

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Prayer of Hezekiah

Where were you when you heard the news?
Where were you when you heard the news that John F.
Kennedy was assassinated in 1963?
Where were you when you heard the news that the Space
Shuttle Challenger blew up as it took off on January 28, 1986?
Where were you when the Murrah building was bombed on
April 19, 1995?

Where were you when the twin towers came down on September 11, 2001?

Have you ever received terrible, terrible news, such terrible news that you can remember right where you were when you received it?

Have you ever had your life rocked by a medical report, by a lawsuit, by a foreclosure notice? And you think, "Oh man. I'll never forget that morning, that evening, that knock at the door."

Some of you have had news hit you like a sledge hammer so much that in a split second you came to total clarity that your only hope was God. There's no human plan B, C, or D that's going to get you out of this mess. Either God's going to step in or it's lights out for you. Again, if you've ever had those kinds of things happen, and I have, you remember where you were, who you were with, the time of day, sometimes even what you were wearing.

I mention this because I'm convinced that a young king in the Old Testament named Hezekiah would have life-long, vivid memories of exactly where he was, who he was with, and what he was wearing when he received a letter from the king of a huge, neighboring nation stating that unless he surrendered immediately and unconditionally that this king's army was going to come in and invade Jerusalem, kill every man, woman, and child.

Do you know what Hezekiah did when he receives this threatening letter that knocks the wind out of him? II Kings 19:14-15 says, *When Hezekiah read the letter he went straight to the Temple of the Lord, spread the letter out before God and prayed.* I love this imagery where he takes the letter itself, this threatening hand-written letter from the king, and he runs to the Temple and spreads it out before God. He says, "God, this problem is too big for me to handle. God, I need you to see this whole letter. I need you to read every sentence and every word because I can't handle this alone." I appreciate Hezekiah's vulnerability and dependency on God. Then the text says, after he spread that letter out he begins to pray.

I hope you will join us for worship on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 to hear the rest of the story as we discuss why faith is so important to effective prayer. Invite someone you care about to come with you. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, October 2

Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Boy 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, 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

Wednesday, October 5

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.

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

Tuesday, October 18

Altar Guild Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 30

Fall Festival at 5:00 p.m.

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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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

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, Carla Hill, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, and Beverly Perri.

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, October 2.

The coffee host is Robynn Poortvliet.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory from Mary Bentley to John W. Bentley, her husband, and John M. Bentley, her son.

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby, and Bonnie Miller

Town Village

Joanna Garnett

The Fountains at Canterbury

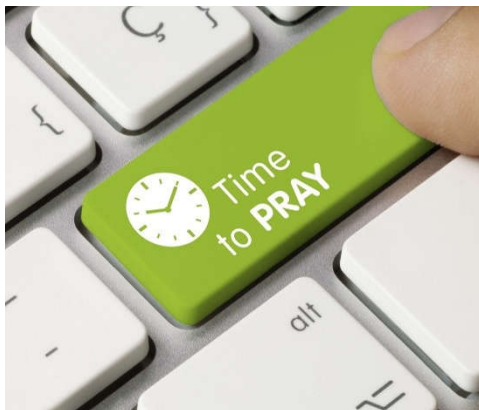
Barney and Virginia Brown
Anita Dahlgren

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***.

October 2	Prayer of Hezekiah
October 9	The Lord's Prayer
October 16	Jesus' Prayer of Forgiveness



Rev. Matt Patrick

Just Walk Across the Room

There are a lot of great things happening in the life of our church, and I'm pleased to report that our young adult ministry is still going strong! I'm excited about our next study series by Billy Hybels called *Just Walk Across the Room*. It is a series that stresses the importance of evangelism as a part of living out our faith. I think the title really speaks to one of the boundaries that we put up in our lives around evangelism. Sometimes, we just don't want to walk across the room and introduce ourselves to someone and be friendly because it puts us outside of our comfort zone.

During this series we will talk about evangelism techniques that stress relationship building instead of the less effective or harmful styles of evangelism that we sometimes see in the media or on our own street corner. I'm looking forward to empowering our young people to claim the good that God has done in our lives and to share that with others around them.

-Matt

Children's Ministry

This Sunday our kids will be meeting in Creation Station and the older kids classroom to learn more about Joseph. They will be separated into classrooms that allow them to grow in the word of God and encourage each other to get deeper into the message! We are currently practicing a new song to sing for the congregation so make sure to have kids at church during Sunday school so we can rehearse with Michael Wylder!

The memory verse for September is Psalm 19:1 which says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." Kids in either class can tell me the memory verse and get a prize from the treasure chest!

Our Children's Ministry committee will be having a meeting on October 9th at 12:15 to discuss the Fall Festival and other upcoming opportunities for the Children's Ministry Program!

I am so blessed by the wonderful people of Nichols Hills U.M.C., and I can't wait to see you on Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chilless

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

We are so thrilled to introduce our new staff member, Marita Barkus. She is currently attending Rose State College with her major in education. She plans to graduate in the fall of 2019. Some of her favorite hobbies include watching Netflix and doing a little shopping. Her favorite hobby is eating since her mother is a wonderful chef.

Marita wanted to work at T.L.C. because of her love of God and children. In her interviews she said it was the perfect place for her to be! We definitely agree with her. Join us in giving her a warm welcome to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church and T.L.C.

-Denise



Marita Barkus

We Are The Church

Our church makes a Christian difference through our wonderful people. This week, we want to introduce you to one of our new members, Blake Lemmons.

"Hello all. My name is Blake Lemmons. I am a Sophomore at Oklahoma City University. I am extremely active on campus. I am on the student court, active in religious life, on the speech and debate team, and I am also active in the young adult ministry at Nichols Hills U.M.C. I grew up in the United Methodist Church; my father and grandfather are both United Methodist pastors. Because of this, I am as active as I can be in the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference."

Blake joined our church on September 18. We are excited that he is part of our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!



Boy Scout Popcorn Sale

Sunday, October 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Come support our local Boy Scout Troop by purchasing popcorn.



Save the Date for Fall Festival!

Sunday, October 30 at 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 Or Using Our QR Code

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.

We also have a QR Code that you can scan with your cell phone to donate. 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

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
10/11	Blythe Butler
	Ann Garrett
10/12	Tracey Saunders

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* - 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. Director of Children’s Ministry: 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

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center
Michael Hall, Maintenance/Custodian
Alfred Walker, Sunday Host
Laley Braucher, Ministry Intern
Rachel Spear, Nursery Attendant
Shendra Stevens, Nursery Attendant
Randall Blair, Sunday Host

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