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Dr. Trevor Smith

The Ten Commandments

On Sunday, we will continue our sermon series, ***Moses: the Reluctant Prophet***, by talking about the real meaning of the Ten Commandments for our lives today and how we can demonstrate God's love to the world by obeying these commandments.

We will attempt to answer some of the questions you may have about the Ten Commandments. What are the Ten Commandments? What is so special about the Ten Commandments? Why did God give us these Commandments, and what do they teach us?

The reason God led the Israelites through the wilderness for forty years was to teach them how to live as God's people. More specifically, during this time in the wilderness, God was teaching the people how to live in right relationships with God, with each other, and with all of creation. So, rather than thinking of the Ten Commandments as God coming down to us to lay down the law, I want you to see that the Ten Commandments are a precious gift that God gives us. The Ten Commandments are special because they summarize all of the laws and are meant to help us experience the blessings that God has for us.

The Israelites were camped at Mount Sinai for eleven months, and during this time, God gave them all of the laws that are written from Exodus 20 through the rest of Exodus, all of Leviticus, and to the tenth chapter of Numbers. The LORD gave all of these laws and teachings to the Israelites at Mount Sinai during this time.

The commands are divided into two tablets: one concerning how we relate to God, and the other concerning how we relate to our neighbors. You may remember that when Jesus was asked which commandment was the greatest of all, Jesus summed up the Ten Commandments this way in Mark 12:29-31: "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Ten Commandments are still relevant to our lives today and can teach us how to grow in our relationships with God and with each other. The tablet includes the first four commandments which teach us how to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second tablet includes the last six commandments. These teach us how to love your neighbor as yourself. I hope you will join us on Sunday for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we grow to understand more clearly how these ancient commandments can still guide our lives today.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, June 26

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.

Sunday, July 3

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, July 11

Care Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
Finance Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27

John Marshall Breakfast at 7:15 a.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 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.

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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

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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.

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 Matt Patrick 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 **July 3, 10, 17 and 24**. 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

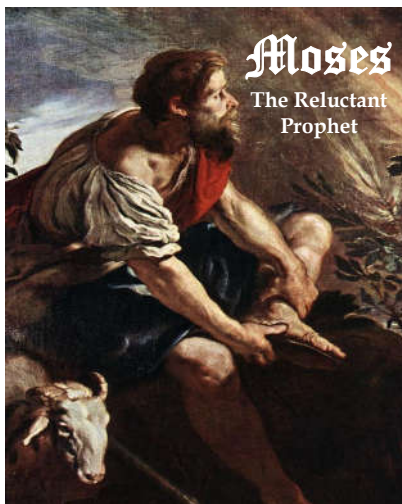
Joanna Garnett

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
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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' shortcomings, 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.

July 3

The Ten Commandments

July 10

The Golden Calf

Remembering Our Dependence



Rev. Matt Patrick

As the Fourth of July approaches, many of us will rightly celebrate all of the blessings we receive as American people. We are free to practice our faith without fear, and we celebrate the freedoms that have been given to us by God. However, this Independence Day, I want to invite you to do something a little different. Independence is a fine virtue, but only up to a certain point. If we allow individualism and independence to have importance over community and our dependence on each other and on God, then we have missed the point. If we choose to put our country or our patriotism before God, we have missed the mark and fallen short of our call as Christians. On this Fourth of July I invite you to have fun with family and see a fireworks show, but I hope you will join me in remembering our full and complete *dependence* on God. I hope you will join me in praying about how we can continue to put our full and complete trust in God through our community here at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church.

-Matt

Children's Ministry

We have a lot of great things coming up in the next few weeks that we would love for you and your family to experience!

In Sunday school we have been discussing Noah's ark. We will be looking at the significance of the rainbow God showed Noah and how that can be a constant reminder of His love for us.

The children will have until July 3rd to tell me this month's memory verse for a chance to get something from the treasure box! Psalm 118:24 say, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

If you are interested in serving during Sunday school and Children's Church please contact me at mchillless@uco.edu. We would love to have you worship with us!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

John Marshall Breakfast for Teachers and Staff



Plan to join us on **Wednesday, July 27th from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.** as we welcome the teachers and staff from John Marshall High School back to school for their first day of in-service with a breakfast, fellowship, and encouragement. We would love to have a large presence from Nichols Hills U.M.C. to show our community support. We will share more details over the next few weeks.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

Last Thursday we had baby farm animals come visit The Learning Center. There was a pig, a lamb, goats, chickens, and rabbits. We put up a small fenced in area under the portico so the children could walk around inside with the animals. This area also helped to keep the children and animals out of the sun. It was interesting to see the children step gingerly around the animals and be so very gentle with them. Children are typically excited around the unusual animals, but it also has a calming effect on them. Empathy and affection for the animals radiated from the children as they experienced something special which is smaller than them. *Agrovates*, the company which brought the animals, is owned by two farm-raised guys with a background in education. Tyler told me he ran into one of our church members who thought it would be fun to bring them to our children here at T.L.C. When this member mentioned the name of our church, Tyler recognized that we had already scheduled a visit with *Agrovates*. It is a small world, isn't it? Enjoy the photos!

Three weeks of summer are finished, and it's going much too fast. We are all having a blast!
-Denise



Parking Lot Repairs

Much needed parking lot repairs were approved by the Board of Trustees last week. Many areas of the parking lot will be replaced with new asphalt and major gaps and cracks will be milled out and filled, as well as two coats of sealer over the entire lot. I'm so happy to see this project get started and many more building improvements to come soon!

- Michael Wylder



We Are The Church



Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation. This week, Sharon Ives shares with us about her life, and how Nichols Hills U.M.C. is blessing her.

"I am originally an Iowa farm girl, but I have lived in Oklahoma for about 48 years. So I consider myself an Okie. I have a twin sister, two brothers, three daughters (with son in laws), four granddaughters, one great-grandson, and three step-great-grandchildren."

"I moved to this side of town a little over a year ago and was looking for a home church. I had visited several churches before I found Nichols Hills U.M.C. The first day I visited, I knew this was the church for which I had been looking for a long time. What drew me in was the warmth of the atmosphere, the people, the service, the choir, and most of all the message the Pastor gave. I received such a true welcome and feeling of concern. It made me want to go back, and the rest is history."

"I am enjoying getting to know the pastors, the staff, and new people all the time. I also enjoy the new projects I am now doing. It is super fun to volunteer with the ladies in the Wednesday newsletter group. I have been very blessed to be a part of this wonderful church."

Sharon joined our church on April 3, and we are happy to have her in our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!

Skyline Urban Ministry Clothes 4 Kids

Would you like to help with shopping appointments at Skyline Urban Ministry's Clothes 4 Kids ministry? We will be sending a group from our church to serve on **Monday, July 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Thursday, July 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** The Clothes 4 Kids Ministry allows families to receive two new school uniforms, shoes, a pair of new tennis shoes, three pair of socks, and three pair of underwear. Nichols Hills U.M.C. has been a longtime supporter of this ministry. Sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office.

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, July 3.

The mission candle is lit by Libby and G.T. Blankenship in honor of their two great granddaughters.

The chancel flowers are given by Janice Pitney in memory of her daughter, Jill Morgan Thompson.

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

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| 06/29 | George Malone |
| 07/01 | Carla Hill |
| 07/03 | Tom Klos |
| 07/04 | Will Malone |
| | Pam Shdeed |
| 07/06 | Ronald Elkins |
| 07/07 | Sue Goodman |
| | Jane Harlow |
| | Allyson Smith |

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 at the church.

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Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

The Brew Class: *Meets in the Room 131* - The Brew is doing a study on Moses in July. Join us for this study with Ray Vander Laan as we travel to Egypt and the wilderness with Moses. Teachers: Tim and Christie Baker. Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - We will be having a roundtable discussion. 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* - We are now utilizing devotionals from the book, *Jesus Calling* (2014) by Sarah Young as opening prayers. In addition to the Lectionary lesson plan format, we are for study purposes focusing on the "Sermon on the Mount" from Matthew, Chapters 5-7 for the next few Sundays. And including the "Sermon on the Plain" in Luke. Our closing prayer is most often based on Psalms. We meet in the Archives Room and our circle is always open. Teacher: John Marshall.

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.

Congratulations!

Alfred and Della Walker
were married on Saturday, June 25.
Congratulations, Alfred and Della!



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

Kathy Smith, Treasurer
Louise Glass, Financial Secretary
Michael Hall, Maintenance/Custodian
Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center
Alfred Walker, Sunday Host

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