

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Can Anything Good Come Out of Nazareth?

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." -John 1:43-46

Do you have a friend or family member who has expressed his or her doubt to you about the Christian faith? Have you ever tried to share the Good News about Jesus with that person. It can be very difficult to witness to someone you love who is skeptical. We wonder what to say. Sometimes we feel inadequate for the task. Your friend or family member asks you a tough question, and you are unsure what to say. On Sunday we are going to talk about some of the ways we can help our more skeptical friends and family members find faith in Jesus Christ.

Putting your faith in Jesus is easier for some people and harder for others. When Jesus came to Philip and said, "Follow me," he was ready to go. He was ready to say, "Here I am. Send me." He was just raring to join Jesus in his mission to make disciples.

It was harder for Nathanael. When Philip told him about Jesus, it sounded a little too good to be true. He was just not quite sure what to think about Jesus. He had questions that needed answers. "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nazareth was small and poor. Only about 100 people who lived there. The Jewish historian Josephus didn't even list it as one of 45 towns in Galilee. "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip didn't debate Nathanael. He didn't scold him or belittle him. He simply said, "Come and see." That's what you say to someone who is skeptical or stuck in doubt. "Come and see." Philip wanted Nathanael to have his own experience and make up his own mind about Jesus.

Do you have any friends who have their own doubts about Jesus and Christianity? I invite you to pray for God to give you an opportunity to invite your friend to "Come and see" Jesus in our church as we continue our **Come and See** sermon series this Sunday. When you invite someone you care about to "Come and see" Jesus for themselves you give that person the space he or she needs to grow in faith.

The next Sunday on February 2, we will turn to the story of the Pharisee who came to see Jesus at night to tell Jesus, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" We'll see the way Jesus answered this religious leader's question and seek to understand why the wind blows where it will.

I also want to invite you to join us for **Sweetheart Serenades**, a music ministry fundraiser dinner, on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. It will be a lovely evening of great food, fellowship, and beautiful music sung by the members of our Chancel Choir.

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

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, January 26

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Missions Meeting at 12:15
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, January 27

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

Wednesday, January 29

Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:30

Friday, January 31

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

Sunday, February 2

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

Monday, February 3

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 11:00
Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.
Women's AA Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 7

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

Sunday, February 9

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

Wednesday, February 12

Sweetheart Serenades at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 23

Boy Scout and Cub Scout Sunday

Sunday, March 8

Girl Scout Sunday - 8:30 and 10:50
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Spring forward one hour

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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, January 26

The coffee hosts are Rob and Tracey Saunders.

The chancel flowers are given by Fred and Janet Streich in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Allen E. Greer.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Saraiya Brooks, Ashiya Perkins, and Avery Smith.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, February 2

The coffee host is available.

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 and Avery Smith.

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 Blakley, Mary Ann Carmichael, Anne Holbrook, Sarah Lee, Carol Magness, Marty Smith, and Alfred Walker.



Come and See

When Andrew met Jesus, he asked him, "Where are you staying?" and Jesus said, "Come and see."

When Philip told Nathanael he had met Jesus of Nazareth, Nathanael said, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said, "Come and see."

When a five time divorcée met Jesus at a well, she told the whole town, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done."

Come and See who Jesus is and how he can transform your life as we begin a new year. Join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sundays at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church.

January 26

Can Anything Good Come Out of Nazareth?

February 2

Don't You See?

February 9

The Man Who Knows You

February 16

Believing and Seeing

February 23

The Blind Man Sees

Come and See, Come and Sing



Michael Wylder

It's the cold and snow of winter, but we are anticipating the warmth and buds of spring to be upon us soon. We have some fun and exciting music planned in the coming weeks and months. So, come sing in the new year with our choir and experience the warmth and beauty that music adds to our spiritual lives and worship services.

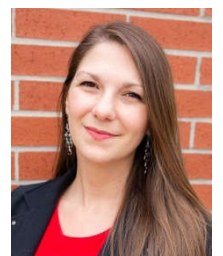
Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m., and everyone is welcome. Child care provided upon request.

Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry has a new volunteer. Christina Vaughn and her family have been attending our church for over a year now. She was born and raised in Edmond, Oklahoma and is married to Lance and Linda Benham's youngest son, Jared Vaughn. They will be celebrating ten years of marriage this April. She currently works for a real estate title company where she has been employed for fifteen years. Some of her hobbies include sailing, scuba diving, and volunteering in our children's ministry.



Tausha
Davison-Beverly



Christina Vaughn

Christina has also volunteered during Sunday school in our elementary Sunday School class with Lecye Lippoldt and Kathy Green. Starting this month she will lead our Acolytes during our 10:50 worship service. Christina always gives a warm smile to everyone she meets. If you have not met Christina, please stop by and say, "Hello."

Blessings,
Tausha



Sweetheart Serenades
Music Ministry Fundraiser
Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Music Ministry of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church presents *Sweetheart Serenades*, a musical review of great love duets and choruses featuring members of our Chancel Choir. Join us on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for an elegant evening of dinner, music, fellowship, and fun to support our music ministry.

Encore Table Sponsorships are \$1000.
8 tickets and table name recognition

Ovation Table Sponsorships are \$500.
4 tickets and table name recognition

Individual tickets are \$65 per person.

Checks may be made out to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church.
 Call the church office at 405-842-1486 or email
 dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org to reserve your seat.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
 T.L.C. Director

Thirty-four years ago this month I began working in childcare. It was the week of the tragic Challenger explosion to put that in perspective. What an incredible journey I have had in this amazing field. The Learning Center is the sixth center that I have been responsible for managing. Each program earned national accreditation (which I plan to accomplish here as well.) I have worked with hundreds of people and encouraged them all to seek more education. Some of those folks are now serve as an executive director, teachers in the public schools, or as owners of their programs. Many have kept in touch over the years. As I reflect on this professional anniversary, I am proud of the journey and grateful to serve with this delightful church family. Albert Einstein said, "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." The children are indeed our future.



THE LEARNING CENTER

Blessings.
 Denise

Birthdays

- 01/24 Mary Crownover
- 01/24 Barbara Dean
- 01/24 Lou Kerr
- 01/24 Mason Martin
- 01/24 Marjorie Polk
- 01/25 Fletcher Hill
- 01/28 Ken Blakley
- 01/28 Morgan Hunt
- 01/28 Stuart Hunt
- 01/30 Nick Berry
- 01/31 Tausha Davison-Beverly
- 02/01 Christopher Mosz
- 02/05 Bette Harris
- 02/08 Steve Forster
- 02/09 Marty Smith
- 02/10 James MacKellar, Jr.
- 02/11 Lillian Straughn
- 02/11 Olivia Straughn
- 2/12 Lucas Butler
- 02/13 Hannah Story
- 02/15 Nancy Flesher
- 02/15 Bill Wells
- 02/16 Trent Saunders
- 02/16 Laura Tirrell
- 02/17 Kellie Fischer
- 02/18 Jerry Jennings
- 02/19 Gloria Crownover
- 02/21 Becky Buchanan
- 02/21 Doug Franklin
- 02/21 Kathy Smith

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. For more information about “The Brew” contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Join us as we learn about “arts and the military” from Amber Sharples. 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.

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

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

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