

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Harvest Time

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." -*Matthew 9:35-38*

Have you ever thought about the way that Jesus did ministry? In Matthew 9:35 you see Jesus doing three kinds of ministry: teaching, preaching, and healing. Jesus did not wait for people to come to him; instead, he took the initiative to go where the people lived to minister to them. He taught them how God wanted them to live. He preached to them about the Good News of God's love, grace, forgiveness, and salvation. He also ministered to people who were sick and hurting by offering them healing.

Then, in Matthew 9:36 you begin to see what motivated Jesus to minister to people. He had compassion for them. Jesus loved people, and it grieved him to see children, youth, and adults who were struggling in life. He wanted to bless them and help them experience the love and grace of the God who had created each of them in God's very own image.

Finally, in Matthew 9:37 you see how Jesus invited his disciples to join him in ministering to people. He identified people's needs, and he empowered his disciples to go and minister to those needs. Even though Jesus was the Son of God, he knew that he needed the disciples to help his ministry grow and impact more and more people.

Jesus calls you and me to share in his ministry, and I would like to invite you to join us in serving in ministry together in one or more of the following ways.

Research has shown that there are generally three times each year when unchurched people are more likely to respond to an invitation to attend worship at a church. As I have shared with you before, those three times are Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday, and the beginning of a new school year in August. **On Sunday, August 21**, we will have our **Bring A Friend Sunday at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.**, and that evening we will have our **Block Party from 5:00 to 7:00**. I hope you have already been praying for a friend, a neighbor, a classmate, or a co-worker who does not have a church home, and I want to encourage you to take the initiative to invite that person to come to worship and to our Block Party with you. That Sunday we will also begin a new sermon series called *Margin*. Margin is simply the amount available beyond what is needed, and we will talk about the way that God can help us learn to live with margin and experience some of life's greatest blessings.

**Nichols Thrills** will start again on Wednesday, August 24 at 5:30 with a Fellowship Meal and small groups for children and adults. I will be leading an in-depth Bible Study on the Old Testament called **Disciple Fast Track**. The class is a more streamlined version of *Disciple Bible Study*, and I hope you will join me in growing in faith and fellowship. Jean Warner will be leading **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**, and Don and Lynn Batson will be leading **GriefShare** which is a support group for persons who have experienced the death of a family member or close friend. Matt Patrick will be leading a study called *Half-Truths* for our **Young Adult Group** at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. I hope you will join us for one of these meaningful small groups. I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Saturday, August 13

St. Yootz Day at 9:00 a.m.  
Memorial Service for Joye McLain at 11:00 a.m. at N.H.U.M.C.

#### Sunday, August 14

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Youth at 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, August 17

T.L.C. Open House at 5:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, August 21

Bring a Friend Sunday at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Block Party from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, August 24

Nichols Thrills Returns at 5:30  
Disciple Fast Track at 5:30  
Financial Peace University at 5:30  
GriefShare at 5:30  
Young Adult Group at 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday, August 26

Stewardship Focus Day at Church of the Servant at 8:30 p.m.

#### Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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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

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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 **August 21, 28, and all of September.** 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: Mary Ann Carmichael, Cheryl Fraley, Carla Hill, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, and Jean Warner

## 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 Flesher,  
Jess and Bette Harris,  
Beth and Dale Jordan, Frances Lewis,  
David Mueller, Maxine Permenter,  
and Gene Wheeler



struggles we face in experiencing the joy of the Christian life. Beginning on July 17, we will study Jesus' *Lessons from the Farm* and other New Testament teachings regarding the spiritual life.

We'll consider the intriguing connection between manure and being a Christian. We'll consider how the relentless onslaught of weeds in a garden teaches us about the many challenges to the Christian life. We'll learn how the process of putting up hay helps us understand one of the most important ingredients to spiritual maturity. And we'll look at how harvest time teaches us about the life that pleases God. Each message will include humorous stories and interviews with actual farmers to help us understand these biblical principles for growth. You will not want to miss any of these messages as we seek to grow in the Christian life.

