

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

The Power of Love

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends.

-I Corinthians 13:1-8

When he was asked, "What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

And when Jesus was preparing to face the cross, he told his disciples, ³⁴ "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The ability to love God and people is the essence of following and serving Jesus. In his first letter to the Corinthians Church, the Apostle Paul defines *love* and describes the way we are to love in what has become known as *The Love Chapter*. In our culture we speak of *falling in love* or *being in love* as if it is a permanent condition and that nothing is easier or more natural than love. But this is not the kind of love Paul is describing. Paul says that Godly love is a choice more than a feeling. Love is patient and kind. Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful. Rather, love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. We need the Holy Spirit's help to love this way.

You see, Jesus said that they will know we are Christians by our love.

That's why Paul says: ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

It's why when Mr. Rogers was asked, "What changes the world?" he replied, "The only thing that ever really changes the world is when somebody gets the idea that love can abound and can be shared."

On Sunday we will continue our sermon series, **We Are the Church**, by taking a closer look at the Power of Love. We will also honor and bless all of the women in our church as we observe Mother's Day. Our mothers and mother-figures have blessed us and demonstrated God's love to us in so many ways. We invite you to post a picture of you and your mother along with a message of love on our Facebook page: facebook.com/nicholshillsumc.

I hope you will join us for online worship on Sunday at 10:50 a.m., and I challenge you to let the people in your life know that you love them.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day
Online Worship at 10:50 a.m.



Friday, May 15
The Learning Center Re-Opening
at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 17
Online Worship at 10:50 a.m.

**Monday, May 18 through
Friday, May 22**
The Learning Center Open at 9:00

Memorial Sunday, May 24
Online Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Monday, May 25
Church Office and The Learning
Center Closed for Memorial Day

Pentecost Sunday, May 31
Online Worship at 10:50 a.m.

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The Learning Center
Mon, Wed 9:00 - 2:30
Tues, Thurs 9:00 - 4:00
Friday 9:00 - 1:59
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Ministry Opportunities

Hospitality Greeters

Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, this is an opportunity you might enjoy. Please see Dr. Trevor Smith for more details.

Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts provide 4-5 dozen cookies. At the close of the 10:50 Service, the host(s) stand by the cookie table in the Narthex and greet people. To serve, sign-up in the Narthex.

Tithes and Offerings

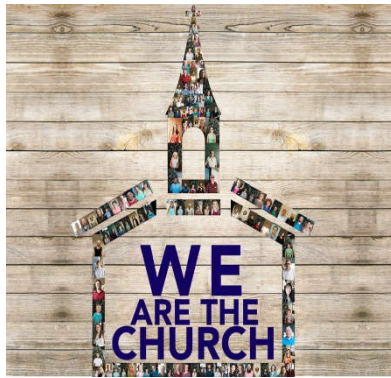
Although we will not be meeting in person the next few Sundays we are continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ at our church and in our community, and your giving makes that possible. There are many ways to give beyond passing the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. You can mail a check to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church at 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116 or you can give online through our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org.

Sports Camp

We regret to inform you that Sports Camp has been canceled for this year. We look forward to hosting Sports Camp in 2021!

Worship Online

Join us online for worship! You can view our livestream at 10:50 a.m. on Sundays on our Facebook page, facebook.com/nicholshillsumc. You can also view the worship service throughout the week. Please send us a message on Facebook to let us know you are participating. We will also post the Sermon Notes and the Prayer and Study Guide on Facebook as well as our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org.



We Are The Church

I am the church!

You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

The word *church* comes from two Greek words: *Ek* means *out*, and *Klesia* means *called*. The church is people who are called out by God to serve God and be God's people. Join us for online worship on Sunday mornings at 10:50 as

we begin a new sermon series called **We Are The Church** and learn why *the local church is the hope of the world* and why being part of the church will bless you and build you up in the days and weeks to come.

