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Dr. Trevor Smith

Workplace Relationships

¹ I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. -1 Peter 5:1b-4

On Sunday, we are going to talk about how we engage in I and Thou relationships in the workplace and at school. We will also talk about how we are tempted to live in I and It relationships. I believe this is very important.

You are going to spend more time in the workplace or at school than you spend anywhere else. The average full-time employee works 46 hours per week. 38% of you work more than 50 hours per week. Our students spend at least 35 hours per week at school. Students that play sports or have other extracurricular activities may spend 45 hours per week at school.

There was a study done in Great Britain several years ago on families with children in the home. They found that the average person spends ten hours per week with his or her spouse and that parents spend ten hours per week with their children. This shows us that you spend most of your time in the workplace or at school. Your relationships in the workplace and at school matter.

I believe we need to realize two very important things about our workplace or our school. First, it is the primary place in which God works in your life to sanctify you and make you who God wants you to be. You are going to spend 35 to 50 hours per week at work or at school. You are going to spend an hour and fifteen minutes per week in worship. You are going to spend one to two hours per week in your small group and maybe a few hours per week serving in ministries through the church. That's four to six hours per week at church compared to 35 to 50 hours per week at work or school. So, God is going to be working on you when you are at work or at school. Your workplace or your school is one of the main places where God is going to work on you.

The second thing I want you to know is that your workplace or your school is God's primary mission field for you where you will live out your faith as a witness in the world. It is the place in which God will use you to share God's love with other people.

On Sunday, we are going to talk about several relationships in the workplace and the school. We will talk about the relationship between the manager and the employee and the relationship between the teacher and the student. We will talk about the relationship between the customer and the business or the employee, and we will talk about the relationship between co-workers and the relationship between classmates.

We will also bless our graduating seniors and hear their future plans for the coming year. I hope you will plan to worship with us at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we grow in our understanding of how God can work through our workplace and school relationships.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, May 22

Honoring Our Graduates in Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Children's Ministry Team at 12:15
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Memorial Sunday, May 29

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

Memorial Day, May 30

Church Offices and The Learning Center Closed.

Sunday, June 5

Re-appointment Celebration at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Monday, June 6

The Learning Center Summer Session Begins
Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, June 10

Mission Madness, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 11

Mission Madness, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day Celebration at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Saturday, June 25

Wedding of Alfred Walker and Della Roberts at 7:00 p.m.

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The Learning Center

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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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 **June 5, 12, 19, and 26**. 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, Cheryl Fraley, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, Marty Smith, Kathy Walker, and Jean Warner.

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



workplace, and some keys to growing in a personal relationship with God.

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

May 22 *Workplace Relationships* **May 29** *The Difference a Mentor Makes*

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

Mission Madness

Last year, one of the most encouraging and inspiring events throughout our summer was a new ministry called Mission Madness, and we knew and expected that God would move in new and exciting ways. Mission Madness is back this year, and it will be better than ever!

Mission Madness will start on Friday, June 10 at 5:00 p.m. and last until 7:00 p.m. On Friday night there will be a cookout, fellowship, and activities for the whole family.

On Saturday, June 11th, we will serve our community together. The youth and adults will go to the Exodus House to serve through some simple building improvement projects. The children (and some adults) will serve by stocking shelves at Skyline Urban Ministries and participating in other mission activities at our church such as bagging rice and beans and packaging underwear and socks. I hope that you will come and serve with us and bring your whole family! You can sign-up in the Narthex on Sunday or by calling the church at 405-842-1486. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

-Matt



Rev. Matt Patrick

Children's Ministry

Our memory verse for the month of May is Psalm 118:24 which says, "For this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Make sure you're working with your kids to have this verse memorized before May 29th to get a prize from the treasure box!

Mission Madness is just around the corner on June 10-11! Make sure you sign up for Friday night and Saturday morning to join us for a day filled with service, food, and fun!

We are having a Children's Ministry committee meeting this Sunday May 22nd at 12:15 p.m. We would love to have you there as we finalize details for Mission Madness and discuss other exciting things happening this year! I am so excited for the things coming up in Children's Ministry and would love to have you and your family be a part of it. Have a great week!

