



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Reaching Our Friends

²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."
²⁸ And he got up, left everything, and followed him. ²⁹ Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. ³⁰ The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹ Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; ³² I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance." –Luke 5:27-32

When you think about your friends who are still far from God, do you wonder what it would be like if Jesus Christ was at the center of their lives? Can you imagine what their lives would be like if the love of God were the driving factor in their lives? Can you imagine them being baptized and with water dripping down their heads exclaiming, "I'm clean from head to toe." Can you imagine them standing next to you in a worship service singing, *How Great Thou Art* or *Amazing Grace*? Can you imagine them trying to build a spiritual heritage in their children so that the generations that come after them would change?

On Sunday we will begin a new sermon series called *Risk*. Every single person I've ever helped come to faith required a risk of some kind on my part. I've never helped anyone come to faith in Christ where it was easy and downhill and risk-free. Every single time, some risk was involved, perhaps a risky conversation.

Luke tells us that Jesus took the risk of inviting a tax collector named Levi, who was also called Matthew, to be one of his disciples. As Matthew got to know Jesus he realized that his tax collector friends would also benefit from knowing Jesus. So, Matthew makes the risky move to throw a huge party, and he decides to invite his tax collector friends as well as Jesus and the disciples to the party. Matthew is hoping against hope that in the context of a good old-fashioned cocktail dinner party Jesus and the disciples might be able to mix with his old friends and maybe some conversations would begin. Who knows? Some friendships might form. Maybe, just maybe, some spiritual sparks would get ignited that might turn into something someday. It's a bit unconventional. It could turn out badly, but it might be worth a try. So, he takes the risk. I want to ask you, "How big of a risk would you be willing to take to bless someone you love?" The greatest gift you can give another person is an introduction to the God who loves them.

I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you to worship this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we talk about some of the ways we can reach our friends and offer them the blessing of knowing Jesus. You just might be surprised to learn that connecting someone you know to Jesus can be one of the most fun and meaningful experiences of your life.

We will also bless all of the women in our church as part of Mother's Day. 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 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.

Tuesday, May 12

Altar Guild at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

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

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.

You still have time to sign up for one of our picture days! You can sign up on Sunday or by calling the church office.

Sunday, May 10 and
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 10 *Reaching Our Friends*

May 17 *The #1 Way to Share Your Faith*

May 24 *God Can Use You*

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 **May 17, 31, June 7, 14, 21 and 28**. To volunteer, sign-up 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,

SKYLINE URBAN MINISTRY

Impacting lives, empowering those in need, and addressing the roots of poverty in Oklahoma.

Skyline's Clothes 4 Kids Program

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 10, 17, 25, 31.

Bring a package or two of NEW underwear to donate.

Sizes needed:

Girls: 4-16

Boys: 4-20

Women: 5-10

Men's: 30-48 (boxer briefs only in dark colors)

Donation hampers will be located both 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 these children Christian love 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 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 six volunteers per shift.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex.

Furniture Request

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. Nichols Hills U.M.C. is helping to furnish an apartment for him. He currently needs a loveseat and chairs for the living room, small eating table (preferably round or rectangular) with chairs for the kitchen, dishes, glasses, silverware, chest of drawers or dresser with mirror, and a daybed. His walls and carpet are brown. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please take a picture of it and send the picture to dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org. Matthew will be moving into the apartment the 11th of May.



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



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 Tatrian 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

August 23, 30, September 6, 13, and 20 are available for flower sponsorship. 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.

May Birthdays

05/06	Mary McLain Rosemary Stafford
05/07	Jennifer McGinnis
05/08	Jacob Ellis Kathleen Ellis
05/10	Norma Baker
05/13	Roger Edling
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

Serving In Ministry May 10

Coffee Hosts are Clark and Kay Musser.

The chancel flowers are given by Midge and Paul Lindsey in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

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/

-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

Warren and Stephanie Henry

Warren and Stephanie will be celebrating 23 years of marriage this week. They have two teenage daughters, Regan (19) and Delaney (17). They are about to be empty nesters as both of the girls will be attending Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado in the fall. The Henry family joined the church in 2012 after moving back to OKC from Enid.



Warren is the Vice President of Investor Relations and Research at Continental Resources where he has been employed for over seven years. He is an avid history reader and enjoys spending time at his farm northwest of Enid. Warren has been serving on the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the past two years.

Stephanie is currently serving the church as Co-Chair of the Missions Committee, Lay Leader to Annual Conference, member of the T.L.C. Management Team and Finance Committee member. Stephanie enjoys volunteering at Skyline Urban Ministry and for other mission projects.

“From the first Sunday we visited, Nichols Hills UMC felt like home. This church has become an important part of our lives in a very short time.”

Tidbits from The Learning Center

Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-8, 2015

Each May the entire country celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week. Our newly formed Parent Advisory Group (PAG) has been meeting to plan some special things for our teachers. May 3-8 we have these special events planned:



THE LEARNING CENTER

- Sunday, May 3** - Teachers came to Church. The TLC Management Team honored the staff with a cookie and punch reception following the 10:50 service. Families were encouraged to come to support their classroom teacher.
- Monday, May 4** - Dunkin Donuts Day from our PAG
- Tuesday, May 5** - Sweet Treats from Uptown Candy
- Wednesday, May 6** - Pizza Party from Management
- Thursday, May 7** - Flower Day from children (one flower for teacher)
- Friday, May 8** - Gift cards from families

Families were asked to contribute \$10 to a class fund for the gift cards. The PAG mothers and fathers of each classroom will purchase the gift cards and distribute them to the teachers. It is a great time for us all to recognize their hard work and dedication. Their efforts last for the lifetime of our children.

This month we are thrilled to celebrate the work anniversaries for these very essential ladies. It has been a great year for re-building our program and church. Both of these women are key to the growth we have experienced. Congratulations to you both for your one year anniversaries!



Christie Palmer,
Assistant Director
The Learning Center
May 20, 2014
1 year



Delaney Sheffield,
Administrative Assistant
Nichols Hills United Methodist Church
May 7, 2014
1 year



Welcome our newest member, Michael Hall, who joined on May 3.



Blessing of our T.L.C. teachers.



Honoring our O.C.U. graduates.



Fun with B.I.G. Kids.



Fun with the Youth at Starbucks.



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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*) - Jerry Richardson will present Part 3 of the book of Mark.
Leaders, Ken and Linda Howell.

Open Circle Class: (*Meets in the Archives room*) - Our Open Circle Class will continue with our study of the book of Acts: Acts 8:26-40. In addition, John 15:1-8 will be our second scripture. Verse One: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper." Since May 10 is Mothers Day, we will discuss Christian services to and from our families. One example from two class members is the Christian service being practiced by Linda Lyle, assisted by her husband, Mark, for Linda's mother who is going through some of the challenges of the aging process.
Teacher, John Marshall.

Roundtable Class: (*Meets across from the Parlor*) - Sunday we are studying 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. In these verses, the Apostle Paul gives advice and information to the people of the church in Corinth about Gifts of the Spirit. This is a subject many of us have little understanding, so join us in the Roundtable Class as Dr. Jerry Perryman leads our discussion. 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
Alfred Walker, Sunday Host
Denise Buthion, Director, The Learning Center

Rev. Pam Cottrill, Associate Pastor
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Antonio McCarroll, Custodian
Randall Blair, Sunday Host

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