.00.

**Between the Testaments** - Dr. Charles Neff will lead a study of the Jewish Apocrypha entitled "Between the Testaments." This class will examine the stories that were part of the Christian Old Testament until the Reformation when they were removed from Protestant Bibles and relegated to a separate section in Catholic and Orthodox Bibles. The stories of Tobit, Judith, the Maccabees, Sirach, and Baruch will be considered alongside songs attributed to David and wise sayings attributed to Solomon.

Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office.

## Coat Drive for the Bear Cave Clothing Closet

The Bear Cave Clothing Closet is in need of fall and winter clothing items in advance of the changing seasons. Especially needed are men's and women's coats, jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts sized XS-XXXL. If you would like to donate a new or gently used item, please bring it with you on Sunday morning and place it in the coat closet in the Narthex or hang them on the coat racks by the Fellowship Hall.



## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

The spring 2020 enrollment process is underway. Our current families are able to enroll through October 25. Then The Learning Center will have open enrollment for families not yet with us. It is always a busy time of year with the enrollment process and planning who will move up into new classes. It is really fun. New families are enrolling, and we are scheduling new family orientations. The Learning Center has 94 children at this time. Thank heaven.

Blessings.  
Denise



### Birthdays

10/25 Margaux Lavenue  
10/25 Ashton Niemann  
10/26 James Tirrell  
10/27 Suzanne Lavenue  
10/27 Regan Miller  
10/29 David Mueller  
10/30 Kay Goebel  
11/01 Larry Ottaway  
11/03 Beau Butler  
11/03 Peter Rosier  
11/04 Bowden  
11/05 Joni Flesher  
11/05 Bennett Murray  
11/06 Linda Lyle  
11/06 Kathy Walker  
11/09 Tim Baker  
11/09 Lew McGinnis  
11/09 Karen McLain  
11/11 Mary Ann Sanders  
11/12 Mary Bentley  
11/12 Martin Howell  
11/13 Katherine Buxton  
11/14 Jack Love  
11/14 Mary Kate Magness  
11/15 Ryan Sandfort  
11/17 Ian Heflin  
11/17 Susan Morrison-Dyke  
11/18 John Heflin  
11/19 Frances Thompson

### 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

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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 Book of Acts. 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* - David Jackson of JPMorgan Chase Bank will speak on Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.  
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 fellowship and a meaningful study. Our Circle is always Open.

**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

**Delaney Sheffield**, Director of Communications

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**Edith Guzman**, Nursery Attendant

**Jasmine Brown**, Nursery Attendant

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