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Dr. Trevor Smith

Gain All You Can

⁶Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! ⁷Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, ⁸they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter. ⁹But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up? ¹⁰A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—¹¹then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber. -Proverbs 6:6-10

When you put **All You Can** into three simple practices it changes your life. You receive God's blessings, build wealth, and bless people.

In his sermon, "The Use of Money," John Wesley summarized one of his most important teachings on faith and money this way: Gain all you can, without hurting either yourself or your neighbor, in soul or body, by applying hereto with unintermitted diligence, and with all the understanding which God has given you;—save all you can, by cutting off every expense which serves only to indulge foolish desire; to gratify either the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eye, or the pride of life; waste nothing, living or dying, on sin or folly, whether for yourself or your children;—and then, give all you can, or, in other words, give all you have to God.

Learning to handle money God's way is essential for Jesus's disciples. John Wesley practiced what he preached. In his sermon, "The Danger of Riches," Wesley spoke of his own experience of gaining, saving, and giving all he could: I *gain all I can* (namely, by writing) without hurting either my soul or body. I *save all I can*, not willingly wasting anything, not a sheet of paper, not a cup of water. I do not lay out anything, not a shilling, unless as a sacrifice to god. Yet by *giving all I can*, I am effectually secured from "laying up treasures upon earth." Yea, and I am secured from either desiring or endeavouring it, as long as I give all I can. And that I do this, I call all that know me, both friends and foes, to testify."

Throughout this series, members of our church—Bill Shdeed, Ann Garrett, William Stafford, and Lew McGinnis—will share how they have been blessed by these three simple practices. I invite you to worship with us in person or online as we begin a new sermon series called **All You Can** and learn to Gain All You Can, Save All You Can, and Give All You Can.

Join us for our **Fall Festival** on Sunday, **October 24** from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** I want to encourage you to consider making a pot of chili for our Chili Cook-off or to bring some cookies or brownies. We will have games for children, arts and crafts, s'mores, and hayrides. It will be a fun evening to visit with old friends and meet new friends as we welcome our community into our church.

November 7 is **All Saints Sunday** and Daylight Savings. Don't forget to fall back one hour that day and plan to worship with us as we remember our loved ones who have passed away. If you would like us to light a candle for someone you know who has passed away, please fill out the form on page 5 of this newsletter and return it to us in the church office.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, October 24

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Fall Festival from 5:00 to 7:00

Monday, October 25

Church Council at 5:30 p.m.
Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Group at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 27

Nichols Thrills at 5:30 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

Sunday, October 31

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

Monday, November 1

Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2

Care Team Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 8

Charge Conference at 5:30 p.m.

Congratulations!



Paskle Davis Lawrence, son of David and Annie Lawrence, was born on October 5, 2021. Congratulations David and Annie! Paskle is precious!

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Chancel Flowers

October 24: The chancel flowers are available.

October 31: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

October 24: The mission candle is available.

October 31: The mission candle is available.

Acolytes

October 24: Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, Avery Smith, Charlotte Smith, and Collier Vaughn

October 31: Gabriel Ireland, Olivia Kanady, Regan Miller, Reese Robinson, and Avery Smith

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.

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. 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. We look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online!

All You Can



Gain All You Can



Save All You Can



Give All You Can



Put God First

All You Can

All You Can.

It's not more than you can.

It's not less than you can.

It's **All You Can**.

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Worship with us in person or online as we learn to Gain All You Can, Save All You Can, and Give All You Can.

October 24 *Gain All You Can*

October 31 *Save All You Can*

November 7 *Give All You Can*

November 14 *Put God First*

Online Worship: facebook.com/nicholshillsumc

Nichols Thrills

Every generation in the church worries, rightly, about people who just glide along, seeming to enjoy what they hear in church but without it making any real difference.

James faced exactly the same problem in the very first generation. So it's not surprising that translating belief into action—making sure faith is the real thing—is near the heart of his message.

That kind of faith, he explains, is the faith that matters, the faith that justifies, the faith that saves. We need that kind of faith today.

Beginning tonight, join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for a meal and to study James' passionate letter which will help you live out a faith that makes a difference.

Sign-up in the Narthex after worship or in the Church Office during the week.



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.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

Last week the Nichols Hills Fire Department visited The Learning Center. One of the firemen put on all of his heavy gear in front of the children so they could see he was just being a kind helper. Several brave children went up and hugged him! Most kept their distance. The biggest thrill was going on the fire truck and looking at all the buttons and gadgets. The children were so excited to learn about Community Helpers because we see them everywhere. We are keeping the thrill of learning alive. What a blessing!