- May 10 *The Power of Love*
- May 17 *Hope and Glory*
- May 24 *The Hope of Resurrection*
- May 31 *The Body of Christ*

Food Give-away

Nichols Hills U.M.C. gave away 151 boxes of food to families in need on Tuesday, April 28. Each box of food weighed 34 pounds and included an assortment of dry goods, canned goods, snacks, laundry detergent and a few personal hygiene items. Thank you to all who helped make a Christian difference!



Memorial Sunday

On Sunday, May 24 we will observe Memorial Sunday by remembering people in our church who have passed away 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 know of someone you would like us to remember in this way, please fill out the following information and return it to the church office.

Person to be remembered: _____

Your name: _____

Relationship of the person to you: _____



Tausha Davison-Beverly

Children's Ministry

As we are all at home practicing social distancing, we have another adorable picture to share that will bring a smile to your week. Ande and Jacob Robertson sent us a picture of their son, Moss, watching Pastor Trevor give his weekly message of hope on Sunday. If you have a picture that you would like



to share with our church family in our next newsletter, please send it to me at tdavison@nicholshillsumc.org.

Keep the Faith,
Tausha

Ways to Give

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 Louise Glass in the Church Office at (405) 842-1486 or email her at lglass@nicholshillsumc.org.

We appreciate your generosity as we continue to minister to people in our church, our community, and our world.

Mother's Day



In honor of Mother's Day we invite you to post a Facebook message and photo on Nichols Hills UMC's Facebook wall, [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc), showing how much you adore your mother. We look forward to reading all of the wonderful messages!

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

Here is a recipe of home-made playdough for families to enjoy. It is easy to make. Plus, it is a wonderful activity to do with your children. Mix one cup of salt, two cups of flour, one teaspoon of cream of tartar, two tablespoons of vegetable oil, two cups of water, and a few drops of food coloring. Combine all the ingredients in a pan and cook over low heat, stirring continuously, until all ingredients are well mixed and the dough begins to pull away from the side of the pan. The dough will look very lumpy but will mix smoothly after ten minutes of cooking. Remove from pan and knead for two minutes. The playdough can be reused for three to four weeks if kept in an

air-tight container. This activity helps children develop fine motor control. Strength and dexterity are important for holding crayons, pencils, markers, scissors, etc. Try the recipe and let us know how it turned out. This should provide hours of enjoyment and great opportunities for intellectual development.

Denise

The Learning Center Re-Opening

The Learning Center will be re-opening on Friday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please call Denise Buthion at 405-842-5325.

Birthdays

05/01 Christie Baker
05/01 Alice Pippin
05/02 Kristen Robinson
05/03 Nathan Hilger
05/04 Myrla Pierson
05/07 Jennifer McGinnis
05/08 Jacob Ellis
05/08 Kathleen Ellis
05/10 Norma Baker
05/10 Mark Miller
05/13 Roger Etling
05/17 Rosemarie Chase
05/17 Rachel Huchton
05/18 Warren Henry
05/18 Charlotte Smith
05/20 Dudley Hyde
05/21 Jeff Cloud
05/23 Jerry Richardson
05/23 Trevor Smith
05/24 Michael Wylder
05/28 Sharon Ives
05/29 Rob Saunders

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Sylvia Miller

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

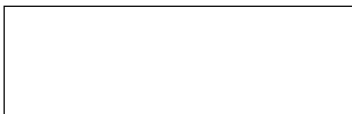
Ray and Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,
David Mueller

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Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m. We look forward to gathering together again soon.

The Brew Class: *Meets in Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study. For more information about “The Brew” contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Join us as we learn from different speakers on various topics. Leader: Lance Benham.

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 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.

Second 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. Teacher: Lecye Lippoldt.

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: Tausha Davison-Beverly.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

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Randall Blair, Sunday Host and A/V Tech

Dustin Davis, Sunday Host and A/V Tech

Edith Guzman, Nursery Attendant

Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant