

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

A New Covenant

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. -Jeremiah 31:31-34

A covenant in the ancient world was similar to what we in the modern world would call a contract, a treaty, or a will. Each covenant established the basis of a relationship, promises and conditions of the relationship, and consequences if those conditions were unmet. One of the most familiar examples of a covenant for us is marriage. There are several covenants in the Bible, but five covenants are crucial for understanding the story of the Bible and God’s redemptive plan including:

- God’s Covenant with Noah to never destroy the earth with a flood,
- God’s Covenant with Abraham to make him a great nation, to give him a land, and to bless his family so that they would be a blessing to all of the families of the earth,
- God’s Covenant through Moses in which God gave God’s People the Ten Commandments and the Law,
- God’s Covenant with King David in which God promised that a descendant of David will reign on the throne of over God’s people, and the New Covenant which we find in Jeremiah 31:31-34.

On Sunday we will continue our Faith for Tough Times sermon series by taking a closer look at each of these covenants so that we can better understand the New Covenant which God promised through Jeremiah and fulfilled through Jesus when he offered his body and his blood to his followers through the Lord’s Supper. I hope you invite someone you know to join us for in person or online worship for this meaningful message.

Nichols Thrills will begin on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. Each week, we’ll take a closer look at the scriptures from our Sunday sermon and have an opportunity to ask questions, share how God is speaking to us, and pray for one another. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall with social distancing, and we will conclude by 7:00 p.m.

Have a great week.

Blessings,
Trevor



Ministry Calendar

Sunday, September 13

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 14

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, September 15

Nominations Committee at 5:30

Wednesday, September 16

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

Sunday, September 20

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

Monday, September 21

Women’s Alcoholics Anonymous
Group at 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

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

Sunday, September 27

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, September 29

Nominations Committee at 5:30

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The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday 9:00-2:30

Tuesday, Thursday 9:00-4:00

Friday 9:00-1:59



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 13: The chancel flowers are given in honor of Andy Bowden, General Bill Bowden's son of Houston, Texas.

September 20: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

September 13: The mission candle is available.

September 20: The mission candle is available.

Acolytes

September 13: Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith and Lucy Ann Sylvester

September 20: Gabriel Ireland, Louis Fraley, Regan Miller, and Charlotte Smith

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.

FAITH FOR TOUGH TIMES: THE MESSAGE OF JEREMIAH

Faith For Tough Times: The Message of Jeremiah

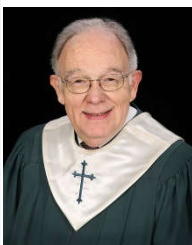
How do you keep going when your life falls apart and you feel all alone? The Prophet Jeremiah lived in a time when people felt broken, abandoned, and hopeless. God sent Jeremiah to share in their suffering and to offer them comfort and to let them know that God would still give them a future with hope.

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

September 13 *A New Covenant*

September 20 *Stronger than Your Struggles*

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



Antone Godding

Thanks from Antone Godding

I greatly appreciated last Sunday. To those who helped to make the occasion of my 45th anniversary at NHUMC a memorable one for me, many thanks to you all!

Sincerely,
Antone Godding



Mary, Stephen, and
Frederick Blake



Frederick Blake

Congratulations Mary and Stephen!

It is our pleasure to congratulate Mary and Stephen Blake on the birth of their son, Frederick Robert Blake. Frederick was born last month. We can't wait to meet him!

Welcome Hunter Patman Fountain!



Hunter Patman Fountain,
Youth Director

I have been on staff at the church for about four weeks now, and I am ecstatic at what has been going on in the life of this church. We seem to be seeing more and more people every week! I have so enjoyed meeting and talking to every single person I have encountered here.

In our Youth Ministry, I am working hard to make sure we have everything ready to go each Sunday so that we can have a great and safe time during this pandemic. I look forward to meeting more of our church's youth every week! Come and join us in Sunday School at 9:45 in the Youth Basement.

Sincerely,
Hunter



Tausha Davison-Beverly
Children's
Ministry Director

Children's Ministry

Over the past few weeks our sermon series has been about faith and being born for a purpose. In Children's Church we are exploring what our spiritual gifts are to bless the world, through their interest. Gabriel Ireland said, "My gift is to share what I read with others." Avery Smith said, "I like being generous." Lauren Davison said, "I love bringing joy to everyone." Here are a few pictures of some of our superhero's for Christ!

Blessings,
Tausha

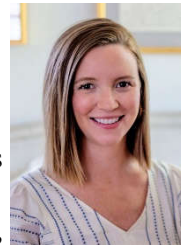


Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

This fall we have added French on Fridays as another special experience for our oldest groups: Jaguars and Cheetahs. Madame Susanne Huffman is our French teacher. She provides thirty minutes of hands on activities for the children. They are loving it! They begin by dancing to a warm-up song, "Mon Corps Fait de la Musique," and then they greet one another by saying, "Bonjour! Ca va?" They are learning the French words for the colors, the days of the week, and body parts. Last week they learned the names of animals and heard a story about *Jack and the French Languasaurus: The Farm Animals*. Susanne is an adjunct professor at UCO teaching French. She is also a mother to our her son, Oliver, in the Zebras classroom. C'est formidable. Another blessing for The Learning Center.



Madame Huffman

-Denise

Birthdays

- 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:

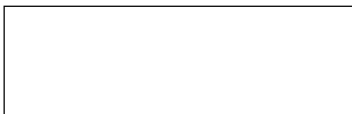
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Worship Online

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.

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

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Jeremy Gossett, Audio Visual Team Leader

Dustin Davis, Sunday Host and A/V Tech

Julie Keller, Nursery Attendant

Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant

Patricia Harris, Nursery Attendant