



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Time to Pray

⁸Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. ⁹Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek."

Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."

¹⁰So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

¹¹Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. ¹³And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword. -*Exodus 17:8-13*

When Jesus came to earth and saw thousands of weary, beaten-down people losing their daily battles in life he shook his head and just said to the people, "You should pray more. That's what you should do. You guys should pray more." In the Sermon on the Mount, he said, "You should ask, and you should seek. You should knock. There's no good reason why you should fend off all of the help that heaven is willing to send your way. There is no good reason why you should be trying to do all these things on human strength alone. You weren't designed to be able to do that. So, why don't you just ask once in a while for heaven's help? Why don't you seek for heaven's guidance when you need guidance? Why don't you just knock if you need God to open a door for you?"

As I look at the challenges and complexities challenging all of you these days, I think it's time for us to ratchet up our prayers. I think it's time for us to ratchet up our asking, our seeking, our knocking. On Sunday, we are beginning a five-week sermon series on prayer. If you ask me why we're raising this value up with this amount of intensity, I'll answer you by taking you back to the hilltop that Moses was standing on centuries ago as Joshua and his troops were battling an overwhelming invading army. What we are going to find is that on so many levels, the tide of your life's battles hinges on the location of your hands. I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you to worship with us at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday as begin our new sermon series, *Time to Pray*. I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor



Ministry Calendar

Sunday, September 18

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.

Monday, September 19

Staff Parish Relations Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14

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

Monday, September 26

Trustee Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, October 3

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4

Stewardship Committee at 5:30

Sunday, October 9

Crossroads District Gathering at Church of the Servant at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 10

Nominations Committee at 5:30

Tuesday, October 11

Endowment Committee at 5:30

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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.

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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. If this is 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 **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: Rosemary Scalpone, Marty Smith, Kathy Walker, and Jean Warner.

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.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, September 18.

The coffee hosts are Kay and Clark Musser.

The chancel flowers are given by GT and Libby Blankenship in memory of my parent's anniversary.

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, and Maxine Permenter



Time to Pray

Does God hear our prayers?

Does prayer really make a difference?

How would my life be different if I joined together with others to pray for my friends, my family, my church, and my community?

Join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings for our new sermon series, ***Time to Pray***.

September 18	<i>Prayer of Moses</i>
September 25	<i>Prayer of Daniel</i>
October 2	<i>Prayer of Hezekiah</i>
October 9	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>
October 16	<i>Jesus' Prayer of Forgiveness</i>



Rev. Matt Patrick

Half Truth: "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It"

This week in the Young Adult Group, the half-truth we will be discussing deals with the proper interpretation of the Bible. Many times, you will hear people say "The Bible says..." before they list off a belief or doctrinal claim. However, in most theological issues, both sides will argue that the Bible is on their side. This is because the Bible isn't simple. It isn't a straightforward document that lists off a bunch of value statements that can be taken literally. The Bible is a complex collection of 66 documents that were all written by different people at different times in history. Because of the diversity, the Bible must be understood through the lens of the historical and cultural forces that shaped it. The Bible will always be the best revelation of God and God's character that we have, therefore it deserves more than a surface level analysis. Our culture and understanding of the world has changed over the last 3000 years, and our interpretations must take into consideration the author's context and our own.

I hope that you will join me in taking the Bible very seriously, and I hope you will join me in taking it seriously enough to dig deeper than the surface.

-Matt

Children's Ministry

I hope you are having a great week so far! Our Children's Ministry program has a lot of great things going on that I would love for you to all be a part of. Our older kids Sunday school class has started and our curriculum is perfect for kids in 2nd to 5th grade!

In our younger kids classroom we are working on the next song we will sing in front of the congregation! We also have a memory verse for the month of September which is Psalm 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." If the children can tell me the memory verse they will get a prize from the treasure box!

If anyone feels called to work with our Children's Ministry program please feel free to email me at mchillless@uco.edu. I can't wait to see you all on Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Last week we honored our grandparents with a "come and go" breakfast.

We served fresh muffins and juice for the honorees and their grandchildren. It is so refreshing to have our grandparents come and see what's going on with their grandchildren. It is always special to show off our program! This week we will photograph the children for fall school pictures with Larch Family Photography. It is hectic but fun to see how much the children change from spring pictures. Enjoy our grandparents' day pictures!

Denise Buthion

-Denise



Save the Date for Fall Festival!

Sunday, October 30

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our Chili Cook-off, Hayrides, Games, and S'mores! More details to come!



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. 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.

RDS Unite App

We are excited to announce a new app from RDS called Unite that allows you to have access to our church directory, make contributions, change your personal information, and view your personal contribution history all from your phone!

This app is available for Apple, Android, and Microsoft. It is free for download from the app store on your phone. To find it, search for "RDS Unite.", download and install it. Then open it and click "Register." Enter the church code 10081, then your email address, then enter a password of your choice and click "Register." If you have any questions, feel free to contact Delaney in the Church Office at 405-842-1486 or dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org.

Birthdays

- 09/17 Kerry Maye
- Sally Stringer
- 09/19 Jess Harris, Jr.
- 09/22 Billie Boston
- Jami Cravens
- Meg Miller
- Jerry Perryman
- 09/24 Jason Ott
- 09/25 Pamela Bracken
- 09/26 Juanita Greer
- Ellie Roberts
- 09/27 Alan Niemann
- 09/28 Caitlin Dyke
- 09/30 Cara Fraley
- 10/02 Randall Blair
- 10/03 Cheryl Fraley
- 10/04 Carol Magness
- 10/05 Louise Glass
- Linda Klos
- Graham Murphy
- Harrison Murphy
- 10/06 Joie Dickey
- James Lavenue
- 10/07 Anna Bookout
- Hardy Robinson
- Fred Schonwald, Jr.

If your birthday isn't included in our list, please contact the church office (405-842-1486) to be added.

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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. This Sunday we will begin studying *Breaking Busy (or How to Find Peace & Purpose in a World of Crazy)* by Alli Worthington. For more information about “The Brew”, please contact: Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Providence Health Care will present advice on home care for the ill or elderly. 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* - The Open Circle Class primarily utilizes the Lectionary approach to studying scriptures, which excerpts scriptures from the Bible so that the full Bible is covered every two years. We also study hymns. 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.

Second Graders through Fifth Graders: *Meets in the Children’s Area.* Join us for a fun time with your friends as we grow closer to God and each other. Ministry Intern: Laley Braucher.

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.

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
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