



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Find a Need and Fill It

⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him,⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?”

-John 6:5-9

²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.” *-Matthew 19:26*

When an opportunity to do something positive presents itself do you focus on what you cannot do, or do you focus on what you can do?

Robert Schuller described ministry this way: Find a need and fill it. Find a hurt and heal it.

I am fascinated to see the way that Jesus ministered to people. He was a master of identifying people’s needs and then ministering to them. Sometimes they needed healing. Sometimes they needed to be fed. Sometimes they needed to be taught. Sometimes they just needed a hug. When Jesus saw a person in need, he focused on what he could do to bless the person and draw the person closer to God.

When I was first appointed to serve as the senior pastor of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church, I heard many wonderful things about the church. The only negative thing I heard is that the people in our church would not volunteer to serve in ministry. I am happy to tell you that I have not experienced this to be true. I was so impressed in February when 70 people signed up to serve at our Dinner for John Marshall High School Students. Each week I have encountered many people in our church who have asked me how they can serve in our church and make a Christian difference.

On June 29 I met with 13 people including members of our Mission Committee to make plans for our first Mission Madness on Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in which we are inviting children, youth, and adults to join us in ministering to our community through several mission projects. We are still working on hammering out some of the fine details, but I am excited to share with you that we are planning on partnering with *Cleats 4 Kids* and *The Exodus House* for two of these projects. We will be sharing more with you about Mission Madness this Sunday in our worship services and our Sunday school classes. I hope you will mark July 25 on your calendar and plan to serve at our first Mission Madness.

This Sunday we will also take a closer look at Elijah’s prayer life, and we will talk about Four Characteristics of Effective Prayers. I hope you will plan to worship with us at 8:30 or 10:50 and join us in praying for how God might use us to transform our community. I really believe that God wants to do powerful works of ministry through the people in our church.

Blessings,
Trevor

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 3

Church Office and
The Learning Center Closed

Ronald “Buzz” McDaniel and
Linda Rosser Wedding at 4:00

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.

Monday, July 6

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.
Finance Committee at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 9

Open Bible Study at 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

T.L.C. Training at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 12

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 15

Clothes 4 Kids, 8:30 - 12:00

Thursday, July 23

Clothes 4 Kids, 12:30 to 4:00

Saturday, July 25

Mission Madness, 9:00 - 5:00

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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

Mission Madness is Coming

Make plans to serve in ministry with our children, youth, and adults at our first Mission Madness on Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 **July 19, 26 and all of August**. 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,
Maxine Ashe, 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*.

July 5 *Elijah's Prayer*

July 12 *Dealing with Depression*

Is There Anything Too Wonderful?



There is a great story in the Book of Genesis that is often read over because of the great epic narratives that surround it. It is the story of three strangers who show up at the tent of Abraham and Sarah early in chapter 18. Abraham and Sarah show great hospitality and welcome them in. They prepare food and water for them with great excitement and haste. Eventually, one of the three men announces that he will return next year when Sarah will have a son. The text says that Sarah was long past her ability to conceive and give birth, so naturally, she laughs at the idea. Then God speaks. God asks a timeless question to Abraham and Sarah by saying "Why did Sarah laugh? Is there anything too wonderful for the Lord?" This question resonates with me. Now that we are beginning to dream dreams for the future of Nichols Hills UMC, we may find ourselves dreaming dreams that make us laugh because we might think them impossible or difficult. However, I hope when we get to that point, we can remember this story and ask ourselves "Is there anything too wonderful for the Lord?"

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 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

Service 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. Come and enjoy some good fellowship as we help get the good news out to our church.



We Are The Church

Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation. This week, Bruce and Cara Fraley share with us about their lives and how Nichols Hills U.M.C. has blessed them.

Bruce and Cara Fraley were both raised in Oklahoma City. They met each other in middle school at Casady and were friends for ten years before there was ever a serious thought of marriage! In 2000, while Bruce worked toward his JD/MBA at the University of Oklahoma and Cara finished her Masters in accounting at the University of Texas at Austin, they began dating long-distance and in 2002 they were married at N.H.U.M.C. It was a natural choice as Cara grew up attending this church with her parents, Clark and Kay Musser, and older brother Clay. Bruce frequently attended youth group activities at N.H.U.M.C. as a teenager as well.

