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Dr. Trevor Smith

### Jesus' Prayer of Forgiveness

On Sunday I will be humbled to preach on one of the most extraordinary prayers ever prayed in the history of the world. It's not a long prayer. It's no threat to the Guinness World Record length prayer, as we talked about a couple of weeks ago. It's only ten words long, and eight of the ten words are single syllable words. This particular prayer has rocked the minds and hearts of pretty much every one who has ever heard it throughout history.

We find this prayer in Luke 23:34. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." You all know the context. This was Jesus' prayer as spikes were being sledge-hammered into his hands and feet by blood-thirsty, profane executioners whose next act was to play poker to see who would win the robe that they had just stripped off Jesus' back just before they had beaten and broken his body. These executioners were not model citizens with low paying jobs. These men were so filled with violence and rage that the only role that the Roman army could find for them was for them to be cold-hearted crucifiers; professional, legal, murderers; and they loved their jobs. It was to these men, as they were doing their jobs with sledgehammers and spikes on Jesus' hands and feet that Jesus looked towards heaven on their behalf and prayed that never-to-be-forgotten ten-word-prayer, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

You can tell a lot about a person's heart by what they pray for when they've been wronged. It's a unique window into the condition of someone's heart and soul. Every single one of us has been wronged by another person. We live in a world filled with wrong-doers. You can't live in this world for very long without being wronged. We've all been wronged.

I have listened to many people describe to me the various ways that they have been wronged. On Sunday I want to share three categories of wrong-doing that have helped me differentiate just how wronged someone has been relative to how wronged others have been because this helps me know how to respond in the moment, how to give counsel, and how to urge someone to say prayers when they have been wronged. I hope this will be helpful to you.

Someone will come to me, and they've been wronged. They think, "Well, pastors should care about this kind of stuff," so they run up to me. They start describing to me how they've been wronged: who did it, where it happened, time of day, how it felt. While they're describing this wrong-doing to me I start praying to God. "God, give me discernment about how to think about this and how to be wise in my response." As they tell me about the wrong-doing I look at the expression on the person's face. I read the body language. I search for non-verbal cues because I want to put this wrong-doing in the right category in my mind so that I can give good counsel.

I hope you will join us on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 as we discuss three categories of wrong doing and how Jesus' prayer of forgiveness can help us open our hearts to receive the forgiveness of Jesus so that we can forgive others. Have a great week, and I will see you at church.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, October 16

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Children's Ministry Team, 12:15

#### Monday, October 17

S.P.R.C. Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, October 18

Altar Guild Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, October 19

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
Disciple Fast Track at 5:30 p.m.  
Financial Peace University at 5:30  
GriefShare at 5:30 p.m.  
Young Adult Group at 7:00 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

#### Monday, October 24

Nominations Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, October 30

Fall Festival at 5:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, November 1

Finance Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, November 6

Church Council at 5:00 p.m.

#### Monday, November 7

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

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### The Learning Center

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

Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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## Ministry Opportunities

### Hospitality 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. If this is an opportunity you would enjoy, please see Matt Patrick for more details.

### Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts provide 8-9 dozen cookies. At the close of the 10:50 Service, the host(s) stand by the cookie table in the Narthex and greet people. We have openings for coffee hosts for **October 30 and all of November**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the 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.

Serving in Altar Guild this month are: Mary Ann Carmichael, Carla Hill, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, and Beverly Perri.

### Transportation Ministry

Would you like to bring joy to someone by bringing them to church? If you would like to join our transportation ministry contact the church at 405-842-1486.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, October 16.

The coffee hosts are Jan Pitney, Ann Garrett, and Jereme Cloud.

The chancel flowers are given by Bill and Pam Shdeed in honor of their 50th anniversary.

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby, and Bonnie Miller

#### Town Village

Joanna Garnett

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

Barney and Virginia Brown  
Anita Dahlgren

#### Autumn Leaves

Bill and Katie Alexander

#### At Home

Roger Etling, Ann Flesher,  
Jess and Bette Harris,  
Beth and Dale Jordan, Frances Lewis,  
David Mueller, and Maxine Permenter



## Time to Pray

Does God hear our prayers?  
Does prayer really make a difference?  
How would my life be different if I joined together with others to pray for my friends, my family, my church, and my community?

Join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings as we conclude our sermon series, ***Time to Pray***.

**October 16** Jesus' Prayer of Forgiveness

## Living in 3D

This week in our young adult group, we will be talking about what it means to live in "3D." What will it mean to live in a way that we can see people in the world in the way that God sees them? How will we be able to build good relationships with others in our community in order to influence the world towards Christ?

Not only is evangelism dependent on deciding to "walk across the room" and learn someone's name, it is also important to get to know someone without an agenda or an ulterior motive. We want to listen to peoples stories and learn about them as human beings. Because it is what Christ has



Rev. Matt Patrick

called us to do.

I hope that you will continue to join me in praying for our blossoming young adult group!

-Matt

## Children's Ministry

I hope you all have had a great week and have been enjoying the Fall weather!

This Sunday, October 16th, we will be having a Children's Ministry committee meeting at 12:15! I hope you all will be able to come and talk about the Fall Festival and some other exciting things we have going on in Children's Ministries!

For the month of October our memory verse is Luke 6:31 which says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If kids are able to memorize the verse they will get a prize from the treasure box!

I hope you all will be able to come Sunday and see our newly painted Sunday school rooms! This has been a great change for the rooms, and I think all of you and all of the kids will love it!

Have a great week!

-Madison



Madison Chilless



## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

The last week of September, I was fortunate to attend the Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. It was such an incredible experience that I wanted to share with you all my gratitude for your support. There were powerful moments such as when we attended the worship service at the satellite church in downtown Kansas City. This was a contemporary service for us to see how the younger

generations are worshipping.

Another evening the full choir and orchestra of Church of the Resurrection performed during the worship service. We listened to Adam Hamilton, Senior Minister, and Bishop Will Willimon, retired Dean of Duke Divinity, share stories from the Bible that made us laugh and moved us. It definitely is a high tech church.

I attended several workshops that fed my spirit and my soul. I left feeling equipped, renewed, and inspired for my work in TLC. Thank you!

-Denise



## Fall Festival This Month!

**Sunday, October 30 at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for our Chili Cook-off, Hayrides, Games, Face Painting, Pumpkin Explosions, and S'mores! Who has the best chili? Who will win the coveted golden spoon this year? Come taste, and see if you agree! Register for the chili cook-off on our website; [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org), in the Narthex, or by calling the church office at 405-842-1486, and be ready for a ton of fun!



## Our Next Sermon Series

A bigger house, nicer car, better vacations. Wanting more isn't always bad, but are we looking for satisfaction in the right places? Maybe it's not about how much we have but what we do with what we already have. Join us for a new perspective on *Being Rich* beginning on October 23.

## Manage Your Giving Online Or Using Our QR Code

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Visit the church website at [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org). Click on the blue *Make A Donation* button. Then follow the online instructions.

We also have a QR Code that you can scan with your cell phone to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Glass at the church 405-842-1486.



## RDS Unite App

We are excited to announce a new app from RDS called Unite that allows you to have access to our church directory, make contributions, change your personal information, and view your personal contribution history all from your phone!

This app is available for Apple, Android, and Microsoft. It is free for download from the app store on your phone. To find it, search for "RDS Unite.", download and install it. Then open it and click "Register." Enter the church code 10081, then your email address, then enter a password of your choice and click "Register." If you have any questions, feel free to contact Delaney in the Church Office at 405-842-1486 or [dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org](mailto:dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org).

## Birthdays

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| 10/13 | Trish Cloud<br>Annemarie Edmonds<br>Dick Sias       |
| 10/15 | Marshall Dickey                                     |
| 10/17 | Gwen Niemann<br>Patricia Schonwald                  |
| 10/18 | Mark Barker<br>Cynda Ottaway<br>Nicholas Schoeffler |
| 10/20 | Preston Robinson                                    |
| 10/21 | Melissa Davis                                       |
| 10/22 | Chris Kauffman<br>Sylvia Miller                     |
| 10/23 | Barney Brown  |
| 10/24 | Tim Sanders   |
| 10/25 | Margaux Lavenue<br>Ashton Niemann                   |
| 10/26 | James Tirrell                                       |
| 10/27 | Suzanne Lavenue                                     |
| 10/29 | Akiko M. Knotts<br>David Mueller                    |
| 10/30 | Kay Goebel  |

**If your birthday isn't included in our list, please contact the church office (405-842-1486) to be added.**

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## Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in the Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” for fellowship and discussion on topics that provide insight and support for staying on the pathway of a Christian lifestyle in today’s world. This Sunday we will continue studying *Breaking Busy (or How to Find Peace & Purpose in a World of Crazy)* by Alli Worthington. For more information about “The Brew” please contact: Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

**KIVA Class:** *Meets in the Parlor* - Join us as we learn how to make a Christian difference in the world. Leader: Hank Bradley.

**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* - The Open Circle Class primarily utilizes the Lectionary approach to studying scriptures, which excerpts scriptures from the Bible so that the full Bible is covered every two years. We also study hymns. Teacher: John Marshall.

**Youth Class:** *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God. Leaders: Rev. Matt Patrick and Matt Eales.

**Second Graders through Fifth Graders:** *Meets in the Children’s Area.* Join us for a fun time with your friends as we grow closer to God and each other. Ministry Intern: Laley Braucher.

**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: Madison Chilless

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**Dr. Trevor Smith**, Senior Pastor  
**Rev. Matt Patrick**, Student Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Madison Chilless**, Director of Children’s Ministry  
**Delaney Sheffield**, Administrative Assistant  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist  
**Kathy Smith**, Treasurer  
**Louise Glass**, Financial Secretary

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**Denise Buthion**, Director of The Learning Center  
**Michael Hall**, Maintenance/Custodian  
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