



NICHOLS HILLS

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Dr. Trevor Smith

Subversive Women and an Evil King

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and

the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." -Exodus 1:15-22

Have you ever thought about how God goes about ministering to hurting people in the world? While God is able to reach down and touch our lives in ways that heal and transform our lives, many times God works through God's people to bring healing and ministry to all kinds of people. We see this over and over again in the Bible. When Pharaoh ordered the Hebrew midwives to kill all of the male Hebrew babies, they did not obey. When Pharaoh's daughter found the baby Moses floating in the river, she did not seek to kill him but instead took him into her home and raised him.

The midwives feared God more than they feared Pharaoh. Even the threat of death could not force them to kill for the king. They let the boys live. This was dangerous. It was similar to how Christians hid Jews during the Holocaust in Europe. They couldn't stop the king from being evil, but they didn't have to be part of his evil plan. They ministered to the Hebrew families, and they protected their baby boys. They cared for the little babies that the king wanted to destroy.

Shiphrah and Puah were brave and crafty. They put their own lives on the line in order to save the lives of children. Why did they do it? Because it was the right thing to do. So, God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. Because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Isn't that just like God to use midwives to thwart the plans of an evil king? These midwives who had no children of their own proved to be great mother figures.

What do we learn about God's will for our lives from Shiphrah and Puah? We learn that God may use you to care for the people who cannot care for themselves. God may want to use you to change the life of a baby, a child, or a young person. We still live in a world where children are abused and hurt. I wish it wasn't so, but we can travel half way around the world to India and find children who are abused, or we can drive two miles from our church and find children who are being hurt by adults.

Are you willing to let God work through you to minister to the children in our church and our community? Will you serve in our ministry to children and youth at Mission Madness? How will you make a Christian difference in the life of a child?

I hope you will plan to join us at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday morning as we begin our sermon series on *Moses: the Reluctant Prophet* by talking about how we can follow the example of the midwives and minister to children and families.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, June 5

Re-appointment Celebration at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, June 6

The Learning Center Summer Session Begins at 9:00 a.m.
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.

Newsletter Change for Summer

We will be creating a newsletter every other week, beginning in June and running through July. The weeks that you will receive a newsletter will be the week of June 1st, 15th, 29th, and July 13th and 27th. We will continue to send out our weekly email announcements on Fridays. If you would like to receive a weekly email and are not currently on our list, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486.

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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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.

(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.

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, 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:

Linens: Kathy Walker

Bread: Carla Hill

Sanctuary Care: Sharon Ives

Communion: Jean Warner, Janet Jones, Mary Ann Carmichael, Bette MacKellar

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Bill and Katie Alexander,
Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby,
and Bonnie Miller

Town Village

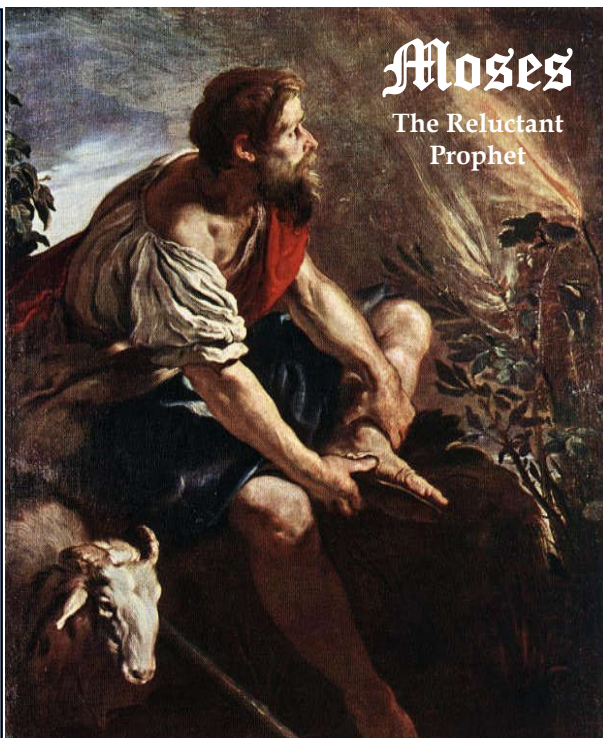
Joanna Garnett

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



Moses

The Reluctant Prophet

Moses - The Reluctant Prophet

Moses is the towering figure of the Old Testament. The words of Deuteronomy 34:10-12 perhaps capture his life best, "Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face... for no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel."

