



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Where Are Your Treasures?

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -Matthew 6:19-21

Concerning money, Mark Vincent writes, "Money has a god-like power. I think about it a lot. How and when I might get more of it. What I will do with it once I get it. How much of it I want to share. How much of it I want to keep for myself. What I would do with it if I suddenly came into a large amount. Money consumes my waking moments and shows up in my dreams. In North America, where being a consumer is considered a birthright, money's hold is so powerful that one-third of all adults say financial worries prevent them from sleeping or relaxing."

Some churches don't talk about money. Their thought is that money can be a touchy subject, and the church would not want to make anyone feel uncomfortable. Yet, hardly a day goes by that most of us are able to avoid thinking some about money. We are bombarded with commercials and advertisements that beckon us to spend our money on just about anything.

Jesus had a lot to say about our money and our stuff. He believed that treasure management is a spiritual issue. In the next four Sundays, we are going to focus on Christian stewardship. As Herb Miller puts it, "Christian stewardship is the faithful management of all that God gives." In our *Being Rich in What Matters Most* sermon series we are going to look at what the Bible teaches us about financial management. How would Jesus want us to spend our money? How do I decide what percentage of my income Jesus is calling me to give in the next year? How does being a faithful Christian steward relate to being a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I want you to know that we are going to have fun as we discuss these important parts of our faith, and I want to invite you to open your heart to what God has to say to you. This sermon series will culminate in our **Consecration Sunday on November 13**. Dr. Ray Crawford, the senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Claremore, will bring the message in worship that day, and we will have a free, catered Harvest Dinner immediately following the worship service. I hope you will make plans to be present in worship over the next month. I am truly excited about all that God is doing in our lives and in our church. May God continue to bless us as we continue to work together *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, October 23

Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 10:50 a.m.
Youth at 12:15 p.m.

Monday, October 24

Nominations Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25

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

T.L.C. Training at 3:00 p.m.
Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 13

Consecration Sunday-8:30 & 10:50
Harvest Dinner at 11:00 and 12:00

Sunday, November 20

Charge Conference at 2:00 p.m.
at Church of the Servant

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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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.

(405)842-5325



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, November 6, 20, and 27.** 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 23.

The coffee host is Carol Magness. The chancel flowers are given by Polly Sandlin and Rob Sandlin in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Ishmael.

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

Being Rich

in what matters most

Being Rich in What Matters Most

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.

October 23

Richer Than You Thought You Were

October 30

Rich in Heaven

November 6

Rich Like Jesus

November 13

A Little Rich or a Lot Rich?

The Power of Story



Rev. Matt Patrick

Stories are powerful. In fact, they are so powerful that we tend to create a narrative around different events in our lives to try and make sense of what is happening. For instance, when something bad happens in our lives, we try and create a reason why it happened, or we try to create a narrative about how it plays into our lives and into our futures. Our whole society is built on stories. Our whole faith is built on stories. The entire Bible is built on stories about God and stories about people. The Bible is full of stories that help us to make sense of who God is and who we are in the context of God.

My whole life as a Christian is built around the stories of Jesus as found in the Gospels. These stories guide and shape my life in a way that nothing else can. This week in our young adult group, we will be discussing how our stories can inspire others and point them to God. What is your story of faith? I encourage you this week to recall your story with God and perhaps to share it with someone close to you.

-Matt

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

At Nichols Hills United Methodist Church we approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective. We do not view the money people give to our church merely as a way to pay the bills. Rather, we believe that how we handle money is a spiritual issue and that it is important to talk about how the wisdom we find in the Bible teaches us to use our money and our stuff in a way that is pleasing to God. We find that one of the best ways to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God is by helping them to grow in generosity by supporting our church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. During the next four Sundays, our pastors, Trevor Smith and Matt Patrick will preach a sermon series called ***Being Rich in What Matter Most*** to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship emphasis this year.

Throughout these four Sundays we will focus on our relationship with God and how God's generosity to us calls us to respond by living a life of generosity. We'll let the Bible speak to us about the role of money and work in our lives and offer you some helpful steps that will help you work towards becoming debt free. We will turn to the teachings of Jesus to help you more clearly understand what it means to earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can. You will have the opportunity to prayerfully ask God, **"What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"**

Consecration Sunday will be on **November 13**. During our morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. on Consecration Sunday, we are asking the people in our church to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world. Every person who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* will do so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. However we encourage people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure will be done as an act of worship in such a way that no one will feel personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest preacher, Dr. Ray Crawford, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration in which we will each make our commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will be sharing more information about Consecration Sunday with you in our worship services in the coming weeks. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform and inspire in our hope that everyone will commit to attend Consecration Sunday for worship and our Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. and noon on November 13. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday.

