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Dr. Trevor Smith

Prayer of Daniel

On Sunday we will continue our *Time to Pray* sermon series. I am sure that many of you have some very good questions about prayer. You need some answers if you are going to take your prayer to the next level. What should I say when I pray? Do I pray to God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit? I would tell you to pray, "Dear Lord..." and let the Trinity route your prayer from there to wherever the Trinity wants that one to go. It's going to get to God. The Trinity will sort it out.

One of the most frequently asked questions is, "How disciplined should I be about prayer? Should I have a specific routine, or should I be spontaneous? Should I choose a certain time of day in a certain place that I go to do all of my praying, or should I be looser about that and pray without ceasing? Should I try to pray on the fly and make it conversational with God all throughout the day? Which is the better approach?" These are fair questions, and they deserve clear answers. So, I'm going to uncork my bottle of wisdom on Sunday morning and give you the best answer I can, but in order to do that I have to take you back to one of the all-time classic stories in all of scripture. It has all of the elements of a good movie: colorful characters, suspense, drama, tension, twists, and a surprise ending.

The main character in this story is an 85 year old man named Daniel who is an Israelite who was kidnapped from Jerusalem when he was a young man. He and some college-aged buddies were dragged off to a foreign land whose culture and customs seemed certifiably strange, but Daniel refused to get down on his situation. He didn't want to play the role of the victim just because he had been kidnapped and dragged off to a foreign land. Instead, he decided to lean deeply into his relationship with God. He decided to do what most of you attempt to do from Monday through Friday in the marketplace or the school which is to live out your faith in a wise, courageous, and winsome way in a secular and often godless environment. Daniel decided, "Do you know what I'm going to do? I'm not going to lay down. I'm going to stand up for my faith. I'm going to stand up for my God. I'm going to try to make the glory of my God known in this godless environment." Many of you have that on the forefront of your mind in the workplace or the school every day, to walk it and not just cheap talk about it.

So, Daniel is in this foreign culture, and he willingly accepts every work assignment that comes his way. He does his absolute best at any assignment given to him because he wants to bring glory to his God. He wants to work in a way that his colleagues will take notice and say, "What's driving you? Who are you doing all of this for?" As time goes on in his life, his career takes a twist, and he ends up in the political arena. The more governmental responsibility he's given, the more he rises to the challenge. The more he digs into his faith, the more he gives God glory by how he's working in the political arena, he continues to rise up the ladder. He just keeps going up. This ascent goes on for decades, and finally when we meet him in this part of the story he's 85 years old.

When a new king came to power he appointed him to one of the three most powerful positions in the entire national government, but Daniel's co-workers were so jealous of him that they conspired to have him executed because of his faith. It was a defining moment for Daniel. He had to make a decision about whether he would put his faith in God and in the power of prayer or deny the faith that had sustained him. I hope you will join us for worship to hear the rest of the story. Have a great week.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, September 25

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

Monday, September 26

Trustee Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27

Arise - United Methodist
Foundation at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 28

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, October 3

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.
S.P.R.C. Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4

Stewardship Committee at 5:30

Sunday, October 9

Children's Ministry at 12:15 p.m.
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
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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 **October 9, 16, 23, and 30**. 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, 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 host is Jeff Cloud.

The chancel flowers are given by Carol Magness and Elizabeth Prosser honoring the anniversary of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Moorman Prosser (September 23, 1937).

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby, and Bonnie Miller

Town Village

Joanna Garnett

The Fountains at Canterbury

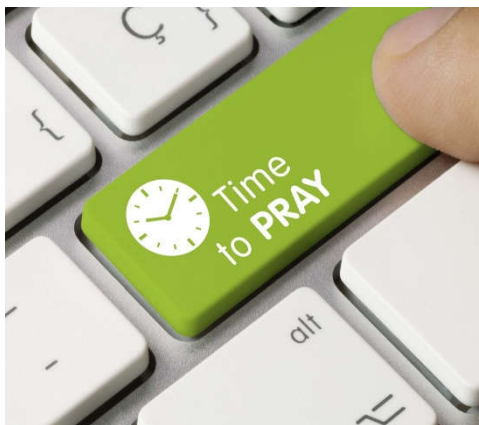
Barney and Virginia Brown
Anita Dahlgren

