

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## It's All About Relationships

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. *-Jeremiah 31:31, 33b-34*

Life is about relationships. It is about our relationships with our friends, our parents, our children, our mentors, our co-workers, our classmates, and our God. These relationships have the potential to change our lives for the good or the bad. For the next five weeks, we are going to talk about the way we can nourish these **Life-changing Relationships**.

One of the most interesting things about our Christian faith is the belief that God desires to have a relationship with you. We believe that it is possible for us to know God and for God to know us. I have even heard people say that Christianity is not so much a religion as it is a relationship with God. I hope you will plan to join us on Sunday morning as we begin a new sermon series on **Life-changing Relationships** and discuss the ways we can live in right relationships with God.

I would also like to invite you to join us for four very special worship services in May.

On May 8, we will honor the women in our church as part of our Mother's Day Celebration.

On May 15, we will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church.

On May 22, we will honor our graduating seniors and hear their plans for the future.

On May 29, we will observe Memorial Sunday and remember our loved ones who have died in the last year. I look forward to worshipping with you in May.

I want to thank each of you who helped us have a great Marathon Sunday. We really made a positive impression on all of the runners. I know they appreciated the encouragement we gave them through our cheers, our waving hands, and our beautiful singing. I was so proud of the way we brought Good News to our community.

You may have noticed that we were on the front page of the *OKC Friday* newspaper, and *Channel 4* did a great report on our church on the 5:00 news on Sunday evening. As we discussed on Sunday, our mission field is outside the walls of our church, and every day each one of us has the opportunity to share Good News with the people in our lives. Together, we can continue to make Good News in our community. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

## Ministry Calendar

### Sunday, May 1

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 p.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.  
Best of Broadway at 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, May 2

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 3

Church Council Meeting at 5:30

### Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day - We will honor all of the women in our church in worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 p.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

### Monday, May 9

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

### Pentecost Sunday, May 15

Pentecost Birthday Celebration in Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

### Sunday, May 22

Honoring Our Graduates in Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

### Memorial Sunday, May 29

Memorial Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

### Friday and Saturday, June 10-11

Mission Madness

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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 **May 8, and all of June.** 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

## Life-changing Relationships



## It's all about relationships.

In this series of sermons, we'll explore what the Bible teaches us about the most important relationships in our lives. We'll consider how we can cultivate and maintain friendships, what it takes to raise children while loving our parents, what it means to love your neighbor in the workplace, and some keys to growing in a personal relationship with God.

Join us for this meaningful series on *Life-changing Relationships*.

**May 1** *The Most Important Relationship*

**May 8** *Children & Parents*

**May 15** *A Real Friend*

**May 22** *Workplace Relationships*

**May 29** *The Difference a Mentor Makes*



## The Best of Broadway Music Ministry Fundraiser

**Sunday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

The Music Ministry of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church presents *The Best of Broadway*, a musical review of Broadway's hit choruses and solos. This elegant evening of dinner, music, fellowship, and fun will raise funds for our music ministry and scholarship students.

You can sponsor a table, which includes 8 tickets for dinner, 8 tickets to *The Best of Broadway* show, and table name recognition, or you can purchase individual tickets.

Encore Table Sponsorships are \$1000.

Ovation Table Sponsorships are \$500.

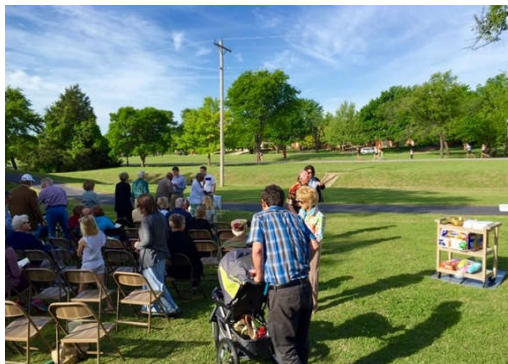
Individual tickets are \$50 per person.

To reserve your seat, call the church, 405-842-1486.



## Marathon Sunday

We had a wonderful Marathon Sunday! Thank you to all who helped make this day memorable!





## Tidbits from The Learning Center

Fridays are slow down days as we head into the weekend. Nothing is more relaxing than petting a gorgeous labradour - mix therapy dog. One of our grandmothers brought Jake, the therapy dog, to visit our little ones last week. Even the staff enjoyed his time with us. Taking time to slow down and enjoy the simple things is so important for us all.

On another day some children were riding in the buggy up and down the hall. They stopped to enjoy the view of the roses in our courtyard with such lovely colors of red and pink. We snipped off a small bloom and let each child take a whiff. So simple yet so sweet. We are grateful for the hard work of Alfred Walker and his commitment to our flower beds.

