

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Emerging Ministries

<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> 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*

Sometimes, God raises up one person to make a big difference. After five months of serving as the senior pastor of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church, I am impressed to see how the Holy Spirit is moving through the people in our church and inspiring individuals to pursue new and creative ministries that will make a Christian difference in our church and our community.

Last Monday, some of our Trustees met with a sound and audio visual company to talk about the possibilities of improving our use of technology throughout our church building. Emerging technologies make it easier for us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with more people in more ways. I was encouraged to see the enthusiastic way that our Trustees are exploring how we might embrace technology in ways that will help people in our church grow closer to God through Jesus Christ.

Last Wednesday, George Malone visited with me about the possibility of creating a new ministry to bring people to church who cannot drive themselves. This would involve identifying people who need a ride to church and then pairing them with someone who lives in the same part of town. Can you imagine the difference it would make for someone who is homebound to have someone care enough about them to bring them to church? Can you imagine how good it would make you feel to know that you had helped that person connect to God in worship and experience the fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ? Let me know if you would like to be part of this kind of ministry.

On Sunday, I attended the KIVA class and heard Lew McGinnis talk about the role our church played in starting the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministry in the Oklahoma Annual Conference. This led to establishing the Exodus House, which is a housing facility for inmates who have been released from prison. We had the privilege of hearing Tony Altizer speak about how the Exodus House had blessed him and helped him reconnect with his 11-year-old daughter.

On Monday, I met with Stephanie Henry who is one of the Co-Chairpersons of our Mission Committee. We talked about some of the possibilities for projects for our first Mission Madness on Saturday, July 25 in which we plan to invite children, youth, and adults from our church to serve in ministry together on various mission projects in our community. We talked about the possibility of partnering with Cleats 4 Kids, the Exodus House, Circle of Care, and other ministries. Our Missions Committee will be meeting on Monday, June 29 to begin planning Mission Madness. Please let us know if you know of a mission project or idea that we might be able to do together. I believe we are going to create lasting memories as we bring multiple generations together to share the love of Jesus Christ.

I want to welcome Michael Hall who will be serving in our church as a part-time Maintenance Man. He will be working each afternoon under the guidance of our Trustees to change light bulbs, make repairs, and perform basic upkeep on the building.

This Sunday is Father's Day, and I hope you will join us as we honor and bless all of the men in our church during our worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. We will also begin a new sermon series on *Elijah* by talking about Becoming a Man (or Woman) of God.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Upcoming Events

#### 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 25

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.

#### Wednesday, July 1

Church Council Meeting  
at 5:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, July 2

Open Bible Study at Noon

#### Sunday, July 5

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 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

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

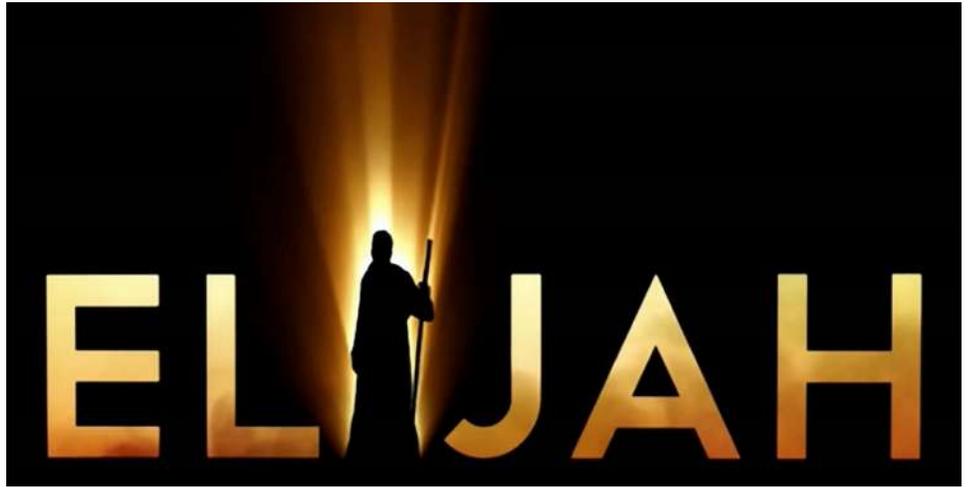
Bill and Katie Alexander, Joanne Crosby

#### 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



The land is parched.  
People are starving.  
The king and queen want you dead.

When the world around us is spinning out of control, where do we turn?

Meet Elijah and learn how God can work through the toughest times in your life.

Join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings as we learn from **Elijah**.