**August 14** *Harvest Time*



Rev. Matt Patrick



young adults want to live an authentic faith and invite others of a similar age and life stage to join with them in pursuing Christ with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. I hope that you will join me in helping and praying for these young people as they continue their faith walk. I also hope that you will join me in ministry alongside them in our church.

-Matt

## Children's Ministry

I hope you all are excited for another great Block Party this year! The Block Party will be August 21st from 5-7 p.m! We will have a giant slip-n'-slide, games, homemade ice cream, hot dogs and so much more! Please invite a friend and come have a great night with us!

Nichols Thrills on Wednesday nights is quickly approaching! We will be offering child care during the time classes are held. Sign up for a class and bring your kids so we can grow deeper into the Word of God!

Don't forget about our memory verse for August! It comes from 1 Corinthians 10:31 which says, "Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God!" Children will have until the end of August to memorize the verse and get a prize from the treasure box!

Good luck to everyone starting school this week! See you Sunday!



Madison Chillless

-Madison

## Lessons from the Farm

Jesus began one of his most famous parables, "A farmer went out to plant seeds..."

He frequently used illustrations from the farm to teach his disciples about growing spiritually, the practices that help us become deeply committed Christians, and the

## Remain

### College and Young Adult Ministry

One of the aspects of our church that I am most excited about is one of our growing ministries. Last year, a group of young college students began meeting at our church in order to keep growing in their faith as they entered the college season. This ministry and group has grown through the grace of God, and we are expecting 25 to 30 college students to be in our building each week.

The students met together just a couple of weeks ago to come up with a name for this ministry to help identify its purpose. They decided upon **Remain - College and Young Adult Ministry** for some important reasons. In the face of the struggles that young adults and college students face during a transitional time, it can be difficult to hold on to faith or even explore faith for the first time. Our college students wanted to identify as a group of young Christians who have decided to *remain* grounded in their faith through fellowship, service, evangelism, and accountability. These

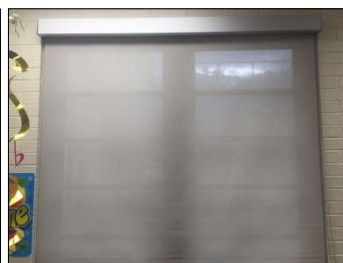
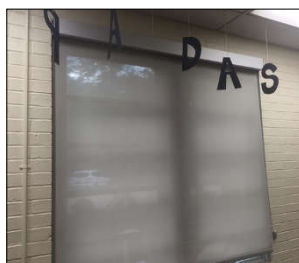
# Tidbits from The Learning Center



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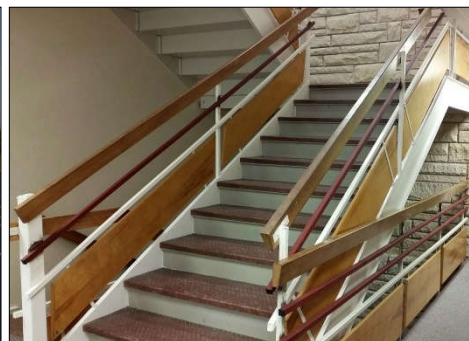
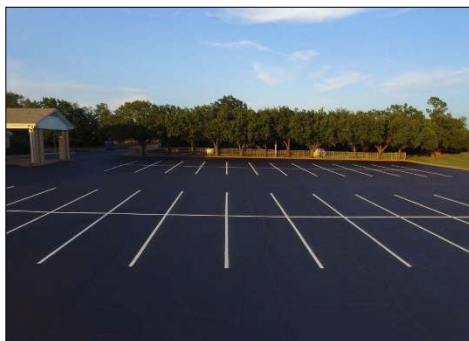
While we were on our summer break last week our lovely shades were installed in four of our classrooms. They soften the rooms a great deal. We know they will help to cut down on light coming in and yet we can still see out of them. They should help to cool the classrooms as well. The Kiva Sunday School Class helped us to pay for them. The Learning Center is so grateful for their contribution. Check out the pictures to see the final results. New wood chips for our playground will be delivered this week. We are very thankful that one of our Boy Scouts who is working on his Eagle Scout Project is going to spread the wood chips for us which will save us more expense. We love our Boy Scouts! They say it takes a village to raise a child. Our village is a wonderful place to be.

