

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## Jesus Heals Malchus

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?” <sup>49</sup> When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” <sup>50</sup> Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. -Luke 22:47-51

After witnessing so much violence and rioting in our major cities this summer, one of the most senior members of our church asked me, “What should I do if mob violence breaks out in my neighborhood?” That’s a good question. How does Jesus call his followers to respond when they are attacked and face extreme violence?

In his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:38-39, 43-44, Jesus told his disciples, <sup>38</sup> “*You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’*” <sup>39</sup> *But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also....* <sup>43</sup> *You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’* <sup>44</sup> *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*” This is a hard teaching, but Jesus didn’t just teach non-violent response to violence. He also practiced it in the most defining moments of his life.

All four Gospels tell us of the way Jesus responded when he was betrayed by one of his disciples and attacked by a mob that was sent by the religious authorities to arrest him. Each of the Gospel writers reveal different details about that fateful evening. Mark says that someone in the crowd struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Matthew says that one of Jesus’ disciples cut off the ear of the high priest’s servant, and in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “*Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.*” Only John tells us that it was Peter who struck the high priest’s servant whose name was Malchus, and only Luke tells us that after Peter cut off Malchus’ ear that Jesus said, “*No more of this!*” *And he touched his ear and healed him.*

On Sunday, we will continue our **Hope and Healing** sermon series by taking a closer look at all four of the Gospel accounts of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. We’ll focus on the way Jesus spoke out against violence even when his disciples tried to defend him and how he healed one of the men who came to arrest him and condemn him to an agonizing death on a cross. I hope you will invite someone you know to join us for worship in person or online.

I am excited to let you know that we will host a Church Picnic on Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m. We invite you to bring picnic food for yourself and your family and join us outside on the south end of our parking lot for an evening of food and fellowship. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### 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.

#### Monday, October 12

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 13

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

#### Wednesday, October 14

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

#### Thursday-Friday, October 15- 16

The Learning Center Closed

#### Sunday, October 18

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

#### Monday, October 19

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 20

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, October 21

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

#### Sunday, October 25

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.  
Church Picnic at 5:00 p.m.

#### Monday, October 26

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 27

Church Council and Charge Conference at 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, October 28

Nichols Thrills at 6:00 p.m.



### Chancel Flowers

October 11: The chancel flowers are given by Ann Garrett in loving memory of Bill Garrett.

October 18: The chancel flowers are given by Turner and Cindy Davis.

### Mission Candle

October 11: The mission candle is given by General Bill Bowden in honor of Harriet Isobel Denious, Grand Niece, of Denver, CO.

October 18: The mission candle is available.

### Acolytes

October 11: Louis Fraley, Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, Charlotte Smith

October 18: Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, and Lucy Ann Sylvester

### Tithes and Offerings

Your gifts and tithes make a Christian difference and help us share the ministry of Jesus Christ with people in our church and in our community.

Checks may be mailed to 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

To make an online donation, visit [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org).

To set up an electronic funds transfer contact the Church Office.

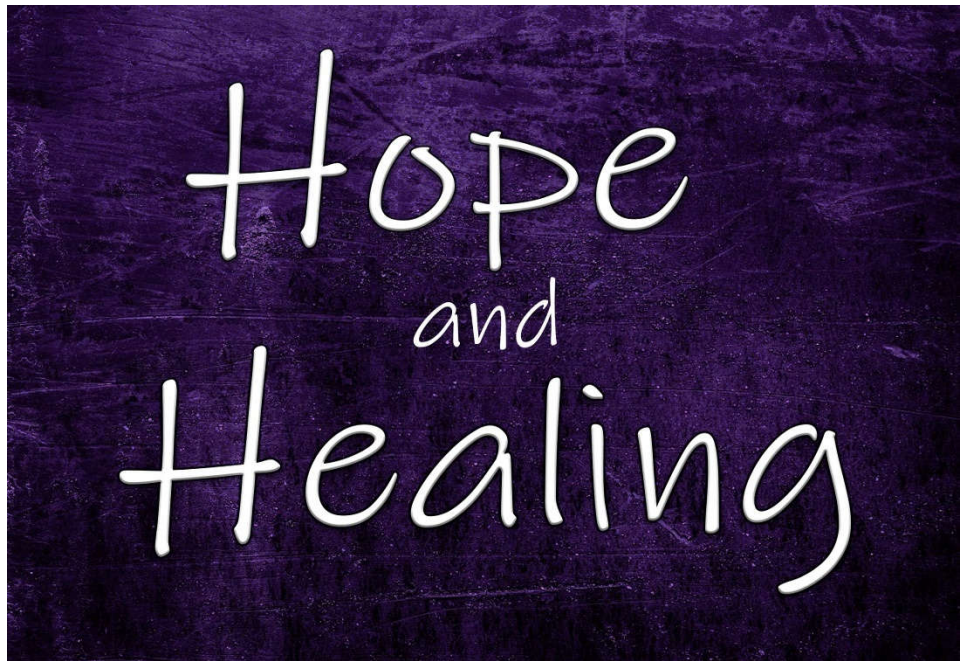
Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

### Worship Online

Join us online for worship! You can view our livestream at 8:30 or 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](http://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.

**October 11** *Jesus Heals Malchus*

**October 18** *Jesus Heals a Leper*

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

## Fall Church Picnic

Join us for our Fall Church Picnic on Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m. We will gather outside on the South side of the parking lot. Bring your own picnic meal, and join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship.





Tausha  
Davison-Beverly  
Children's  
Ministry Director

## Children's Ministry

Over the last few weeks, our children decided to start a missional project by making friendship bracelets for 200 John Marshall High School students. The last two weeks during Sunday School and our 10:50 Children's Church have been filled with lots of laughter, long pieces of colorful string, and sharing different concepts of how to make each bracelet special.

We filled toiletry bags with supplies, bracelets, and an encouraging scripture. We would like to thank Stephanie Henry for leading this missional opportunity for our children to serve others, and for the donation of thread. We also would like to thank our families, volunteers, and staff that made it possible for our children to lift up students at John Marshall High School. Way to go, Nichols Hills U.M.C. families!

Blessings,  
Tausha

## Youth Ministry



Hunter Patman  
Fountain,  
Youth Director

These past couple of weeks have been so eventful here at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church with many things happening! And I have been excited about each one of them. I have been so glad to meet more and more of the youth each week. We truly have a great bunch of students at this church.

As for Sunday School, we meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. I would love to meet anyone who wishes to attend. I also want to say that I am excited for the future of the youth group in this church. I see the Lord doing great things every day in the life of our faith-based community.

Sincerely,  
Hunter

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

Each month our families participate in our Scholastic Book sale. We send out flyers and emails to let families know when the orders are due. The Learning Center earns points based on the dollar amount spent by our families. Our families are blessed to get great books to read at home with their children. We have been blessed to receive over \$140 worth of books with our points for August and September! The children's books are seasonal and faith based and often align with our weekly themes. That's what we call a win-win.

-Denise

### Welcome Jack McLain!



Jack McLain, son of Emily and Stuart McLain, was born on June 22. He weighed 7 pound 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Caroline (age 3) is happy to be a big sis!

### Birthdays

- 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
- 10/13 Dick Sias
- 10/17 Gwen Niemann
- 10/17 Patricia Schonwald
- 10/18 Cynda Ottaway
- 10/18 Nicholas Schoeffler
- 10/20 Preston Robinson
- 10/22 Chris Kauffman
- 10/22 Sylvia Miller
- 10/24 Tim Sanders
- 10/25 Margaux Lavenue
- 10/25 Ashton Niemann
- 10/26 James Tirrell
- 10/27 Suzanne Lavenue
- 10/27 Regan Miller
- 10/29 David Mueller
- 10/30 Kay Goebel

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

Sylvia Miller

#### Town Village

Bette Harris

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

#### StoneCreek

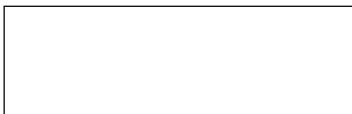
Ray and Lynn Greene

#### At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,  
David Mueller

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

**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 hear from Ben Harris, C.E.O. of Epic Charter Schools, who will share with us about Online Education in the Time of COVID-19. 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 Fountain**, Director of Youth Ministry

**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist

**Kathy Smith**, Treasurer

**Louise Glass**, Financial Secretary

**Denise Buthion**, Director of The Learning Center

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**Jeremy Gossett**, Audio Visual Team Leader

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**John Nacher III**, Audio Visual Tech

**Julie Keller**, Nursery Attendant

**Patricia Harris**, Nursery Attendant