-Denise



Birthdays

10/20 Preston Robinson
10/22 Chris Kauffman
10/22 Sylvia Miller
10/24 Tim Sanders
10/25 Margaux Lavenue
10/25 Ashton Niemann
10/26 James Tirrell
10/27 Suzanne Lavenue
10/27 Regan Miller
10/29 David Mueller
10/30 Kay Goebel
11/01 Larry Ottaway
11/03 Beau Butler
11/03 Peter Rosier
11/04 General Bowden
11/05 Joni Flesher
11/05 Bennett Murray
11/06 Linda Lyle
11/06 Kathy Walker
11/09 Tim Baker
11/09 Lew McGinnis
11/09 Karen McLain
11/11 Mary Ann Sanders
11/12 Mary Bentley
11/12 Martin Howell
11/13 Katherine Buxton
11/14 Jack Love
11/14 Mary Kate Magness
11/15 Ryan Sandfort
11/17 Ian Heflin
11/18 John Heflin
11/19 Frances Thompson
11/20 Frank Miskovsky, III
11/21 Win Holbrook
11/21 Angie Sanger
11/25 Gabriel Ireland
11/28 Rich McLain
11/29 Michael Hall
11/30 Mark Sullivan
11/30 Perry Tirrell

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

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.



Fall Festival

October 24 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual Fall Festival on October 24 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

We will have a chili cook-off, s'mores, hayrides, crafts, and games! Bring your friends and family for an evening of Fall Fun!

Sign up for the chili cook-off or to bring desserts in the Narthex or call the church at (405) 842-1486.

Children's Ministry



Claire Fraley,
Director of
Children and
Youth Ministry

This past week in Sunday School and Children's Church, the children started rehearsing for this year's Christmas Pageant, "New Star." They are very excited to perform this year and are eager to show off their hard work on Sunday, December 12th during the Sunday school hour.

Our next Cross Crew will be on November 7th at 12:15. We will continue rehearsing for our Christmas Pageant. We will have lunch for the children, as well as fun games to play to break up the practice. If you would like your child to be a part of the Christmas Pageant this year, we will have weekly practices during Sunday School and Children's Church and would love for them to join us. For further information, please contact me at 405-842-1486.

Blessings,
Claire

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

At Nichols Hills United Methodist Church we approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective. We do not view the money people give to our church merely as a way to pay the bills. Rather, we believe that how we handle money is a spiritual issue and that it is important to talk about how the wisdom we find in the Bible teaches us to use our money in a way that is pleasing to God. We find that one of the best ways to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God is by helping them to grow in generosity by supporting our church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their income. Beginning on Sunday, October 24, our senior pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith, will preach a sermon series called ***All You Can*** that will focus on Biblical concepts of *Gaining All You Can*, *Saving All You Can*, and *Giving All You Can* in ways that will bless you and honor God.

Throughout these four Sundays we will focus on our relationship with God and how God's generosity to us calls us to respond by living a life of generosity. We'll let the Bible speak to us about the role of money and resources in our lives and talk about the blessings of living a generous life. We will turn to the teachings of Jesus to help you more clearly understand what it means to gain all you can, save all you can, and give all you can. You will have the opportunity to prayerfully consider, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

Consecration Sunday will be on **November 14**. During our morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 on Consecration Sunday, we will ask the people in our church to make their financial commitments to our church's missional, benevolent, and spiritual growth ministries in our community and around the world. Every person who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* will do so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. The procedure will be done as an act of worship in such a way that no one will feel personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card. Regardless if you choose to complete a card, we encourage you to attend this important Sunday for our church. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. We are delighted to have our senior pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith, serve as our Consecration Sunday preacher this year. During morning worship, Trevor will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration in which we will each make our commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will be sharing more information about Consecration Sunday with you in the coming weeks.

This year you will be able to participate in our **Harvest Dinner** by dining in our Fellowship Hall or picking up a take-out order. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform and inspire in our hope that everyone will commit to participate in Consecration Sunday through in person or online worship and our Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. and noon on November 14. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Henry
Chairperson of the Church Council

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 7 we will observe All Saints Sunday by remembering people in our church who have passed away in the last year by lighting a candle in their memory. We will also remember family and friends of the people in our church who have passed away. If you would like us to remember a loved one in this way, please fill out the following information and email it to Delaney at dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org or return it to the church office by Monday, November 1.

Person to be remembered: _____

Your name: _____

Relationship of the person to you: _____

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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
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Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications
Claire Fraley, Director of Children’s Ministries
Dr. Antone Godding, Organist
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