

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Offer Them Christ

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ² And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴ Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵ And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸ Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. -Acts 3:1-8

You have seen this situation many times. A poor, lame man begs for alms. Most people avoid eye contact with the man. Many people walk around him. A few people put a few coins in his beggar's cup. But most people do not stop and engage this man in conversation.

When this man asked Peter and John for money, they looked intently at him. Peter made eye contact with him and said, "Look at us." What did this man really need? Did he need money, or did he need something more... someone more? Peter and John did not have any money to give him because they had already given their money and resources to be shared among the believers in the Church, but they had something greater to give him.

You see, when Peter and John looked at this man they didn't see only a crippled beggar. Rather, they saw a man in need of a Savior. So, they gave the man what they did have which was more than money. They offered him Christ. They offered him healing in the name of Jesus Christ. That is what they had to offer, and that is what they gave.

We offer people healing in the name of Jesus, but I want you to understand that we offer even more than that. We offer people Christ. Plain and simple. We offer people Jesus. That is what makes us different than the Department of Human Services. That is what makes us different than a civic organization. We offer people a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

On Sunday we will continue our **On This Rock** sermon series by talking more about the way Peter not only offered healing to this man in the name of Jesus but also preached to the crowd that gathered that day outside the Temple and gave them a second opportunity to believe in Jesus and receive salvation in his name. It was a second opportunity for them to experience conversion in Christ.

I am so grateful that we have been welcoming many new people into our church. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us in person or online at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday morning as we discuss how conversion is both something that happens in a moment and is also a process that continues throughout our lives. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, April 25

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

Monday, April 26

Women's A.A. Group at 5:30
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

Funeral Service for Guy Anthony at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 3

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day

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

Memorial Sunday, May 30

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.



Baptism of Barnes Peck
on Sunday, April 11.

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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Chancel Flowers

April 25: The chancel flowers are given by Steve and Susan Raupe and Karen Raupe Hanstein in memory of their mother, Geraldine Raupe.

May 2: The chancel flowers are given by the Anthony family in memory of Guy Anthony.

Mission Candle

The mission candle is available on April 25 and May 2.

Acolytes

April 25: Gabriel Ireland, Scarlett Hoffman, Charlotte Smith, and Lucy Ann Sylvester

May 2: Gabriel Ireland, Henrietta Dockendorf, Regan Miller, and Charlotte Smith

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.

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

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

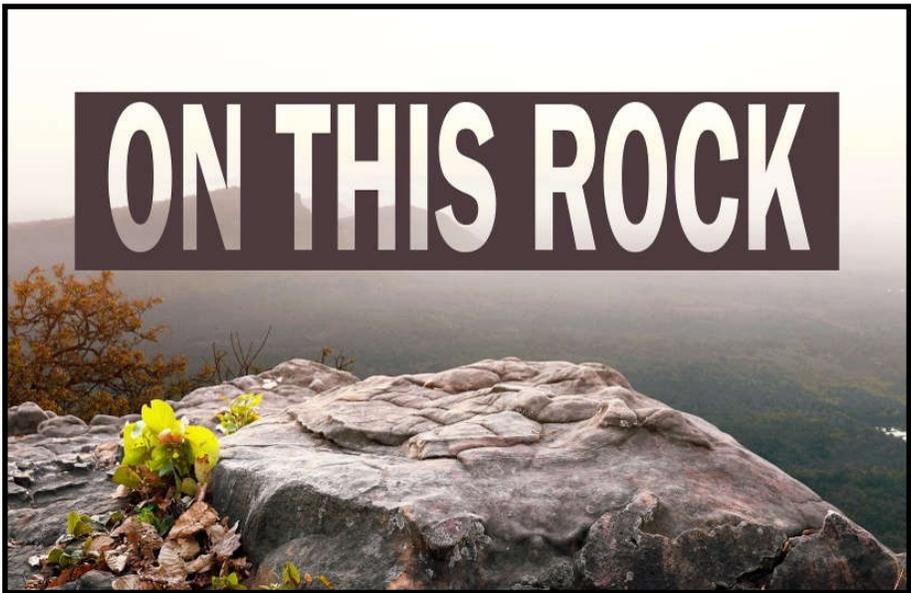


Worship Online or In Person

We would love for you to join us for in person worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50.

We also are streaming online. You can view our worship services on Facebook every Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:50. Our Facebook page is [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc). Don't have a Facebook account? No worries. You can view our livestream without having an account. You can also view the worship service throughout the week. If you do have a Facebook account, we encourage you to send us a message and let us know you are participating.

We also post the Sermon Notes and the Prayer and Study Guide on Facebook as well as our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org. We look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online!



On This Rock

Simon Peter pledged to die with Jesus and then denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Yet Jesus called Simon the Rock and said that he would use Peter to build his Church.

Join us for worship in person or online at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as we turn to the *Book of Acts* to see how the Holy Spirit worked through Peter to build the early Church and transform the world.

