

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

You call me out upon the waters,
the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery.
In oceans deep, my faith will stand.
And I will call upon Your name,
and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace,
for I am Yours and You are mine.

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”, by Hillsong United

After Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five loaves and two fish, he put his disciples in a boat and sent them ahead to the other side while he went up the mountain to pray. That evening, the boat was battered by the waves, and early in the morning between 3:00 and 6:00 a.m., Jesus came walking toward them on the sea.

²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!”

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.”

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Jesus puts us in the boat he calls, “Church,” and sends us out into unpredictable waters. He prays for us and never takes his eyes off of us, and sometimes the waves come and batter the boat. We may wonder if we will make it back to shore, but then Jesus comes to us, walking on the water because he is Lord even over chaos. We may not recognize him at first, but if we dare to go to him, he invites us to come to him, to step out of the boat and join him in walking on the waters of chaos.

On Sunday, we will conclude our **Playlist** sermon series by taking a closer look at “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” which is a song that is based on the story of Jesus calling Peter out of the boat and helps us consider the way Jesus calls us to walk by faith into the future God has for us. Jesus wants us to understand that to follow him is to be led in difficult and challenging situations which will try our very best, but in the midst of those challenging situations God’s grace is always there in Jesus Christ to give us the strength to overcome them. This was the lesson that Jesus knows we need to learn if we are going to hang in there and be faithful. I hope you will plan to worship with us in person or online at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday morning.

Then, on Sunday, August 2, we will begin a new sermon series called **Stand Strong** in which we will take a closer look at people who had the courage to stand strong in their faith even when the powers that be threatened them. During this series we’ll hear multiple stories of people who remained faithful even when their lives were threatened and then received the reward that God has promised for those who endure in faith even when they suffer for it. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, July 26

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

Monday, July 27

Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, August 3

Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday to Friday, August 6-7

Global Leadership Summit

Sunday, August 9

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

Monday, August 10

Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 16

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

Monday, August 17

Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30 p.m.

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday 9:00-2:30

Tuesday, Thursday 9:00-4:00

Friday 9:00-1:59

(405)842-5325



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.

Chancel Flowers

July 26: Available
August 2: Available

Mission Candle

July 26: Available
August 2: Available

Acolytes

July 26: Charlotte Smith,
Avery Smith, Regan Miller
August 2: Charlotte Smith,
Avery Smith, Regan Miller

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.

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](https://www.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.

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!



Stand Strong

When we're pushed to our limit we have a choice to make. Will we choose the path of least resistance or will we have the courage to **Stand Strong**?

Join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings as we learn to **Stand Strong** by turning to the stories of Naboth's Vineyard; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace; Daniel and the Lion's Den; and the Wednesbury Riots against the early Methodists.

August 2 *What's Your Price?*

August 9 *It's Getting Hot in Here*

August 16 *Time to Pray*

August 23 *The Wednesbury Riots*

Online Worship: [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc)

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

This unique summer has given us the opportunity to slow down and see what really matters. In childcare we focus on the whole child, which includes their social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development.

We provide experiences for their social skills: learning to be patient, sharing with a friend, and following directions.

We cultivate emotional skills: expressing feelings in an appropriate manner, learning how to overcome frustration, and communicating their needs.

We work on intellectual skills: problem solving with puzzles and manipulatives, making choices like where to sit or who to play with, plus understanding colors, shapes, and numbers.

And we develop physical skills: how to hold a cup, pour from a pitcher, balance on one foot or cut with scissors. Our children really matter in this world. They are indeed our future.

-Denise

Regathering

We are committed to creating an environment that meets government recommendations for safety. To make that possible, our worship services have been redesigned to create a sanitary, touchless environment that allows for physical distancing. This includes a significantly reduced capacity. We are following the plan our Church Council approved by taking the following steps. Each step is contingent on the latest information available.

Step 1 — Online Worship at facebook.com/nicholshillsumc on Sunday, May 24.

We will continue to livestream our worship services each Sunday.

Step 2 — On Campus Worship beginning on Sunday, May 31.

We will maintain social distancing, and families will worship together.

Worship Services will be offered at 9:30 and 10:50 a.m.

No Childcare will be available.

No Sunday School Classes or Small Groups will meet.

No Outside Groups will meet.

Step 3 — Sunday School and Small Groups Resume on Sunday, July 19.

Children's Sunday School Classes and Adult Sunday School Classes resume with restrictions on size and with expectations for social distancing.

Worship Services will be offered at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Step 4 — Normal Activities Resume at Nichols Hills U.M.C. on Sunday, August 2.

Let's Work to Stay Healthy Together

What We're Doing

- All staff and volunteers will be wearing masks.
- Additional hand-sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the building.
- All worship services will be a touchless experience, and all high-traffic areas will be thoroughly sanitized between services.
- No water fountains will be open or usable.
- No hospitality food or beverages will be offered.
- No offering plates will be passed. Instead, there will be offering plates in the back of the sanctuary for people who want to give.
- All hymnals, bibles, seatback materials, papers, and pens will be removed.
- We will use infrared thermometers to take the temperature of each person entering the building.

How You Can Help

- If you don't feel well or have health concerns, please stay home and join us for online worship at facebook.com/nicholshillsumc.
- We encourage you to wear a mask, and will have one available for you if needed.
- Please wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often.
- Maintain a distance of six feet between yourself and other guests.

Encouraging Prayer



Tausha
Davison-Beverly
Children's
Ministry Director

We have an encouraging prayer from Charlotte Smith.

She prayed, "Dear God, be with the people who are sick or hurting and the people who are healthy, help us to grow closer with you. Amen."

If you would like to submit an encouraging letter to help uplift others during this time of social distancing please feel free to email me at tdavison@nicholshillsumc.org.

Be blessed,
Tausha



Charlotte Smith

Birthdays

07/23 Janet Jones
07/23 Beverly Pirtle
07/24 Linda Howell
07/28 Stella Shdeed
07/30 Phillip Rosier
07/31 Kristin Byrdsong
07/31 Matt Eales
07/31 John Griffin
08/01 Sarah Tirrell
08/01 Cindy Withrow
08/02 Steve Brown
08/04 Zachary Bloomfield
08/04 Garrett Davis
08/04 Delaney Henry
08/04 Molly Love
08/05 Craig Sanders
08/06 Anita Dahlgren
08/06 Megan Dean
08/10 Kent Maxwell
08/11 Charles Brown
08/12 Philip Pippin
08/12 Chloe Robinson
08/15 Cinda Lafferty
08/15 Jon Rogers

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,
Gladys Miskovsky, David Mueller



Playlist

Your life has a **Playlist**—songs you sing in your car, songs that touch your soul songs you play again and again.

The great songs of our faith connect scripture to our hearts and help us live our faith each day.

Join us for our summer sermon series as we sing your favorite songs and tell the stories that inspired them.

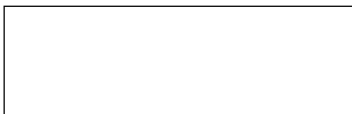
July 26 *Oceans*

Online Worship:

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

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

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Paul David West, A/V Tech

Julie Keller, Nursery Attendant

Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant