

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### In Spite of Our Doubts

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no

other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.” <sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. <sup>14</sup> When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

—Acts 4:8-14

In their 2007 book *unchristian* David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons outlined the research of the Barna Group with hundreds of young adults who were outside the Christian faith. They found that more young adults are turning away from Christianity than in years past. They focused on understanding the perceptions non-Christian young adults have of Christians. Their research found the following:

- 87% felt that Christians were judgmental.
- 85% felt that Christians were hypocritical.
- 75% felt that Christians were too political.
- 70% thought Christians were insensitive.

How do we overcome these negative perceptions? I believe that young adults are looking for something that is authentic. They are looking for a church that doesn't just talk the talk. They want to be part of a church that actually walks the walk.

On Sunday we will conclude our *Dealing with Doubt* sermon series by talking about how we can lead people to faith through both our words and our actions as we connect to ministry by serving. Our message will focus on the story in Acts 3-4 about how Peter and John were thrown in jail for healing a crippled man. The interesting thing about this story is that Peter and John not only offered the crippled man healing in the name of Jesus Christ. They also shared the Good News about Jesus with their words. From their example of ministry we learn the truth that while actions speak louder than word, words help us explain our actions.

Robert Schuller once said, “Find a need and fill it. Find a hurt and heal it.” I really believe that God can use our church to offer hope and healing to hurting people in our community. It has become so evident that we have a real heart to serve people through our giving, our words, and our actions. I want to invite you to be praying about the opportunities God is giving us to make a Christian difference in our community and our world.

I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you to worship this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. We will bless The Learning Center teachers as well as the students in our Choir who will be graduating this month. It is going to be an exciting Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor Smith

### Upcoming Events

#### Thursday, April 30

Open Bible Study at Noon  
GriefShare at 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 2

Church Clean-Up Day at 9:00

#### Sunday, May 3-TLC Sunday

Communion in both services  
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, May 6

B.I.G. Kids at 3:30 p.m.  
Choir Practice at 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 7

Open Bible Study at Noon  
GriefShare at 6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 10

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.

**We have added two more picture days! Be sure to sign up on Sunday or by calling the church office.**

Sunday, May 10 and  
Sunday, May 17

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The Learning Center (T.L.C.):

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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# DEALING WITH DOUBT

**How do I overcome my doubts?  
How do I help my friends find faith?  
How do I deal with people who question my faith?**

We all struggle with doubt. Many people believe that doubt is the opposite of faith, but what would happen if you learned to deal with doubt in a new way?

We will share a series of messages that will help you learn how to deal with doubt. Together, we will discover that our doubts often challenge us to grow in our faith. Whether you are a long-time Christian or simply curious about the Christian faith, you are invited to join us for this powerful series on *Dealing with Doubt*.

**May 3 - In Spite of Our Doubts**

## 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 and direct people to the restrooms or to the children's nursery area as necessary. If this seems like an opportunity you would enjoy, please see Alfred Walker for more details.

## Church Clean Up Day

SPRING IS A NEW BEGINNING!

We need your help! During a recent inspection day at the church, the Trustees found stuff in every nook and cranny. It became clear that we needed a vision for our space in line with the mission and purpose of the church. However, we first need to be able to see the space!

Many of you have the background from your years of experience in specific areas of the church. We need volunteer leaders for those specific areas including the library, kitchen, children's area, stage, music, youth, media, etcetera to direct other volunteers as to what is thrown out, what is sold, and what stays in its own specific place. Leaders with knowledge will not have to do any heavy lifting, so don't worry about that. We will be following the "5S" workplace organization method (Sort, Systematic Organization, Shine, Standardize, Sustain) to assist us in organizing our space for efficiency and effectiveness. In particular, we will be placing red tags on items that don't seem to belong and placing these red-tagged items in a common area for review by any and all interested parties prior to final disposition.

If several of us volunteer, this will not take long. We need both brains and muscles. Please call Delaney at the church if you can help all or part on Saturday.

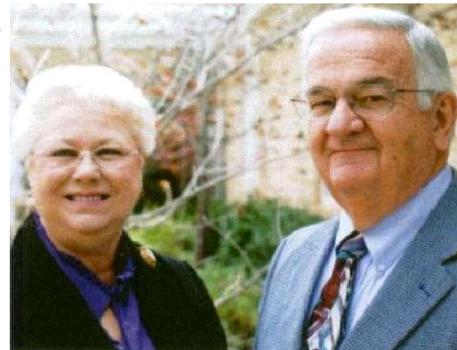
Thanks.

