

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Time to Pray

³ Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. ⁴ Then the other high officers and administrators began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. ⁵ So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing

Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion." -Daniel 6:3-5

When Daniel was about 20 years old he was carried away into Babylon where he lived for the next 65 years of his life. During this time, he served in the administrations of three different kings. Despite living in a foreign land, Daniel devoted his life to serving the Lord, and he stayed connected to God by praying three times a day while facing Jerusalem. God blessed him and gave him wisdom and the ability to interpret dreams. He was a man of great faith and great character, and he was above reproach. He gained the trust of each of the kings he served, and in return each of these kings promoted Daniel to positions of leadership. However, Daniel's peers were jealous of him and plotted to bring him down.

It has been said that when a leader gets better everyone benefits, but it is equally true that when a leader falters, everyone suffers. King Darius liked Daniel, but he was a vain man. The men who plotted against Daniel used King Darius' vanity against him. They said to the king, "Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions. ⁸ And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so it cannot be changed, an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked." ⁹ So King Darius signed the law.

With this new law in place, Daniel had a decision to make. Would he observe the law and stop praying to the Living God for the next thirty days? Would he simply pray silently so that no one would know that he was praying to his God? Or, would he put his life on the line and continue to kneel down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem to pray three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God? On Sunday, we'll take a closer look at the story of Daniel and the lion's den and talk about our need to make prayer a daily part of our lives. We'll find that kneeling to pray gives you the strength to stand strong even when you are attacked for your faith. I hope you will invite someone you know to join us for worship in person or online as we continue our **Stand Strong** sermon series.

I am excited to share with you that our Staff Parish Relations Committee has hired Hunter Patman to serve as our Director of Youth Ministry beginning on this Sunday. Hunter is currently a junior in college. He has felt a calling from God to ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, and he is excited to serve in ministry with the people in our church. I hope you will welcome Hunter to our church. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, August 16

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

Monday, August 17

Women's A.A. Group at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

Women's A.A. Group at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

Women's A.A. Group at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 6

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

Monday, September 7

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

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The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday 9:00-2:30

Tuesday, Thursday 9:00-4:00

Friday 9:00-1:59

(405)842-5325



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.

Chancel Flowers

August 16: The chancel flowers are given in honor of Dick and Jean Webber on their 69th wedding anniversary on August 18 from their daughters.

August 23: The chancel flowers are given in honor of Marjorie Trammell daughter from Midwest City of General Bill Bowden.

Mission Candle

August 16: Available

August 23: Available

Acolytes

August 16: : Gabriel Ireland, Charlotte Smith, Avery Smith, Regan Miller

August 23: Gabriel Ireland, Charlotte Smith, Avery Smith, Regan Miller

Tithes and Offerings

Although we will not be meeting in person the next few Sundays we are continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ at our church and in our community, and your giving makes that possible. There are many ways to give beyond passing the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. You can mail a check to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church at 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116 or you can give online through our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org.



Stand Strong

When we're pushed to our limit we have a choice to make. Will we choose the path of least resistance or will we have the courage to **Stand Strong?**

Join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings as we learn to **Stand Strong** by turning to the stories of Naboth's Vineyard; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace; Daniel and the Lion's Den; and the Wednesbury Riots against the early Methodists.

August 16 *Time to Pray*

August 23 *The Wednesbury Riots*

Online Worship: facebook.com/nicholshillsumc



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Global Leadership Summit

This past week our staff and several of our church leaders attended The Global Leadership Summit. We were able to social distance and view the Summit remotely in our Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Parlor. We were able to gain leadership insight and were inspired. The speakers included President George W. Bush, Craig Groeschel, Amy Edmondson, Kaka, Bishop T.D. Jakes, Beth Comstock, Marcus Buckingham, Nona Jones, Michael Todd, Lysa Terkeurst, Albert Tate, Sadie Robertson Huff, Tomas Chamorro-Premuzic, Vanessa Van Edwards, Roary Vaden, and Paula Faris. What a wonderful experience!

Children's Ministry

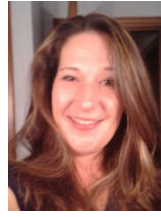


Tausha
Davison-Beverly
Children's
Ministry Director

We are excited to introduce Julie Keller, our newest Children's Ministry staff member.

"My name is Julie Keller, and I am elated to have recently been hired to serve as a nursery attendant for Nichols Hills U.M.C. I grew up in the Christian faith in Northwest Oklahoma City. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Construction Engineering from Oklahoma State University. Go Pokes! I have been married for 18 years and have two amazing daughters. We have an abundance of love for our numerous pets and enjoy the outdoors, especially camping adventures."

Julie is a great asset to our ministry. Please help us to make her feel welcome.



Julie Keller

Be blessed,
Tausha

John Marshall Teacher's Lunch

The teachers at John Marshall were so grateful to have received the wonderful encouraging notes and the boxed lunches. Thank you to all who participated!



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

We are thrilled to share with you our latest art creations. Ms. Megann has been instructing the children about different art techniques. The most recent project, which is displayed in our main hall in front of the TLC desk, is based off of the Mondrian Mixed Media art process. There is an artist's statement card posted with the display to highlight the techniques used. Our Cheetahs and Jaguars are thrilled with the outcome and enjoyed doing

the project. We will have more creations demonstrated soon. It's going to be a very creative year. We are also happy to share that there have been zero incidents reported regarding coronavirus. Kudos to the teachers for their dedicated sanitizing, handwashing, and face masks. God is doing big things at TLC.

-Denise



Ms. Megann



Birthdays

08/12 Philip Pippin
08/12 Chloe Robinson
08/15 Cinda Lafferty
08/15 Jon Rogers
08/16 Allen Evans
08/18 Midge Lindsey
08/18 Sheridan McMichael
08/18 Katherine Schoeffler
08/20 Regan Henry
08/20 Gunnar Lavenue
08/20 Shawn Love
08/21 Dick Manley
08/21 Clark Musser
08/22 Madison Dean
08/22 Caroline Mueller
08/24 Bruce Fraley
08/24 Tom McDaniel
08/25 Thomas Flesher, III
08/26 Claire Vick
08/30 Judy Kauffman
08/31 Sue Hood
08/31 David Reed

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Sylvia Miller

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Ray and Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,
Gladys Miskovsky, David Mueller

Online Worship:

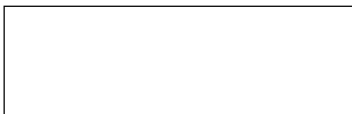
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Worship Online

Join us online for worship! You can view our livestream at 10:50 a.m. on Sundays on our Facebook page, facebook.com/nicholshillsumc. You can also view the worship service throughout the week. Please send us a message on Facebook to let us know you are participating. We will also post the Sermon Notes and the Prayer and Study Guide on Facebook as well as our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org.

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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 an in depth study of the *Letter to the Romans*. 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 from different speakers on various topics. Leaders: Dennis and Delores Bradford.

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.

First 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. Director of Children's Ministry: Tausha Davison-Beverly.

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. Teacher: Lecye Lippoldt

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Hunter Patman, Director of Youth 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

Jeremy Gossett, Audio Visual Team Leader

Dustin Davis, Sunday Host and A/V Tech

Julie Keller, Nursery Attendant

Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant