



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

I Dare You to Forgive Someone

¹⁵ "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." -*Matthew 18:15-20*

If we want to be followers of Jesus, then we have to take forgiveness very seriously. Nothing can hinder the mission and ministry of a church like the unwillingness to forgive. When we fail to work towards forgiveness, we are like a festering wound that will never heal. In Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus gives us a way to handle conflict in the church. He tells us that when someone wrongs you, go and talk to the person about it. Don't go tell someone else what a bad person you think that person is. Go and try to work it out with that person. If that doesn't work, take a person or two with you to help mediate the situation. If that still doesn't work, bring it before the church. And if that still doesn't work, you treat that person like he or she is not a brother or sister in Christ. Another word for this is excommunication.

When someone continues to hurt people in the church and shows no remorse even after all of this effort has been made to help the person confess the sin and repent it breaks the communion between that person and the church. Jesus isn't saying that we should shun someone like that. He's saying that we need to treat them like someone who needs converting. Jesus didn't give up on the Gentiles and the tax collectors. He called them to repent and receive the forgiveness that God offers to each of us.

I think this is what Peter was talking about when he asked Jesus, "*Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?*" He wanted to know if there were any limitations we could put on forgiveness. When Peter asked this question he was talking about one of his fellow disciples. "Can I just forgive seven times? Is that enough?" Jesus said. "No. I tell you seventy times seven times." Jesus was saying, "You forgive these kinds of sins an infinite number of times."

I hope you will worship with us this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 as we continue our *I Dare You* sermon series by talking about the way God can help us to forgive people even when they have hurt us deeply. Then, on October 20 we will talk about the way God calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. I dare you to invite someone you know to worship with us.

I am looking forward to our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Fall Festival is always a great opportunity for us to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship with old friends. I hope you will plan to join us for a fun evening.

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

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, October 13

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

Monday, October 14

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 15

Finance Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 17

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 11:00

Friday, October 18

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

The Learning Center Closed

Thursday, October 17 and
Friday, October 18 for Fall Break

Tuesday, October 22

Endowment Committee at 5:30

Wednesday October 23

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

Sunday, October 27

Fall Festival from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29

Church Council Meeting at 5:30

Sunday, November 3

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

Monday, November 4

Care Committee at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 10

Care Ministers at 12:15 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 13

The coffee host is Jackie Hall.

The chancel flowers are given by Ann Garrett in loving memory of Bill Garrett.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Lucy Ann Vaughn, Collier Vaughn, and Scarlett Hoffman.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, October 20

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 Charlotte Smith, Avery Smith, and Saraiya Brooks.

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

Happy 100th birthday, Jess Harris!



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 13 *I Dare You to Forgive Someone*

October 20 *I Dare You to Help Someone*

October 27 *I Dare You to Make a Friend*

Coat Drive for the Bear Cave Clothing Closet

The Bear Cave Clothing Closet is in desperate 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.





Youth Game Night at Energy FC

Youth Night @ the Energy – October 13

Sunday, October 13 is Youth Night at the OKC Energy. On that evening, the Energy will take on the Rio Grand Valley Toros in their last scheduled home game of the season. N.H.U.M.C. youth, their families, and also their friends are invited to attend the game - though everyone will be responsible for their own transportation. We will meet at the church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. to travel together to Taft Stadium. The game begins at 6:00 p.m. The church will pick up the cost of the tickets, so you only need cash for snacks or drinks. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Charles by Thursday, Oct. 10 at cneff@nicholshillsumc.org or by calling the church office, 405-842-1486.

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: _____

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a wedding shower for Anna Bookout and Alex Smith in the Parlor on Sunday, October 20th at 2:30 pm. Anna has sung in our Choir for many years, and Alex plays the bass guitar in our Praise Band. The couple’s registry can be found at theknot.com/alexandanna2019.

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 before October 23.

The graphic features the Nichols Hills United Methodist Church logo at the top. Below it, the title "Nichols Thrills" is written in large, bold, blue letters with white outlines, set against a circular background with horizontal lines. Underneath the title, a blue banner contains the text "Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m. Small Groups". At the bottom, there are two book covers: "ETERNITY IS NOW IN SESSION" by JOHN ORTBERG and "Between the Testaments". The entire graphic is set against a black background with the text "Starting Wednesday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m." at the bottom.



Welcome Mario and Dale Vaughn!

We are excited to welcome Mario and Dale Vaughn to our church family! We hope you enjoy reading about our newest members!

Mario (pronounced like Mary) and Dale Vaughn are both lifelong residents of Oklahoma City. After college, Dale went to work for OCT Equipment where he is currently President, and Mario went to work in the Mid-Del School district as a Special Education teacher for grades Kindergarten through sixth grade and recently retired from Independence Charter Middle School. They are the parents of one daughter, Kathryn Vaughn who is currently working and living in Tulsa. Both Dale and Mario have been active for years in various non-profit civic and business associations in the Oklahoma City community.

Mario and Dale began attending our church in December of 2017. Dale was baptized in the pool at their home the day before they joined the church on September 15, 2019. We are excited that they have chosen to become part of our Nichols Hills United Methodist Church family!

Beth Moore at Cox Convention Center

You are invited to go with a group of women from our church to hear Beth Moore speak at the Cox Convention Center on Friday, October 11 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday, October 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The price of tickets is \$59 to \$79.

For more information, contact Allyson Smith at (405)664-2359.



Fall Festival Sunday, October 27 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.



Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly

Our annual Fall Festival is approaching quickly. This year's festival will be on Sunday, October 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We would love for you to invite someone to come join us for Michael's musical hayrides, door prizes from Earls BBQ and City Bites, face painting by Karrina DeGarmo, crafts, s'mores, corn hole and a homemade chili cook-off! This will be a fun fellowship event for the entire family. If you are interested in entering the chili cook-off, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office at 405-842-1486.

Rehearsal for the 2019 Christmas Pageant will begin this month and will be held during our Sunday School hour after the lesson has been presented and discussed. If you would like more information about this year's Christmas Pageant, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,
Tausha

Open Circle Sunday School Class

The Open Circle Sunday School class is beginning a study of the book of Daniel on Sunday, October 13. They would love for you to join them. The class meets in the Archive Room at the south end of our building.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

Each year the staff and I are required to receive a minimum of twenty hours of training by the Department of Human Services. Typically our staff receives thirty or more hours annually. This is our commitment to bring the highest level of care to our children.

Currently we have five teachers who are attending classes on Tuesday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. working on their formal credential.

It will take them at least six to nine months to earn this certification. This is indeed our commitment for our children who are our future.

More than ten students come to The Learning Center weekly from OSU-OKC to observe our teachers and provide feedback to their

professors. It is our privilege to assist in their development as future teachers or administrators.

It is rewarding to be part of a ministry in which both students and teachers are growing and learning.

Blessings.
Denise



Birthdays

10/09 Randi Garza
10/09 Jacob Roan
10/10 Bill Shdeed
10/11 Blythe Butler
10/11 Ann Garrett
10/12 Tracey Saunders
10/13 Trish Cloud
10/13 Annemarie Edmonds
10/13 Dick Sias
10/17 Gwen Niemann
10/17 Patricia Schonwald
10/18 Cynda Ottaway
10/18 Nicholas Schoeffler
10/20 Preston Robinson
10/21 Melissa Davis
10/22 Chris Kauffman
10/22 Sylvia Miller
10/24 Tim Sanders
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

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Sylvia Miller
Dede Maxwell

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* - Pam Kloiber will speak to the class on providing a “home away from home” for young airmen at Tinker Air Force Base. 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

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

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