

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Generation to Generation

<sup>19</sup> So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. <sup>20</sup> Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his

servant. —*1 Kings 19:19-21*

One of the most important ways we can find meaning in our lives is to share our faith in God with a younger person. When Elijah was depressed, God sent him to call Elisha to the work of a prophet. Elijah sought out Elisha and began to share his wisdom and his experiences with him. Through this mentoring relationship, God blessed both Elijah and Elisha as they partnered together in the work of ministry. Both of them gave something to the relationship, and both of them received blessings from the relationship.

Elijah took the time to share his wisdom and all of his experience with Elisha. He helped Elisha learn from him and empowered and called him to the ministry of a prophet. God values maturity. Our older generations' best days are ahead of them if they will invest in our younger generations. One of the biggest blessings our older generations can give to our younger generations is to delegate authority rather than tasks to our younger generations to help create a new generation of leaders. When younger generations feel like they have a say in the direction our church is headed they grow to have a better investment in the church and its ministry. It also helps them grow by making mistakes and experiencing success.

Elisha was willing to serve and follow Elijah so that he could learn from him. Elisha received the mantle of Elijah and continued Elijah's ministry in a new and exciting way. The work of ministry is passed from generation to generation. Young Christians learn how to follow and serve God by spending time with long-time Christians who have served the Lord for many years. It is amazing what can happen when relationship form across generations.

I would ask you to take some time and think about the people who loved you and mentored you when you were younger. How did that person bless you? What lessons did that person teach you?

I would also suggest that one of your biggest blessings could be getting to know some of the younger adults, youth, and children in our church. Who are you mentoring? How are you training a younger person to continue the ministry you do in a new way?

I want to invite you to answer the call to serve at our first **Mission Madness on Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** You will have the opportunity to make a Christian difference in our community by serving with children, youth, and adults, and you just may form a new relationship that will bless you for years to come.

I am also very excited to welcome Lauren Matthes to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as she comes to serve as our Director of Children and Family Ministry. Lauren brings with her ten years of experience in ministry, and she has faith that God is on the verge of doing something big at Nichols Hills U.M.C. in the coming months. I hope you will join us in worship on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we welcome Lauren to our church staff.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, July 19

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, July 23

Clothes 4 Kids, 12:30 to 4:00

#### Saturday, July 25

Mission Madness, 9:00 - 5:00

#### July 27 to July 31

C.Y.M.E. Church Camp

#### Sunday, August 23

Bring A Friend Sunday  
Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Block Party, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, August 30

Simple Church Study at 5:00

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[www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org)

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.

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 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 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

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

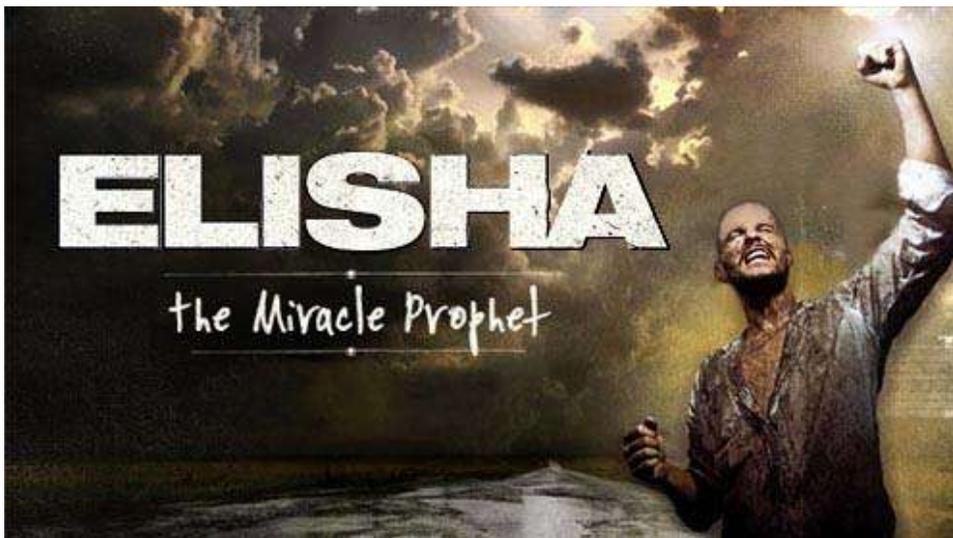
Bill and Katie Alexander,  
Maxine Ashe, Joanne Crosby

#### Town Village

Joanna Garnett

#### At Home

Barney and Virginia Brown,  
Jereme Cloud, Roger Etling,  
Beth & Dale Jordan,  
Frances Lewis, Joye McLain  
David Mueller, Barbara Sullivan,  
and Gene Wheeler



The Lord sent his great messenger, Elijah, to anoint a prophet to follow him. God chose someone ordinary. Elijah found Elisha, a nobody, plowing his father's field.

And what was Elisha's response? He burned his plow and left everything he knew to answer God's call. Even the ordinary can be called to greatness. His very first miracle repeated his mentor's last. The rest of Elisha's life was original, surprising, bold. More miracles fill the pages of his life story than anyone's but the Son of God himself.

Join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings as we learn from ***Elisha - the Miracle Prophet***.

<b>July 19</b>	<i>Burning Plows</i>
<b>July 26</b>	<i>Digging Ditches</i>
<b>August 2</b>	<i>A Lot With a Little</i>
<b>August 9</b>	<i>Humble Healing</i>
<b>August 16</b>	<i>Finding What You Lost</i>

## Serving Together, Growing Together

I have been doing youth ministry for almost five years now.