Autumn Leaves

Bill and Katie Alexander

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 25 Prayer of Daniel

October 2 Prayer of Hezekiah

October 9 The Lord's Prayer

October 16 Jesus' Prayer of Forgiveness



Rev. Matt Patrick

“Half Truth: Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin”

This week at *Remain* College and Young Adult Group, we will be discussing the Half Truth “*Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin.*” At first glance, there is nothing wrong with this statement and it seems sound; however, it is almost impossible to put into practice effectively. We absolutely should reject sin and its negative impacts on our lives, but when we focus so much on hating the sin in someone's life, many times that can bleed over into hating the person or their character.

On Wednesday night, we will be taking a deeper look at this half truth, and we will also discuss how we can encourage others to reject the sin in their life without letting their sin become something that we judge within them. I hope that you will continue to pray for our group as they continue to grow together.

-Matt

Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry program is growing quickly, and I hope you and your family will join us on Sunday mornings!

The older children from grades 2nd to 5th have an awesome class to join and can come learn God's word that is great for this age group. This class is taught by our ministry intern, Laley Braucher, who will encourage your children and help them to think deeply about the stories they study.

Our younger kids have their class in Creation Station which allows your kids to play, sing, and dance all while worshiping God! In this class we are practicing for our next song we will sing in front of congregation, so I really want to encourage you to bring your children so they are able to practice and then be a part of that experience!

Our memory verse for both classes for the month of September is Psalm 19:1 which says, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.” If your child can tell me the memory verse they will get a prize from the treasure box!

Mark your calendars because we will have a Children's Ministry committee meeting on Sunday, October 9th at 12:15 p.m. to discuss the Fall Festival!

I hope you all are enjoying your week and the beautiful weather! See you on Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

Welcome New Members!

We are so excited to have seven new members join our church in August and September!

Bill and Sandra Smith

Turner and Cindy Davis

Jarrold and Haley Weaver

Blake Lemmons

We look forward to learning more about you, and sharing the good news of Christ together!

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

We are happy to announce that we will be adding a faith-based curriculum to our current educational plans. Each week there will be a lesson with an introduction to prepare the children for the Bible story. This is a simple and fun way to get the children thinking about how the story may relate to their lives. Different props will be used such as puppets, stand up pieces, and felt boards. The Bible verse is reviewed in each lesson in a different manner that is age-appropriate. There are games, recipes, dramatic play, songs, and many more ways to build understanding of the Bible lesson and apply its principles to children's lives. This is going to begin in October. We will continue our weekly children's chapel three times a week. We feel blessed to work with these children in our church.

-Denise



John Marshall Resource Closet Needs



John Marshall High School would like us to collect men's dress shirts and ties. The young men at the high school have various opportunities to dress up for game days, special events, etc., and are in need of business attire.

Donations should be clean, in good condition, and as current as possible. Please bring your donation to the church on hangers by September 28, and hang them in the coat closet in the Narthex. As we work to further develop this relationship we'll be sharing more opportunities to donate as well as volunteer. Thank you for your generous support of these students in our community.



Cub Scout Popcorn Sale

Sunday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Come support our local Cub Scout Troop by purchasing popcorn.



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

09/24	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.
10/09	Randi Garza Jacob Roan
	John Rowntree, Jr.
10/10	Bill Shdeed

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 continue 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* - Join us as we learn how to make a Christian difference in the world. 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 Open Circle Class will open with a devotional from the *Jesus Calling* book by Sarah Young that begins with the statement: “POUR ALL OF YOUR ENERGY INTO TRUSTING ME.” Our prayer comes from Psalm 91, and our Scripture reading is from Luke 16:19-31 which deals with Lazarus. Our class decided to study the Book of Revelations, and we will start our lessons about it on the second Sunday of October. 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.

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

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center
Michael Hall, Maintenance/Custodian
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