

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### The Unforgiving Servant

Jesus said, <sup>15</sup> “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy times seven times.” -Matthew 18:15-17, 21-22

Jesus was very clear when he talked about forgiveness. The forgiven forgive others. It is that simple. The forgiven forgive others.

If we want to be followers of Jesus, then we have to take forgiveness very seriously. Nothing can hinder the mission and ministry of a church like an unwillingness to forgive. When we fail to work towards forgiveness, we are like a festering wound that will never heal.

In Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus gives us a process to handle conflict in the church. He teaches us that when someone wrongs you, go and talk to the person about it. Don't tell someone else what a bad person you think that person is. Go and try to work it out with that person. If that doesn't work, take a person or two with you to help mediate the situation. If that still doesn't work, bring it before the church. And if that still doesn't work, you treat that person like he or she is not a brother or sister in Christ. Another word for this is excommunication.

When someone continues to hurt people in the church and shows no remorse even after all of this effort has been made to help the person confess the sin and repent it breaks the communion between that person and the church. Jesus isn't saying that we should shun someone like that. He's saying that we need to treat them like someone who needs converting. Jesus didn't give up on the Gentiles and the tax collectors. He called them to repent and receive the forgiveness that God offers to each of us.

When Peter heard this, he wanted to know if there were any limitations we could put on forgiveness. When Peter asked this question he was talking about one of his fellow disciples. “Can I just forgive seven times? Is that enough?” Jesus said. “No. I tell you seventy times seven times.” Jesus was saying, “You forgive these kinds of sins an infinite number of times.”

Learning to offer and receive forgiveness is one of the greatest gifts Jesus has given us. The power of forgiveness has the potential to heal and restore broken, friendships, family relationships, and marriages.

I hope you will worship in person or online with us this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 as we continue our sermon series, **Kingdom Stories—the Parables of Jesus**, by talking about *The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*. Invite someone you know to worship with us. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, September 26

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

#### Monday, September 27

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Group at 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, September 29

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
*In the Dust of the Rabbi Study* at 6:00  
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.  
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

#### Sunday, October 3,

##### Marathon Sunday

Outdoor and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

#### Monday, October 4

Stewardship Meeting at 5:30 p.m.  
Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Group at 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, October 5

Care Team Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, October 6

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
*In the Dust of the Rabbi Study* at 6:00  
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.  
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

#### Monday, October 11

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

#### Monday, October 18

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.

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

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### Chancel Flowers

September 26: The chancel flowers are available.

October 3: Memorial Marathon

### Mission Candle

September 26: The mission candle is available.

October 3: Memorial Marathon

### Acolytes

September 26: Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, Charlotte Smith, Collier Vaughn

October 3: Henrietta Dockendorf, Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Wesley Vaughn

### Tithes and Offerings

Your gifts and tithes make a Christian difference and help us share the ministry of Jesus Christ with people in our church and in our community. Checks may be mailed to 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116. To make an online donation, visit [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org). To set up an electronic funds transfer contact the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.



We would love for you to join us for in person worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50.

We also are streaming online. You can view our worship services on Facebook every Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:50. Our Facebook page is [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://facebook.com/nicholshillsumc). Don't have a Facebook account? No worries. You can view our livestream without having an account. You can also view the worship service throughout the week. If you do have a Facebook account, we encourage you to send us a message and let us know you are participating.

We also post the Sermon Notes and the Prayer and Study Guide on Facebook as well as our website, [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org). We look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online!



# Kingdom Stories

The Parables of Jesus

## Kingdom Stories

### The Parables of Jesus

Jesus taught people by telling parables—short stories from real life that address important questions. His short stories still speak in powerful ways and paint a picture of how God intends for us to live in the kingdom of God.

Join us for worship in person or online at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church on Sundays at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we begin a new sermon series: **Kingdom Stories—The Parables of Jesus.**

September 19	<i>Kingdom Stories</i>
September 26	<i>The Unforgiving Servant</i>
October 3	<i>The Wedding Party</i>
October 10	<i>One Tough Master?</i>
October 17	<i>The Generous Landowner</i>

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

Our children in The Learning Center were recently screened by Vizivance (formerly known as Prevent Blindness). We screened 67 children and found two with potential vision issues.