Matt Eales, Chairman of the Trustees

## Jerry and Charlette Perryman

Charlette and Jerry Perryman were married July 1, 1960. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Jerry obtained his Local Pastor's license when he was 16 years old and later pastored several churches with his last appointment being Broken Arrow First United Methodist Church in the Tulsa District. He was also a District Superintendent for 6 years, and worked in the Conference Office for 11 years.



In 1991 when Jerry was appointed as the United Methodist Conference Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant to the Bishop, etc. Charlette had the privilege of deciding on their local church for the first time. Lester and Mattie Meyers had just retired and Mattie kept inviting Charlette to visit the Nichols Hills United Methodist Women's events. At the time, they were visiting many United Methodist churches in the area but the People at NHUMC were very welcoming and kind. The traditional worship was to their liking.

As a United Methodist pastor, Jerry's membership is in the Oklahoma Annual Conference. Charlette joined the church in March of 1992.

Since that time Charlette has served on many committees and volunteered in many ways. Charlette said, "I feel my time in Disciple Bible Study, both as a student and a leader, has been a highlight in my Christian journey. I cherish my time and friends from the KIVA class, and Jerry has taught the Roundtable class for many years, which he enjoys so much."

"We feel at home at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church!"

# Children's Church Camps

## 1st and 2nd Graders

### ***Sonshine Camp***

Early elementary campers enjoy a taste of hiking, swimming, crafts and active learning in small groups under the caring and watchful eye of shepherds and leaders.

Location — Canyon Camp near Hinton, Oklahoma

When — Saturday, June 13 to Sunday, June 14

Cost — \$60 before May 30 for Campers; \$37 for Adults  
\$70 after May 30 for Camper; \$47 for Adults

When — Saturday, July 11 to Sunday, July 12

Cost — \$60 before June 27 for Campers; \$37 for Adults  
\$70 after June 27 for Camper; \$47 for Adults

## 3rd through 5th Graders

### ***Growin' In Grace Camp***

Older elementary campers have the opportunity to experience God's love in God's beautiful creation over this three day, two night camp.

Location — Canyon Camp near Hinton, Oklahoma

When — Monday, June 8 to Wednesday, June 10

Cost — \$175 before May 25 for Campers; \$37 for Adults  
\$70 after May 25 for Camper; \$47 for Adults

When — Friday, July 10 to Sunday, July 12

Cost — \$175 before June 26 for Campers; \$37 for Adults  
\$70 after June 26 for Camper; \$47 for Adults

When — Monday, July 13 to Wednesday, July 15

Cost — \$175 before June 29 for Campers; \$37 for Adults  
\$70 after June 29 for Camper; \$47 for Adults

When — Wednesday, July 15 to Friday, July 17

Cost — \$175 before July 1 for Campers; \$37 for Adults  
\$70 after July 1 for Camper; \$47 for Adults



## **Coffee Hosts**

Coffee hosts provide 8-9 dozen cookies, store bought or homemade. 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 10, 17 and 31**. To volunteer, sign-up by the church office on the bulletin board.

## **Chancel Choir**

Come explore worship through music! Join the choir each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

## **Small Groups**

### **Sunday School classes, 9:45 a.m.**

Our classes are called the Brew, KIVA, Open Circle, Roundtable, Reveille, Youth, and Children. We hope you will participate in our classes! Descriptions of each class are located on the back page.

## **Youth Group**

### **Sundays at 5:00 p.m.**

Our middle school and senior high students gather for a fun time of food, fellowship, and a meaningful lesson that will help you grow in your faith.

Leaders: Matt Eales, Jake Tatarian and Dr. Trevor Smith

## **B.I.G. Kids**

### **Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.**

1st-4th grade students have snacks, share joys and concerns, learn Bible verses and other Bible-based material, and do homework.

Leader: Rev. Pam Cottrill

## **Open Bible Study**

### **Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.**

Join us as we learn what the Bible teaches us about how to live out our faith in the world.

Teacher: Jack High

## **GriefShare**

### **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**

Weekly seminar and support group for people grieving the death of someone close to them.

Leaders: Don and Lynn Batson.

## Cares and Concerns

### Epworth Villa

Bill and Katie Alexander,

Joanne Crosby

### Town Village

Joanna Garnett

### At Home

Barney and Virginia Brown,

Roger Etling, Beth & Dale Jordan,

Frances Lewis, Joye McLain

David Mueller, Barbara Sullivan,

and Gene Wheeler

## Chancel Flower

### Sponsorships Available

July 26, August 23 and August 30 are available for flower sponsorship.

