



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## Consecration Sunday

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

<sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for 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? Are you more focused on gathering with family and friends for a feast, or are you planning to take some time to express your thanks to God in a tangible way? It is 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 13 is Consecration Sunday. I am excited to welcome Dr. Ray Crawford as our guest preacher for that day. Ray is the senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Claremore, and I had the pleasure of working with Ray when I served as his associate pastor. Ray is an engaging preacher, and he has led the Claremore Church through a season of tremendous growth in which the church has doubled in size. I anticipate that we will all be blessed and challenged as he shares God's Word with us on 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, sauteed 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 13

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

### Monday, November 14

Trustees at 5:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 16

Ladies Music Club at 9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, November 17

College and Young Adult Group  
at 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday, November 20

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

### Wednesday, November 23

The Learning Center closed for  
Thanksgiving

### Thursday, November 24

Church Offices and The Learning  
Center closed for Thanksgiving

### Friday, November 25

Church Offices and The Learning  
Center closed for Thanksgiving

### 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 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: Carla Hill, Janet Jones, Cinda Lafferty, Carol Magness, Ellie Roberts, and Marty Smith.

### 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, November 13.

The mission candle is lit by Jackie Hall in remembrance of her husband Bob Hall.

The chancel flowers are given in memory of the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Campbell Sr. from Carla Hill.

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby,  
Bonnie Miller, and Sylvia Miller

#### Town Village

Joanna Garnett

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

Barney and Virginia Brown  
Anita Dahlgren

#### Autumn Leaves

Bill and Katie Alexander

#### At Home

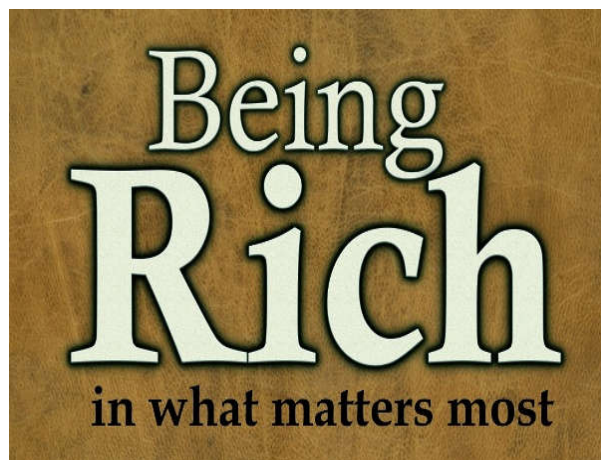
Roger Etling, Ann Flesher,  
Jess and Bette Harris,  
Beth and Dale Jordan, Frances Lewis,  
David Mueller, and Maxine Permenter

## 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 13**

*A Little Rich or a Lot Rich?*



Rev. Matt Patrick

## Youth Winter Retreat

Hey everybody! I'm really excited about a great opportunity that is coming up for our youth group over MLK Jr. weekend in January. From January 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a district wide Methodist youth retreat at Canyon Camp in Hinton, OK.

I think one of the best practices we can have as Christians is to go away on retreat from time to time to reflect on what God is doing in our lives and ask what God wants to do with us in the future. I think this will be a great time for our students to have group building time and grow together as Christians.

There will be small groups, worship, and fun during this awesome weekend. There will probably be about 200 total students in attendance, which will give a great opportunity for our students to meet new friends.

I'm looking forward to this great event. Let me know if you have a young person between the ages of 7<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade who would like to come!

-Matt

## Children's Ministry

The month of November is filled with so many exciting things! We will be talking with the kids over the next few weeks leading up to Thanksgiving about all of the blessings our lives are filled with, and how we can share those blessings. If you feel called to spread your blessings by volunteering during Sunday school or Children's Church, we would love to have you!

Our memory verse for the month of November is I Chronicles 29:13, "And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name!" If your child is able to memorize the verse and tell a teacher, they will get a prize from the treasure box!

I also encourage you to talk with your children at home about all the things they are blessed with in life and how you as a family can show God your thankfulness. I am so amazed by everyone at Nichols Hills U.M.C., and I am so excited to see how God uses us all this holiday season!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful and rainy fall weather we've been having lately!

See you on Sunday! Don't forget about the Harvest Dinner!

-Madison



Madison Chilless



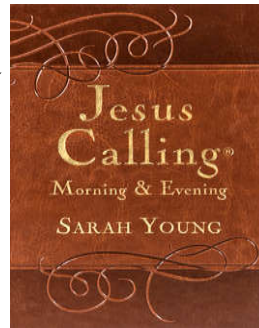
# Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

The Learning Center staff has recently begun to meet each morning at 8:35 for "The Huddle." We begin with a devotional from *Jesus Calling* and make announcements for the day and reminders of things coming in the week. This is important for several reasons. First, we get to see each other before the day gets so busy, and second, we begin with words to inspire us in our commitment to God. Teachers take turns reading the devotionals. "The Huddle" is an important step in expanding our faith-based program's focus, goals, and relationship to Jesus. Every day is a wonderful day when you begin it affirming each other and our faith. This is just another blessing of being part of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church.

-Denise



## The Advent Conspiracy

Christmas is coming. Deck the halls, peace on earth, and all that stuff. Christmas is: family, love, home, joy, wonderful, cookies, fruitcake, sweaters, crowded malls, this year's iPhone, ten office parties, tacky ornaments, long return lines, credit cards, gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts.



Take a step back. Breathe. Remember what Christmas is about. Right now, you stand in line to buy things others don't need, while others must stand in line because they can't afford the things they need. Right now you spend hours at Christmas parties you don't want to attend. What if you spent more time with your family... you know, the ones you love.

Let's be honest. More stuff doesn't make us happy. Maybe it is better to give than to receive. What if you bought one less gift this year and gave the money to someone in need? You could give children books so they can learn to read or give a community seeds so they can grow food. The money you spend on postage could feed a third world child for an entire year. There is so much good to do, but only you can do it. This Christmas could be different.

Join the Open Circle Class, the Reveille Class, and The Brew for a four-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:

*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.

*Worship Fully* - because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus.

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

Sign up in the Church Office.

## 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](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

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
11/20	Frank Miskovsky, III
11/21	Win Holbrook Angie Sanger
11/27	Sondra Barker
11/28	Rich McLain Alfred Walker
11/29	Michael Hall Traci Miller
11/30	Geraldine Raupe Mark Sullivan Perry Tirrell

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 we can 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  
**Alfred Walker**, Sunday Host  
**Laley Braucher**, Ministry Intern  
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