



NICHOLS HILLS

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Dr. Trevor Smith

To Serve or Be Served?

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.” -Luke 22:24-27

To serve or be served, that is the question.

Mark tells us, ³² *They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him... ³⁴ they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.*”

This was the third time Jesus told his disciples that he would be put to death and would rise on the third day, but the disciples failed to understand what Jesus was saying to them. And even though they were on a journey to the cross, the disciples tended to think more about the prospect of gaining power and glory than walking and suffering with Jesus. On more than one occasion upon hearing that Jesus must suffer and die, the disciples responded by arguing over who would be the greatest. In a brazen attempt to grab power, James and John asked Jesus to let them sit at his right hand and his left hand in his kingdom.

Each time the disciples did this, Jesus taught them about servant leadership. He told them, *“Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”*

On Sunday we will continue our **Walking with Jesus** sermon series by talking about the way Jesus invites us to serve in ministry to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As we walk with Jesus and serve with him in ministry our lives become more meaningful and we find our true purpose. In worship we’ll share some of the ways people in our church are making a Christian difference in our church and our community. Invite someone you know to come and worship with us and experience the joy we experience as we serve in ministry.

On Sunday, March 29, we will head to the Sea of Galilee to learn what Jesus meant when he called his disciples to fish for people. That morning we will talk about the way we can engage in relational evangelism and share our faith with the people in our lives. Our willingness to share our faith may open the door for another person to enter the kingdom of God and receive the love, grace, forgiveness, and salvation that Jesus offers to all who call on his name.

I also want to share with you that we will work to prevent the spread of the Corona Virus by temporarily removing Passing the Peace of Christ and Holy Communion from our worship services. We also encourage you to stay home if you are feeling sick. We will continue to be the church God calls us to be, and I have faith that God will bring us through this time to a brighter future. Have a great week, and may the Holy Spirit help you share your faith with the people in your life.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, March 22

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Children’s Choir Sings at 10:50

Monday, March 23

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, March 25

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

Friday, March 27

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

Sunday, March 29

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

Wednesday, April 1

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

Palm Sunday, April 5

Worship 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Children’s Choir Sings at 10:50
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 6

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

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

Maundy Thursday, April 9

Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00

Good Friday, April 10

Tenebrae Service of Darkness, 6:00

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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

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, March 22

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are given by General Bill Bowden in memory of Isobel Bowden.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

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

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, March 29

The coffee hosts are Jerry Jennings and Marty and HOFFIE Smith.

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is given by General Bill Bowden in honor of 1st cousin Evelyn Wilson of Cape Coral, Florida.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Scarlett Hoffman and Regan Miller.



Save the Date for Camps

Nichols Hills United Methodist
Church Sports Camp
June 8 - 12, 2020

Growin' In Grace Camp
June 15 - 17, 2020

Sonshine Camp
June 27 - 28, 2020

Walking with Jesus

"Come, and follow me," Jesus said to his 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 the stories of Jesus.

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 at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church on Sunday mornings as we walk with Jesus and learn five essentials practices of a disciple.

March 22 *To Serve or Be Served?*

March 29 *Fishing with Jesus*

April 5 *Journey to the Cross*

April 12 *Walking with Jesus*



My Story

Every Christian has a story of how Jesus reached out and transformed his or her life. Every Wednesday during Lent we will offer a study called My Story. 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. I hope you will plan to join us during Lent as we grow together as a family. Sign up in the Narthex.



Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 22 wants to thank everyone who helped support us by purchasing Girl Scout cookies! Funds from cookie sales support our Troop, which keeps costs down for the girls so that no one is unable to participate because of financial reasons. It also helps us support Troop service projects in the community. We would not be here without the support and help from Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. Thank you!

Easter Brunch

Easter is approaching soon! Please be thinking about that special Easter recipe you will make and bring to the Easter brunch pot luck. Items needed are child-friendly foods, fresh fruit, egg casseroles, and pastries. Think of it like Jesus feeding the 5,000 but we only need to feed 300.



Scout Blue and Gold Banquet

The Cub Scouts had a really fun Blue and Gold Banquet at Nichols Hills U.M.C. Thank you for your continued support of our Scout Pack 55!



Church Office Repairs

The church office area was flooded on December 22. Repairs will take place during the week of Spring Break, March 16 - 20. The Learning Center will be closed that week, and our office staff will be working near The Learning Center office in the middle of our building. Please enter through the South doors or the West doors near The Learning Center.

Children's Ministry



Tausha Davison-Beverly

On March 9th, we were blessed to have our Girl Scout Troop 22 and their families join us in both of our worship services for Girl Scout Sunday. The Troop is led by our very own Jennifer Price-McGinnis, Ann Bevers, Megan Fagundes, and Heather Small. Troop 22 has volunteered for several service projects around the church as well as with our missional events. On behalf of our church, we would like to thank our Troop 22 and their dedicated families for their wonderful work in serving others in our surrounding community.



Be Blessed,
Tausha

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Service, April 9 at 6:00 p.m.
Tenebrae Service of Darkness, April 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 12 at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Easter Brunch, April 12 at 9:45 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt, April 12 at 10:15 a.m.



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

This week The Learning Center is on Spring Break. I want to share the precautions we take to prevent the spread of illness including the Corona Virus. The number one universal safety feature is handwashing. Sing "happy birthday" twice (minimum 20 seconds) to adequately clean your hands. Our staff does a three-part wash and dip of toys daily. They spray bleach water on the toys that cannot be dipped. Fortunately, children have been pretty resilient to this virus. At this time there has been one reported case of Covid-19 in Tulsa. We ask that parents keep ill children home. Fever, cough, and temperature are all symptoms to stay home. We pray that this virus leaves as quickly as it came.

Blessings.
Denise



Birthdays

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
04/03 Jim Buchanan, III
04/03 Amy Hall
04/05 Avery Robinson
04/07 Jake Huchton
04/08 Mason Heflin
04/08 Leigh Love
04/09 Calli Heflin
04/09 Nell Johnson
04/10 Olivia Miller
04/10 Jean Webber
04/11 Robert Sullivan
04/12 John McKee

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 from Gordon Ryan about 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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