



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Born with a Purpose

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” -Jeremiah 1:4-8

Before he was even in his momma’s belly, God knew Jeremiah.

Before he was even born, God appointed Jeremiah to be a prophet... to speak God’s Word to God’s people and all the nations.

And before he was even twenty years old, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah to tell him that he was called to the work of a prophet.

While that may sound exciting, times were tough in Judah. God’s people had forgotten their purpose... that God blessed them to be a blessing to all of the families of the earth. Now, they were worshipping false idols, and because of this God would allow the Babylonians to conquer Judah during Jeremiah’s life.

On Sunday we will begin a new sermon series called **Faith for Tough Times: the Message of Jeremiah**. We’ll begin by taking a closer look at the way God called Jeremiah when he was only a teenager and the way God’s call continued to shape Jeremiah’s ministry throughout his life. I hope you will invite someone you know to join us for in person or online worship as we begin this meaningful series.

God still calls people like you to serve God in difficult times today. In fact, you were born with a purpose. Before you were even a twinkle in your parents’ eyes, God knew you, and God had a plan for your life. God has given you gifts to serve in God’s kingdom, and God intends for you to serve a very important mission. In the church, we call it a calling. God calls you to do what God wants you to do because you are blessed to be a blessing.

God may be calling you to share in a new ministry we are beginning in the coming weeks. We realize that the changes we have experienced in the last several months because of the Coronavirus have left many people feeling alone, isolated, and even hopeless. We want to make sure that we stay connected to each other in our church, so we are starting **Care Groups**. We have asked many people in our church to serve as leaders for these Care Groups, which are simply a group of four to six persons, couples, or families. The leader will be calling the same group of people twice a month to check on them and to visit briefly on the phone. During this time when it is more difficult for us to gather together for fellowship we need each other even more. I hope you will pray about the way God can use you to bless another person in our church who may feel alone during this time.

Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, August 30

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
 Online Worship at 8:30 and 10:50
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
 Youth Group Kick-Off 9:45 a.m.

Monday, August 31

Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1

Care Group Leader Meeting - 5:30

Wednesday, September 2

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 6

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, September 7

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.



Thank you Katy Maxwell for your help welcoming the teachers of Nichols Hills Elementary back to school!

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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

August 30: The chancel flowers are available.

September 6: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

August 30: The mission candle is given in honor of General Bill Bowden's first cousin Evelyn Wilson of Cape Coral, Florida.

September 6: The mission candle is given in honor of General Bill Bowden's sister-in-law Pat Winters of Knoxville, T

Acolytes

August 30: Gabriel Ireland, Louis Fraley, Regan Miller, Charlotte Smith, and Regan Miller

September 6: Gabriel Ireland, Louis Fraley, Regan Miller, and Charlotte Smith

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.

FAITH FOR TOUGH TIMES: THE MESSAGE OF JEREMIAH

Faith For Tough Times: The Message of Jeremiah

How do you keep going when your life falls apart and you feel all alone? The Prophet Jeremiah lived in a time when people felt broken, abandoned, and hopeless. God sent Jeremiah to share in their suffering and to offer them comfort and to let them know that God would still give them a future with hope.

Join us as we explore how Jeremiah's life and words help us develop a **Faith for Tough Times**.

August 30	<i>Born with a Purpose</i>
September 6	<i>A Future with Hope</i>
September 13	<i>A New Covenant</i>
September 20	<i>Stronger than Your Struggles</i>

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



Tausha
Davison-Beverly
Children's
Ministry Director

Children's Ministry

We have a new volunteer in our Children's Ministry, Misha Welchel. Misha is the daughter of Dr. Courtney Vaughn and the mother of three children, the youngest being Lucy Ann. We are overjoyed that Misha is responding to her calling to work with our elementary age children during Sunday school and Children's Church.

Please stop by on your way to worship to say, "Hello," and welcome her to our Children's Ministry.

Keep the Faith,
Tausha



Misha Welchel,
Courtney Vaughn,
and Lucy Ann
Sylvester

Welcome Hunter Patman Fountain!



Hunter Patman Fountain,
Youth Director

Hello! My name is Hunter Patman Fountain. I am the new Youth Director here at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. I am so excited to be here! I am currently a student at the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Community College, where I am studying English Education, with the end-goal of going to seminary after completing my undergraduate degree.

I am from Oklahoma, and I have spent time in both Ardmore and Edmond throughout my life. I am twenty-one years old. I grew up in the First United Methodist Church of Ardmore, where I was confirmed and baptized.

My dream is to let the Lord use me to reach multitudes of people with the gospel. As it says in the *Great Commission*, we are to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded (Matthew 28:19-20). This is my first job in ministry, so I am extremely excited to see what the Lord wants to do with me through this career.

My hope is that our Youth Ministry can equip the next generation of church leaders to share and live out the gospel in all areas of life. We are having a “Youth Group Kick-Off” on August 30th during the Sunday School hour. I am looking forward to welcoming each student that wishes to attend! It is truly a blessing to me that I get the chance to work with our church’s future leaders. I would also like to invite parents of youth to attend our Youth Group Kick-Off to see what we are about! Snacks and drinks will also be provided. I’m looking forward to getting to know each of you.

Sincerely,
Hunter

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

We are thrilled to share with you our latest art creations. Ms. Megann has been instructing the children about different art techniques. The most recent project, which is displayed in our main hall in front of the TLC desk, is based off of the Mondrian Mixed Media art process. An artist’s statement card is posted with the display to highlight the techniques used. Our Cheetahs and Jaguars are thrilled with the outcome and enjoyed doing the project. We will demonstrate more creations soon. It’s going to be a very creative year.

We are also happy to share that our hygiene and cleaning practices have kept our children healthy. Kudos to the teachers for their hard work in sanitizing our rooms, helping the children wash their hands regularly, and wearing their face masks. God is blessing us at The Learning Center.

-Denise

Birthdays

08/26 Claire Vick
08/30 Judy Kauffman
08/31 Sue Hood
08/31 David Reed
09/02 J.B. Sims
09/06 Ryan McNeill
09/10 Frances Rosier
09/10 Jack Story
09/11 Donna Blakley
09/11 Julie Fischer
09/12 Audrey Harrah
09/14 Robert Vick
09/15 Gracie Sanders
09/16 Geoffrey Stafford
09/16 William Stafford
09/17 Kerry Maye
09/17 Sally Stringer
09/22 Billie Boston
09/22 Jami Cravens
09/22 Meg Miller
09/24 Jason Ott
09/26 Ellie Roberts
09/27 Alan Niemann
09/28 Caitlin Dyke
09/30 Cara Fraley

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

Online Worship:

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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.

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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 an in depth study of the *Letter to the Romans*. 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. 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. 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. Director of Children's Ministry: Tausha Davison-Beverly.

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. Teacher: Lecye Lippoldt

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Hunter Patman, Director of Youth Ministry

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

Louise Glass, Financial Secretary

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center

Brandon Price, Custodian

Alfred Walker, Sunday Host

Jeremy Gossett, Audio Visual Team Leader

Dustin Davis, Sunday Host and A/V Tech

Julie Keller, Nursery Attendant

Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant