

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Finding Hope in Resurrection

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." *John 11:20-27*

Most of us have prayed for someone we love who is facing death. We have prayed for someone who is fighting cancer or for someone who is facing a life-threatening medical emergency. Many of us have sat in a waiting room or the emergency room and prayed for a loved one while he or she was in surgery. And many of you have simply held the hand of someone you love who was dying at home or in the hospital or in the nursing home. In all of these moments we want to find hope, and so we pray for Jesus to come and make things better. That is exactly what Martha and Mary were praying for when their brother Lazarus became deathly sick.

Many times, Jesus answers these prayers through healing. Every time I go to visit someone in the hospital I pray for healing, and I believe in Jesus' power of healing. Healing was an important part of Jesus' ministry, and Jesus still offers us healing today. But how do we find hope when our prayers do not lead to healing and wellness? When we encounter death, we find hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in his promise that we too will inherit eternal life. On Sunday, we are going to talk about the way Jesus ministered to Martha and Mary when they were mourning the death of their brother, Lazarus, and how Jesus still offers us hope in resurrection in the face of death. I invite you to worship with us at 8:30 or 10:50 for this meaningful and life-changing message.

On Tuesday, Hank Bradley took me to a Rotary Club meeting. I enjoyed seeing many people from our church and the opportunity to hear Lance Humphreys speak about *Dreaming Big, Starting Small, and Building Deep*. I was also struck by a comment that one of the leaders of the Rotary Club made as he encouraged the members to invite new people to join the Rotary Club. He said, "New members are the lifeblood of our organization." I would certainly echo this sentiment when I think about our church.

On Confirmation Sunday it was a joy to welcome Jack Love, Luke Butler, Gracie Sanders, and Meg Miller as the newest members of our church. After completing sixteen weeks of confirmation classes, each of them committed to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. I know that God has given each of these young persons gifts to help build the kingdom of God, and I am looking forward to seeing the way that the Holy Spirit works through each of them to be a blessing to others.

I know you will want to be present in worship on each of the next two Sundays. On April 17, our Children's Choir will sing in the 10:50 worship service, and on April 24, we will be moving our worship services outside to engage our community and to encourage the runners in the Memorial Marathon. Have a great week, and I will see you at church.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

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.

Children's Ministry Meeting, 12:15

Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.

The Power of a Whisper at 5:30

Financial Peace University at 5:30

Sunday, April 24

Marathon Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Monday, April 25

Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30

Thursday, April 28

Kasey Yeargain Concert at 7:30

Sunday, May 1

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Best of Broadway at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3

Church Council Meeting at 5:30



Confirmants are bottom row from left to right: Luke Butler, Jack Love, Meg Miller, and Gracie Sanders

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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 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, Ellie Roberts, and Sally Stringer.

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

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

Town Village

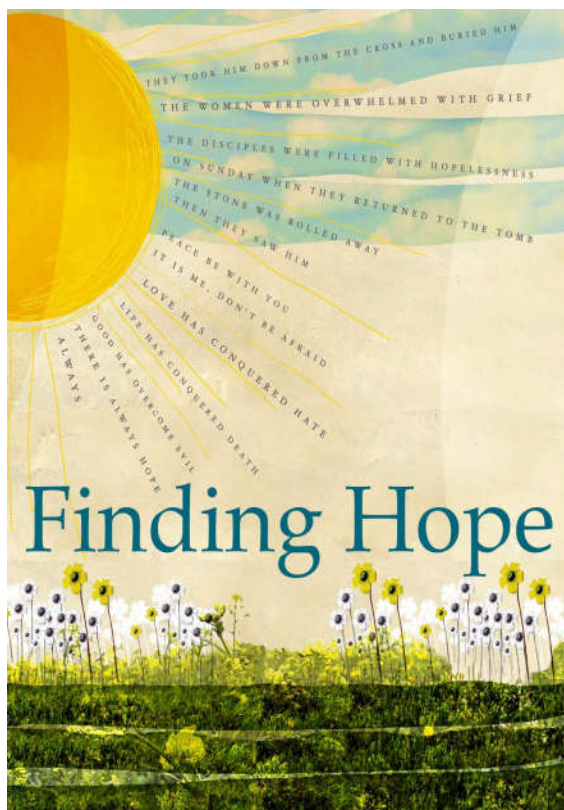
Joanna Garnett

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 will 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 17 *Finding Hope in Resurrection*

Practice, Practice, Practice



Rev. Matt Patrick

If you've ever participated or played in any sort of organized sports team, you have probably heard a coach or volunteer mutter the phrase "practice, practice, practice," many times. But, it isn't just a fun little saying. The reason it is such a common saying is because it is rooted in deep truth. If you wish to be good at anything, sport related or not, practice is a key part of developing talent. All of the great athletes were great because they combined their immense talent with an immense work ethic.