Monday through Friday our little ones look out into the courtyard and we talk about the bunny eating the blooms or the squirrels digging up nuts that are hidden. We see red cardinals and blue birds, too. It is certainly a blessing for TLC to have such a lovely spot in our church. Children are great at reminding us to pay attention to the little things.



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-Denise



# Reflections from Marathon Sunday



Rev. Matt Patrick

Over the past few days, I have been reflecting on what we accomplished as a church on Marathon Sunday. We gathered together outside and worshipped God with our greater community. It was such a blessing to see our church do something so radically different from what we have done in the past. Instead of complaining about the inconvenience of street closures and other obstacles, we decided to head outside and enrich the marathon experience by cheering on the runners and remembering the tragedy of the Oklahoma City bombing.

It was such a cool experience to watch the runners go by and have our congregation waving and cheering them on during worship. Marathon Sunday was one of my favorite experiences from my time in ministry. I hope that our church continues to branch out and try new things. You never know what blessings we might pour out on the community when we let go of what is comfortable and try something new. Thank you to all who helped make it possible.

- Matt

## Children's Ministry

Thank you to everyone who could make it to our Memorial Sunday! We had so much fun spending our morning outside jumping, face painting, cheering on the racers, and praising God for the beautiful day He gave us!

This Sunday we'll hope to continue that fun by doing a great craft! This will be our last Sunday for Psalm 150:6. as our memory verse which says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Michael Wylder will be helping us learn our new song during Sunday school that we will sing at the 10:50 service on Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8.

Hope to see you all at church Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

## Manage Your Giving Online

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy, secure, and allows you to either make a one-time gift, or set up automatic recurring contributions. You can view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

Visit the church website at [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org),

Click on the *Make A Donation* button,

Click on the *Create Profile* button, then follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your contributions.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Glass in the church office, 405-842-1486. She would be happy to help you get started with our new online giving option.

NOTE: If you currently have a monthly automatic contribution to the church it will not change. If you want to make a change to it or would prefer to use this new option for your giving, please contact Louise Glass in the church office.

## 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

### May 1

The chancel flowers are given by Lindsay Ocker in memory of Will Rogers.

The mission candle is lit by Lindsay Ocker.

The coffee host is Lindsay Ocker.

## Birthdays

- 05/01 Christie Baker  
Alice Pippin
- 05/02 Kristen Robinson
- 05/03 Nathan Hilger  
DeDe Maxwell
- 05/04 Myrla Pierson
- 05/06 Mary McLain  
Rosemary Stafford
- 05/07 Jennifer McGinnis
- 05/08 Jacob Ellis  
Kathleen Ellis
- 05/10 Norma Baker
- 05/13 Roger Etling
- 05/17 Rosemarie Chase  
Rachel Huchton
- 05/18 Warren Henry  
Charlotte Smith
- 05/20 Dudley Hyde
- 05/21 Jeff Cloud
- 05/23 Jerry Richardson  
Trevor Smith
- 05/24 Michael Wylder
- 05/29 Rob Saunders

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

# save the date

## Save the Date!

Alfred Walker and his fiancée, Della, are getting married and everyone is invited! The wedding will be June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lew and Jennifer and McGinnis, 2550 East Overholser Drive. Be sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful occasion! More information to come! Congratulations, Alfred and Della!

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

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in the Room 131* - The Brew is beginning a new study in May. Teachers: Tim and Christie Baker. Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154.

**KIVA Class:** *Meets in the Parlor* - Allen Evans will speak on “Guns, Guns, and More Guns-A Legal, Cultural and Political Look at the 2nd Amendment. 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* - We are studying Acts, which chronicles the first 30 years and the “Followers of the Way of Jesus” after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul is converted to a “follower” on the road to Damascus by the voice of Jesus who asks Paul, “Paul, why do you persecute me.” Paul, both a Roman citizen and a Jew, becomes a missionary leader who mainly works on converting gentiles to Christianity. During his ministry at Antioch, the name, “Christians” evolved from the prior name, “Followers of the Way.” Our scriptures this week are Acts 11:1-18 and Acts 16:9-15. Teacher: John Marshall.

**Roundtable Class:** *Meets in Room 124* - Luke 17:1-10 includes this: “Watch yourselves! If your brother or sister sins, warn them to stop. If they change their hearts and live, forgive them.” We know that we do and say things we knew were wrong before we did them. By faith we can improve our conduct, overcome bad habits and addictions, and be an example for others. These verses teach us to not only strengthen our own faith, but help others strengthen theirs. Join Dr. Jerry Perryman as he leads 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 Chillless.

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**Dr. Trevor Smith**, Senior Pastor  
**Rev. Matt Patrick**, Student Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Madison Chillless**, Director of Children’s Ministry  
**Delaney Sheffield**, Administrative Assistant  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist

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