



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## Don't Forget to Remember

<sup>14</sup>Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup>And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod." <sup>16</sup>They said to one another, "It is because we have no bread." <sup>17</sup>And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened?" <sup>18</sup>Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup>When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?" They said to him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup>"And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?" And they said to him, "Seven." <sup>21</sup>Then he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?" -Mark 8:14-21

As Thanksgiving approaches I'm sure many of us will be focused on preparing and eating lots and lots of delicious food. In the midst of all of this food, you may forget to remember all of the ways God has blessed you in 2020. When we look back on 2020, we may be tempted to focus on the difficult challenges we have faced: the coronavirus pandemic, lockdowns, masks, school closings, cancelled funerals and weddings, social distancing, and an election. If we focus on these things we could fail to see the Holy Spirit at work in our midst. If we get so wrapped up in the negative parts of our lives, we could forget to remember that God is bigger than all of the challenges and problems we face. We could forget to remember all of the ways God has sustained us, provided for us, and helps us.

Jesus' disciples were slow to remember and quick to forget. They had watched Jesus feed more than 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish, but they failed to understand that Jesus can do a lot with a little. A few months later, when they watched Jesus preach and teach a crowd of more than 4,000 people for three days and Jesus wanted to feed the people, the disciples said, "How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?" They had just seen what Jesus could do, and they still wondered what they were going to do and what Jesus was going to do. They forgot to remember. But then they watched Jesus do it again as he fed all of those people with seven loaves of bread, and again there were leftovers.

As you gather with your family this Thanksgiving I hope you will take time to look past all of the challenges, difficulties, and problems in 2020 to see the way God has been at work in your life. Don't forget to remember. Remember the ways God has blessed you. Remember the ways that God has helped you. Remember the ways God has carried you through this year, and give thanks to God.

We had a great Consecration Sunday and Harvest Dinner. I am so thankful for all of the people who invited, decorated, cooked, served, and welcomed people as we celebrated what God has done in our lives and the generosity of so many people in our congregation. If you were unable to be present in worship that day we have mailed an Estimate of Giving Card for your consideration, and we hope you will prayerfully fill it out and return it to the church office. Don't forget to remember because God has blessed us, God is blessing us, and God will bless us.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Hanging of the Greens at 2:00  
Help us decorate the sanctuary.

#### Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27

Church Offices and The Learning Center Closed for Thanksgiving

#### Sunday, November 29

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

#### *What Christmas Is All About*

Sunday School Class at 9:45 a.m.

#### Monday, November 30

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Group at 5:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 2

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, December 6

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

#### *What Christmas Is All About*

Sunday School Class at 9:45 a.m.

Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

#### Monday, December 7

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Group at 5:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 9

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, December 13

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

Children's Christmas Pageant

at 9:45 a.m.



### Chancel Flowers

November 22: The chancel flowers are given by Turner Davis in honor of Cindy's birthday.

November 29: The chancel flowers are available.

### Mission Candle

November 22: The mission candle is available.

November 29: The mission candle is available.

### Acolytes

November 22: Louis Fraley, Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, and Charlotte Smith

November 29: Louis Fraley, 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).

## Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services  
at 3:00, 4:30, and 6:00 p.m.

Reserve Your Seats Online:  
[www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org)



# Christmastime Is Here

Christmastime is here. It's the most wonderful time of the year... a time to remember that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son to live with us, to save us from our sins, and offer us the peace that passes all understanding. This Advent, join us online or in person for worship as we sing your favorite Christmas carols, offer hope and encouragement, and talk about what Christmas is all about.



- November 29** *Answered Prayers*
- December 6** *Christmas Joy*
- December 13** *Prepare the Way of the Lord*
- December 20** *Home for the Holidays*
- December 24** *What Christmas Is All About*
- December 27** *A Christmas Promise*
- January 3** *The Christmas King*



## Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m.**

Help us decorate the church for Advent at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 24.



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly  
Children's  
Ministry Director

## Children's Ministry

We all need someone in our lives to inspire hope and to instill faith in God, as well. In the children's ministry we are blessed to be able to do both through Compassion International. Every month, our children send encouraging letters and pictures to six children who live in impoverished nations. It also gives our children a chance to know that although there may be an ocean between us, we are making a difference in a friend's life. They have many of the same common interest. Grace enjoys spending time with friends. Kelly enjoys playing soccer. Moses enjoys scriptures just like our children. We remind our children that God loves us all and is with us always. Of all the people with whom we could share his love, who better than his children. We would love for you to sign up to volunteer in the Children's Ministry to help write an inspiring letter or two. Or maybe you have an interest in just helping on a Sunday. Either way we would love to have you.

Blessings,  
Tausha



# Youth Ministry

Hello, church! We had a great turn-out for our Harvest Dinner. We also really enjoyed the opportunity to serve or provide take-out for every one of you that attended. And, as always, we love each and every person who walks through the doors of this church or attends online.

Hunter Patman  
Fountain,  
Youth Director

-Hunter

# What Christmas Is All About

Beginning on Sunday, November 29 at 9:45, join our Youth and Adult Sunday School classes in the Fellowship Hall as we gather for four Sundays to take a closer look at some of your favorite Christmas movies to see what they teach us about the real meaning of Christmas and how the babe born in Bethlehem can change our hearts and give us hope.

Our **Children's Christmas Pageant** will be part of our time together on Sunday, December 13 at 9:45 a.m.

# Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

Recently we celebrated two teachers' work anniversaries with The Learning Center. It is an important measure in the quality of a program. Fortunately, two of our teachers have served for thirteen years and eight years, and many more have served with us for more than two years. Families are often surprised to hear that TLC has been in existence for over 50 years. The gratitude from our families plus the rewards of working with young children keep us going day after day. It is always a pleasure to acknowledge the teachers' contributions to The Learning Center. This November we honored Darla Hood, November 8, on her first year anniversary and Krystle Reed, November 18, on her three-year anniversary. Please join us in congratulating them on this career milestone. We are blessed to have them at TLC.

-Denise

## Making Change

Less is More

Stress is Bad

Giving is Good

Tomorrow Matters

**Nichols Hills United Methodist Church**  
***Estimate of Giving Card***

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in Christ and my commitment to Christ's church, I plan to **Take One Step Up** in my giving.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Step Up Beyond Tithing**  
My desire is to do more than the Biblical standard.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Step Up To Tithing**  
I will give one tenth of my income to God's work.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Step Up Toward Tithing**  
I am not yet a tither, but I will move toward that goal.

**My Commitment to the General Fund is**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Weekly for 52 weeks**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Monthly for 12 months**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Quarterly**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Annually**

**My Total Commitment for 2021:**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ This represents an increase over last year.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to learn about electronic giving.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I would like information on how to include Nichols Hills UMC in my will and estate plans.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Birthdays

- 11/18 John Heflin
- 11/19 Frances Thompson
- 11/20 Frank Miskovsky, III
- 11/21 Win Holbrook
- 11/21 Angie Sanger
- 11/25 Gabriel Ireland
- 11/28 Rich McLain
- 11/28 Alfred Walker
- 11/29 Michael Hall
- 11/30 Mark Sullivan
- 11/30 Perry Tirrell
- 12/01 Sarah Butler
- 12/01 Elizabeth Prosser
- 12/01 Alesha Rogers
- 12/03 Tony Dyke
- 12/04 Ronald McLeod
- 12/06 Jackie Hall
- 12/06 Nancy Rowntree
- 12/07 Charlotte Brown
- 12/07 Reid Robison
- 12/08 Maddy Eales
- 12/09 Larkin Warner
- 12/09 Phil Withrow
- 12/10 Denise Buthion

## Cares and Concerns

- Town Village**  
Bette Harris
- The Fountains at Canterbury**  
Anita Dahlgren
- StoneCreek**  
Ray and Lynn Greene
- At Home**  
Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,  
David Mueller



Krystle Reed



Darla Hood

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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 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 Fountain**, 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 Audio Visual Tech

**John Nacher III**, Audio Visual Tech

**Julie Keller**, Nursery Attendant

**Patricia Harris**, Nursery Attendant