-Denise



## Renovations

This past week there has been noteworthy renovations happening at our church! The parking lot has been repaved and painted, the stairwell to the upstairs classrooms has had additional bars welded for safety, and The Learning Center has new window shades in place. Everything looks wonderful! Thank you to all who worked on these projects!



## Who does Jesus want you to reach?

Please write down the names, addresses, and emails of people you could invite to our Bring a Friend Sunday on August 21.

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## 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.

## 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.

## Serving In Ministry on Sunday, August 14.

The coffee hosts are Mark and Jami Cravens.

The chancel flowers are given by Paul Lindsey in honor of Midge Lindsey's birthday on August 18.

## Birthdays

08/14	Katie Dickey
08/15	Cinda Lafferty
	Jon Rogers
08/16	Allen Evans
08/18	Midge Lindsey
	Sheridan McMichael
	Sue Ryan
	Katherine Schoeffler
08/20	Regan Henry
	Gunnar Lavenue
	Shawn Love
08/21	Dick Manley
	Clark Musser
08/22	Madison Dean
	Caroline Mueller
08/24	Bruce Fraley
	Tom McDaniel
08/26	Claire Vick
08/30	Judy Kauffman
08/31	Sue Hood
08/31	David Reed

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! Visit the church website at [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org). Click on the blue *Make A Donation* button. Then follow the online instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Glass at the church (405) 842-1486.



## Nichols Thrills Is Returning!

Nichols Thrills will begin again on Wednesday, August 24, with a Meal at 5:30 p.m. and three meaningful groups for adults.

**Disciple Fast Track** is an adaptation of the original Disciple Bible Study. Join us this fall for a 12-week in-depth study of the Old Testament. Participants will read three to five chapters of the Bible each day between sessions and will meet each Wednesday to discuss and learn together for 75 minutes. The price of the book is \$17. Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** is a nine-week class on faith and money. Would you like to eliminate \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in three months? Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more! The price is \$99. Leader: Jean Warner.

**GriefShare** is a 13-week support group for persons who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you may feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. The price of the book is \$16.50. Leaders: Don and Lynn Batson.

We hope you will join us for one of these meaningful small group opportunities this fall. Sign up in the Narthex after worship or in the Church Office during the week.



# BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, August 21  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for hot dogs, homemade ice cream, music, Bingo, games, a giant Slip-N-Slide, water games, face painting, and fun for all ages!!!

There are lots of ways to help with our Block Party.

Make some home-made ice-cream, brownies, or cookies.

Help with the set-up at 3:00 or the clean-up at 7:00 that day.

Bring a white-elephant prize for Bingo.

Sign up in the Narthex on Sunday to serve at the Block Party.

Below are some photos from last year's Block Party. It was such a fun time! We hope to see you at this year's Block Party on Sunday, August 21!

## 2015 Block Party



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

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in the Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” for fellowship and discussion on topics that provide insight and support for staying on the pathway of a Christian lifestyle in today’s world. For the next three weeks our topic will be:

***Building A Legacy*** – (8/16) Who will benefit from my Legacy? –(8/21) How do I begin to build my personal Legacy? For more information about “The Brew”, please contact: Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154, Ben Dickey (816) 885-3324 or Katie Dickey (816) 898-1668.

**KIVA Class:** *Meets in the Parlor* - Larry Stein, Chief Deputy for the Oklahoma County Assessor, will be speaking on school funding. Leader: Hank Bradley.

**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* - Our devotional from the *Jesus Calling* devotionals by Sarah Young deals with “How to have PEACE in our daily lives in a relatively complex society.” But the devotional goes on to say that PEACE is not an elusive goal. Our opening and closing prayers will be from Psalm 71. Come join us for our always spirited class discussions. 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.

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