

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Blessed to Be a Blessing

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." -Genesis 12:1-3

As Thanksgiving approaches, I think about all of the blessings God has given me, and I find myself overwhelmed by the abundance of love God has poured into my life. God has blessed me with a wonderful wife, two sweet daughters and a loving family. God has given me the opportunity to serve in ministry with wonderful people at our church and has abundantly provided for my family's needs. My family has many reasons to be thankful to God. In the coming weeks I hope you will find a few quiet moments to consider the many blessings God has given you. This Sunday we will continue our Blessed sermon series by talking about the way we are **Blessed to Be a Blessing**.

Consecration Sunday will be on November 17. I am excited to welcome Dr. Guy C. Ames III as our guest preacher that day. Guy was formerly the senior pastor of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. Guy served as a mentor for me when I was going through the process of becoming a pastor and gave me my first job in ministry when he hired me to serve as a youth ministry intern. I am sure Guy will bless us and challenge us as through his sermon on Consecration Sunday which will focus on the **Abundant Blessings** God has given us.

During our worship services that day, each of us will have the opportunity to make a commitment to God by filling out an estimate of giving card as an act of worship. No one will be pressured to do this, but you will have the opportunity to participate in this meaningful act of worship. This week, I hope you will spend some time prayerfully asking God, "Lord, what percentage of my income are you calling me to give?"

On November 17 we will also enjoy our Harvest Dinner which will be a free catered meal. It is one of the ways we express our gratitude to you for all of the ways you give and serve in ministry in our church. If you attend our 8:30 worship service, we invite you to attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 and then enjoy the Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. If you attend our 10:50 worship service, we invite you to enjoy the Harvest Dinner at noon. I hope you will join us for a wonderful Consecration Sunday and Harvest Dinner.

I am very grateful for the way that so many people in our church give generously and serve in ministry. Your generosity and your willingness to serve in ministry truly makes a Christian difference in our church, in our community, and in the world. Thank you for the ways you contribute to what God is doing in our church and in our lives.

We had a wonderful Fall Festival on Sunday with over 350 people participating from our church and our community. We are truly becoming known in our community as a hospitable and welcoming congregation. Thank you for the way you help so many people experience the love of God through our congregation. May God continue to richly bless you. I will see you on Sunday

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, November 10

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Care Ministers Meeting at 12:15

#### Monday, November 11

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

#### Wednesday November 13

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, November 14

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 11:00

#### Friday, November 15

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

#### 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.  
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, November 24

Hanging of the Greens at 2:00 p.m.  
Help us decorate the sanctuary.

#### Wednesday, November 27

**through Friday, November 29**  
Church Offices and The Learning  
Center Closed for Thanksgiving

#### Sunday, December 1

All Church Sunday School -  
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever  
at 9:45 a.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, November 10

The coffee hosts are

Jerry Jennings and Marty Smith

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are

Charlotte Smith, Collier Vaughn, and Regan Miller.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, November 17

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are given in

memory of Carole Kerr McClendon's birthday by Joe McClendon.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are

Avery Smith, Louis Fraley, and Ashiya 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:

Alison Calhoon, Mary Ann Carmichael, Mary Crownover, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, Beverly Perri, Marty Smith, Kathy Walker, and Alfred Walker.



## 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?

In this sermon series 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.

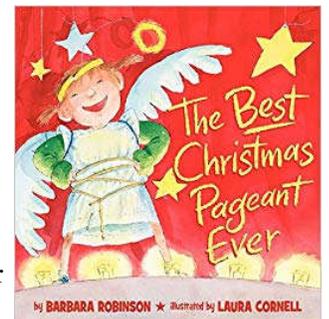
**November 10** *Blessed to Be a Blessing*

**November 17** *Abundant Blessings*

## The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

What if the hope of Christmas really is for everyone? Beginning on Sunday, December 1 at 9:45, join our Youth and Adult Sunday School classes in the Fellowship Hall as we gather for four Sundays to take a closer look at the 1983 classic movie, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Each week, we'll watch part of the movie and talk about how the babe born in Bethlehem can change our hearts and give us hope.

Our **Children's Christmas Pageant** will be part of our time together on Sunday, December 15 at 9:45 a.m.



