

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Jesus Blesses and Heals Children

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴ So he went with him.

-Mark 5:21-24

We all have hurts, and we all need healing.

Sometimes we need healing for someone we love.

Jairus' daughter was sick, and she was dying. He needed Jesus to come and heal his daughter or she would die. So, Jairus begged Jesus to come with him, and Jesus willingly went with him. But they were too late. When they finally arrived, the young girl had already died. But Jesus said, “Do not doubt, only believe.” When he saw the people weeping and wailing loudly, he asked them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But Jesus took the girl's parents with him into the room where the child was, took her by the hand, and said, “Little girl, get up!” And she did. She got up and began walking around.

On Sunday we will begin our **Hope and Healing** sermon series by focusing on the healing that Jesus offers to children. Jesus healed many children throughout his ministry. The people he healed and the way he offered healing tells us a lot about Jesus and the kingdom of God. In Jesus' day children were not valued as having sacred worth. In the ancient world, unwanted children were often simply left to die, a practice called “exposure.” This decision was usually made during the first eight days of life. This custom changed because children were important to Jesus. He healed children. He blessed children. He said, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” He told his disciples, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” Jesus taught his disciples to love children, to speak for children, and to stand up for children.

Children are important in our church. We are always seeking to bless children and to help them experience Jesus' love and healing. We minister to children through our Children's Ministry and The Learning Center, and we are always working to feed and clothe children and young persons at Nichols Hills Elementary School and John Marshall High School. I invite you to pray for children and our schools this week and join us for a meaningful worship service in person or online this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. I also invite you to join us for Nichols Thrills on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. as we discuss the way Jesus offered healing and hope to children and how we can do the same with the children in our lives.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, September 27

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

Monday, September 28

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

Wednesday, September 30

Nichols Thrills at 6:00 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 4

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

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

Stewardship Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7

Nichols Thrills at 6:00 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 11

In Person 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.

Tuesday, October 13

S.P.R.C. Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14

Nichols Thrills at 6:00 p.m.

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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

September 27: The chancel flowers are given in honor of Mary Bowden Montgomery, General Bill Bowden's First Cousin of St. Louis, MO.

October 4: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

September 27: The mission candle is lit by Carla Hill in memory of Jerry Jennings.

October 4: The mission candle is given by General Bill Bowden in honor of Harriet Isobel Denious, his grand-niece of Denver, CO.

Acolytes

September 27: Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, Charlotte Smith, and Lucy Ann Sylvester

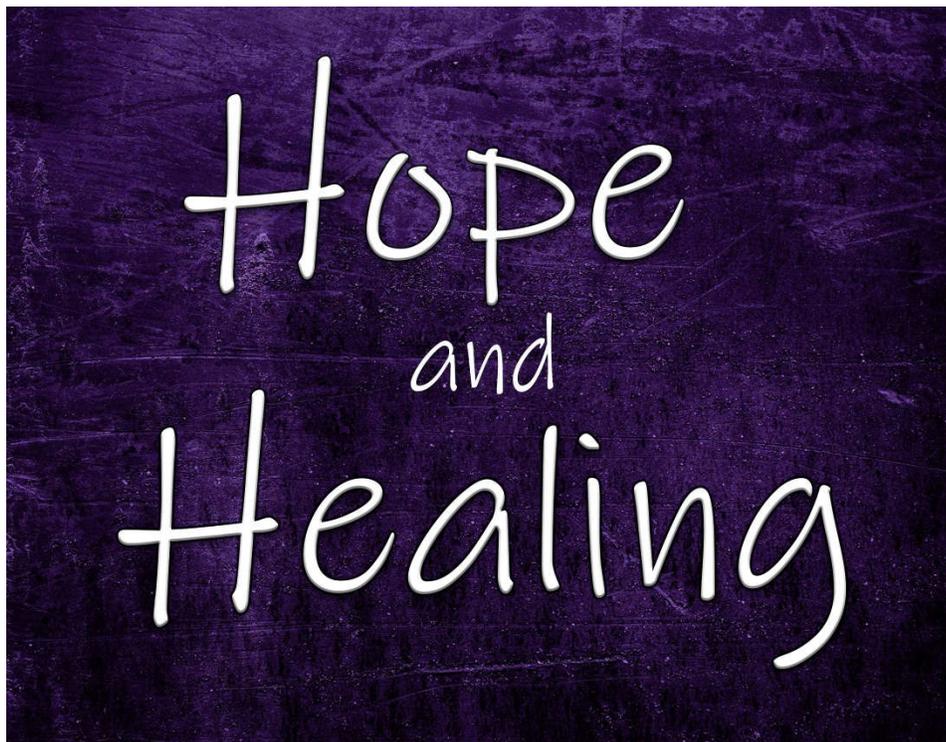
October 4: Gabriel Ireland, Scarlett Hoffman, Avery Smith, And Lucy Ann Sylvester

Tithes and Offerings

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.



Join us for Nichols Thrills
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.



Hope and Healing

We all have hurts, and we all need healing. Throughout his ministry, Jesus healed all kinds of people. Jesus healed children. Jesus healed mentally ill people. Jesus healed lepers. Jesus even healed his enemies. Every time Jesus healed people he offered them hope.

Join us as we take a closer look at four people Jesus healed. Together, we'll experience Jesus' **Hope and Healing** and learn how we can offer **Hope and Healing** to people in the name of Jesus.

- September 27** *Jesus Heals and Blesses Children*
October 4 *Jesus Heals a Possessed Man in a Foreign Land*
October 11 *Jesus Heals Malchus*
October 18 *Jesus Heals a Leper*
Online Worship: facebook.com/nicholshillsumc

Youth Ministry



Hunter Patman
Fountain,
Youth Director

It has been a great time at the church over the last couple of weeks. I have so enjoyed getting to meet more of the youth and more of the congregation. As well as that, I have also enjoyed getting to do a plethora of other things around the church. I am extremely excited about the things that are occurring within this community.

As for the youth ministry, even though we are in the midst of a pandemic, I will still be doing whatever I can to stay in contact with as many of you as possible. I hope you all have a blessed week!

Sincerely,
Hunter



Tausha Davison-Beverly Children's Ministry Director

Children's Ministry

Our Girl Scout meetings for Troop 22 have begun. All of our young ladies and leaders are taking precautions as they meet at our church for fellowship earning new badges. The leaders are doing temperature checks at the door, and they have a Covid precaution plan in place for families. This year there are twelve scouts participating and five leaders. Troop 22 includes girls who are in early elementary through high school. We look forward to seeing and hearing about all of the great things our Girl Scout partners will learn and explore in the coming months.

Blessings,
Tausha



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
- 09/28 Caitlin Dyke
- 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 Blythe Butler
- 10/11 Ann Garrett
- 10/12 Elizabeth Gober
- 10/12 Tracey Saunders
- 10/13 Trish Cloud
- 10/13 Annemarie Edmonds

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

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.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion, T.L.C. Director

Our children who are six months old and up will be screened by Vizavance on **September 24**. Vizavance was previously known as Prevent Blindness Oklahoma. This screening will take place in each child's classroom. It takes less than one minute per child to screen for vision issues. There is no fee to families for this service. We have seen the benefit of this screening. Over the last six years at least one

child in TLC has been referred to an eye doctor for further testing. These referrals resulted in six children getting glasses. Early detection can prevent further vision loss. Results are sent to families that same day of the screening. We know that good vision is essential to children's learning. This is a blessing for children and families in TLC.

-Denise



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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.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

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Hunter Patman Fountain, Director of Youth Ministry

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Patricia Harris, Nursery Attendant