

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Consecration Sunday

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to

God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. -II Corinthians 9:6-8, 11-12

How are you planning to celebrate Thanksgiving this week? Are you more focused on all of the food and gatherings with family and friends, or are you planning to take some time to express your thanks to God in a tangible way?

It is so easy for us to take our blessings for granted, so as Thanksgiving approaches I hope you will find a few quiet moments to think about the blessings God has poured into your life. When I do this I find myself overwhelmed by the abundance of love God has poured into my life. I have been blessed with a wonderful wife and two sweet daughters along with a loving family. God has given me the opportunity to serve in ministry with wonderful people at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church and has abundantly provided for my family's needs.

November 22 is Consecration Sunday. During our worship services that day, we will each have the opportunity to make a commitment to God by filling out an estimate of giving card and placing it on the altar table as an act of worship. No one will be pressured to do this, but you will have the opportunity to participate in this meaningful service. In the coming days, I hope you will spend some time prayerfully asking God, "Lord, what percentage of my income are you calling me to give?"

I want you to know that I am very grateful for the way that so many people in our church give generously both financially and through the ways that they serve in ministry. Your generosity and your willingness to serve in ministry truly makes a Christian difference in our church, in our community, and in the world. Thank you for the ways you contribute to what God is doing in our church and in our lives.

This Sunday we will also enjoy our Harvest Dinner which will be a free catered meal. It is one of the ways we want to express our gratitude to you for all of the ways you give and serve in ministry in our church. Ned's Catering will cater our meal, and the menus will include a tossed green salad with dressings, seasoned roasted breast of turkey with cranberry sauce, country style corn bread dressing, homemade mashed potatoes, sautéed fresh green beans, homemade rolls and butter, pumpkin pie and chocolate cake, iced tea, water, and coffee.

If you attend our 8:30 worship service, we would invite you to attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 and then enjoy the Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. If you attend our 10:50 worship service, we would invite you to enjoy the Harvest Dinner at noon. I hope you will join us for a wonderful Consecration Sunday and Harvest Dinner. May God continue to richly bless you.

Blessings,
Dr. Trevor Smith

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, November 22

Consecration Sunday Worship
Services at 8:30 & 10:50
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Harvest Dinner at 11:00 & Noon
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25

Nichols Thrills will not meet.
The Learning Center Closed.



Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving - Church Offices
and The Learning Center Closed.

Friday, November 27

Church Offices and
The Learning Center Closed.

Sunday, November 29

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, December 2

Nichols Thrills - 5:30 to 7:00

Fellowship Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Young Adult Group at 5:30 p.m.
Expedition Children's Group-6:00
Alpha Course for Adults at 6:00
Chancel Choir at 7:30 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.

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.

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.

You can sign up to serve for 20 minutes on Sunday morning at one of three time slots: 8:15 to 8:35, 9:30 to 9:50, or 10:35 to 10:55. If this seems like an opportunity you would enjoy, please see Alfred Walker 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 **December 27 and all of January**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Bill and Katie Alexander,
Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby,

Town Village

Joanna Garnett

The Fountains at Canterbury

Barney and Virginia Brown
Anita Dahlgren

At Home

Roger Etling, Ann and Tom Flesher,
Jess & Bette Harris,
Beth & Dale Jordan, Frances Lewis,
Joye McLain David Mueller,
Maxine Permenter, and Gene Wheeler

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. This may just be one of the easiest ways for you to serve in our church and make a Christian difference.

Saturdays of Service

On November 14 during our Saturday of Service, we helped serve at Skyline Urban Ministry. We volunteered in the Food Resource Center, the Clothing Closet, and provided and served a meal. Our church members and the Scouts donated and collected food for Skyline. It was a wonderful success! Thank you to all who served in ministry.



Cocoa and Caroling

We are so excited that the beginning of Advent is only a week away! I hope you will mark your calendar for Cocoa and Caroling on Sunday, December 6th at 6:00 pm. We will meet here at the church in Fellowship Hall and then go caroling to our to the congregation members in the neighborhood riding on the hay wagon! Bring a plate of cookies to share with your friends! Afterwards, we will return to the church to warm up with hot cocoa. We hope you can join in the fun and festivities! If you would like for us to carol at your house, please call Michael Wylder at 842-1486 to make arrangements.

Blessings,
Lauren



Lauren Matthes

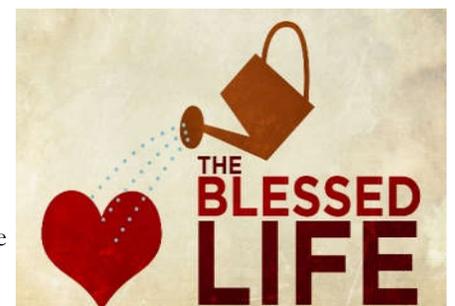
The Blessed Life

What does it mean to be blessed?

Is the blessed life just about pursuing the American Dream of owning a big house, a fancy car, and the newest iPhone?

Or... is there something more? Pastor Trevor Smith will help us learn what the Bible teaches about financial wisdom and the way to live *The Blessed Life*. Together, we will discover the generous way God blesses us and the divine truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive. So, bring a friend with you and join us for worship at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we learn talk about the blessing challenge and learn to live *The Blessed Life*.

