

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Palm Sunday

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." -Matthew 21:6-11

On Sunday we will begin the season of Lent, and our sermon series will focus on **The Final Week** of Jesus' life. We've rearranged the order of Lent a little bit. Usually, we celebrate Palm Sunday at the end of Lent. This year we are celebrating it at the beginning of Lent because it was the first day of **The Final Week** of Jesus' life. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey in the triumphal entry. He wept over the city of Jerusalem, and he cleansed the Temple. The leaders of the Temple were determined to put him to death after the events of that day.

An underlying theme of the Gospel is that Jesus is the King. He preaches and teaches about the Kingdom of God. He lays out for us what life looks like for his disciples in the Kingdom of God. He is the long-awaited Messianic King. We learned last week that the name *Christ* is not his last name. It is his title. It means *Anointed One*. It means King. The story of Palm Sunday is about the entrance of the King into Jerusalem where the palace was. In this case the palace was the Temple which belonged to Jesus' Father. On Sunday we'll see what happens when he enters there. Our children will also sing a song called *Give Me Oil In My Lamp* and wave palms as we celebrate Palm Sunday. I hope you will invite someone to come with you and join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m.

On behalf of our Staff Parish Relations Committee I am excited to share with you that Madison Chilless has been promoted from working in our Nursery to the position of Interim Director of Children's Ministry. Madison has great love for the children in our church, and I know she is excited to partner with parents and other adults in our church to help our children grow as young disciples of Jesus Christ.

I also want to share with you that Matt Patrick and I are currently working on putting together a mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky during the week of July 16 to July 23. We will serve by doing basic home repair projects. I hope you will begin to pray about if God is calling you to serve on this mission team. We will share more details about the mission trip in the near future.

Nichols Thrills will begin again on Wednesday, February 17 with a Meal at 5:30 and two meaningful groups for adults. Matt Patrick will be leading a four week study on evangelism called **Catch**, and Jean Warner and I will be leading **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**. I hope you will consider joining us for one of these meaningful small group experiences. Have a great week, and I will see you at church.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Palm Sunday, February 14

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, February 17

Nichols Thrills begins at 5:30 p.m.  
Catch begins at 5:30 p.m.  
Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University begins at 5:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, February 21

Celebration of New Districts at Wesley United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, February 23

Trustees meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 27

Blue and Gold Banquet at 6:30

#### Thursday, March 3

John Marshall High School Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time  
Spring Forward One Hour

#### 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

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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.

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 **February 28 and all of March**. 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: Brenda McDaniel, Mary Ann Carmichael, Janet Jones, Bette MacKellar, Carol Magness, and Jean Warner.

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

Bill and Katie Alexander,  
Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby,  
and Bonnie Miller

#### Town Village

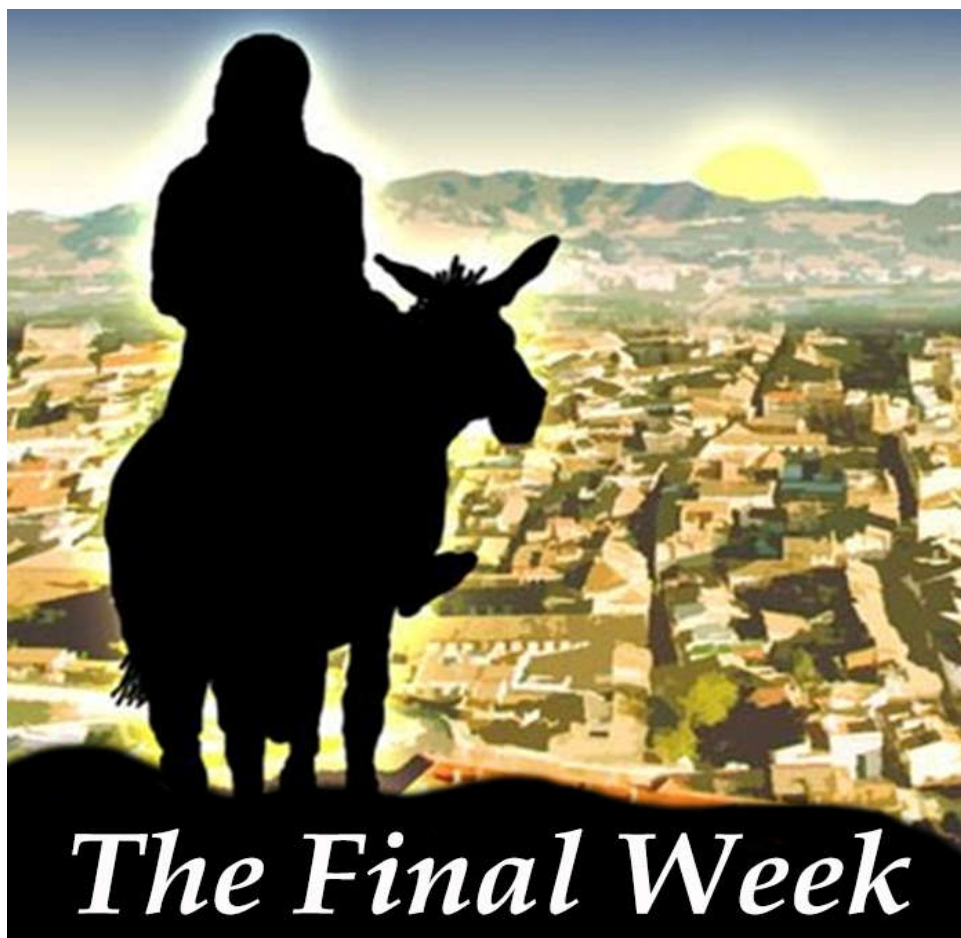
Joanna Garnett

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

Barney and Virginia Brown  
Anita Dahlgren

#### At Home

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



This Lent join us on a remarkable journey retracing the events of the last six days of Jesus' life. Each week Pastor Trevor Smith will take us to Jerusalem, helping us recall the words Jesus spoke and the things that Jesus did leading up to his crucifixion.

Bring a friend and join us for worship on Sundays at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we deepen our understanding and grow in our faith, traveling through ***The Final Week***.

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| <b>February 10</b> | <i>Ash Wednesday</i>   |
| <b>February 14</b> | <i>Palm Sunday</i>     |
| <b>February 21</b> | <i>Monday</i>          |
| <b>February 28</b> | <i>Tuesday</i>         |
| <b>March 6</b>     | <i>Wednesday</i>       |
| <b>March 13</b>    | <i>Maundy Thursday</i> |
| <b>March 20</b>    | <i>Good Friday</i>     |

## Relationships with the Community



Matt Patrick

On Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nichols Hills U.M.C. will host the John Marshall High School for a banquet that will honor Winter and Spring sports. Because of the large nature of this event, it will be our service event for February and March. Last year, the John Marshall banquet was a huge success for our church in terms of volunteer participation and our outreach to the community. Events like the John Marshall dinner are extremely important for our church because they engage us with the community around us. These events force us to move outside of our regular routines and remind the community that our church is present and ready to build relationships that make an impact. I hope that you will join us in serving on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to help build that relationship with the school system so that we can begin to make disciples for the next generation. There will be details soon on how you can sign up and be part of this great day in the life of our church.

Blessings,  
Matt



## Scout Sunday

We had a wonderful Scout Sunday last week! Sam Purnell, Benjamin Noyes, Owen Marler, Graham Fraley, Sam Williams, Sebastian Gallegos, Benjamin Noyes, Thad Butler, Beau Butler, Jackson Burghart, Kirk Purnell, London Koehn, Parker Koehn, and Eli Pedder each participated in leading our worship service. Thank you for showing your support for our Scouts!



## Palm Sunday

This Sunday, February 14, we will celebrate Palm Sunday. Our children will wave Palm Branches and sing a special song. Join us as we remember Jesus' journey into Jerusalem.

## Mission Trip!

This July, Pastor Trevor Smith and Pastor Matt Patrick will lead our church on a Mission Trip to Frakes, Kentucky. We will be working at Henderson Settlement, a United Methodist Mission, whose purpose is to meet the very basic human needs of people in southeast Kentucky and northeast Tennessee. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us as we help those in need. Stay tuned for more details!

For more information on Henderson Settlement, visit [www.hendersonsettlement.com](http://www.hendersonsettlement.com).

## Missions

### John Marshall Winter Sports Dinner - March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30

We have met with the school, and they are making some changes to ensure better attendance by the students. We are doing some things on our end to make it an even more meaningful event for the students and coaches. You can sign up on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> to serve at the Dinner on March 3. If you would like to be involved in the planning and preparation, please call Stephanie Henry 405-850-5518. We would love to have your help.

### Upcoming Mission Opportunities

We have many ways for you to serve. The Missions Committee is busy planning Saturdays of Service, a John Marshall Winter Sports Dinner, Mission Madness, a Mission Trip, and other ways to serve those in need.

## Nichols Thrills

Nichols Thrills begins Wednesday, February 17 with a Meal at 5:30 p.m. and two meaningful groups for adults. Sign up by calling the church office, 405-842-1486.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** is a nine-week class on faith and money. The price is \$99.

**Catch** is a four-week study that focuses on invitational evangelism. The price of the Devotional Book is \$7.50.

We hope you will consider being part of one of these exciting small groups in Lent.



## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Michell Williams

We are so happy to be fully staffed with wonderful new employees. We welcome Michell Williams as one of our new teachers.

Hi! My name is Michell. I am a new teacher in The Learning Center. I grew up in Oklahoma City with my family. My brother, Charles, Jr., and sister, Shelby, are very close to me. I attended Western Heights' public schools and then Francis Tuttle Technology Center for child care courses. There, I received my master teacher certificate. I am currently enrolled in Oklahoma City Community College. My major focus is nursing, and I hope to complete my studies at OU so that I may become a pediatric nurse. My favorite activity in my spare time is reading. I look forward to meeting you all.

## 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.

## Job Openings

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is currently seeking to fill the following positions:

Nursery Attendant to minister to small children. Sundays and Wednesdays. Part-time.

For more information, please contact Dr. Trevor Smith at 405-842-1486. Send resumes to [revtrevor@gmail.com](mailto:revtrevor@gmail.com) or 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

## Serving In Ministry

### February 14

The coffee host is Jackie Hall.

The flowers are given by Jackie Hall in loving memory of Bob Hall and sister D.J. Wise, also in honor of Bob and Jackie's anniversary.

The mission candle is lit by General Bill Bowden in memory of his first cousin Parnell Swink, Cold War Veteran, U.S. Marines, of West Palm Beach, Florida.

## Birthdays

- 02/12 Lucas Butler
- Carol Sue Manley
- 02/13 Gwen Griffin
- Ken McKinney
- Violet Robinson
- Hannah Story
- 02/14 Joanne Crosby
- 02/15 Nancy Flesher
- Bill Wells
- 02/16 Trent Saunders
- Laura Tirrell
- 02/17 Kellie Fischer
- 02/18 Jerry Jennings
- 02/19 Gloria Crownover
- Jennifer Klos
- 02/20 Gene Rainbolt
- 02/21 Becky Buchanan
- Doug Franklin
- Kathy Smith
- 02/24 Larry Johnson
- Kaleigh Slack
- Jean Warner

**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* - The Brew will begin a six week study on Adam Hamilton's book, *Love to Stay*. Teachers: Tim and Christie Baker. Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154

**KIVA Class:** *Meets in the Parlor* - Buzz McDaniel has invited Rev. Matt Patrick to speak on interfaith cooperation. Leaders: Buzz McDaniel and Linda Rosser McDaniel.

**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* - We are studying the thirty-five miracles of Jesus that are listed in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Our miracle for study this week will be "Delivering a Synagogue demoniac" (Mark 1: 23-28 & Luke 4:31-36). Our Lectionary Scripture: Luke 4: 1-13. Verse 4: Jesus replied: "It's written, People do not live by bread alone." Teacher: John Marshall.

**Roundtable Class:** *Meets in Room 124* - Leviticus 23:15-22 is the subject of our class study Sunday. This describes the Hebrew commandment known as the Feast of Weeks. It celebrates the harvest, during which bread, lambs, rams and/or beef are brought to the priests, and the people take time off from work. The author of the lesson stresses the importance of our interdependence on others and our responsibility to them. The tradition of leaving some of the harvest so gleaners can gather what is left is still practiced among Palestinian people today. Join us as Dr. Jerry Perryman leads our study. We express our sorrow and sympathy to Jerry in the loss of his sister. 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 the Bible together. Leader: Madison Chilless.

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**Dr. Trevor Smith**, Senior Pastor  
**Rev. Matt Patrick**, Student Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Delaney Sheffield**, Administrative Assistant  
**Michael Hall**, Maintenance/Custodian  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist

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