

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## Wiser in Our Decisions

Proverbs 12:15 – The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

Proverbs 14:15 – Fools optimistically believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.

Proverbs 14:12 – There's a way that appears right, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 21:5 – The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Proverbs 19:2 – It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the path.

Proverb 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.

Rarely a week goes by that someone in our church is at a critical intersection. A decision is going to have to be made quite soon. Sometimes it's job related. Sometimes it's marriage related or family related. Sometimes it has to do with health decisions, finances, or dating.

On any given week, many of us find ourselves at a crossroads. We would really like to get the decision right. If you are one of the people who are facing a key decision this Sunday is your lucky day, because we are studying the book of the Bible that has more to say than any other part of scripture about how to make great decisions. *Proverbs* has a lot to say and gives us several crystal-clear insights regarding effective decision-making. I invite you to worship with us this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 as we talk about how we can grow *Wiser in Our Decisions*.

I am excited to welcome three new people to our church staff this week. Louise Glass has been hired to serve as our Finance Secretary. Louise has previously served at New Covenant United Methodist Church for ten years as the business administrator. Louise will handle contributions and bank reconciliations and will work with Kathy Smith and the Finance Committee. I hope you will welcome Louise to our church.

Madison Chilles and Monica Farquhar have been hired to work with our smallest children in our Nursery on Sunday and Wednesday. Madison has previously worked in the nursery at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Norman, and Monica has previously worked in the nursery at First Presbyterian Church in Edmond. They both have a love for children, and we are excited to welcome them to Nichols Hills U.M.C.

Nichols Thrills on Wednesday evenings is going very well. I want to thank Cinda Lafferty and Pam and Bill Shdeed, for providing a wonderful dinner this week. This week we will discuss *Why and How Do I Read the Bible?* in the Alpha Course, and next Wednesday we will discuss *How Does God Guide Us?* This is an exciting time to be part of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. May God bless you this week as we work to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Blessings,  
Trevor

## Ministry Calendar

### Sunday, October 4

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Nominations Committee at 4:00

Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

### Monday, October 5

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 7

**Nichols Thrills - 5:30 to 7:00**

Fellowship Meal at 5:30 p.m.

Small Groups at 6:00 p.m.

Expedition Children's Group-6:00

Alpha Course for Adults at 6:00

Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Young Adult Group at 8:30 p.m.

### Sunday, October 11

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 10:50 a.m.

S.P.R.C. Meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

### Sunday, October 25

Fall Festival, 5:00 to 7:00 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

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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 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 **October 11, 18, and all of November**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

### 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.

### 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 them to grow in their faith.

Leaders: Matt Patrick and Matt Eales

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

Bill and Katie Alexander,  
Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby,  
Maxine Permenter

#### Town Village

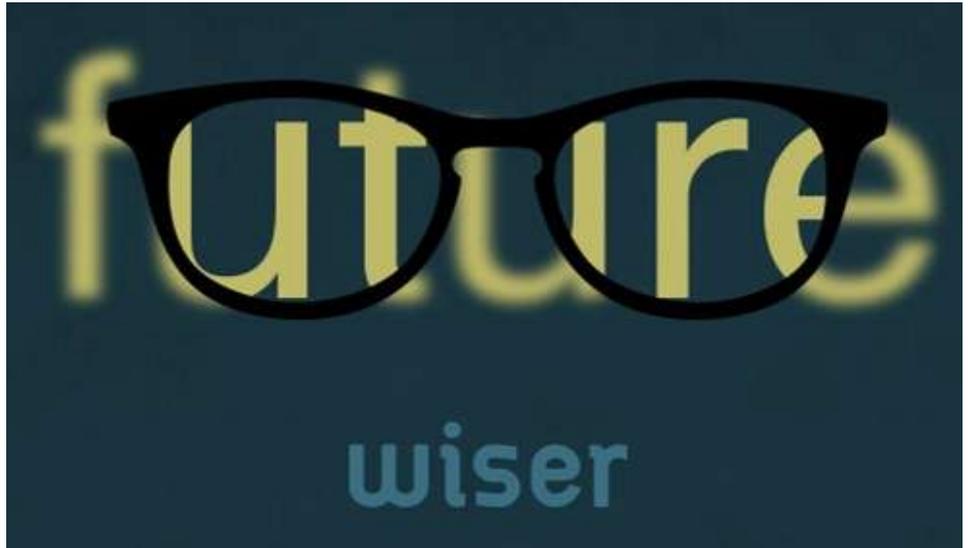
Joanna Garnett

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

Barney and Virginia Brown  
Anita Dahlgren

#### At Home

Roger Etling, Ann and Tom Flesher,  
Beth & Dale Jordan, Frances Lewis,  
Joye McLain David Mueller,  
Barbara Sullivan, and Gene Wheeler



## Wiser

**Have you ever done something really stupid and then thought, "I'll be wiser next time?"**

This Sunday, Pastor Trevor Smith will lead us as we study the wisdom of *The Book of Proverbs* and learn how we can be wiser in our decisions. Bring a friend and join us as we grow **Wiser**.

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| <b>October 4</b>  | <i>Wiser in Our Decisions</i>   |
| <b>October 11</b> | <i>Wiser with Our Sexuality</i> |
| <b>October 18</b> | <i>Wiser with Our Words</i>     |
| <b>October 25</b> | <i>Wiser with Our Future</i>    |

## Saturdays of Service



Matt Patrick

One of the best ways to live out our Christian faith in the world is to serve. While worship and small group or Sunday school are important, service is the action of our faith. In fact, Jesus taught that service to "the least of these" was a matter of life and death. I know that this church values acts of service, so our Missions Committee has decided to have one Saturday service opportunity every month so that everyone will have an opportunity to serve together as a Church. We understand that everyone won't be able to participate in every Saturday of service, but there is a philosophy behind the frequency. We hope that by having one opportunity every month, each member of our congregation will be able to make service a regular and important part of their faith life. Jesus teaches us that service is not an option; it is a natural part of being a faithful disciple. Our first Saturday of Service will be October 17<sup>th</sup>. We will have details and sign-ups soon! We hope and pray that you will join us.

Blessings,  
Matt Patrick

# We Are The Church

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

Thanks to an invitation to attend from Ben and Katie Dickey, the Lippoldts have found a new church family at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. They joined this past Sunday, September 27. Having grown up in Sasakwa, OK on a cattle ranch, Lecye and her family were members of The United Methodist Church of Konawa Oklahoma. Allen was raised in the Presbyterian faith and spent his early childhood in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania before moving to Yukon, OK. Since their wedding in 2010, the Lippoldts have been searching for a church to call home. With the birth of their son, Dutch on July 27th, 2015, their search became more significant and urgent. Having visited dozens of protestant churches in the community, Lecye knew she had found the right home when the choir began to sing, and she was greeted by several church members.



While Dutch is now the center of their worlds; both Allen and Lecye are small business owners. Lecye works as a Realtor with Kevo Properties and hopes to open her own Kevo office as a Broker in the near future and Allen is the founder of Doolippoldt Roofing and Construction, which specializes in residential exteriors. They also have three fur babies, two cattle dogs and one boxer, who are all rescues.

The Lippoldts are looking forward to Dutch's Baptism on October 11th and to becoming active church members. We are happy to have Allen and Lecye in our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!

## Where Are You Leading Your Children?



Lauren Matthes

Whether we realize it or not we are teaching our children every day the value we have in God. Where does God rank in your life? Do you seek Him in the morning with prayer and study time? Do your children see you putting God first in your day? Do you listen to music in the car on the way to school that praises God? Do you choose worship and small group over sports and other events that happen on Sunday mornings?

I will admit I am not always the best example for my children. I have made my share of bad choices, but as I grow older and hopefully wiser I see that the time I have invested in God is always returned to me tenfold. I have realized that there is no sport or event that out-weighs my eternal relationship with God. I have seen that my time in prayer is not wasted but builds me stronger, and my family is protected by His love. I encourage you today to build your relationship with God through prayer, praise, and study. Your children will grow to value these things as well.

You are a blessing,  
Lauren

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



The Learning Center held a fundraiser for the fall session. It was your cookie dough and pretzels from Auntie Anne's. We gave TLC families two weeks to see if their friends and/or families wanted to order anything. Wow did they come through!! Our group sold over \$3,000 worth of items. Some families are still bringing in their payments and order forms. We are so grateful for this support. TLC earns 50% commission. In October we will reorder TLC t-shirts with our logo on the front. Let us know if you would like to purchase a t-shirt.

### Chancel Flower Sponsorships Available

November 1 is available for flower sponsorship. Reserve your special dates now to honor or remember loved ones. The cost to sponsor chancel flowers is \$70.50 for two arrangements per Sunday. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

### Serving In Ministry October 4

The coffee host is General Bill Bowden.

The mission candle will be lit by Cynthia and Jim Meyerson in honor of their wedding anniversary.

The chancel flowers will be given in honor of Bill Shdeed's birthday by Pam Shdeed.

### October Birthdays

- 10/03 Cheryl Fraley
- 10/04 Carol Magness
- 10/05 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
- 10/13 Trish Cloud  
Annemarie Edmonds  
Dick Sias
- 10/15 Marshall Dickey
- 10/17 Gwen Niemann
- 10/17 Patricia Schonwald
- 10/18 Mark Barker  
Cynda Ottaway  
Nicholas Schoeffler
- 10/20 Preston Robinson
- 10/21 Melissa Davis
- 10/22 Chris Kauffman  
Sylvia Miller
- 10/23 Barney Brown
- 10/24 Tim Sanders
- 10/25 Margaux Lavenue  
Ashton Niemann
- 10/26 James Tirrell
- 10/27 Suzanne Lavenue
- 10/29 Akiko M. Knotts  
David Mueller
- 10/30 Kay Goebel
- 10/31 Keith Jones

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### Weekly Small Groups

**Nichols Thrills Fellowship Meal for Children, Youth, and Adults:** Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

**The Alpha Course - Adults:** Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Join us for dinner at 5:30 and a video called *How Does God Guide Us?* Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith

**Expedition for Children:** Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Director: Lauren Matthes

**Chancel Choir:** Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Director: Michael Wylder

**Young Adult Group:** Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss Adam Hamilton's book, *When Christians Get It Wrong*. Leader: Rev. Matt Patrick

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

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in the Room 131*. This class is studying *Addicted to Hurry* by Kirk Byron Jones. 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* - Cynthia Meyerson will continue the revue of the book, *Sinners: Jesus and His Earliest Followers* by Greg Carey. Leaders: Allen and Sherron Evans

**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* - Join us as learn from Bible scriptures and songs. Teacher: John Marshall

**Roundtable Class:** *Meets in Room 124* - Acts chapter 8, verses 9-24 tell the story of a sorcerer named Simon who sought to buy the authority to invoke the Holy Spirit. Peter and John rebuked him and told him to "*change your heart and life! Turn from wickedness! Plead with the Lord in the hope that your wicked intent can be forgiven.*" Dr. Jerry Perryman will lead our discussion and understanding of these scriptures. Teacher: Jerry Perryman

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

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

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**Rev. Matt Patrick**, Student Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Lauren Matthes**, Director of Children and Family Ministry  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist  
**Delaney Sheffield**, Administrative Assistant

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