November 22 *First Fruits Giving*



Meet Our Consecration Sunday Preacher



On Sunday we will welcome Rev. Darrell Cates to our pulpit to preach on First Fruits Giving. Darrell is currently the Director of Conference and Church Relations at the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation. He has served under appointment as an ordained minister in the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church for more than 40 years. For ten of the last thirteen years he served as District Superintendent of the Woodward District and then the McAlester District and ended his time as Dean of the Cabinet.

Darrell's passion as a pastor was to build the local church by helping the church discover its place in God's mission and each disciple discover his or her gifts and place in that mission. He has served as the Senior Pastor of Saint Mark's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City and First United Methodist Church in Ardmore.

Darrell is a graduate of the University of Tulsa and Asbury Theological Seminary. He has also did post graduate studies in clinical pastoral education at Hillcrest Medical Center.

For the past eleven years Darrell served as a trustee of the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation with a growing appreciation of all they do to strengthen the ministry and outreach of the churches and the Annual Conference. He was delighted when the Bishop appointed him to be the Director of Conference and Church Relations effective June 1, 2015. In this position, he is privileged to work with churches and individuals helping them engage in the mission of making disciples and building God's kingdom through intentional planned generosity.

Darrell is a gifted preacher and teacher, and we are pleased to welcome him to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church to serve as our Consecration Sunday Preacher.

We Are The Church



Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation and staff. This week, Gabriella Ottersberg Enriquez shares with us about her life and how Nichols Hills U.M.C. is blessing her.

Gabriella is a Santa Fe, New Mexico native studying at Oklahoma City University and working toward a double major in Vocal Performance and Musical Theatre. She aspires to be a working performer in the realms of Opera or Musical Theatre whether that be theaters in Chicago, New York or even here in Oklahoma City! She feels blessed to be able to sing with such a talented choir here at

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church and is grateful for the warm welcome she has received.

We are happy to have Gabriella in our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!

Tidbits from The Learning Center

We are so excited about the new rugs in our classrooms. All six rooms received new carpets that have Jesus and bible verses written on them in vibrant colors. It has made our classrooms feel brighter in a very nice way. Making continuous improvements in our program is one of our goals for the year. Next we will focus on shades and/or curtains to soften the light coming in through the windows. On Thursday, November 19 our children will prepare some pies to share with their families. Parents & Pies takes place at 2:45 p.m. Come and join us for a slice!



Serving In Ministry November 22

The mission candle will be lit by General Bowden in honor of Mary Bowden, his first cousin of St. Louis.

The chancel flowers will be given by Mary Crownover in memory of her mother's, Rosella Walker, birthday.

November/December Birthdays

11/27	Sondra Barker
11/28	Rich McLain
11/28	Alfred Walker
11/29	Michael Hall
11/30	Geraldine Raupé Mark Sullivan Perry Tirrell
12/01	Sarah Butler Elizabeth Prosser Alesha Rogers
12/03	Tony Dyke
12/04	Maxine Asch Ronald McLeod
12/06	Jackie Hall Nancy Rowntree
12/07	Charlotte Brown Reid Robison
12/08	Maddy Eales
12/09	Larkin Warner Phil Withrow
12/10	Denise Buthion
12/11	Kelsey Lyle
12/12	Joe McClendon Katie McNeill
12/14	Stephen Heine
12/15	Tom McLain
12/16	Liz McNeill
12/18	Stephanie Derricott Casey Hill, III Kay Musser
12/20	Mark McLain
12/21	Libby Blankenship
12/22	Jean Ann Robison
12/25	Carol Solomon
12/29	Lida Elkins Joye McLain Taylor McLain
12/30	Abe Malone
12/31	Don Wilson

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Weekly Small Groups

Nichols Thrills Fellowship Meal for Children, Youth, and Adults: Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Young Adult Group: Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Join us as we food fellowship, and a meaningful discussion. Leader: Rev. Matt Patrick

The Alpha Course: Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Join us for dinner at 5:30 and a video called *Does God Heal Today?*

Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith

Expedition for Children: Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Director: Lauren Matthes

Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Director: Michael Wylder

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

The Brew Class: *Meets in the Room 131* - The Brew is starting a new book called, *United Methodist Beliefs – A Brief Introduction* by Bishop William Willimon.

Teachers: Tim and Christie Baker. Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Libby Blankenship is bringing Richard Kopke from the Hough Ear Institute to speak to Kiva

Leaders: Allen and Sherron Evans.

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 learn from Bible scriptures and songs. Teacher: John Marshall.

Roundtable Class: *Meets in Room 124* - The Roundtable Class is reading Acts 17:1-32. These scriptures describe Paul and Silas traveling through Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens as they spread the Good News of Christ. From this story we can learn how we can also share our faith with those with whom we come in contact. Join us as Dr. Jerry Perryman leads us. Teacher: Dr. Jerry Perryman.

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

Children's Class: *Meets in the Children's Area.* - Join us for a child-friendly lesson, snacks, and crafts as we learn about God together. Director: Lauren Matthes.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Rev. Matt Patrick, Student Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Lauren Matthes, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Delaney Sheffield, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Bookkeeper/Treasurer

Louise Glass, Financial Secretary

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center

Michael Hall, Maintenance/Custodian

Alfred Walker, Sunday Host

Randall Blair, Sunday Host

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