However, have we ever thought about this principle in our discipleship walk? Have we ever considered that it requires practice in order to commune with God more fully? It has been my experience that I have had to practice my discipleship and practice listening to God on a more regular basis, and the more I practice, the easier it becomes to see the places in my life in which God is working. However, when my disciplines fall out of order or I get out of my prayer rhythm, I find that it is the same as if I'd stopped training in a sport. It gets harder to see God's work in my life. So, when it comes to listening to God and seeing God's guidance in your life, it's always good to practice, practice, practice.

-Matt

Children's Ministry

During Sunday school on April 17th, Michael Wylder will be coming in to help the children practice their song before they perform it at the 10:50 service! We would love for you and your children to be a part of this!

After church at 12:15, we will be having a Children's Ministry Committee meeting. Food will be provided.

The memory verse for this month is Psalm 150:6 which says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." The kids have until Sunday, May 1st to memorize the verse and get a prize from the treasure box!



Madison Chilless

-Madison

Marathon Sunday

April 24 is Marathon Sunday. This year we are moving our worship services outside at their usual times at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. We will gather in the green space to the west of our parking lot. Michael Wylder has invited a Steel Drum Band to perform with our Chancel Choir and lead our music that day.

We will have a golf cart to assist anyone who may need a ride from the parking lot to the place we are gathering. There will be bounce houses, face painting, and other fun things for children. During the Sunday school hour we will encourage the runners. We want everyone to know that our church loves to reach out to our community and encourage people.

Plan to bring a lawn chair and to dress casually. Please let us know if you have a canopy tent we could use or if you would like to bring a breakfast dish to share.

If you have an idea for Marathon Sunday, or if you would like to assist in the preparations, please contact Trevor Smith at revtrevor@gmail.com or Matt Patrick at mpatrick@nicholshillsumc.org. Trevor and Matt can also be reached at the church at 405-842-1486.

The intersection of 63rd and Grand Avenue will be closed from 7:18 a.m. until noon. The intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue will be closed from 6:44 until 9:20 a.m. We hope you will invite someone you know to join us for a memorable Marathon Sunday.



Save the date!

**The Best of Broadway fundraiser for the Music Ministry
Sunday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Nichols Hills U.M.C. Music Ministry will present *The Best of Broadway*, a musical review of Broadway's hit choruses and solos. This elegant evening of dinner, music, fellowship, and fun will help to raise funds for our music ministry and scholarship students. The cost is \$50 per person or you can sponsor a table.

Encore Table Sponsors: \$1000

Receive 8 tickets for dinner, show, and table name recognition.

Ovation Table Sponsors: \$500

Receive 8 tickets for dinner, show, and table name recognition.

This is an event that you won't want to miss! Your check is your R.S.V.P. so be sure to save the date!

Tidbits from The Learning Center

Each year our national organization, NAEYC, focuses on the need for quality child care in every community in our country. During this week we will celebrate our families, children, teachers, church, and the joy of being a child. Some of the activities that we have planned include:

Monday - Hat day (*hats off to you as parents for bringing your little one to T.L.C.*)

Tuesday - Moon Bounce and Stephen Fite Concert (*Jaguars and Cheetahs go to concert*)

Wednesday - Spirit Day (*wear T.L.C. shirt*)

Thursday - Kooky dress day (*mismatch clothes and socks, backwards shirts*)

Friday - Messy play day (*wear clothing that can get dirty/messy for sensory play*)

We are very grateful to Don Batson and The Circle of Care for lending us their van for our field trip. Thank you for making our field trip a success!

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

April 17

The coffee host is Sharon Ives.

The mission candle is lit by Rosemary Scalpone in memory of her son, Jonathan Winston Walbert, Jr.

The flowers are given by Jean Warner in honor and appreciation of Jim Meyerson.

Birthdays

- 04/15 Emily Ellis
- 04/16 Olivia Brien
Delaney Sheffield
- 04/18 Thad Butler
Raymond Greene
- 04/19 Debbie McKinney
- 04/20 Alan Chase
Carter Cloud
Louis Fraley
Griffin Jones
Jim Jones
- 04/21 Bernadene Moore
- 04/22 Claire Fraley
- 04/26 Kery Mueller
- 04/29 Raevyn Allen
Marty Margo
- 04/30 Colin Anderson

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

The Learning Center

Jaguars and Cheetahs enjoy the Moon Bounce and get ready to go to the Stephen Fite Concert!



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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* - Bill Bowden has invited Debbie Hampton to speak about the United Way.
Leaders: Buzz 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 us as we learn about the Bible through verses and songs. Teacher: John Marshall.

Roundtable Class: *Meets in Room 124* - Luke 8:26-39 describes Jesus and his disciples crossing to the east side of the Sea of Galilee and finding a man possessed of demons. Jesus sent the demons out of the man and restored him to wholeness of mind. This lesson reminds us that when we commit ourselves to Christ we can become whole in mind, body, and spirit. Dr. Jerry Perryman is leading our discussion. Join us.
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.

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

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