

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### New Beginnings

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy

Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” -John 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 15, will mark my five year anniversary as the senior pastor of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church, and I feel so blessed to see the way the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives to make such a Christian difference in our church, our community, and the world. I am thankful for the many blessings God has given us in the last five years, and I am looking forward to experiencing the future God has for our church in the years to come.

Thank you for the way you have blessed me and the members of my family. I want to share that our daughters, Charlotte and Avery, never want to miss a Sunday because they love coming to church, and there is nowhere else Allyson and I would rather be. I appreciate the way Tausha Davison-Beverly leads our Children’s Ministry and the impact that Lecye Lippoldt is having on the elementary-aged children in our children’s Sunday school class.

I am so grateful for each member of our wonderful church staff, and I feel blessed to work with our visionary laity who give so much of their time and resources to support our church’s ministries. Every week, I see the way people are growing as disciples of Jesus Christ through our Sunday school classes and small groups and through our missional ministries and worship services. We continue to be a growing church as we welcomed 12 new members into our church in 2019. It is always exciting to meet new people and welcome them into the life of our church. Thank you for the hospitality you show to our newest friends.

You may have recently read a news article that talked about a potential schism in the United Methodist Church. As your pastor I think it is important for you to know that the group of sixteen people who put forth a “Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation,” is not an official committee of The United Methodist Church. This group has no authority to make change in our denomination. Their proposal may be considered at General Conference which will meet in May. The United Methodist Church has not split. Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is committed to our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In 2020 we will continue to be the body of Christ and minister to people in our church and our community. God has blessed Nichols Hills United Methodist Church for over 71 years, and I believe God will continue to bless us and walk with us as we seek to do the ministry of Jesus Christ. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions about anything that you may read in the newspaper or online.

I want to invite you to worship with us during the next month as we begin a new sermon series called ***Come and See***. This Sunday, we will remember our baptism and learn more about the way John came to serve as a witness who helps us know who Jesus is and how he can transform our lives. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us and ***Come and See*** what Jesus is doing through the people in our church. God is using you to make a Christian difference in our community through your presence, your service, and your generosity. May God continue to bless you this week. I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday January 12

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

#### Monday, January 13

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 15

Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:30

#### Friday, January 17

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

#### Sunday, January 19

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

#### Monday, January 20

Church Office and The Learning

Center Closed for Martin Luther

King Jr. Day

#### Wednesday, January 22

Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:30

#### Thursday, January 23

T.L.C. Potluck Dinner

and Science Show at 6:00 p.m.

#### Friday, January 24

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

#### Sunday, January 26

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

#### Monday, February 3

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, February 12

Chancel Choir Fundraiser

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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 12

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 Jimmy Tirrell, Collier Vaughn, and Harper Powell.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, January 19

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 Regan Miller, Lucy Ann Vaughn, and Scarlett Hoffman.

### 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 12**

*New Beginnings*

**January 19**

*Come and See*

**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*

## United Methodist Camps

### Growin' In Grace Camp

**Monday, June 15 - Wednesday, June 17**

*Entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Canyon Camp*

Older elementary campers have the opportunity to experience God's love in God's beautiful creation over this three day; two night camp. In addition to hiking, swimming, recreation, and crafts, campers participate in interactive small group learning and creative worship.

During these experiences, campers build relationships with new friends from other churches that continue as they return to camp year after year.

### Sonshine Camp

**Saturday, June 27 - Sunday, June 28**

*Entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Canyon Camp*

Early elementary campers enjoy a taste of hiking, swimming, crafts, and active learning in small groups under the caring and watchful eye of adult leaders.

All activities and creative worship in this overnight camp are geared for this younger age-level. After this fun camping experience, children will want to return to camp year after year.

Contact the church office at 405-842-1486 for more information.

# Children's Ministry



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to seeing some exciting things happen this year in our Children's Ministry as we continue to grow and share God's love with everyone we meet.

We are always looking for volunteers to help on Sunday. By spending one hour a week with us you could make a difference in a child's life. We would love for you to join us. Please contact the church office at 405-842-1486 for more information.

Blessings,  
Tausha

## Valentine's Music Ministry Fundraiser

Save the date for our Valentines Music Ministry Meal and Fundraiser on Wednesday, February 12. You will enjoy a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and music. More information will be available soon!

## Missional Giving

Thank you to all who gave towards our Missional Giving during this Advent season. We received \$11,118 and several gift cards, books, backpacks, socks, and toiletries that will bless children and youth through our ministries with John Marshall High School, Nichols Hills Elementary School, and Compassion International. Thank you for sharing so many Christmas blessings.

## John Marshall Neighborhood Market Spring Dates

The John Marshall Neighborhood Market will be open on the following dates:

|                        |             |                    |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| January 10             | February 21 | April 9 (Thursday) |
| January 17             | February 28 | April 17           |
| January 24             | March 6     | April 24           |
| January 31             | March 13    | May 1              |
| February 7,            | March 27    | May 8              |
| February 13 (Thursday) | April 3     | May 15             |

If you would like to serve in the Neighborhood Market, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486.

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

Happy New Year to you all. We are busy preparing for our next Family Event on January 23. We will host a Potluck Supper and Science Show. All families are invited to attend and to bring a side dish for the meal. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the Science Show will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Each session we focus on building our community of families. It is always fun to "break bread" and get to know one another more deeply. Young families need all of the support and encouragement we can give them. Our church family is welcome to join us as well. There are more faces around this session as we have 105 children. A cute sign was posted, "Remember to wash your hands and say your prayers because Jesus and germs are everywhere." Amen!

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Blessings,  
Denise

### Birthdays

01/12 Garrett Fraley  
 01/13 Pam Eales  
 01/13 Joan Payne  
 01/14 Maddy Davis  
 01/15 Kathy Griffin  
 01/15 Graham Murray  
 01/15 JoAnn Oakley  
 01/15 Pama Palmer  
 01/18 Cynthia Meyerson  
 01/19 Sue Ann Hyde  
 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

### 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:

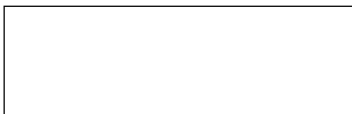
- Men's and Women's Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes - *prefer the 4-pack*
- 8 oz. Body Lotions
- 10 oz. Laundry Detergent - *Tide or Gain*

#### 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 hear about a personal testimony from an Oklahoma First Lady. 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

**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

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