Bruce and Cara lived in Tulsa from '02 to '05 and then lived in Chicago until settling back in OKC in 2007. Bruce now works in wealth management for Merit Advisors. After five years as an accountant for the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, Cara is now a full-time mom to their two sons, Graham (age 6) and Louis (age 3).

In 2010, the Fraley family joined N.H.U.M.C., which represents meaningful relationships to them. Bruce and Cara serve on various church committees and are active with Children's Ministries and The Brew Class. The Learning Center has been a very special place of growth and fun for their sons. The Fraleys are particularly grateful for the leadership of Trevor Smith and Denise Buthion and they are excited for the upcoming Mission Madness event, where church members of all ages can get involved and people in our community will see what a generous and kind-hearted church we have!



Tidbits from The Learning Center

Our fall enrollment has been going quite well. Our Cubs room (infants) is now at maximum capacity every day of the week with 21 infants! Five of those enrolled in the Cubs (infants) are not even born yet. Other classrooms have availability but not much. Please tell your friends and family if they are interested in a robust curriculum, loving and nurturing teachers and a family supportive environment to contact The Learning Center for more details. Our Sharks class (school-agers) had a blast last week going out to the Orr Family Farm. Again the Circle of Care loaned us their van for transportation. Much thanks to them! We had three teachers and two parents help chaperone our children. It was a very hot day, but several events were inside the barns. A lot of water was consumed to keep our children hydrated and to beat the heat. You can see the excitement and fun the children had in the pictures below. Not bad for a bunch of city slickers. The Learning Center is closed this Friday in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and fun 4th of July.



Skyline Urban Ministry's Clothes 4 Kids

Come help the kids shop for their school uniforms. We need additional volunteers on **Wednesday, July 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Thursday, July 23 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.** 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.

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.

July Birthdays

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| 07/01 | Carla Hill |
| 07/03 | Delaney Bradley Tom Klos |
| 07/04 | Will Malone Pam Shdeed |
| 07/06 | Ronald Elkins |
| 07/07 | Sue Goodman Jane Harlow Allyson Smith |
| 07/09 | Melita James James Meyerson Gladys Miskovsky Michael Palmer |
| 07/10 | Nathaneal Crownover |
| 07/11 | Torie Carbajal Joe Womack |
| 07/14 | Bret Davis Steve Dickey William Sexton |
| 07/15 | David Brown |
| 07/17 | Margaret Wells |
| 07/18 | Jan Womack |
| 07/20 | Owen Lafferty |
| 07/21 | Stuart, Jr. Hunt |
| 07/22 | Becky Robinson |
| 07/23 | Janet Jones Beverly Pirtle |
| 07/24 | Linda Howell |
| 07/28 | Stella Shdeed |
| 07/30 | Phillip Rosier |
| 07/31 | Nancy Bradley Kristin Byrdsong Matt Eales John Griffin |

Serving In Ministry - July 5

The coffee hosts will be the Howell, Love and Tirrell Families.

The mission candle is lit by Cynthia Crowe Meyerson in memory of her father, A. G. Crowe on his birthday.

The chancel flowers are given by Buzz McDaniel and Linda Rosser McDaniel in memory of Betty McDaniel and Ron Rosser.

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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* - 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*) - The KIVA Class will have a roundtable discussion on Sunday, July 5. Leaders, Ken and Linda Howell

Open Circle Class: (*Meets in the Archives room*) - Come join our class as we learn about the Bible through scriptures and songs. Our Circle is always open. John Marshall, Teacher

Roundtable Class: (*Meets across from the Parlor*) - The prophet Micah in 2:4-11 tells us there is no rest for the wicked. Micah explains that our reluctance to accept criticism can interfere with our hearing God's will for us. When we are criticized, is it easier to become angry and stand our ground, or to listen carefully to the criticism? Join us as Dr. Jerry Perryman helps us understand. 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
Antonio McCarroll, Custodian
Randall Blair, Sunday Host

Matthew Patrick, Student Pastor
Dr. Antone Godding, Organist
Kathy Smith, Bookkeeper/Treasurer
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