

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

The Blind Man Sees

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

-John 9:1-3, 6-7

There was a man born blind. On that point, everyone seems to have agreed. He had become a part of the cultural scenery, so familiar that people forgot to look at him. As a beggar he received food, but apparently, he received very little actual attention. Ironically, being blind had made him invisible to other people. He was born blind. Everyone knew that, and that was how he was to be classified for life. He had been neatly placed in the “blind and helpless” category, so that folks were free to go about other tasks in life. Even today, our society and culture depend on people being categorized and then staying in place. That is why this man’s encounter with Jesus seemed to disturb so many people.

Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?

Can you immediately answer that question, or do you have a hard time thinking of the last time you saw God at work in your life? God is actively at work every day in your life and in our community. You may or may not see what God is doing. It depends on your ability to see the world with eyes of faith.

On Sunday we will conclude our **Come and See** sermon series by talking about spiritual blindness and the ability to see what Jesus is doing in our lives, our church, our community, and the world. When Jesus healed the man born blind, he not only gained his sight, but he also came to see and believe that Jesus is the Son of Man. Invite someone you know to come with you to see what Jesus is doing in our lives.

We will observe **Ash Wednesday** on February 26 with an Ash Wednesday Meal at 5:30 and our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend the dinner please call the church office at (405) 842-1486 or email dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org.

That evening we will also begin a Lenten Study called **My Story**. Every Christian has a story of how Jesus reached out and transformed his or her life. Each Wednesday during Lent we will gather for a meal at 5:30 and then listen as a person or couple from our church shares the story of how Jesus has blessed them throughout their lives. As part of our Ash Wednesday Service, Alfred and Della Walker will share their story. I hope you will plan to join us during Lent as we grow together as a family of faith.

I also want to thank Michael Wylder and Sheridan McMichael for their leadership in organizing our Sweetheart Serenades Dinner as well as each of the people who support our Music Ministry. We had a wonderful evening of delicious food, great fellowship and beautiful music and raised \$10,675 to support our Music Ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Scout Sunday, February 23

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

Monday, February 24

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.

Tuesday, February 25

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 28

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

Sunday, March 1

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

Monday, March 2

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
My Story at 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Girl Scout Sunday, March 8

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Spring forward one hour

Monday, March 16 through

Friday, March 20

The Learning Center Closed for
Spring Break

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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 Dr. Trevor Smith for more details.

Coffee Hosts, Chancel Flowers, and Mission Candle

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.

The **Chancel Flowers** are given in honor, memory, or celebration of a loved one. The cost is \$100.00 for both arrangements at the front of the Sanctuary. You are welcome to take them home after the worship service. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

The **Mission Candle** is given in honor, memory, or celebration of a loved one. The donation is \$25.00 and goes to support our missions fund. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, February 23

The coffee host is Kathy Walker.

The chancel flowers are given by John and Peggy Crawford.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

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

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, March 1

The coffee host is Sharon Ives.

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Graham Fraley, Jimmy Tirrell, and Harper Powell.

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



WALKING WITH JESUS

Walking with Jesus

“Come, and follow me,” Jesus said to his first disciples.

“Come, and follow me,” Jesus says to us.

When we choose to follow Jesus we learn to walk the pilgrim’s pathway.

We learn to worship like Jesus.

We learn to read the Bible and know our defining story.

We learn to give like Jesus gives, to serve like Jesus serves, and to invite people to join us on the journey, **Walking with Jesus**.

This Lent, join us for worship as we walk with Jesus and learn five essential practices of a disciple.