- June 21** *Becoming a Man of God*  
**June 28** *Which God Do You Serve?*  
**July 5** *Elijah's Prayer*  
**July 12** *Dealing with Depression*

## Building A Coachable Spirit



Greetings! I will be praying and thinking of you all while I am out of the office during this work week. I am at Local Pastor's Licensing School down at Oklahoma City University. I will be present on Sunday, but I am spending the next two work weeks in training so that I can be a better pastor to serve with you here at Nichols Hills. As we get older, I believe it becomes easier and easier to start thinking that we know everything that we need to know. We start to settle into habits and ways of thinking that can become very difficult to break. As we settle into these certain habits, it becomes increasingly difficult to grow as people of faith. No matter what stage of life we are in, we need coaching and mentoring to grow. John Wesley taught that we are supposed to always be marching on to Christian perfection. However, coaching and mentoring can include criticism that can sometimes be difficult to receive. I have been praying recently that God would give me a coachable spirit so that I can achieve the goal of being a better pastor tomorrow than I am today. I hope you will join me in praying that God would make us coachable people so that we can continue to grow closer to Christ. 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](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org). Send resumes to [revtrevor@gmail.com](mailto:revtrevor@gmail.com) or 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

## Ray and Lynn Greene

Ray Greene is from New Jersey and served in World War II. He attended Lehigh University and moved to Oklahoma in 1947. He received a Chartered Life Underwriter degree from The American College in Washington DC. He has 2 daughters, Marsha and Elizabeth. Ray recently celebrated his 97th birthday!

Lynn Greene grew up in Oklahoma City and later attended Oklahoma University. She graduated with a Business Administration degree and began working for the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. She worked there for 30 years as a Medical Secretary and then as a Foundation Secretary. Lynn has 3 children, Diane and twins Margee and Jim.

Ray and Lynn were married in 1967. They now have 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, 4 of which attend The Learning Center at NHUMC.

Ray and Lynn began attending NHUMC with Lynn's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Wilkins. They later joined on January 27, 1980. They both love the beautiful music of the Chancel Choir, the Prayer and Study Guides in the bulletins, the friendliness of the congregation, the Sunday morning greeting, Dr. Trevor Smith's newsletter article, and the devoted staff of NHUMC.



## Tidbits from The Learning Center

This week is enrollment for the fall 2015 session. We are excited about the numbers we are expecting for the fall. Once again we will have a preschool classroom for 4 year olds and 5 year olds. The Cheetahs will remain upstairs for the fall session with Miss Janelle as their teacher. This will allow us space for our 3 year olds to be in the same classroom as they have been in for summer. Going upstairs makes the children feel so grown up. Our field trip last week was a big hit. The children created their own tie-dyed tee shirts that they wore to the zoo. See the photos below from the OKC Zoo. Thank you to the families who went as chaperones. The children enjoyed themselves immensely. Apparently everyone was exhausted from all of the fun!



## Skyline's Clothes 4 Kids

### July volunteers needed:

Come help the kids shop for their school uniforms. We need six volunteers for each of the two sessions listed below. The older boys really prefer a man helping them, so we really like at least one man each session. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**July 15: 8:30-12:00 and July 23: 12:30-4:00**

### Thanks so Much!

- We collected 167 pairs of underwear! Thank you for your donations!
- We had six people volunteer in June. Thanks to Sharron Evans, Pam Shdeed, Beverly Perrin, Helen Sullivan, Marty Smith and Stephanie Henry.

## Volunteer Opportunity

We are in need of someone to join our newsletter folding team! We meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. to fold the newsletters. If this sounds like the opportunity for you, please contact the church at 405-842-1486.

### 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

- 06/19 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 21

The coffee host fellowship time is hosted by Dick and Carol Sue Manley.

The mission candle is lit by General Bill Bowden in honor of his grand daughter, Samantha Trammell.

The chancel flowers are given by Paul and Midge Lindsey in honor of Paul's 84th birthday.

### 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. On Thursday and Friday, August 6-7, I am planning on attending the Global Leadership 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/](http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/)

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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. This class is studying Bill Hybel's *Just Walk Across the Room*. The class discussion includes how the Bible applies to current events in our world. Teachers, Tim and Christie Baker. Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154

**KIVA Class:** (*Meets in the Parlor*) - Kay Goebel has invited Steven Prescott, President of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation to be our guest speaker & his topic will be "Medical Ethics". Leaders, Ken and Linda Howell

**Open Circle Class:** (*Meets in the Archives room*) - Join the Open Circle Class to discuss the Bible. Our Circle is always open. John Marshall, Teacher

**Roundtable Class:** (*Meets across from the Parlor*) - The Roundtable Class continues to study the words of the prophet Amos, who saw the evil ways of the people of Israel. Selfishness is the topic for this Sunday. And who among us can claim to never have been selfish? Join our class Sunday as Dr. Jerry Perryman helps us with understanding these scriptures. Join our class as Dr. Jerry Perryman leads our study. Jerry Perryman, Teacher

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**Dr. Trevor Smith**, Senior Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
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**Randall Blair**, Sunday Host

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