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Dr. Trevor Smith

Dealing with Skeptics

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. We are also going see how Jesus dealt with hostile skeptics who attacked him for his faith and talk about how we can deal with similar attacks in our lives.

The Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon will be running by our church on Sunday morning, so you will want to plot your route to church carefully and allow for a little more time to get to church. I hope you will invite someone you know to join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. this Sunday. Have a great week, and I will see you at church.

Blessings,
Trevor Smith

The Global Leadership Summit

I wanted to invite you to consider an exciting opportunity to grow as a leader and to help us consider some of the ways the Holy Spirit is calling our church to grow in its ministries. The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day event that is broadcast live in HD from the campus of Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago to more than 375 locations in North America.

On Thursday and Friday, August 6-7, I am planning on attending the Summit at Crossings Community Church here in Oklahoma City, and I wanted to invite you to consider attending with me so that we can be in conversation about some of the possibilities for ministry our church and our community. Please let me know if you are interested in learning more.

The speakers for this year's Summit include Bill Hybels, Jim Collins, Craig Groeschel, Sallie Krawcheck, Adam Grant, Liz Wiseman, Brian Houston, Ed Catmull, Sam Adeyemi, Sheila Heen, Albert Tate, Dr. Brene Brown, and Horst Schulze.

For more information, visit: www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 23

Open Bible Study at Noon
GriefShare at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24

Wedding Rehearsal for
Elizabeth Polk and
Jesse Cromwell at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

Wedding of Elizabeth Polk
and Jesse Cromwell at 7:00

Sunday, April 26

Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 10:50 a.m.
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29

B.I.G. Kids at 3:30 p.m.
Choir Practice at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 30

Open Bible Study at Noon
GriefShare at 6:30 p.m.

We have added two more picture days! Be sure to sign up on Sunday or by calling the church office.

Sunday, May 10 and
Sunday, May 17
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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The Learning Center (T.L.C.):

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

405-842-5325

Opportunities

Hospitality Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts choose dates to volunteer and provide 8-9 dozen cookies, store bought or homemade. At the close of the 10:50 service, the host(s) stand by their cookies in the Narthex and greet people. We have openings for coffee hosts for **May 10, 17 and 31**. To volunteer, sign-up by the church office on the bulletin board.

Greeters

Do you like to smile and talk to people? Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, please consider becoming one of the Sunday morning Greeters. Greeters provide a welcoming smile to people walking in the door for our Sunday worship services. They encourage newcomers and visitors to get involved in a Sunday School Class, direct people to the restrooms, or to the children's nursery area as necessary. If this seems like an opportunity you would enjoy, please see Alfred Walker for more details.

Ministry Chancel Choir

Come explore worship through music! Join the choir each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Small Groups

Sunday School classes, 9:45 a.m.

(descriptions located on the back page) Our classes are called the Brew, KIVA, Open Circle, Roundtable, Reveille, Youth and Children. We hope you will visit our classes!

Weekly Small Groups

Youth Group-Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Our middle school and senior high students gather for a fun time of food, fellowship, and a meaningful lesson that will help you grow in your faith.

Leaders: Matt Eales, Jake Tatrian and Dr. Trevor Smith

B.I.G. Kids-Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

1st-4th grade students have snacks, Share joys and concerns, learn Bible verses and other Bible-based material, and do homework.

Leader: Rev. Pam Cottrill

DEALING WITH DOUBT

How do I overcome my doubts?

How do I help my friends find faith?

How do I deal with people who question my faith?

We all struggle with doubt. Many people believe that doubt is the opposite of faith, but what would happen if you learned to deal with doubt in a new way?

We will share a series of messages that will help you learn how to deal with doubt. Together, we will discover that our doubts often challenge us to grow in our faith. Whether you are a long-time Christian or simply curious about the Christian faith, you are invited to join us for this powerful series on

Dealing with Doubt.

April 26

Dealing with Skeptics

May 3

In Spite of Our Doubts

April and May Birthdays

04/21	Bernadene Moore	04/29	Raevyn Allen	05/01	Christie Baker
04/22	Claire Fraley		Marty Margo		Alice Pippin
04/26	Kery Mueller	04/30	Colin Anderson	05/02	Kristen Robinson
				05/03	Nathan Hilger
					DeDe Maxwell

Personnel Change

The Business Administrator, Ken Violette, is no longer with Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. Our Staff Parish Committee is currently working to address the needs in this area. In the meantime, Sherry Eggleston will be helping us process our financial workings of our church.

Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon

The Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon will be running by our church this Sunday. This link, <http://okcmarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/CourseMaps.pdf>, shows the course map and will be emailed out this week.

NW Grand Blvd. will be closed from 7:45 a.m. until noon.

NW Wilshire Blvd. will be closed from 6:55 a.m. until 9:20 a.m.

