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Dr. Trevor Smith

Rich Like Jesus

⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. -II Corinthians 8:9

Did you know that the word *believe* appears in the Bible 273 times, *pray* appears 371 times, and *love* appears 714 times. *Give* appears 2,172 times. It appears that God is very interested in calling us to be giving people. There is something about giving and being generous that is central to what it means to be a Christian.

In fact, the more we grow in our relationship with God the more we find that God is generous with us throughout our lives. God has given us life and the gift of creation. As John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Jesus was generous in everything he did. His healing is for you. His teachings are for you. His ministry is for you. His love, grace, and mercy are for you.

As the Apostle Paul so clearly points out to us, Jesus was rich. The Son of God could have stayed in heaven, but he chose to come to us. He was born into poverty to very poor but very faithful parents. He lived a humble life, and he died a painful death so that you and I could be rich in his grace and inherit eternal life in his name. He gave his life for you and me so that we could receive the blessings and the salvation that he offers to us.

On Sunday we are going to talk about what it means for us to be rich like Jesus by looking at the primary teaching on generosity in the New Testament which we find in II Corinthians 8:1-15. The Apostle Paul lifts up the generosity of early Christians in the Macedonian churches. In II Corinthians 8:3-5, he described the generosity of these impoverished Christians this way:

³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— ⁵ and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us....

What would it mean for you and me to give ourselves first to the Lord? It may just mean that we would find our true purpose in life by giving our lives away for the sake of others. I hope you will join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday morning as we continue our *Being Rich in What Matters Most* sermon series by talking about how we can be *Rich Like Jesus*.

I also hope you will make plans to join us for worship at our Consecration Sunday at 8:30 and 10:50 and our free, catered, Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate our church's ministries and give thanks for all of the ways that God is blessing us. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor



Ministry Calendar

Sunday, November 6

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.
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.

Wednesday, November 9

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

Thursday, November 10

Young Adult Group at 7:00 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

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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 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 **November 27 and all of December**. 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 30.

The coffee host is Carla Hill.
The chancel flowers are given by Rosemary Scalopne in honor of her daughter Kathy Walker's birthday.

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

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*.

November 6 *Rich Like Jesus*

November 13 *A Little Rich or a Lot Rich?*



Rev. Matt Patrick

We have an exciting opportunity for our youth on Saturday, November 12th. We will be serving at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in the morning by helping to pack meals for families that do not have enough to eat in our community. I love partnering with the Food Bank because of the sheer depth and reach of their work in Oklahoma.

We will be having a fellowship time after our morning of service at Sky Zone in Edmond, which is a trampoline park where you can play basketball, dodge ball, and other games with the added bonus of being able to do it all on a trampoline! I think one of the best ways to grow together as a congregation is by serving together.

Teaching our young people the value of service in our community is one of our core values and missions as Christians. If you have a young person from 6th-12th grade who would like to join us, we invite you to come along!

-Matt

Children's Ministry

Thank you so much to everyone who made the Fall Festival another great event! It's such a blessing to work with a church who makes planning and hosting events so fun and energetic.

Also thank you to the families who brought their kids Sunday and had their kids sing during worship. It's so great to see the kids involved with the church. They love all the support they are given!

The month of November will be filled with more excitement and events so keep an eye out on how you and your families can be involved!

Again thank you so much to everyone. See you Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

The Advent Conspiracy

Join the Open Circle Class, the Reveille Class, and The Brew Class for a 4-week study beginning on Sunday, November 27 that will help you celebrate Christmas in a refreshingly new way. During these four weeks, we will examine four life-changing ideas:

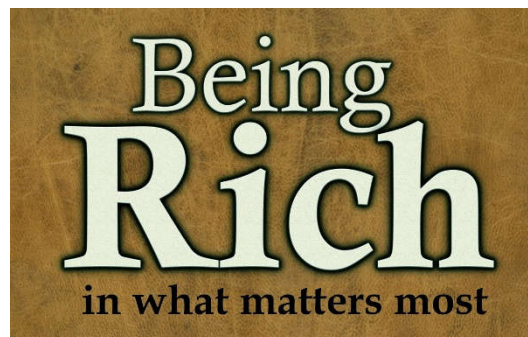
Worship Fully - because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus.

Spend Less - and free your resources for things that really matter.

Give More - of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, and your heart.

Love All - the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, and the sick in ways that make a Christian difference.

Sign up in the Church Office.



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

We are so excited to introduce you to our newest staff member, Rosalba Schick. She is from Columbia, South America and has lived in this country for 34 years. She and her husband, Donald, have two grown children, Ryan and Kaci. They have been married for 34 years. Rosalba has one dog, Abby, and two birds, Polly and Tweety. She went to college in Bogata, Colombia, and received her CDA in 2001. For over twenty years she has worked with young children in Texas and Oklahoma. Her hobbies include reading, watching movies, and travelling to the ocean. We are delighted to have her expertise in our program. Join us in welcoming Rosalba to TLC.



Rosalba Schick

-Denise

Fall Festival Success!

We had a wonderful time at the Fall Festival! It was a great success with an estimated 200 people in attendance.

The winner of the Golden Spoon Award is our own, Dr. Trevor Smith! Congratulations!

Below are a few photos of our event.

We hope you will join us next year for our annual Fall Festival!



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

11/04	General Bill Bowden
11/05	Joni Flesher Bennett Murray
11/06	Linda Lyle Kathy Walker
11/07	Georgeanne Yehling
11/09	Tim Baker Lew McGinnis Karen McLain
11/11	Mary Ann Sanders
11/12	Mary Bentley Martin Howell
11/13	Katherine Buxton
11/14	Jack Love Mary Kate Magness
11/15	Ryan Sandfort
11/17	Susan Morrison-Dyke
11/18	John Heflin
11/19	Frances Thompson

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* - On Sunday, Nov 6th, our guest will be Dr. Bob Blackburn, Executive Director of the Oklahoma History Center. Dr. Bob will take us back in time to the early days of our state, focusing on our populist roots. This is particularly timely because such populism explains, in part, Oklahoma’s present day voting patterns. 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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