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Dr. Trevor Smith

The Lord's Prayer

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." *-Luke 11:1*

Jesus taught his disciples the prayer that we now call The Lord's Prayer. Have you ever really thought about what the Lord's Prayer says? Jesus began by honoring the name of God and asked that God's will would be done on earth. He then asked God to provide for our daily needs and to forgive us of our sins even as we have forgiven everyone who is indebted to us. Finally, he asked God to save us from temptations. Jesus taught this prayer to his disciples as a model of prayer. It was a good model then, and it is a good model now.

But Jesus didn't stop there. He didn't just give them a model prayer and tell them to memorize it. He went on to tell them a parable about our need to be persistent in our prayers. Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' So your neighbor comes to your door and begins to knock loudly. And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs."

That is how we are supposed to be when we pray: pushy, persistent, even bugging and bothering God with our requests. Then Jesus told his disciples, "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Asking, seeking, and knocking are all examples of being pushy and persistent. Jesus tells us to keep knocking, keep praying, keep sharing your heart's desires with God. Pray with faith. Be tenacious in your praying. Pray with the determination of a linebacker. In the original language, the scripture says, "ask and keep on asking... seek and keep on seeking... knock and keep on knocking." Our prayer life is to be an ongoing action. Our prayers are like breathing. In and out. In and out. Don't stop. Keep going. Make prayer a daily part of your life. Find a time to pray each day. Pray at each meal. Pray when you are thankful. Pray when you are hurting. It is like my mother taught me when I was just a boy, "Nothing is too big or too small for you to tell God about."

I hope you will join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday morning as we take a closer look at the Lord's Prayer. Have a great week, and I will see you at church.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, October 9

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Crossroads District Gathering at Church of the Servant at 2:00 p.m.

Youth at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, October 10

Nominations Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11

Endowment Committee at 5:30

Wednesday, October 12

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.

Thursday-Friday, October 13-14

The Learning Center Fall Break

Monday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

Altar Guild Meeting at 4:00 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.

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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 23, 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 9.

The coffee host is Carol Magness. The chancel flowers are given by Ann Garrett in loving memory of Bill Garrett.

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 for our new sermon series, ***Time to Pray.***

October 9 The Lord's Prayer

October 16 Jesus' Prayer of Forgiveness



Rev. Matt Patrick

The "Ultimate Walk Across the Room"

In the first section of the Young Adult Group's Bill Hybels' study on evangelism, we will be talking about the time in history when God "walked across the room." When we are using this phrase over the next few weeks, it will be to encourage our participants to build up the courage to take a simple walk across the room to meet someone new and live a lifestyle of evangelism.

However, when God "crossed the room," it was much higher stakes. God crossed the room when He took on flesh and left the paradise of heaven to be with us, build relationships with us, and then to die for us. Once we can understand this great act of evangelism, we can start to understand our own role in God's kingdom for building relationships and sharing the love of Christ with all those we come across.

-Matt

Children's Ministry

We are changing the date for our Children's Ministry committee meeting to October 16th at 12:15! Hopefully you will still be able to join us for this meeting and help put together final details for the Fall Festival! There will be pizza!

I hope you've been enjoying the beautiful Fall weather we've had so far! With a new month comes a new memory verse for our kids from Luke 6:31 which says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If kids in either class are able to memorize the verse and tell a teacher they will be able to get a prize from the treasure box! We would love to have you and your children be a part of our Sunday School classes and Children's Church! If you are interested in volunteering with Children's Ministries please contact me at mchillless@uco.edu Have a great week, and we'll see you on Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

This week we are happy to highlight another new employee, Joshlyn Shamsie. She is originally from Tyler, Texas. She moved to Oklahoma City when her husband was transferred here for his job two years ago. They have two cats, Oscar and Pepper, whom they adore. Joshlyn is currently attending Oklahoma City Community College with her major in early childhood education. Her life plan is to continue working with young children until she completes her bachelor's degree. Some of her hobbies include reading and working out. She has been in the early care and education field for just over two years. She enjoys seeing children learn and grow every day. Please join us in welcoming Joshlyn to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church and TLC. We are happy to have you with us!

-Denise



Joshlyn Shamsie

We Are The Church

Our church makes a Christian difference through our wonderful people. This week, we want to introduce you to two of our new members, Turner and Cindy Davis.

Turner and I have been married 35 years. We have five children between us, 15 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. We moved here from Shawnee in August. We are both Oklahoma State University graduates, and Turner's father was a regent during Henry Bennet's presidency. Our family is our first priority, and we spend a great deal of time with our grandkids. We have a home in Santa Fe, also, and love the summer and fall there.

The church bells drew us to the church. We love the service, the music, the people, and the way we feel when we attend church. The Kiva class has been so inclusive, and we already feel a bond with the church."

Turner and Cindy joined our church on September 11. We are excited that they are part of our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!

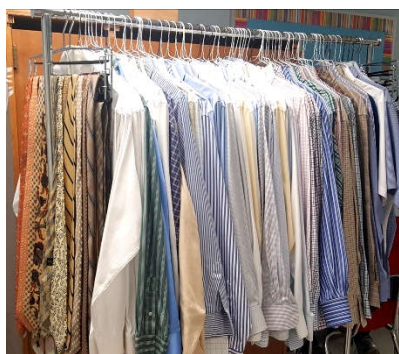


Shirts and Ties for John Marshall Football Team is a Huge Success

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." -*Luke 3:10-11*

A special thank you from the Mission Committee to all who donated "DRESS FOR SUCCESS" clothing to the John Marshall Football Team. The coaches were speechless when the over 100 dress shirts and 130 ties were delivered to the school. They were excited to share this generosity with the students.

If you didn't have a chance to participate this time, there will be other opportunities coming up for us to share what God has so generously given to us.



Save the Date for Fall Festival!

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

Join us for our Chili Cook-off, Hayrides, Games, and S'mores! 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.



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. 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

10/09	Randi Garza Jacob Roan John Rowntree, Jr.
10/10	Bill Shdeed
10/11	Blythe Butler Ann Garrett
10/12	Tracey Saunders
10/13	Trish Cloud
10/13	Annemarie Edmonds
10/13	Dick Sias
10/15	Marshall Dickey
10/17	Gwen Niemann
10/17	Patricia Schonwald
10/18	Mark Barker Cynda Ottaway Nicholas Schoeffler
10/20	Preston Robinson
10/21	Melissa Davis
10/22	Chris Kauffman Sylvia Miller
10/23	Barney Brown

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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