

NICHOLS HILLS

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Dr. Trevor Smith

This is a Day of New Beginnings

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
-Isaiah 43:18-19

God is doing a new thing at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church, and I am glad to be part of it with you. I want you to know how grateful Allyson, Charlotte, Avery, and I are to have the privilege of serving in ministry at our church. We are looking forward to all of the new things God will do in our church in the coming year as we work together to do the ministry that God is calling us to do. I wanted to share with you just a few of the new things that are emerging at Nichols Hills UMC.

What a joy it was to welcome Matt Patrick on Sunday to serve as our Student Pastor. Matt is already building relationships with the youth and with young families in our congregation. It will be exciting to see some of the new things God does through Matt and to also see Matt grow as a pastor as he serves in ministry with us.

It is also a joy to let you know that the Staff Parish Relations Committee has hired Kathy Smith to serve as our Bookkeeper / Treasurer. Kathy brings with her many years of experience in bookkeeping including most recently over 26 years of service at Alpine, Inc. Kathy will work 30 hours per week and will begin her work at the church next Tuesday. I hope you will give Kathy a warm welcome as she joins our ministry team.

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is interviewing candidates for the new position of a part-time Director of Children's Ministry, and we expect to fill the position by August.

Last Sunday we had a Children's Ministry meeting to discuss some hopes and dreams for our ministry to children. In this meeting two new ideas emerged. Instead of putting our energy into Vacation Bible School, we decided to plan a Mission Madness event on Saturday, July 25 in which our hope is to invite children, youth, and adults to serve together in ministry on several projects that will bless our community. We will be working with our Mission Committee to create this new ministry. We also discussed the idea of having a Block Party on Sunday, August 23 to invite our community to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship for all ages. There will be opportunities for you to participate in creating and serving this new ministry. I hope you will be praying for the new things that God is doing in our church.

Blessings,
 Trevor

Angry Enough to Die?

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. *-Jonah 3:10-4:1*

When God forgave the Ninevites, Jonah was so angry that he prayed, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

On Sunday we will conclude our sermon series on Jonah by talking about how God calls us to love people the way God loves people. Invite someone you know to come with you to worship at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. on Sunday.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 14

Worship at 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
 Worship at 10:50 a.m.
 SPRC Meeting at 12:15 p.m.
 Youth Parent Meeting at 12:30 p.m.
 Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, June 15

Fall Enrollment for The Learning Center Begins

Thursday, June 18

Open Bible Study at Noon

Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day

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.

Thursday, June 24

Open Bible Study at Noon

Sunday, June 28

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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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 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 Patrick and Matt Eales

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

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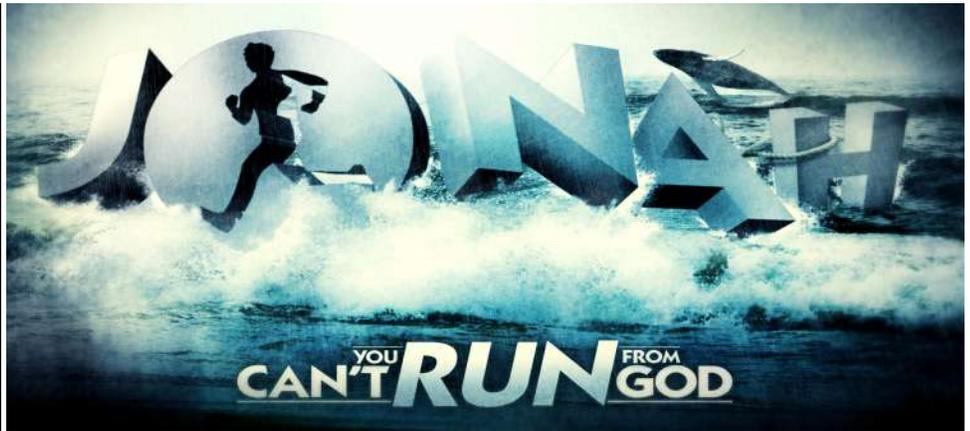
Bill and Katie Alexander, Joanne Crosby

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



Have you ever held a grudge against someone? Have you ever said, "No," to God? Have you ever tried to run away from God?

Meet Jonah — a man who held a deep grudge against his enemies...a man who said, "No," to God...a man who tried to run away from God when God called him to go and preach a message of repentance to his enemies.

The Book of Jonah is the story of how God used a big fish to send an unwilling prophet to turn a foreign people to God. In this series of sermons, Pastor Trevor Smith will help us learn more about the gracious ways God offers love and forgiveness to all of us. Bring a friend and join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we learn about Jonah and why ***You Can't Run from God***.