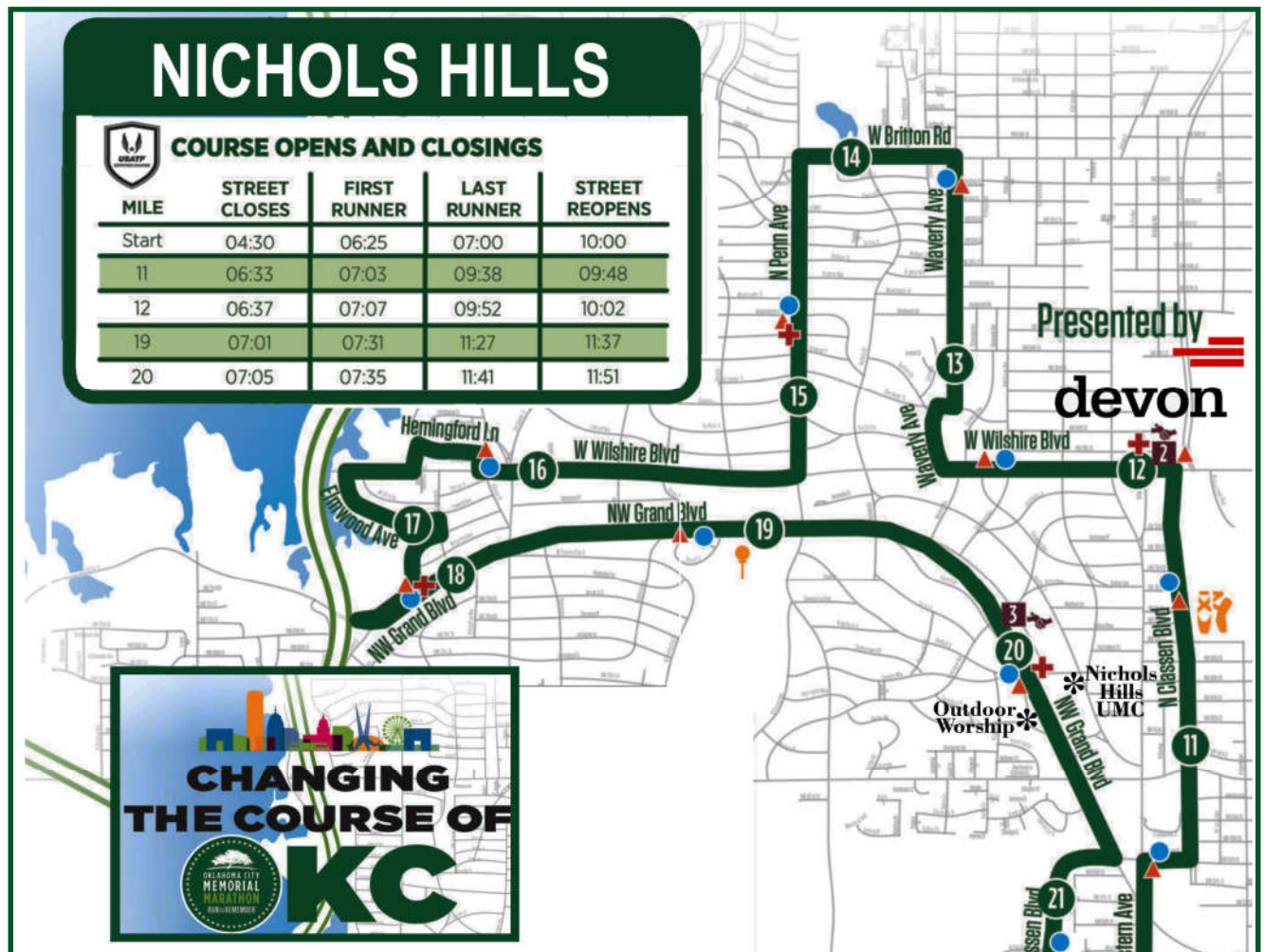
Children who receive thorough vision tests and then need glasses or other assistance can often correct whatever the concerns were. Over the years families have

shared with us that many children wore glasses until kindergarten and then the issue was corrected. Early intervention can prevent some children from having to wear glasses the rest of their lives. Those of us who wear glasses can appreciate a remedy to vision issues. Difficult behavior can sometimes be attributed to children not having good vision or hearing. We will have hearing screenings in the spring. These screenings help to insure that our children are well prepared for kindergarten. This is a perk for our children in The Learning Center. What a blessing!



-Denise

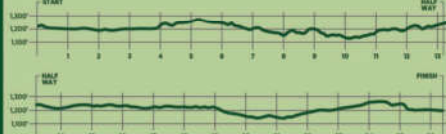






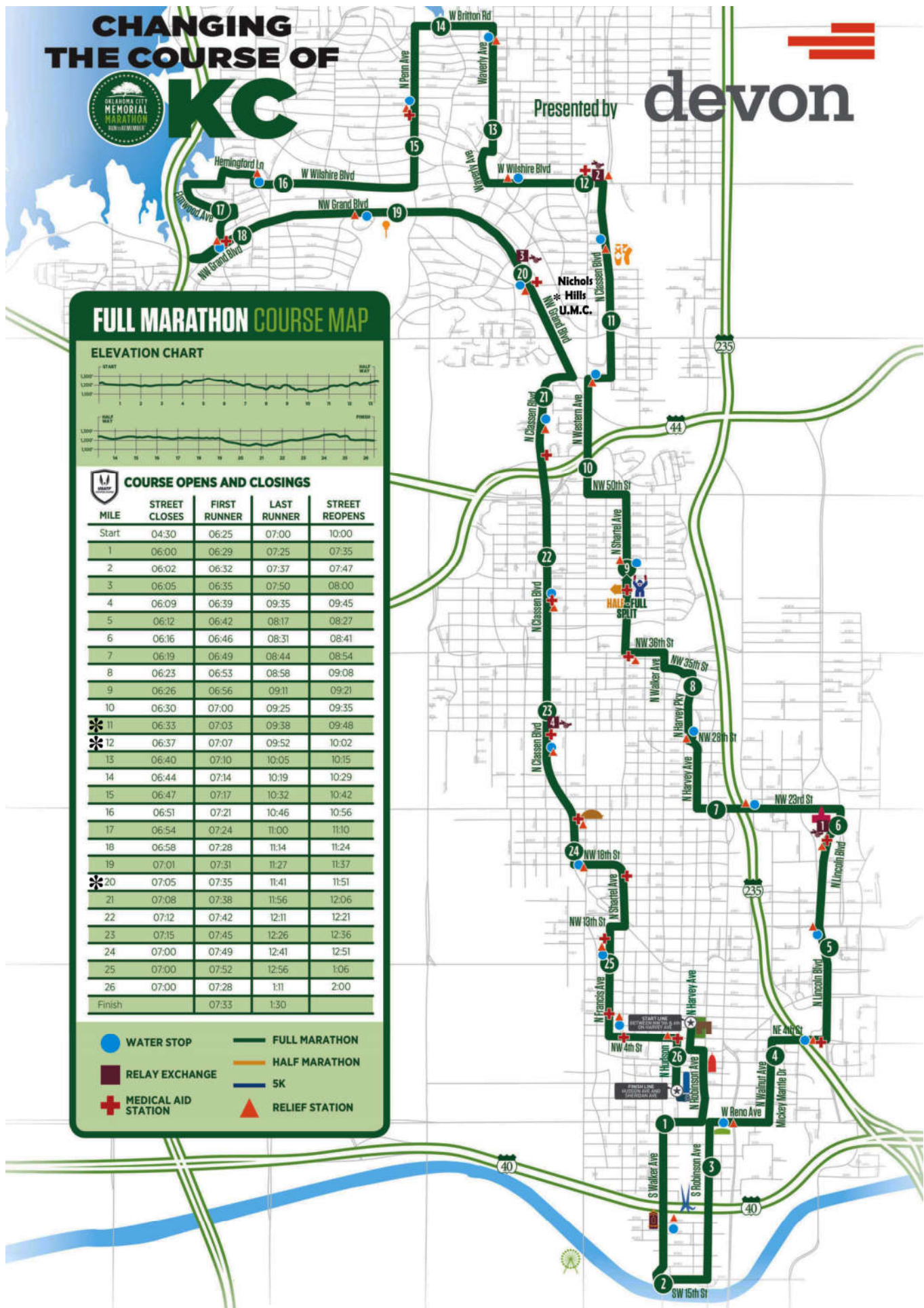
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3	06:05	06:35	07:50	08:00
4	06:09	06:39	09:35	09:45
5	06:12	06:42	08:17	08:27
6	06:16	06:46	08:31	08:41
7	06:19	06:49	08:44	08:54
8	06:23	06:53	08:58	09:08
9	06:26	06:56	09:11	09:21
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-  WATER STOP
  FULL MARATHON
-  RELAY EXCHANGE
  HALF MARATHON
-  MEDICAL AID STATION
  5K
-  RELIEF STATION





# Leaving a Legacy

Your gifts to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church can be carried far into the future. Through your gifts, you can leave a lasting legacy of your life, that of a parent, child, or other loved one, while helping to endow the ministries of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. Your gifts can be designated by you to fund a specific ministry or left undesignated to meet future needs as determined by our church's leadership. Through your generosity, you can secure the future of our church's ministry for tomorrow's youth and adults. Your gifts will help your family witness the eternal importance you have given to the Lord's work and represent a tribute of your spiritual heritage at your church home.

If you would like to learn more about how you can leave a legacy through a planned gift to our church, please visit with our senior pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith.

## Moved? Phone Number Changed?

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number or email address, please contact the Church Office at 405-842-1486 to let us know.



Claire Fraley,  
Director of  
Children and  
Youth Ministry

## Children's Ministry

Cross Crew is a monthly get together for our Elementary aged children (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) which includes lunch and a different activity each month. We had our first Cross Crew of the school year on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and it was a blast! This time together helps our children form stronger relationships with each other and create new ones. I believe it is so important for our children to have strong relationships to ensure everyone feels included and accepted. Since our children are only together for a couple hours on Sunday, these extra times will help make a difference in their faith and give them a chance to just have

fun with their friends!

Our children enjoyed meeting in the youth basement for Cross Crew. We spent time painting new artwork to hang up on the walls outside of Creation Station. Make sure you stop by and look at their beautiful, unique paintings on Sunday. Thank you to Paulette Gordon, Becky Robinson, and Cheryl Fraley for all your hard work to help make our first Cross Crew one to remember!

We have just started a new curriculum for our elementary aged class called "Incredible Faith." This 12-week series focuses on heroes from The Bible who put their faith in God and trusted God to use them to save the day. We will be studying Noah; Abraham; Joseph; Moses; Rahab; Gideon; David; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; Daniel; Esther; Nehemiah; and Jesus. There are lots of great resources with this curriculum, and I am excited to use this to help grow your child's faith in a fun, interactive way!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (405)842-1486 or send me an email at [cfraley@nicholshillsumc.org](mailto:cfraley@nicholshillsumc.org).

Blessings,  
Claire

## Birthdays

09/22 Billie Boston  
09/22 Jami Cravens  
09/22 Meg Miller  
09/24 Jason Ott  
09/26 Ellie Roberts  
09/27 Alan Niemann  
09/30 Cara Fraley  
10/01 Angela Michael  
10/02 Randall Blair  
10/03 Cheryl Fraley  
10/04 Carol Magness  
10/05 Louise Glass  
10/05 Linda Klos  
10/05 Graham Murphy  
10/05 Harrison Murphy  
10/06 Joie Dickey  
10/06 James Lavenue  
10/07 Anna Bookout  
10/07 Hardy Robinson  
10/07 Fred Schonwald, Jr.  
10/09 Randi Garza  
10/09 Jacob Roan  
10/10 Bill Shdeed  
10/11 Ann Garrett  
10/12 Elizabeth Gober  
10/12 Tracey Saunders  
10/13 Trish Cloud  
10/13 Annemarie Edmonds  
10/13 Dick Sias  
10/14 Collier Vaughn  
10/17 Gwen Niemann  
10/17 Patricia Schonwald  
10/18 Cynda Ottaway  
10/18 Nicholas Schoeffler  
10/20 Preston Robinson  
10/22 Chris Kauffman  
10/22 Sylvia Miller  
10/24 Tim Sanders  
10/25 Margaux Lavenue  
10/25 1878 02 Ashton Niemann  
10/26 James Tirrell  
10/27 Suzanne Lavenue  
10/27 Regan Miller  
10/29 David Mueller  
10/30 Kay Goebel

Are you or your family members not on our birthday list? Call the church office at 405-842-1486 to let us know your birthdays.

## Cares and Concerns

### Town Village

Bette Harris

### The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

### StoneCreek

Lynn Greene

### At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,  
David Mueller

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

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in The Conference Room* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and a video study of Ray Vander Laan’s *Life and Ministry of the Messiah*. For more information about “The Brew” contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467.

**KIVA Class:** *Meets in the Parlor* - Join us as we learn from speakers on various topics. Leaders: Dennis and Delores Bradford.

**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. The Reveille Class will be restarting soon. Teacher: Tom Fraley.

**Open Circle Class:** *Meets in the Archives Room* - Join us as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study. Our Circle is always Open.

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

**First Graders through Fifth Graders:** *Meets in Room 124*. Join us for a fun time with your friends as we grow closer to God and each other.  
Leader: Claire Fraley

**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.  
Leader: Claire Fraley

**Dr. Trevor Smith**, Senior Pastor

**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music

**Delaney Sheffield**, Director of Communications

**Claire Fraley**, Director of Children’s Ministries

**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist

**Kathy Smith**, Treasurer

**Louise Glass**, Financial Secretary

**Denise Buthion**, Director of The Learning Center

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