Reserve your special dates now to honor or remember loved ones.

The cost to sponsor chancel flowers is \$70.50 for two arrangements per Sunday. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

## Mission Candle

### Sponsorships Available

May 10, June 7, 14 and 28 are available for mission candle sponsorship. Sponsorships of \$25 per Sunday for the mission candle help support our missionary, Rev. Meri Whitaker. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

## April/May Birthdays

04/21 Bernadene Moore

04/22 Claire Fraley

04/26 Kery Mueller

05/01 Christie Baker

Alice Pippin

05/02 Kristen Robinson

05/03 Nathan Hilger

DeDe Maxwell

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

05/18 Charlotte Smith

# Youth Church Camps

## 7th Graders through Graduates

### *Youth Force, Oklahoma City*

An active, hands-on experience, Youth Force is Oklahoma's premier mission event for teens.

When — Sunday, June 7 to Friday, June 12

Cost — \$200

Location — Oklahoma City University

### *North OKC and South OKC District Camp*

Through worship, small groups, and fun activities, campers will have the opportunity to grow in their faith!

When — Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10

Cost — \$260 before June 5; \$280 before June 18

Location — Canyon Camp near Hinton, Oklahoma

## 6th Graders

### *T'Weens Discover 6th Grade Camp*

This camp is designed to help 6th graders explore the concept that God is always with us while experiencing God's great creation.

When — Monday, June 8 to Friday, June 12

Cost — \$259 before May 22; \$279 after May 25

Location — Canyon Camp near Hinton, OK

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This camp is designed to help 6th graders explore the concept that God is always with us while experiencing God's great creation.

When — Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17

Cost — \$259 before June 26; \$279 after June 29

Location — Canyon Camp near Hinton, Oklahoma

## 6th Graders through 8th Graders

### *Journey Camp*

This camp will seek to journey with students, and is designed to encourage them to make the next step along a discipleship journey in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

When — Wednesday, June 3 to Sunday, June 7

Cost — \$249 for Camper; \$325 for Leaders

Location — Camp Egan near Tahlequah, Oklahoma

### *JEM Camp (Leadership Camp)*

The goal of this camp is to develop leadership skills that can be used immediately.

When — Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19

Cost — \$305 before May 29; \$325 after June 1.

Location — Canyon Camp near Hinton, Oklahoma

## High School — Freshmen through Graduating Seniors

### *Dayspring South*

This camp is designed to take full advantage of the growing awareness and sensibility of high school students as they consider what it means to follow Jesus Christ in everyday life at school, work and home.

When — Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17

Cost — \$250

Location — Cross Point Camp near Kingston, Oklahoma

### *CYME Camp (Leadership Camp)*

This camp is a leadership training camp with non-stop intensity and excitement, pushing youth to the limits of Christian community, leadership skills, discipleship, peer ministry and hearing their call in Christ.

When — Monday, July 27 to Friday, July 31

Cost — \$340

Location — Cross Point Camp near Kingston, Oklahoma

## Welcome Matthew Patrick

Matthew Patrick is being appointed to serve in a part-time position at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church beginning on June 1. Matthew has been named a Saint Paul School of Theology Fellow. In his role at our church, he will serve as a part-time student local pastor. He will work primarily with our youth ministry and will have additional duties. Below you will find Matt's biographical information.



CYME Camp in 2008. That experience started me down the road that led to my call. I was heavily involved in leadership in my youth group and began seeking the authentic Jesus and what he was calling me to do. When I was a senior in high school in 2010 I felt a call to ordained ministry in my driveway after a late holiday shift at the Best Buy where I worked. My parents affirmed that call on my life along with my pastor, Rev. Ray Crawford, and other mentors.

My name is Matthew Patrick and I am extremely excited to become a part of what is going on at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. My journey of faith started in Claremore, Oklahoma, where I grew up. My family was always very involved in the life of First United Methodist Church in Claremore. From an early age, I was always very interested in the nature of God and how God was interacting with the world.

Some of my most formative experiences occurred in the youth ministry at Claremore FUMC. Those experiences have given me a great passion for youth ministry. The first time I recognized that God was calling me to something was an experience that I had at

In response to my call, I applied to the Wimberly School of Religion at Oklahoma City University. I received a scholarship and was able to attend. I looked for a place to plug in and do ministry while I was pursuing my undergraduate degree, which I will finish in May of 2015. I was hired at Acts 2 United Methodist Church in Edmond where I have been on Staff in the Youth Department since August of 2011. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time there, and I'm excited to bring my experience to Nichols Hills as one of your pastors. Some of my hobbies include friends, basketball, and decompressing with a good video game.