## Donations Appreciated for the Bear Cave Clothing Closet

The students at John Marshall High School have been especially appreciative of the coats, sweaters, and jackets that have been donated to the Bear Cave Clothing Closet by members of Nichols Hills UMC. In the last two weeks, we have given out nearly a dozen, and we expect demand will rise as the weather continues to grow colder. So if you have any gently used fall or winter wear that you would like to donate, just bring them up to the church any time during the work week or on Sunday morning and place your donations in the marked closet across from the sanctuary.



## Covenant Care Committee

Jean Webber has been a faithful leader of the Covenant Care Committee for many years. She has helped care for grieving families, sent birthday cards, called and visited people who are homebound or in the hospital, helped with funeral meals and receptions, and cared for many people. Jean has decided to step down from her leadership as the chairwoman of the Care Committee. We are so very grateful for the wonderful leadership, outreach, and care you have provided. Thank you!



## Children's Ministry



Tausha Davison-Beverly

Last week, we hosted our annual Fall Festival missional event. We were able to share God's love with over 300 children and adults who all participated in hay rides, making s'mores, face paintings by Karrina DeGarmo, crafts, door prizes and of course lots of great food and hospitality from our wonderful N.H.U.M.C. families and staff. We would like to thank the numerous volunteers, Scouts, TLC and church staff members who gave their time to help in the success in reaching so many people. We give a special thank you to Michael Wylder for the fun hay rides fun for everyone young and old! Our judges had a hard time deciding between the three finalists. Thank you, Steve Burris, Founder and CEO of Kevo Properties, Shameikia Brooks, a N.H.U.M.C. Volunteer, and Chad Gilson, one of our TLC Parents, for your time and your palate. Our Scouts helped in so many different areas. Helen Small, one of our oldest Girl Scouts helped to serve as a floater and our Boy Scouts did an amazing job grilling over 300 hot dogs. Way to go Scouts! We would also like to thank our community partners for this year's Fall Festival, *Earl's BBQ (6816 N. Western)*, *City Bites (7020 N. Western Ave.)*, and *Raising Cane's (6340 N. May Ave.)*, who all provided door prizes for some of our guest. Chauncy Lerma, also donated custom made Corn Hole Boards for this year's event as well.

Our missional events are a great time to reflect on how Jesus would spread the gospel and show God's love to everyone he met and how it will be in heaven. One of our long-time members, *Mr. Alfred Walker*, commented by saying, "Get ready, because this is exactly what heaven will look like." I believe that he is right. It's easy to only think of ourselves and our loved ones being in heaven but what about everyone else that believes? Jesus died on the cross for them as well their families, too. Paul wrote in *2 Corinthians 5:15*, "And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them".



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.

# Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

We are so grateful for the large turnout for the Fall Festival! The Learning Center and Church Staff worked together with people from our church to make it all happen. The staff at TLC dressed up for the children's Halloween parties as "The Incredibles" which is very apropos. They are incredible women day in and day out.

Their work with young children 0-5 years old is making a difference as they help to shape the beginning of children's brain development. Kudos to our wonderful teachers and Church Staff on a successful Fall Festival.



THE LEARNING CENTER

Blessings.  
Denise



## Birthdays

- 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
- 11/20 Frank Miskovsky
- 11/21 Win Holbrook
- 11/21 Angie Sanger
- 11/28 Rich McLain
- 11/28 Alfred Walker
- 11/29 Michael Hall
- 11/29 Traci Miller
- 11/30 Mark Sullivan
- 11/30 Perry Tirrell

## 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
- Coats and Jackets
- 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* - Join us as we speak about the Kiva class funds. 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

**Louise Glass**, Financial Secretary

**Denise Buthion**, Director of The Learning Center

**Brandon Price**, Custodian

**Alfred Walker**, Sunday Host

**Randall Blair**, Sunday Host and A/V Tech

**Meghan Settle**, Audio Visual Team Leader

**Dustin Davis**, A/V Tech

**Edith Guzman**, Nursery Attendant

**Jasmine Brown**, Nursery Attendant

**LaRodree Dawkins**, Nursery Attendant

**Aubryanna Jones**, Nursery Attendant

**Melita James**, Nursery Attendant