



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



### God Can Use You

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *-John 20:30-31*

Dr. Trevor Smith

Over the last 2,000 years of Church history, Christians have adopted all kinds of strategies to try to reach people with the message of Jesus. On Sunday we are going to talk about the original strategy that Jesus launched in his final days on earth. From the day Jesus rose from the grave to the day he ascended into heaven was just a 40 day period. Jesus did the full work of redemption through his death, burial, and resurrection; and then, he had 40 days to launch this movement.

If you had just 40 days to launch a redemptive strategy designed by God that was going to last for thousands of years how would you launch it?

In John 20:11-31 we see one of the most beautiful pictures of the heart of God in all of the New Testament. In these verses we find the resurrection stories involving Mary Magdalene, Thomas, Peter, and the disciples, and we see the way that Jesus sought out each of them and handpicked them to help him launch his strategy to bring salvation to the world.

The people whom Jesus chose were an unlikely group of people. Mary was overwhelmed with disappointment as she stood at the empty tomb on that first Easter. Thomas brazenly expressed his doubt that Jesus was really alive. Peter denied that he even knew Jesus, deserted him when he needed him the most, and returned to his old life as a fisherman. The disciples were so shackled by fear that they locked themselves behind closed doors. But in spite of their disappointment, doubts, failures, and fears, Jesus hand-picked each of them to share in the redemptive work of God and sent them out to change the world.

In each of their stories we come to understand that God can use each of us to do the work of ministry and share the Good News about Jesus with the people in our lives. I hope you will plan to join us in worship at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday to learn more about how God can use you as we celebrate Pentecost and the birthday of the Church. We will also honor our loved ones who have passed away in the last year as part of our observance of Memorial Sunday. I'll see you at church.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Upcoming Events

#### 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.

#### Monday, May 25

##### Memorial Day

Church Offices and  
The Learning Center Closed

#### Thursday, May 28

Open Bible Study at Noon

#### Friday, May 29

The Learning Center Training  
at 8:30 a.m.

#### Saturday, May 30

The Learning Center Training  
at 8:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, May 31

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.

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The Learning Center:

Closed May 25 - May 29

Normal hours of operation:

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

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

### 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

### 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

### 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



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 this Sunday morning for the **Risk** sermon series. **May 24** *God Can Use You*

## 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 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.**

# All Aboard!

Summer time is sneaking around the corner and it's time to hit the road, sail the lake, or hop on that big bird and fly. Oh the excitement of adventure to familiar places, or travel to foreign lands and discover the unknown. The thought of getting away from our quotidian life for a little rest and relaxation is alluring and the subject of many dreams and desires. Everyday when I read through music, it is like taking a trip via land, sea, or sky.

For me, music is like the perfect vehicle for traveling to new places. Music transports me to places I've never been, harkens me back to the roads I've traveled, and leads me to suspend my belief in reality, space, and time. The average length of a song is only about 3 1/2 minutes but in that short span of time, you can take a journey that covers a lifetime. These aspects of music are what make it the most powerful and universal language in the world.

The great hymns of the church are the most powerful tools we have for telling the story of Jesus. When you think about it, no matter where you travel away from home, hymn singing is something you will find in common with every church you visit afar. So as you pick up your hymnal each Sunday morning and sing, just think of how much power you hold in the palm of your hand and in your tongue. Use the tools and a talents God has given us to transform the world of wrong and be witnesses of truth and light. All Aboard...Go Christians; join to sing!

My Life Flows on in Endless song.

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music



## Michael Hall

Michael was born in Mobile, Alabama and moved to Edmond when he was a sophomore in high school. After graduation, he joined the army where he served for 17 years. Michael is a roofing contractor and is working on a degree in Christian Ministry from Mid-America Christian University.

Michael began dating Amy Margo last year and she invited him to attend Nichols Hills United Methodist Church with her. Michael joined the church on Sunday, May 3. He really enjoys the music of the Chancel Choir and The Brew Sunday School Class. "I like the family feeling of the church and being part of close-knit group of people."



## Tidbits from The Learning Center

This week is the end of The Learning Center's spring term. We will be closed the week of Memorial Day. As we reflect back on our accomplishments for the term we have many things that we are proud of. First is the growing number of children enrolled. We have 92 children signed up for the summer term. We began last fall with 58. Our families have promoted our program through word of mouth. Each month we have more and more inquiries and tours which lead to future enrollment. We have updated our



church website to include more details about The Learning Center so that people can look over our newsletter and family handbook. Our teachers are enrolling in higher education with the assistance of the Scholars Program. Through this program they contribute 10% to the total cost of courses, books, and fees. This benefit, from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, supports raising the quality in childcare with teacher education. We will keep you posted on our summer events.

### 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

July 12, 26 and August 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

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

### Serving In Ministry - May 24

The coffee host fellowship time is in honor of the birthdays of our Senior Pastor, Trevor Smith, (on the 23rd) and our Music Minister, Michael Wylder (on the 24th).

The mission candle is lit by Charlette and Jerry Perryman in honor of the birthdays of our Senior Pastor, Trevor Smith, (on the 23rd) and our Music Minister, Michael Wylder (on the 24th).

The chancel flowers are given by Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Elkins in memory of their son, Jeffrey Connor Elkins.

### 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.

-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*) - KIVA will have a Roundtable discussion on Memorial Weekend. Leaders, Ken and Linda Howell.

**Open Circle Class:** (*Meets in the Archives room*) - Our Open Circle Class will "dive into" Acts 2:1-21. Verse 21: "And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved. *Christ Loves the Church* (#590) is our hymn for the day. We will finish up a scripture from last week, Ephesians 1:15-23. Join us. Our class is growing and our Circle is always open. Teacher, John Marshall.

**Roundtable Class:** (*Meets across from the Parlor*) - This Sunday the Roundtable Class is studying Acts 2:1-7, 12 and 1 Corinthians 14:1-25. These verses describe the Pentecost event as Galilean followers of Christ were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began speaking in foreign tongues. The purpose of the lesson is to serve God in mind and Spirit. Join us as we contemplate the full meaning of these words. 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  
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