

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Finding Hope on the Road

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. -*Luke 24:13-16*

It has been a great week for our church. We had a wonderful Easter Sunday. It was exciting to see the sanctuary full in both of our worship services. It always makes me feel good to hear the positive comments and compliments you share with me about the beautiful music, the meaningful message, and the overall impact of our worship services. If you were there, you know that we experienced the presence of our risen Lord as we worshiped together.

I want to thank Jennifer McGinnis for her hard work and leadership in organizing our Easter Brunch. We had more food than we could eat, and the Brunch gave us a great opportunity to fellowship and to give our guest a taste of our hospitality. Thank you to each of you who brought food and helped with the Brunch.

We also had a great Easter Egg Hunt for our children. It was fun to see how excited all of our children were to fill their baskets with eggs, and it was a little amusing to see the conundrum our children experienced when they realized that there were still plenty of eggs even after they had each filled their baskets. It reminded me of the abundant love Jesus offers us. Thank you to Madison Chilless, Monica Farquhar, Jessica Castoe, Kamil Gill, and our youth for all of your work on the Easter Egg Hunt.

I also want to thank Stephanie Henry, Helen Sullivan, and the fifty people who served at our second John Marshall High School Dinner. It was great to see 103 students join us for the dinner. The Fellowship Hall was packed with over 160 students, coaches, administrators, and members of our church. Each of the coaches recognized the members of their teams, and Brent Price gave a moving speech about how purpose, passion, and persistence are the keys to living a successful life. It was powerful to see the relationship our church is building with the John Marshall High School community.

I want to invite you to join us for worship on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we continue our **Finding Hope** sermon series by talking about **Finding Hope on the Road** and how Jesus is made known to us in the breaking of the bread when we gather around the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion. Invite someone you know to come with you. Have a blessed week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, April 3

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, April 4

Care Committee Meeting at 4:00  
Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 6

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
The Power of a Whisper at 5:30  
Financial Peace University at 5:30

#### Sunday, April 10

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Confirmation Sunday at 10:50  
Children's Ministry Meeting, 12:15  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 13

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
The Power of a Whisper at 5:30  
Financial Peace University at 5:30

#### Sunday, April 17

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Children's Choir Sings in Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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#### The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
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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 **April 3, 17, 24 and all of May.**

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 Ellie Roberts.

## Cares and Concerns

### Epworth Villa

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

### Town Village

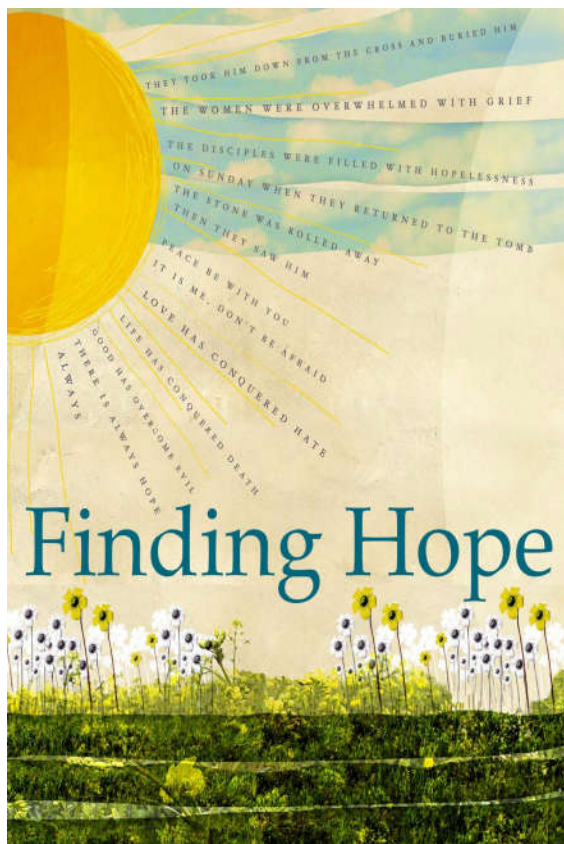
Joanna Garnett

### 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



## Where do you find hope?

When we encounter despair in our lives we long to find hope... hope for a better day... hope for new life... hope for the future...

This Easter we invite you to find hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join us as we find hope on Easter morning at the tomb, on Easter afternoon on the road to Emmaus, and on Easter evening with the disciples who gathered in Jerusalem. We'll discover how Jesus' resurrection continues to give us hope when we face death and despair.

Join us at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we find hope together.