One of the greatest parts of youth ministry is watching students mature in their faith and become better disciples of Jesus Christ. One element that has always been important to me in youth ministry is group community. So many youth ministries struggle to have their students feel a collective bond with one another that forms into true Christian community. However, over the last five years I have noticed one thing that seems to transcend social, economic, personality, age, and gender barriers within youth ministry, and that's service. There is something about serving together that not only fulfills the calling that Jesus has set upon us, but it also allows us to let our guard down for a period of time so that someone can truly see who we are. One of my priorities for our students and their families is that they would serve together in order to fulfill the mission of Christ and foster healthier family and friend relationships within our church. We have a great mission opportunity coming up with **Mission Madness on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**. I hope that both our students and parents alike will join us in serving Christ and building community with each other.

Blessings

Matt Patrick

## Skyline Urban Ministry's Clothes 4 Kids



Come help the kids shop for their school uniforms. We need additional volunteers 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 at the session. Please call the church at 405.842.1486 to sign up.

# We Are The Church

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

Jim was born in Denver, Colorado. He attended O.U. and became a Banker and Trust Officer at the First National Bank.

Cynthia was born in Oklahoma City. She attended O.C.U., majoring in History and Criminal Justice. She then graduated from U.C.O. at the age of 40. Cynthia is a Charter Member. She joined Nichols Hills U.M.C. on Easter Sunday in the Nichols Hills Fire Station. The church building was in the process of being built during that time.

Jim and Cynthia were married in the original Sanctuary, which is now the Parlor, and have two daughters, one granddaughter, and one grandson. They love to volunteer. Currently they volunteer at the BritVil Community Food Pantry. Cynthia has also volunteered at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center, was a member of the Oklahoma State Pardon and Parole Board, and helped with the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy.

“We have always been engaged in the life of the church.” Both are members of the KIVA Sunday School Class and have taught Sunday School. Jim has served on the Finance and Trustees Committees. Cynthia has volunteered in the Children’s Ministry. Both Jim and Cynthia have worked with our youth and children. They consider it a “joy to be part of the history of this church.”

“Jim and I really love this church, the fellowship and friendships.” They are both excited to have our new pastor, Trevor Smith and his wife, Allyson. In fact, Trevor’s father was their veterinarian! Jim and Cynthia are both looking forward to Mission Madness. Cynthia said, “It is not to be missed!”



## Mission Madness July 25

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church invites you to serve with us at Mission Madness!

- What:** An intergenerational service event for Children (3 years to 5th grade), Youth (6th to 12th grade), and Adults of all Ages
- Where:** Our mission sites will be around the OKC Metro area. Our younger children will serve on site at N.H.U.M.C.
- When:** Saturday, July 25th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Why:** Because we are called to make a Christian difference.



Invite your children, grandchildren, and friends to join us for a great day of service!

For more information or to register, contact Rev. Matt Patrick at 405.842.1486 or [mpatrick@nicholshillsumc.org](mailto:mpatrick@nicholshillsumc.org).

## Tidbits from The Learning Center

This week we are pleased to report that our swinging bench project is completed on the little playground. YEAH! Thanks to the Henry McBride Foundation we were able to purchase the swinging bench and a permanent trash can. These items will bring a lot of joy to the children. Swinging back and forth is such an important element in children’s brain development (believe it or not). Providing children with another opportunity for outdoor movement encourages the children to keep active. Again, a huge thank you to the Henry McBride Foundation for this gift to The Learning Center.



Our school-age children (Sharks) and our four year olds (Cheetahs) went to the recently refurbished Science Museum of Oklahoma. Wow, did the children enjoy the recent add-ons at the museum! Even our teachers and parent chaperones had a ball! You must take your little ones to visit and see the new areas. It was really a treat to hear the excitement in our children’s voices about what they did and learned. The wonderful Circle of Care loaned us their van for transportation once again. Thank you so much!

**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**
- 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 19**  
 The coffee host will be Ann Garrett.  
 The mission candle will be lit by Rich and Karen McLain in celebration of the wedding of Mary McLain and Stephen Blake on July 18.  
 The chancel flowers will be given by Paul and Midge Lindsey in honor of their son Mark’s birthday.

### T.L.C. Science Museum Field Trip



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## Sunday School News

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in the Adult Bible Class room* 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* - Buzz McDaniel will speak on "Faith and Critical Studies: Understanding More Fully the Biblical Message"  
Leaders: Allen and Sherron Evans.

**Open Circle Class:** *Meets in the Archives room* - Join us for a wonderful study of the Scriptures! Our Open Circle Class is always open.  
Teacher: John Marshall.

**Roundtable Class:** *Meets across from the Parlor* - Micah calls for justice, love, and humility in chapter 6:3-8. "He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God." As we look around our country and further, how we long for our fellow humans to follow Micah's advice, and for each of us to do likewise. Join us and hear Dr. Jerry Perryman's teaching from this lesson. Teacher: Jerry Perryman.

**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.

**Youth Class:** *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God. Student Pastor: Matt Patrick.

**Children's Class:** *Meets upstairs.* - Join us for a child-friendly lesson, snacks, and crafts as we learn about God together. Director:: Lauren Matthes.

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**Dr. Trevor Smith**, Senior Pastor  
**Rev. Matt Patrick**, Student Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Lauren Matthes**, Director of Children and Family Ministry  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist  
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**Kathy Smith**, Bookkeeper/Treasurer  
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**Michael Hall**, Maintenance Man  
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**Randall Blair**, Sunday Host