N. Classen Blvd. will be closed from 6:49 a.m. until 9:04 a.m.

You will want to plot your route to church carefully and allow for a little more time to get there. We look forward to seeing you in church!

Tidbits from The Learning Center

The Week of the Young Child, April 13-17, was a great week. This is the annual week that we, on a national basis, pause to acknowledge the value of quality childcare. The Learning Center had great activities for the children and teachers all week. Some of the fun included sports day, messy play day, wacky day, super heroes and fairytales day and ended with a family picnic day. Many of the activities were done inside due to the weather. A fire truck from Nichols Hills came on Friday for photos with the children, too. Everyone loved the picnic day in the Fellowship Hall as we had face painting, a moon bounce, relay games,



and many sensorial experiences. Come and see the wall display outside of our area. Also, we want to acknowledge our newest addition to TLC, Chasidy Kizzee. She has such a passion for children and is working in the Panda's classroom (10 months to 16 months.) Her passion has motivated her to continue her professional development in the early care and education field. Her daughter, Royalty, has joined our program in the Monkey's classroom. Royalty will be two years old in June. We want to welcome them both.

Larkin and Jean Warner

When Larkin retired as Regents Professor of Economics at Oklahoma State University, he and Jean moved from Stillwater to Oklahoma City to be closer to Larkin's daughters. When they visited our church, Jim Buchanan invited them to visit the Kiva Sunday School Class. They soon joined and have been active members ever since.

Jean has served as Lay Leader, been a member of numerous committees, and chaired the Mission Committee, the Christian Education Committee, and the Administrative Council. She is currently a member of the Altar Guild.

Larkin has served on the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council, helped with Vacation Bible School, planned programs for the Kiva class, and has taught the class from time to time.

They recently observed that "we had no idea how life-changing becoming members of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church would be. It has deepened our faith, provided a loving, supportive church family, and enriched our lives in many wonderful ways."



Newsletter Article Request

We would love to hear from you about how the ministry of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church has impacted your lives! Please email your story to dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org.

Open Bible Study- Thursdays, 12:00 p.m.

Join us as we learn what the Bible teaches us about how to live out our faith in the world. Teacher: Jack High

GriefShare-Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Weekly seminar and support group for people grieving the death of someone close to them. Leaders: Don and Lynn Batson

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa:

Bill and Katie Alexander,
Joanne Crosby

The Mansion:

Town Village: Joanna Garnett

At Home:

Roger Etling,
Beth & Dale Jordan,
Frances Lewis, Joye McLain
David Mueller,
and Barbara Sullivan

Chancel Flower

Sponsorships Available

July 12 and 26 are available for flower sponsorship. Reserve your special dates now to honor or remember loved ones. The cost to sponsor chancel flowers is \$70.50 for two arrangements per Sunday. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

Mission Candle

Sponsorships Available

May 10, June 7, 14 and 28 are available for mission candle sponsorship. Sponsorships of \$25 per Sunday for the mission candle help support our missionary, Rev. Meri Whitaker. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

Serving In Ministry April 19

Coffee Hosts:

Tom and Brenda McDaniel

The chancel flowers are given by Carol Magness in memory of her mother, Margaret Prosser.

The mission candle is lit by Jackie Hall in honor of Bob Hall's birthday.

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Adult Sunday Class News

The Brew Class: (*Meets in the Adult Bible Class room*) - *Bringing the Bible Into Today's World* - Looking for a class that combines today's world with the history of the Bible? Come join us for open discussion on how the teachings of the bible influence our lives in today's world.

Making Sense of the Bible - REDISCOVERING the POWER of SCRIPTURE Today: Written by Adam Hamilton

This book is our guide for discussion on topics that are biblically based and how they can be related to our lives in today's world. Come join us and "percolate" your thoughts in an open and engaging discussion. Teachers, Tim and Christie Baker. Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: (*Meets in the Parlor*) - George Malone has invited Fred Evans to speak on an "Outreach Program in Africa".
Leaders, Ken and Linda Howell.

Open Circle Class: (*Meets in the Archives room*) - With changes and additions from time to time, the lesson plans are drawn from the "Lectionary Approach," which takes us through the whole Bible every two years. We would love for you to join us this Sunday. Teacher, John Marshall.

Roundtable Class: (*Meets across from the Parlor*) - Our lesson is 1 John 5:6-12 and 18-20. The purpose of the study is to understand that belief has consequences for behavior, so watch out for deceivers. Truth, delivered and lived with love, is the central message. Join our class as we discuss these issues. Teacher, Dr. Jerry Perryman.

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.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor
Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music
Delaney Sheffield, Administrative Assistant
Alfred Walker, Sunday Host
Denise Buthion, Director, T.L.C.

Rev. Pam Cottrill, Associate Pastor
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