**April 3** *Finding Hope on the Road*  
**April 10** *Helping Others Find Hope*  
**April 17** *Finding Hope in Resurrection*

## The Communicating God

On Wednesday at *Nichols Thrills* we began a 4-week study on Bill Hybels' book *The Power of a Whisper*. In the book, Hybels talks about how God is a communicating God. Many times, it feels as though God is silent or isn't speaking to us in a modern context, but nothing could be further from the truth.

God still speaks to us today. God still has new work for our community. However, hearing from God is usually not physically audible so it can be difficult to get away from distraction and listen to what Henri Nouwen calls "the heartbeat of God." That takes practice. It is something that we must learn to do.

Over the next three weeks, we will be learning together how we can hear from God and be in rhythm with God's call on our lives. I hope you will join us.

Blessings,  
Matt



Rev. Matt Patrick

## Children's Ministry

Wow! Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the Easter Sunday brunch, egg hunt, and decorations! There is no way we could have done any of this without the donations and hard work you all contributed. I can't wait for more events throughout the year to watch Nichols Hills U.M.C. come together and create such a wonderful environment for our children and families!

A few reminders for the upcoming weeks: This Sunday will be the last Sunday for kids to tell me the memory verse (Matthew 28:6). On Sunday, April 10th, we will have another Children's Ministry Team meeting at 12:15, and on Sunday, April 17 our children will sing in the 10:50 worship service

-Madison



Madison Chilless



# Easter 2016



## 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.

## Serving In Ministry

**March 27**

The flowers are given by General Bill Bowden in honor of Samantha Trammell, age 20 of Midwest City, a Junior at Oklahoma State University.

## Birthdays

- 04/03 Jim Buchanan  
Amy Margo
- 04/05 Maxine Permenter  
Avery Robinson
- 04/07 Jake Huchton
- 04/08 Mason Heflin  
Leigh Love
- 04/09 Calli Heflin  
Nell Johnson
- 04/10 Olivia Miller  
Jean Webber
- 04/11 Robert Sullivan
- 04/12 John McKee
- 04/13 Avery Smith  
Ed Stringer, Jr.
- 04/14 Carie Jones  
Alivia Rogers
- 04/15 Emily Ellis
- 04/16 Olivia Brien  
Delaney Sheffield

If your birthday isn't included in our list, please contact the church office (405-842-1486) to be added.

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



THE LEARNING CENTER



Denise Buthion

Last week we celebrated Holy Week with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Each family brought 12 stuffed eggs per child to be hidden. We recruited family members to hide the eggs for our children. There were three different areas to find eggs: the little playground, the big playground, and the tennis court area. It is amazing how quickly our children can find those eggs! It takes longer to coordinate the event than to find the eggs.

All of our TLC families received invitations to our Nichols Hills United Methodist Church Easter Services. Madison Chilless, Director of Children's Ministry, personally invited families at drop off time one morning. We encourage our families to participate in our Children's Chapel each week. Many of them drop in to observe the singing, dancing, praying, and bible stories our children are hearing. They tell us how much their children are enjoying their chapel time. Isn't that lovely to hear? This week we are continuing open enrollment to the community at large with limited spaces available for summer. It is also picture day on Thursday. All of this equals a very busy week. Come and join us.

-Denise



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Fun!



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

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in the Room 131* - The Brew is studying 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* - Linda Howell will introduce John Kenney who will speak on "American Grace" & Related Thoughts.  
Leaders: Ken and Linda Howell.

**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* - Our first scripture will be John 20: 1-18. Verse 2: "She (Mary Magdalene) ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one who Jesus loved, and said: "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." As a continuation of our study of the miracles of Jesus, we will read and discuss Matthew 12: 22, "healing a blind and mute demoniac."  
Teacher: John Marshall.

**Roundtable Class:** *Meets in Room 124* - The Roundtable Class is studying Luke 7:1-10. This is the story of a centurion in Capernaum who sent his soldiers to Jesus to ask that his servant be healed. Don't we have times when we ask for healing, problems solved, or ask for the healing of others? Through faith we can have confidence that better circumstances are possible. Jesus said to the crowd about the centurion, "I tell you, even in Israel I haven't found faith like this." Dr. Jerry Perryman is leading our discussion. 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.  
Leaders: Rev. Matt Patrick and Matt Eales.

**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.  
Children's Director: Madison Chilless.

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**Rev. Matt Patrick**, Student Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Madison Chilless**, Director of Children's Ministry  
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