-Madison



Madison Chillless



RSVP for Alfred's Wedding

Alfred Walker and his fiancée, Della Roberts, are getting married, and everyone is invited! The wedding will be on Saturday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lew and Jennifer McGinnis, 2550 East Overholser Drive. RSVP to Alfred Walker at 405-600-5640 **no later than May 20**. Congratulations, Alfred and Della!

Mission Madness

June 10th 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Family Cookout, Art Project, and Fellowship.

June 11th 9:00-3:00 p.m. - There will be Mission Opportunities for everyone from Pre-School through Adults. Different age groups will be serving in many ways including packaging rice and beans, stocking shelves at Skyline's Food Resource Center, visiting the shut-ins from our church, doing repair projects at the Exodus House, and packaging underwear and socks for Skyline's Clothes 4 Kids program. The price is \$25 per person. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex or call the Church office at 405-842-1486.

Skyline Clothes 4 Kids Program

It's time to gear up for school uniforms for August. Families are able to come to Skyline Urban Ministry 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 680 students. This was down from past years when we were able to serve 1,000 children. Nichols Hills U.M.C. has been a longtime supporter of this program. There are three ways that you can get involved.

1. Undie Sundays at Nichols Hills U.M.C. May 15 through June 5.

Bring a package or two of NEW underwear to donate. Donation hampers are located in the Narthex and by the doors south of the Parlor. The sizes needed are: Girls: 4-16; Boys: 4-20; Women: 5-10; Men's: 30-48 (dark colored boxer briefs only)

2. Donate Money to Purchase Uniforms.

It costs approximately \$75 to outfit each child. Checks can be made out to Nichols Hills U.M.C. Write *Clothes 4 Kids* in the memo line. We will forward the money to Skyline.

3. Volunteer.

You can help with sizing appointments on Wednesday, June 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or on Tuesday, June 14 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

You can help with shopping appointments on Monday, July 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Thursday, July 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to show our Christian love for these children and encourage them in their new school year. More details to come.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

New families will be streaming in for our summer session which begins on June 6. On May 16, we began holding orientation sessions with each new family. These meetings allow us time to go over the family's paperwork and discuss policies and practices of signing in and out. The child and parent get to visit with the teacher one-on-one and see where they will go after signing in. Some families leave their strollers or car seats, and we show them where they can be left.

For the families who have been here and are moving their child to the next age group, we will hold a group orientation to show them the new steps. This makes a smoother transition for everyone! The first week of the new session is always a little bumpy as everyone is adjusting to the new routine. Then the fun begins! We have 105 children enrolled for summer. Yeah!

-Denise



MISSION MADNESS

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 22

The coffee hosts are Tom and Brenda McDaniel.

The chancel flowers are given by Jane Harlow in honor of her granddaughter, Kristina Harlow on her 20th birthday.

The mission candle is lit by Ron and Lida Elkins in memory of their son, Jeffery Connor Elkins.

Job Opening

Nursery Attendant to minister to small children. Sundays and Wednesdays. Part-time. For more information, please contact Dr. Trevor Smith at 405-842-1486. Send resumes to revtrevor@gmail.com or 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

Birthdays

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

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

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.

Click on the blue *Make A Donation* button.

Then, follow the instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Glass in the church office, 405-842-1486.

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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* - Deborah Ingraham, Executive Director of Skyline Urban Ministry will speak to the class. 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 what the Bible has to teach us through songs and stories. Teacher: John Marshall.

Roundtable Class: *Meets in Room 124* - Luke 18:15-17 and Mark 10:16 include Jesus' response to children. "I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it." Dr. Jerry Perryman will return to lead us in this lesson. We welcome those of any age to join our outstanding studies of scripture. 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.

Thank you!

Thank you to our wonderful newsletter ladies who faithfully fold, stuff, seal, and label our newsletters every week! You are such a wonderful blessing!



From left to right:
Beverly Pirtle, Sharon Ives, Ellie Roberts,
Lynn Greene, Jean Warner, and Jerry Jennings.

"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed;
those who help others are helped." - Proverbs 11:25

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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