



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

The #1 Way to Share Your Faith

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may

share in its blessings. -*I Corinthians 9:19-23*

What leads a man to travel thousands of miles by sea and by land and to be beaten, imprisoned, and ultimately beheaded for his faith? It was a call from God... a call to follow Jesus Christ... a call to turn the world upside down. The Apostle Paul was a man second only to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith. He was passionate about sharing the love and grace of Jesus Christ with all kinds of people. When you study his life you begin to see that almost everything he did was motivated by Jesus' teaching to love God with all of your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself. Paul truly loved God, and he loved people enough to take the risk to offer them the Good News about Jesus Christ. He was willing to do almost anything to reach out to people to help each person understand that he or she is a beloved child of God.

One of the things I find most fascinating is that Paul's motivation came not from a desire to simply grow the churches he planted; his motivation came from his concern and love for people who were caught in sin and needed to experience the grace, forgiveness, love, and salvation of Jesus Christ. As Paul put it, "I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings." I would encourage you to reflect on the blessings we offer to others and receive ourselves when we help the people we know come to faith in Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, we are going to take a closer look at how the Apostle Paul went about sharing his faith. We'll examine his evangelistic methods and strategies and discuss some of the attitudes that are necessary for us to be effective in sharing our faith in Jesus Christ in a way that can be received by our neighbors, classmates, friends, and family members. We will also discuss some of the attempts at evangelism that can be a huge turn-off to us and to others.

I hope you will take the risk of inviting someone you know to come with you to worship this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. We will also bless our graduating seniors and hear their future plans. It will be a Sunday filled with blessings that you will not want to miss. May God bless you this week.

Blessings,
Trevor Smith

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 14

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

Sunday, May 17

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 20

B.I.G. Kids at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 24

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.

There is one more picture day left! You can sign up on Sunday or by calling the church office.

Sunday, May 17
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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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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Sharing your faith is risky. Pointing people to Christ has always and will always be risky business, but the single greatest gift you can give another person is an introduction to the God who loves them. Join us as we learn how to take the **Risk** to share our faith and change someone's life forever.

Join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings for the **Risk** sermon series.

May 17 *The #1 Way to Share Your Faith*
May 24 *God Can Use You*

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 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.

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 **June 7, 14, 21, and 28**. To volunteer, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Skyline Urban Ministry's Clothes 4 Kids

It's that time of year again! As we wind down on another school year, it's time to gear up for school uniforms for August. Families are able to come to Skyline with a school referral to receive two new school uniforms, shoes, a pair of new tennis shoes, three pair of socks and three pair of underwear. This program is solely supported by donations from area churches, and last year they were able to serve 829 students. N.H.U.M.C. has been a longtime supporter of this program.

There are three ways that you can get involved:

1. Undie Sundays at N.H.U.M.C. - May 17, 24, 31.

Bring a package or two of NEW underwear to donate.

Sizes: Girls: 4-16; Boys: 4-20; Women: 5-10; Men's: 30-48 (boxer briefs only in dark colors)

Donation hampers are located in the Narthex and by the doors south of the Parlor.

2. Donate Money to Purchase Uniforms.

It costs approximately \$75 to outfit each child. Checks can be made out to N.H.U.M.C.

Write *Clothes 4 Kids* in the memo line.

3. Volunteer

We will have designated days in June and July for N.H.U.M.C. to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to show our Christian love for these children and encourage them in their new school year.

Registration Appointments:

Monday, June 1 - 12:45-4:00 PM

Tuesday, June 9 - 8:45 AM-12:00 PM

You will work with the families to determine the appropriate clothing and shoe sizes and complete a brief intake form. There will be a short training. We will need four (4) volunteers per shift.

Distribution Appointments:

Wednesday, July 15 - 8:30 AM-12:00 PM

Thursday, July 23 - 12:30-4:00 PM

You will take each child to the "shopping area" to try on uniforms and shoes for a proper fit. There will be a short training. We will need 6 volunteers per shift.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex.

Michael and Katy Maxwell

Michael was born and raised in Lone Grove, Oklahoma. He moved to Oklahoma City shortly after high school to attend Oklahoma City University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science. Michael is self-employed as a contract lobbyist.

Katy was born and raised in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She attended Oklahoma State University for her undergraduate degree and Oklahoma City University for her law degree. Katy is the land manager and in-house counsel for Bays Exploration.



When Michael proposed to Katy in 2013, his one request was that his long-time friend and fraternity brother, Rev. Trevor Smith, perform the wedding ceremony. During one of their premarital counseling sessions with Trevor, the discussion of attending church came up; Katy was eager to find a new church home for her and Michael to regularly attend, but Michael was a bit more hesitant to commit to the idea. After a spirited debate on the matter, Michael reiterated an old promise he had made to Trevor many years ago: that he would regularly attend any church Trevor was appointed to, so long as said church was within "reasonable" driving distance. Katy's prayers were answered just a short year later when Trevor called Michael to announce that he had been appointed to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church, a "reasonable" half mile drive from Michael and Katy's home.

Michael and Katy have felt like part of the NHUMC family since the very first Sunday they attended church. They particularly appreciate the amount of attention that the church gives to community outreach programs such as Skyline Urban Ministry and the partnership with John Marshall High School, and they look forward to becoming more involved with these programs in the near future.

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



Blessing of the women in our congregation on Mother's Day.



Chancel Choir

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

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. B.I.G. Kids' last day will be May 20 and will resume in the Fall. 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. GriefShare's last day will be May 21 and will return in the Fall. 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 Eting, Beth & Dale Jordan,
Frances Lewis, Joye McLain
David Mueller, Barbara Sullivan,
and Gene Wheeler

Chancel Flower Sponsorships Available

September 6, 13, and 20 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

June 7, July 5, 12, and 26 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.

May Birthdays

05/17 Rosemarie Chase
Rachel Huchton
05/18 Warren Henry
05/18 Charlotte Smith
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

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, Ed Catmull, Brian Houston, Sam Adeyemi, Sheila Heen, Albert Tate, Dr. Brene Brown, and Horst Schulze.

For more information, visit:
www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/

-Trevor 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

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, 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

Stand Up and Sing Up

We've all had those moments when we ponder our first childhood memories, and it's so much fun to recollect the events that made a lasting impression on us in the earliest stages of life. For most of us, these flashbacks most likely took place at home surrounded by family and friends celebrating the landmarks of life.

As I was sitting in traffic last week, my mind started reeling. I was thinking about the new found energies and excitement in our congregation, which has been spiritually tangible over the past few months. I can see, feel, and hear the joy in our church! I was alone, but couldn't keep the smile off my face when I thought of our bright future ahead.

Eventually my mind shifted to my earliest memories of my childhood church. I could see myself in the sanctuary of East Side Church of Christ, the north side of the sanctuary sitting in the first pew under the balcony, which was my usual spot. I remember feeling so small when the adults would stand up to sing the great hymns of the church; all I could see was the forest of people around me holding their hymn books high and glimpses of the pew in front of me. With all of my visual stimulation being removed from the elements, I was leaning on my auditory senses, no organ, piano, guitars or drums, just beautiful voices singing boisterously in a capella harmonies. Oh how sweet the glorious sounds that filled the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. As I would stand there and listen, I recall the chill bumps that would radiate from my neck down through my arms and legs, as if the Holy Spirit was taking control of my body. I never really opened my mouth to sing in those days. It wasn't until I went to college that I started to use my voice to sing God's praise. Maybe I was too shy early on or didn't know how to read music, but I definitely had a full understanding of how powerful God's gift of music was to the church.

I share this with you in hopes that it will inspire our church to "Stand Up and Sing Up!" Harness the powerful gift of music so that all the world can see, feel, and hear the joy of our church.

My Life Flows On In Endless Song

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music



Serving In Ministry - May 17

The mission candle is lit by Sally and Ed Stringer in honor of their daughter Kate's 40th birthday.

The chancel flowers are given by Jane Harlow in honor of her granddaughter Kristina Harlow's 19th birthday.

Our Children's Sunday School Class hard at work making Mother's Day cards!



The Learning Center Muffins for Moms Day



Church Clean Up Day

Thank you to all who helped with the church Clean Up Day on May 2 and after. We still have 2 and 1/2 floors to go, so look for future announcements where you can volunteer. The Trustees would love to hear your comments or suggestions.

KIVA Sunday School Presentation

The KIVA Sunday School Class invites you to attend their class this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Michael Strauss will be speaking on "A Scientist Reflects on God". You won't want to miss this!

Tidbits from The Learning Center

Last week we honored our teachers with special events every day. On Friday, May 8, we held a Muffins for Moms Day. Fresh flowers, juice and delicious muffins were out for a come and go breakfast. We had a good turnout.



Each mother received a lovely hand-painted mug from their child, fired by Unpluggits. It is so special to see a mother's face light up when they open these precious mementos. Now what will we make for Father's Day?

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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*) - Ann Garrett will introduce Michael Strauss, who will speak on "A Scientist Reflects on God". Leaders, Ken and Linda Howell.

Open Circle Class: (*Meets in the Archives room*) - Luke 24:44-53 will be one of our Scriptures for our Open Circle Class that meets in the Archives Room around a conference table contributed some years ago by our class. Many Church meetings have been taken place around it. Luke 24, Verse 44: Jesus said to them: "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Our Hymn for the day, *How can I Keep from Singing*, is not from our Methodist Hymnal even though the musician, Robert Lowry, has five of his hymns in our Hymnal, including, *Shall We Gather at the River*. Teacher, John Marshall.

Roundtable Class: (*Meets across from the Parlor*) - This Sunday the Roundtable Class is studying 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. Here the Apostle Paul helps us understand that each of us has been given gifts, each unique for our use. Surely we are expected to make the best use possible of the gifts we have received. Join us Sunday as Dr. Jerry Perryman leads us to see how we can make use of those given us. 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.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor
Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music
Delaney Sheffield, Administrative Assistant
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