



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

The Final Week

³¹ Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³ After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.” ³⁴ But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. —*Luke 18:31-34*

Jesus spent most of his life in the northern part of the Holy Land in Galilee. He did most of his ministry there, but in Luke 9:51 Luke tells us, ⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. This is a turning point in Luke’s Gospel. The next ten chapters of Luke’s Gospel are about Jesus’ journey towards Jerusalem. This is important because Jesus knew that when he arrived in Jerusalem he would be crucified. Jesus could have avoided crucifixion by staying in Galilee. Jesus sets his face resolutely towards Jerusalem. He’s on a journey, and he’s a man who has three months to live. If you had three months to live what would you do with that time? What conversations would you have? Where would you go? What would you do?

On Sunday, our Scouts will lead us in worship, and we’re going to talk about what Jesus chooses to do with the last three months of his life. Luke lays this out for us in Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:27. Our message on Sunday will set up the rest of our sermon series on *The Final Week* of Jesus’ life.

I hope you will also make plans to join us for our Ash Wednesday service on February 10 at 6:00 p.m. as we begin the Lenten season. In this meaningful service, we will receive the imposition of ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads to remind us that Jesus has overcome death to offer us resurrection and eternal life.

Then, on the Sundays in Lent I want to invite you to join Jesus on a journey that will lead to a cross. We are going to walk with Jesus through the last week of his life. On February 14 we are going to celebrate Palm Sunday here at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. That usually happens at the very end of Lent. We’re going to celebrate it at the beginning of Lent because that’s how the last week of Jesus’ life begins. Our children will wave Palm Branches and sing a special song. We’ll remember the journey into Jerusalem. Then, every Sunday after that we’ll be talking about Holy Monday, then Holy Tuesday, then Holy Wednesday, followed by Maundy Thursday and Good Friday when he was crucified. We’ll be walking in his footsteps and trying to understand the answer to several questions. What kind of king is this? What kind of kingdom is he ushering in? What does he expect of his followers? Each week we are going to wrestle with these questions.

Nichols Thrills will begin again on Wednesday, February 17 with a Meal at 5:30 and two meaningful groups for adults. Mat 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

Sunday, February 7 -

Scout Sunday

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.

Monday, February 8

Oklahoma Art League at Noon.

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00.

Thursday, February 11

Staff Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Friday, February 12

30 Hour Famine at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 13

30 Hour Famine ends at 5:00 p.m.

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.

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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.

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

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 & 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.



The Final Week

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***.

February 7

He Must Go to Jerusalem

February 10

Ash Wednesday

February 14

Palm Sunday

February 21

Monday

February 28

Tuesday

March 6

Wednesday

March 13

Maundy Thursday

March 20

Good Friday

Catch



Matt Patrick

On Wednesday February 17th, Nichols Hills U.M.C. will begin our Nichols Thrills Wednesday night meal along with a variety of learning opportunities. I will be leading a four-week study called *Catch* that was developed by Debi Nixon and Adam Hamilton at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. It is a small group learning opportunity that will help us take a look at our church and discern how effective we are at being welcoming and hospitable to all those who come through our doors, especially guests. This program will also help us discern how our church is doing at being outwardly focused into the community. Lent is the best time to commit to something new that would help develop you as a disciple of Christ. We already have a great group signed up, and I hope you will prayerfully consider joining me for this great study as we learn how to live a lifestyle of evangelism as a community.

Blessings,
Matt

Missions Update

Angel Tree - Thank you to all who purchased gifts for the 35 foster children who are part of the ChildShare program of Circle of Care. We have received several very nice thank you notes from the foster parents and wanted to pass on some of their comments:

"Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts! Our family appreciates them so much!" "Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas you have provided for my children! You have no idea what a blessing this is." "Thank you so much for your donation for our children. It means so much to our family!"

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

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

Save the date – March 3rd at 6:30 will be the John Marshall Winter Sports Dinner. 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 February 14th. 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.



Thank you!

Thank you for all of your help with January's Saturday of Service! 23 people gathered and helped clean the kitchen, pantry, stage, classrooms, and the media room! We also want to thank our staff for coming and helping lead the way!

Stay tuned to find out what's planned for our February Saturday of Service!



Welcome!

We want to welcome Kelsey Lewis to our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family. She joined the church on Sunday, January 31. Welcome!

Nichols Thrills is Coming

Nichols Thrills will begin again on 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.

I hope you will consider being part of one of these exciting small group opportunities during Lent.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Latrishia Ibendahl We are so happy to be fully staffed with wonderful new employees. We welcome Latrishia Ibendahl as one of our new teachers. Hi! My name is Latrishia, but the children call me Trisha. I was born in Dallas but have lived in Oklahoma for the past 14 years. I have three children of my own: Joe (14 years), Twila (12 years), and Braeden (11 years). I enjoy spending time with them outdoors, playing board games and helping them with their extra-curricular activities. I have worked in child care for the past three years. I currently attend classes at Moore-Norman Technology Center to earn my Child Development Associate Certificate. This work is definitely a calling in my life. I feel it is very important to be a strong, dependable, and loving influence in the lives of children. I look forward to meeting you all.

Job Openings

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

Director of Children's Ministry to lead a dynamic children's ministry. Part-time.

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

For more information, please contact Dr. Trevor Smith at 405-842-1486, or visit our website at www.nicholshillsumc.org.

Send resumes to revtrevor@gmail.com or 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

Serving In Ministry February 7

The coffee hosts are Joe and Carole McClendon.

The flowers are given by Jane Harlow in honor of her grandson, Will Harlow, on his 18th birthday.

The mission candle is lit by General Bill Bowden in memory of his first cousin Bob Swink, Korean War Veteran, U.S. Marines, of Newport, Arkansas.

Birthdays

02/07	Virginia Brown
02/08	Steve Forster
02/09	Marty Smith
02/10	James MacKellar, Jr.
02/11	Ann Flesher
	Lillian Straughn
	Olivia Straughn
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

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 discuss an article called *What Would Cool Jesus Do?* Beginning on February 14, 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* - General Bill Bowden is bringing Laural Hall from Westminster Presbyterian Church for a Bible Study Lesson. 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* - Join our adult Bible study as we learn what the Bible teaches us about how to live out our faith in the world. Teacher: John Marshall.

Roundtable Class: *Meets in Room 124* - Exodus 12:1-14 tells the story of the Lord "passing over" the children of Hebrew households in Egypt, as all other first-born children are "struck down." Many of us find this image of God's actions difficult to justify with Christ's teaching of a loving God. The purpose of the writer of this lesson is "To claim the freedom God offers by remembering God's mighty acts in Scripture and in our lives." Surely God does act to provide us with freedom, although hopefully not at the expense of others. Join us as Dr. Jerry Perryman helps us sort this out. 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.

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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