Sincerely,
Tim Baker
Chairperson of the Church Council

Daily Devotional Featuring Denise Buthion

Recently our very own Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center, was featured in St. Luke's United Methodist Church's Daily Devotional, published by Gabrielle Moon, Executive Director at St. Luke's Children's Center. We are very excited for Denise and wanted to share this devotional with you.

He who walks with wise men becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. —Proverbs 13:20

Denise Buthion is the person who taught me the most efficient way of running a childcare center. She came into my life because she was a parent of a child in the very first center I ever worked. I was a teacher and a mother of two children. She had a son who was three years old. She was a very knowledgeable person, and she and I got a long well, we developed a special friendship.

I was placed at a different facility within the same corporation after her son left my room, and we didn't really keep in touch. I worked hard at the other center, and was soon promoted back to the first center, where I became the Assistant Director. Denise had just been hired as the director, and together she and I would run this facility.

Denise guided people; she could talk to them and explain things to them about their jobs, and how to meet expectations in a way I had never been exposed to before, she was so very kind, and respected people's feelings. Even when there was disciplinary action taken, she did it in a way that the staff understood and looked up to her as a mentor, as I did for direction and guidance. She was well organized, and every task that we did in the center had a purpose and a specific outcome. She allowed me to have autonomy, but was watching from a distance to guide and teach me how to accomplish even the simplest task. Denise and I worked as a team for a little over a year, before I was promoted to a director. She gave me the wisdom to move up and be able to run my own center.

I made lots of mistakes that first year on my own. I thought I knew it all! Even when I was stressed out and thought I was going to snap, she was there for me every step of the way. She would talk me through how to word problems to parents, and how to speak so teachers would listen and respect me the way they did her. There were and still are lots of life lessons to learn.

I know, even today when I am scratching my head, looking for answers, I can always call Denise. She will always share her precious time with me, and make sure that I am on the right track. We have been through good times and bad times, and I was able to help her as well when she needed it a couple of years ago. It felt so good to be able to give back to her what she had shared with me for over thirty years.

Gabrielle Moon,
Executive Director St. Luke's Children's Center



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, in the Narthex, or by calling the church office at 405-842-1486, and be ready for a ton of fun!

Below are some fun photos from last year's Fall Festival. Hope to see you Sunday, October 30 for this year's Fall Festival!



Children's Ministry



Madison Chilless

The kids will be singing in late service on October 30th, so please make sure your kids are here the next few weeks so we can practice with Michael Wylder in the sanctuary!

The Fall Festival will be on October 30th from 5:00 to 7:00! We would love to have you and your family there! There is still time and opportunities to sign up and help at the event!

If you're interested in helping in Children's Ministry by volunteering with us, please contact me at 405-388-3919 or mchilless@uco.edu.

Hope you all are having a great week! See you Sunday!

-Madison

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

Last week we were blessed with a blue sky and warm temperatures for our annual field trip to Chester's Party Barn. The children in our Jaguar and Cheetah classrooms wore their lime green shirts and had a ball. There is a petting zoo, pony rides, a corn maze, tractor rides, and on and on. The cold front that came through on Wednesday was quite a surprise! We were so glad we had Tuesday out at Chester's. Each child selected his or

her own pumpkin to bring back to school. The children painted, drew, and carved some of the pumpkins. We had 16 children and 14 adults participate. Enjoy our photos!

-Denise



Manage Your Giving Online And Use 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. 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.

Birthdays

10/20	Preston Robinson
10/21	Melissa Davis
10/22	Chris Kauffman
	Sylvia Miller
10/23	Barney Brown
10/24	Tim Sanders
10/25	Margaux Lavenue
	Ashton Niemann
10/26	James Tirrell
10/27	Suzanne Lavenue
10/29	Akiko M. Knotts
	David Mueller
10/30	Kay Goebel
11/01	Larry Ottaway
11/03	Beau Butler
	Monica Farquhar
	Peter Rosier
11/04	General Bowden
11/05	Joni Flesher
11/05	Bennett Murray

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

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

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center
Michael Hall, Maintenance/Custodian
Alfred Walker, Sunday Host
Laley Braucher, Ministry Intern
Rachel Spear, Nursery Attendant
Shendra Stevens, Nursery Attendant
Randall Blair, Sunday Host

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