February 26	<i>Walking with Jesus through Lent</i>
March 1	<i>Made to Worship</i>
March 8	<i>Bible Study</i>
March 15	<i>Abundant Living</i>
March 22	<i>To Serve or Be Served?</i>
March 29	<i>Fishing with Jesus</i>
April 5	<i>Journey to the Cross</i>
April 12	<i>Walking with Jesus</i>

My Story

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Children’s Ministry

This past weekend some of our children were able to attend The Compassion Journey, presented at Faith Bible church in Edmond Oklahoma. They were able to take a 20-minute hands-on journey to see the life of a child who lives in extreme poverty. Our children were able to see examples of the living conditions including how much food children are given for a few days and how much their wages are to help their family. The experience gave them a great example of how their letters of encouragement and the mission of Compassion International has change many children’s lives for the better.

Be Blessed,
Tausha



Tausha
Davison-Beverly





Sweetheart Serenades Music Ministry Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Sweetheart Serenades fundraiser a success! We had a great time! Below are a couple of photos of the fun.



Cub and Boy Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 23rd is Scout Sunday. Our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will help lead worship in both of our worship services.

Sunday, March 8th is Girl Scout Sunday. The Girl Scouts will be assisting in worship and selling their delicious cookies during the Sunday School hour and after the 10:50 worship service. If you can't enjoy the cookies, the Girl Scout will accept donations of cookies for the military as well as for the John Marshall Food Bank. Cookie sales are the only source of funding for our Girl Scout Troop 22. When they aren't selling cookies at church, many of them are selling cookies in front of Walmart and Buy for Less, every weekend for two months.

We are proud of our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts and look forward to worshipping with them.



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

We are so blessed to have many wonderful teachers serve in The Learning Center for many years. Ms. Mary in our Cubs' classroom has been here for 13 years. Ms. Key in our Jaguars' classroom has served with us for seven years. Ms. Michell, who is going to nursing school at OSU-OKC, has served in T.L.C. for four years. Ms. Ashley, also in our Jaguars' class, will celebrate two years in March. The continuity of staff is an area we work on continuously. We offer excellent training, higher starting pay, and a beautiful, resourceful ministry in our loving church. The part-time hours help staff balance their work/life time. Should you know any qualified and dependable candidates please send them our way. It is a blessing to make a difference in a child's life.

Blessings.
Denise

Birthdays

02/24	Larry Johnson
02/24	Kaleigh Slack
02/24	Jean Warner
02/26	Avery Niemann
02/27	Ryan McLain
02/27	Joy Richardson
02/28	Ken Howell
03/01	Grace Buxton
03/01	Robert Margo
03/01	Sharon McLeod
03/02	Graham Fraley
03/04	Nolan Coyle
03/04	Nan McGowen
03/05	Tom Fraley
03/05	Mac Shdeed
03/05	Scarlett Shdeed
03/06	Harvey Harmon
03/06	Kaley Were
03/10	Kati Miller
03/11	G. T. Blankenship
03/11	Lauren Heflin
03/13	Christi Coyle
03/15	Lydia Hunt
03/15	Gordon Ryan
03/16	Kathryn Guerra
03/19	Mary Ann Carmichael
03/20	Kneely Buxton
03/20	Caleb Magness
03/21	Jacob Robertson
03/21	Becky Sims
03/22	Stephanie Henry
03/24	Dick Graves
03/24	Helen Sullivan
03/24	Russell Walker
03/27	Buzz McDaniel
03/28	Layton Hill, IV
03/28	Drake Parsons
03/28	Bruce Rosier
03/28	Della Walker
03/28	Dick Webber
03/29	Ann Brown
03/29	Judith Flesher
03/31	Preston Parsons

John Marshall Ministry

The best prices for the neighborhood market items are generally found at the Dollar Tree.

Neighborhood Market needs:

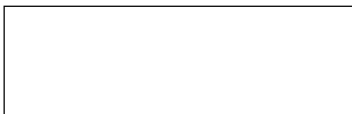
- Men's and Women's Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes - *prefer the 4-pack*
- 8 oz. Body Lotions
- 10 oz. Laundry Detergent - *Tide or Gain*

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 Joe McClendon’s story of how God has impacted his life. 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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