June 14 *Angry Enough to Die?*

Jesus: The Original Youth Pastor



When we think of the great Christian leaders throughout history, we usually think of the early Church fathers or other great leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr., Billy Graham, John Wesley or others. However, most people rarely think of teenagers or young people. However, it is important to know that many of these great leaders of our faith caught their fire and began their work when they were young. John Wesley began his work with the Methodist movement in college at Oxford with his brother Charles. Martin Luther King, Jr. began his work in the civil rights movement when he was in his early 20's. Usually, when you see artwork of Jesus' disciples, they are depicted sometimes as middle-aged men and sometimes as men in their early 30's. However, the most recent scholarship suggests that most of Jesus' disciples were actually teenagers. Most of the disciples were not married, which is great evidence that they were under the age of 18 when Jesus called them. Jesus was the original youth pastor. I have wondered why Jesus called teenagers to be the first disciples, and I have come to understand that perhaps teenagers were more likely to leave everything behind to follow him. That is what Jesus needed, full devotion. I hope that you will come alongside me as we call the young people of our Church to follow Jesus with full devotion and authenticity.

Blessings,
Matt Patrick

Job Opening

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is currently seeking to fill the following positions:



Director of Children's Ministry to lead a dynamic children's ministry. Part-time.

For more information, please contact Dr. Trevor Smith at 405-842-1486, or visit our website at www.nicholshillsumc.org. Send resumes to revtrevor@gmail.com or

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Denise Buthion

I have lived in Oklahoma City since 1969. I attended Putnam City Schools and went to The University of Oklahoma where I majored in French/Education. During a summer program abroad, I met a young Frenchman, who came to visit Oklahoma in 1979. We married and had two children, Michael and Meghan. We divorced after ten years of marriage, but remain good friends, as we now share three grandsons, Brayden, Bennett and Bryce. When our children were small I began to direct a for profit childcare program. It became one of my great joys in life; working with my children close to me. Fast forward twenty some years - my journey has led me to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. Not only do I attend church here but I have the honor of working here. I am the director of The Learning Center, a part-day program for children 6 weeks to 5 year olds. This has been a new experience for me since July 2014. Our school has grown quite a bit and we are happy to see it blossom. When I came to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church I was received so graciously that I felt very comfortable. The music is delightful. The warm people and the mission are some of the things I appreciate the most about our church. I joined NHUMC on January 11, 2015 and I am happy to call this church my home.



Tidbits from The Learning Center

What an exciting week we are having! Summer fun is happening at The Learning Center. Water play began for all age groups last week. Each Monday and Wednesday we have children come to school dressed for getting wet. We use slip and slides, water/sensory tables and sprinklers. They enjoy it and really play hard. Our older children (Sharks and Cheetahs) will take their first field trip this week. They are heading out to the OKC Zoo. Village United Methodist Church has graciously loaned us their van for the day to assist with the transportation. Parents are chaperoning as well. We know that the children and families will enjoy the time together. Christie Palmer, Assistant Director, will hold down the fort while Denise is on vacation in North Carolina. Come by and see what our little ones are learning.



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 me so that we can be in conversation about some of the possibilities for ministry in our church and our community. The cost is \$169. Please let us know by Friday, June 19 if you would like to attend.

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

-Trevor Smith

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

August 2, 9, 16, and 23 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.

June Birthdays

06/10 Samuel Stafford
06/13 Don McCarty
06/14 Kathy McCarty
06/15 Kurlisa Briggs
06/18 Linda Rosser
06/19 Antone Godding
Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes
Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes
06/20 Akia Douglas
John Pippin
06/21 Paul Lindsey
Bette MacKellar
06/22 Ann Marshall
06/24 Jackson Edmonds
06/27 Mary Forster
06/29 George Malone

Serving In Ministry - June 14

The coffee host fellowship time is hosted by Bill and Pam Shdeed.

The mission candle is lit by Jeff Cloud in honor of Jereme Cloud's birthday.

The chancel flowers are given by the Jennings family in loving memory of Bill Jennings' mother, Mary Rakestraw Jennings.



Matt Patrick's First Sunday at NHUMC

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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*) - Lew McGinnis will speak "The Miracles that started with the KIVA Class." Leaders, Ken and Linda Howell

Open Circle Class: (*Meets in the Archives room*) - Psalm 20 is one of our 150 psalms. It is a "Psalm of King David. Verse One: I pray that the Lord answers you whenever you are in trouble." Just as King David appealed to God when he was having trouble or distress, we do the same thing as Christians in today's world. Our Open Circle Class will study Mark 4:26-34, which tells the classic parable of the mustard seed. John Marshall, Teacher

Roundtable Class: (*Meets across from the Parlor*) - We begin a series of lessons from the Old Testament prophets. This Sunday we look at Amos 5:14-15, 18-27. The author of our lesson titles it, "God Is Not Fooled." Amos says, "Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of heavenly forces, will be with you just as you have said." Join our class as Dr. Jerry Perryman leads our study. Jerry Perryman, Teacher

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

Matthew Patrick, Student Pastor
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