Many of the most loved Bible stories involve Moses - the burning bush, the confrontations with Pharaoh that resulted in the plagues, the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery to the promised land, the parting of the Red Sea, the Ten Commandments, and so many others. Moses' relationship and interaction with

the LORD offers us keen insight into the nature, ways, and will of God. Moses' struggles, faithfulness and courage help us understand our own lives and struggles while inspiring us to follow in his steps. Join us for this meaningful series on Moses - The Reluctant Prophet.

June 5

Subversive Women and an Evil King

June 12

Please Send Someone Else

June 19

The Exodus

June 26

Bread from Heaven and a Day to Rest

The Methodist Connection

This week, Methodists from all around Oklahoma will gather together in Oklahoma City for a meeting called Annual Conference. As the name implies, this is an annual meeting that deals with the business of the United Methodist Church in Oklahoma. It can be a wonderful time to reconnect with friends, watch as new ministers are ordained, and hear reports about how God has moved in ministries throughout the last year. This connection and organization is something that is unique among Protestant Christians. Our "connectionalism" as United Methodists allows us to come together to make a larger impact on our community than we ever could if we remained separate. When we pool our resources and talent together we become more able to build God's kingdom. I invite you to be in prayer for our Conference this week as we learn from each other about how to more effectively minister in our communities.

-Matt



Rev. Matt Patrick

Children's Ministry

For the month of June, we will have a new memory verse! "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1. The kids will have until July 3rd to memorize the verse and tell me at Sunday school and get a prize from the treasure box!

Mission Madness is coming up on June 10th and 11th, and we would love to have you there! Friday will be a family night and we will have a hot dog dinner, family craft, and learn a fun song and dance! Saturday you and your family will have great opportunities to serve the Oklahoma City community. Hope you have a great week!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

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. We 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. A \$25 per person will help us pay for materials, meals, and a T-shirt. 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 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

We are happy to introduce to you our newest teacher, Tausha Davison. She is a mother of four children including one child whom she adopted. They range in ages from 18 to 3 years old. Tausha also works with families who have children in foster care as well. Her experience in the field of early care and education ranges from being a director to every other job category. She loves working with Pre-K children, but her passion is program planning and curriculum. Tausha received her Child Development Associate Certificate in 2012 which qualifies her to be a master teacher with The Learning Center. She says "My hope for T.L.C. is to bridge families from our program to our church by helping out wherever there is a need." Tausha is a true role model of our Christian faith. We welcome Tausha to The Learning Center.

-Denise



Tausha Davison

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 on Sunday, June 5.

The chancel flowers are given by Libby and G.T. Blankenship in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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

06/06	Reese Robinson
06/07	John Marshall
06/10	Samuel Stafford
06/13	Don McCarty
06/14	Kathy McCarty
06/15	Kurlisa Briggs
06/17	Jeremee Cloud
06/18	Linda Rosser McDaniel
06/19	Antone Godding
06/19	Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes
06/19	Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes
06/20	Akia Douglas

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* - Join us as we learn how to share our Christian faith with the world.
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* - Most of us are familiar with the beginning verses of Genesis that describe God's creation. "...And God said, Let there be light, and there was light, and God saw that the light was good;" But in Zephaniah, the last book of the Old Testament, we read of God's condemnation of the evil of the people of that day. We hear the Word, but we may have difficulty understanding all that it means. Join us Sunday as Dr. Jerry Perryman helps us discover a greater understanding of what it means to live within God's plan for creation.
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.

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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