

NICHOLS HILLS

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Dr. Trevor Smith

Forgiving the Unforgiveable

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. -*Jonah 3:1-5*

It is interesting to hear the way people talk about God. Sometimes I hear people say, “The God of the Old Testament is a God of judgment and vengeance, and the God of the New Testament is a God of love and forgiveness.” When we read the scriptures that is not what we find. God doesn’t change. God has always been compassionate and merciful. God is also a God of judgment, but the story of the Old Testament and the New Testament is a story of a God who will go to great lengths to offer compassion, mercy, grace, love, forgiveness, and salvation to everyone. Just look at how God was compassionate and merciful to Jonah. Do you think Jonah deserved a second chance? Over and over again in the Bible and in our lives we see that God is gracious. God pours God’s grace into our lives.

On Sunday we will continue our sermon series on The Book of Jonah called *You Can’t Run from God*. We’ll talk about the extravagant forgiveness God offered to the people of Nineveh and why Jonah was so upset that God would forgive his enemies.

We will also welcome Matt Patrick to our church staff. Matt has been appointed to serve as a part-time Student Pastor for our church. He will give leadership to our Youth Ministry and will work with our Missions Committee to help our church engage people in need in our community. He will also begin work this fall on his Master of Divinity degree at Saint Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University. While he was in college, Matt served for four years in the Youth Ministry at Acts 2 United Methodist Church in Edmond. He brings with him a passion for serving in ministry with young people and a desire to help Nichols Hills United Methodist Church grow. I hope you will plan to join us in worship at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. this Sunday and help us welcome Matt to our wonderful church family.

At 12:15 on Sunday, I will be meeting with parents and other adults to discuss our plans for our Children’s Ministry in the upcoming months. Let me know if you would like to be part of this discussion about one of our most important ministries.

I also wanted to thank Charlette Perryman and the members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the birthday celebration we had for the Church, Michael Wylder, and me on after worship on May 24. It was a lot of fun, and I really appreciated it. Have a great week, and I will see you at church.

Blessings,
Trevor

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 7

Communion in both services
Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 10:50 a.m.
Children’s Ministry Meeting
at 12:15 p.m.
S.P.R.C. Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 11

Open Bible Study at Noon

Sunday, June 14

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, June 15

Fall Enrollment for
The Learning Center Begins

Thursday, June 18

Open Bible Study at Noon

Sunday, June 21

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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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. 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 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

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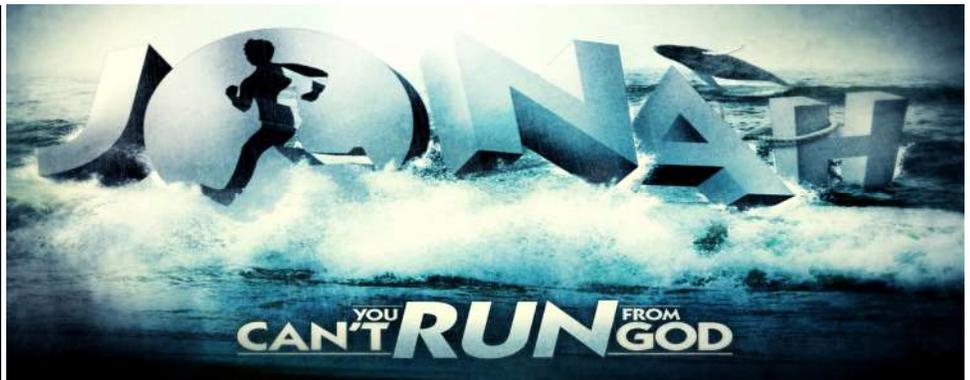
Bill and Katie Alexander, Joanne Crosby

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***.

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The Importance of Youth Ministry



I would first like to express how excited I am to have been appointed to serve all of you here at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. I am excited to come alongside you as we vision a path forward for this Church, which has great potential. One of my main duties here at Nichols Hills will be serving with our teenagers in the Youth Department. I have been in youth ministry for four years and I cannot begin to express how important it is to develop our adolescents. Most psychologists will tell you that the most formative times in a person's life are the experiences that they have between the ages of 12-18. This is the time in which we form who we will be for the rest of our lives. I believe that developing good discipleship habits during childhood and adolescents will help foster the continuation of our great faith. One of my mentors, Dr. Ray Crawford, always said, "The Church is always one generation away from extinction." It is up to all of us to come alongside our children and teenagers to let them know that they are Church of not only the future, but also the present. I pray that you will join me in this important task that Jesus has set before us.

Blessings,
Matt Patrick

Tidbits from The Learning Center

School is out and we have many friends who have returned for summer fun! We have opened up two classrooms upstairs for the school-agers (known as Sharks) and 3s and 4s (known as Cheetahs.) The 3s and 4s feel so grown up when they lunch with the school-agers. The teachers have set up learning centers in their respective classrooms. Schedules of summer field trips and water play dates were given in the June TLC newsletter. Copies of the newsletters are available if you would like to read one. There are many new faces and familiar ones so feel free to drop by and say, "Hello." We are up to 93 children. What fun!



Cheetah Classroom



Shark Classroom

Morgan Smith

I was born and raised in Stillwater, Oklahoma and was very active in church, attending youth group and church camp almost every summer. After graduating from high school, I spent 11 months in Argentina as a Rotary Exchange student. Upon returning, I attended O.S.U. and graduated with a Bachelors in Human Development and Family Sciences with an emphasis in Early Childhood. I taught my first three years as a kindergarten teacher at a charter school on the south side of Oklahoma City. This year I changed schools and teach kindergarten at Hilldale Elementary. I am also currently working on my Masters in Reading at U.C.O.



My sister and brother-in-law, Katy and Michael Maxwell, are a big reason why I began attending Nichols Hills U.M.C. I had been looking for a church in the Oklahoma City area but had not found one that I felt was a good fit. My sister suggested I try Nichols Hills U.M.C. with her. After the first Sunday I attended, I felt like it was a great fit. I felt at home, and the congregation was very friendly and welcoming. I joined the church on March 8, 2015.

I love doing mission work and volunteering so I am really looking forward to participating at N.H.U.M.C. I enjoyed volunteering for the John Marshall dinner and will enjoy helping with future projects like that and other projects within the community, especially helping with those that benefit or help students.

Job Openings

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.

Bookkeeper/Treasurer to manage and maintain the church's finance office. Part-time or Full-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 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

Celebration of Methodist Music

Edmond First United Methodist Church is pleased to present "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing! A Celebration of Methodist Music" on Sunday June 14th at 3:30 in the church sanctuary (305 E. Hurd). The event will feature the First Methodist Chancel Choir, Hand bell Choir and nationally acclaimed Methodist organist Dr. Adam Ward. Admission is free and there will be a free-will offering taken to benefit the Wesley Foundation at the University of Central Oklahoma. A free dinner will follow the worship in the Christian Activity Center. Everyone is invited!

Thank you!

I want to thank everyone for their outpouring of love and support of Jerry and me over the past couple of weeks as we prepared to say good-bye to Nichols Hills U.M.C. and transition to Selecman U.M.C. located in Southwest Oklahoma City. We have truly felt God's presence through you. There are too many people to thank individually here but I would like to express my appreciation to the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the wonderful reception after church last Sunday; and to Dr. Elkins for his heartfelt tribute during both services. I was overwhelmed with the number of gifts and cards with personal notes. And I was uplifted as I carefully read each of your messages. I will keep them and periodically read through them again as a reminder of the amazing people of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. I pray God's blessings on you and the church as you continue to do the work of Christ in the world.

Blessings,
Pastor Pam

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

July 12, 26 and August 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

06/04	Grant Davis Julian Diaz-Granados
06/06	Reese Robinson
06/07	John Marshall Leslie Maye
06/10	Samuel Stafford
06/13	Don McCarty
06/14	Kathy McCarty
06/15	Kurlisa Briggs
06/18	Linda Rosser
06/19	Antone Godding, Jr. 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 7

The coffee host fellowship time is hosted by the youth group in honor of Matthew Patrick.

The mission candle is lit by Beverly Pirtle in honor of her granddaughter, Isabella.

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

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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*) - Dudley Hyde will introduce Frank McPherson who will speak on "How I finally learned to deal with anxiety and worry". Leaders, Ken and Linda Howell

Open Circle Class: (*Meets in the Archives room*) - Our Open Circle Class takes one or two hymns each Sunday for study to help us with the Scriptures utilized as the basis for our lesson. 1 Samuel 8:4-20 and 11:14-15 is one of our Scriptures, which deals with the Lord and appointment of Kings. Hymn 586, "Let My People Seek Their Freedom," also deals with 1 Samuel. Of course, the hymns also have self-contained lessons. Our Circle is always open and guests are welcome. 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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