## Tidbits from The Learning Center

This week The Learning Center is working on Mother's Day art projects. All of our children will participate in the creation of a special memento for their mothers. *Unpluggits* from Edmond will be facilitating the special activity. We know our mothers will enjoy the gift for years to come. On Wednesday, April 29, we will have a special presentation from the music portion of our program in the Fellowship Hall. Munchkin Music has provided our children with wonderful activities to instill the love and beginning



knowledge about music. "Show and Sing" will demonstrate their growth this year. They have worked with musical instruments such as maracas, tambourines, drums, etc. The children have learned about rhythm, timbre, and a lot of other key concepts. The first performance begins at 10:00 a.m. You are all welcome to join the fun and be entertained by our lovely children. Clifford the big red dog came by our book fair last week and visited the little people. We had a great response to his visit and the book fair.

05/20 Dudley Hyde  
05/21 Jeff Cloud  
05/23 Jerry Richardson  
Trevor Smith  
05/24 Michael Wylder  
05/28 Vivian Gross  
05/29 Rob Saunders

### Serving In Ministry May 3

Coffee Hosts

The T.L.C. Management Team

The mission candle is lit by M. John and Mattie Capp.

The chancel flowers are given by Mary Bentley in memory of her husband, John W. Bentley and her son, John M. Bentley.

### The Global Leadership Summit

I want to invite you to consider an exciting opportunity to grow as a leader and to help us consider some of the ways the Holy Spirit is calling our church to grow in its ministries. The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day event that is broadcast live in HD from the campus of Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago to more than 375 locations in North America.

On Thursday and Friday, August 6-7, I am planning on attending the Summit at Crossings Community Church here in Oklahoma City, and wanted to invite you to consider attending with him so that we can be in conversation about some of the possibilities for ministry our church and our community. Please let us know if you are interested in learning more.

The speakers for this year's Summit include Bill Hybels, Jim Collins, Craig Groeschel, Sallie Krawcheck, Adam Grant, Liz Wiseman, Brian Houston, Ed Catmull, Sam Adeyemi, Sheila Heen, Albert Tate, Dr. Brene Brown, and Horst Schulze.

For more information, visit:  
[www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/](http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/)

-Trevor Smith

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## Adult Sunday Class News

**The Brew Class:** (*Meets in the Adult Bible Class room*) - *Bringing the Bible Into Today's World* - Looking for a class that combines today's world with the history of the Bible? Come join us for open discussion on how the teachings of the bible influence our lives in today's world.

**Making Sense of the Bible - Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today:** Written by Adam Hamilton. This book is our guide for discussion on topics that are biblically based and how they can be related to our lives in today's world. Come join us and "percolate" your thoughts in an open and engaging discussion. Teachers, Tim and Christie Baker. Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154.

**KIVA Class:** (*Meets in the Parlor*) - George Malone has invited Fred Evans to speak on an "Outreach Program in Africa".  
Leaders, Ken and Linda Howell.

**Open Circle Class:** (*Meets in the Archives room*) - The Open Circle Class will continue their study from last week on the missionary work of the Disciples and Paul in promoting the growth of the "Followers of the Way" after Jesus ascended. They came to be known as "Christians" when Paul was ministering at Antioch in Syria. The first 12 chapters of Acts deal primarily with the "tell the Jesus Story" by Peter and Barnabas while the last 16 chapters focus more on the specific work of Paul. How do we relate that same story in today's world? Teacher, John Marshall.

**Roundtable Class:** (*Meets across from the Parlor*) - The Roundtable Class study this Sunday is "Coworkers With The Truth." If there was ever a timely lesson this must be it. Truthfulness seems almost lost in our society, from government to education and on. 3 John addresses this problem and includes this statement, "Therefore, we ought to help people like this so that we can be coworkers with the truth." Teacher, Dr. Jerry Perryman.

**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.

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**Dr. Trevor Smith**, Senior Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Delaney Sheffield**, Administrative Assistant  
**Alfred Walker**, Sunday Host  
**Denise Buthion**, Director, The Learning Center

**Rev. Pam Cottrill**, Associate Pastor  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist  
**Antonio McCarroll**, Custodian  
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