April 25	<i>Offer Them Christ</i>
May 2	<i>We Cannot Keep from Speaking</i>
May 9	<i>Living Boldly</i>
May 16	<i>Unstoppable</i>
May 23	<i>Unchained</i>
May 30	<i>New Life</i>

Children's Ministry



Claire Fraley,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

Our Summer Sports Camp is coming up soon and you do not want to miss it! Your child or grandchild will have the option to choose between Cheer, Basketball, Soccer, or Team 45 (for ages 4 and 5 where they will be learning fundamentals of motion, rhythm, and balance development). They will all have the opportunity to learn new skills, meet new friends, and learn more about The Bible all while experiencing God's love around them.

We are looking for people to serve at Sports Camp and need YOUR help! We have several opportunities for you to serve in ministry and help make our Sports Camp a success. Join us in a fun week of serving in Children's Ministry and watching Jesus shine through our children. Please call the church at (405)842-1486 for any questions or information to register for Sports Camp or serve in ministry.

Blessings,
Claire

Easter Fun

We had an amazing Easter celebration at Nichols Hills U.M.C. Thank you to all who sent in photos!



Nichols Hills United Methodist

SPORTS



Basketball



Cheerleading



Soccer



4 - 5 Year Olds

CAMP

June 1 - 4
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Summer Camps

Sports Camp

Tuesday, June 1st – Friday, June 4th at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

4-year-olds through entering 6th graders.

Early Bird Price: \$60 (Register by May 15) / Regular Price: \$70

Children may participate in Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, or Team 45 (which teaches the fundamentals of motion, rhythm, and balance development to 4 and 5-year-olds) all while experiencing God's love! Call the church office at 405-842-1486 for more information.

Ready to enroll? Fill out the form on the next page and return it to the church.

Growin' in Grace

Monday, June 14th – Wednesday, June 16th at Canyon Camp.

Children entering 3rd grade through 5th grade. Register at: okcamps.campbrainregistration.com

Early Bird Price: \$178 (Register by April 15) / Regular Price: \$192 / Adult Price: \$92

Older elementary campers have the opportunity to experience God's love in God's beautiful creation over this three day; two night camp. In addition to hiking, swimming, recreation, and crafts, campers participate in interactive small group learning and creative worship.

During these experiences, campers build relationships with new friends from other churches around the state that continue as they return to camp year after year.

Canyon Camp will be requiring all children and adults to wear a face mask during all activities. They will create smaller groups to ensure social distancing, staggered eating times, as well as staggered check-in times.

Sonshine Camp

Saturday, June 26 – Sunday, June 27 at Canyon Camp.

Children entering 1st grade and 2nd grade. Register at: okcamps.campbrainregistration.com

Early Bird Price: \$69 (Register by April 15) / Regular Price: \$89 / Adult Price: \$57

Early elementary campers enjoy a taste of hiking, swimming, crafts, and active learning in small groups under the caring and watchful eye of adult leaders.

All activities and creative worship in this overnight camp are geared for this younger age-level. After this fun camping experience, children will want to return to camp year after year.

Canyon Camp will be requiring all children and adults to wear a face mask during all activities. They will create smaller groups to ensure social distancing, staggered eating times, as well as staggered check-in times.

Ready to Register for Sports Camp?

Fill out the form below and return to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church or register online www.nicholshillsumc.org.

Guardian(s) Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children's Name(s) and Age(s): _____

Address: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large, Youth XL,
Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult XL, Adult 2XL

Sport: _____

Sports include: Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, or Team 45.

Early Bird Price: \$60 per child (Register by May 15) / Regular Price: \$70
Pay by cash, check, or credit card.

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Birthdays

04/21 Bernadene Moore
04/22 Claire Fraley
04/26 Kery Mueller
04/29 Marty Margo
04/30 Colin Anderson
05/01 Christie Baker
05/01 Alice Pippin
05/02 Kristen Robinson
05/03 Nathan Hilger
05/04 Myrla Pierson
05/05 Caroline McLain
05/07 Jennifer McGinnis
05/08 Jacob Ellis
05/08 Kathleen Ellis
05/10 Mark Miller
05/13 Roger Etling
05/17 Rosemarie Chase
05/17 Rachel Huchton
05/18 Warren Henry
05/18 Charlotte Smith
05/20 Dudley Hyde
05/21 Jeff Cloud
05/23 Jerry Richardson
05/23 Trevor Smith
05/24 Michael Wylder
05/28 Sharon Ives
05/29 Rob Saunders

Cares and Concerns

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,
David Mueller

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

We are so excited and are looking forward to the summer session. It begins on June 7 and lasts until July 30. Many of our former students, who have gone on to elementary school, return for the summer. It is amazing to see how much they have grown in just ten months away. Our summer enrollment is quite full. We recently received an outstanding review from one of our families which noted all of our dedication to the arts (art, dance, and music classes), social and emotional development (coaching classes and French) as well as the FUN learning experiences for the children. Truth be told we all have fun. Isn't that what school should be? TLC is a blessing to many people.

-Denise



The Learning Center Staff

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

The Brew Class: *Meets in The Conference Room* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and an in-depth study of the *Live Not by Lies: a Manual for Christian Dissidents* by Rod Dreher. 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.
Leader: Claire Fraley

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.
Leader: Claire Fraley

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

Claire Fraley, Director of Children’s Ministries

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

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Julie Keller, Nursery Attendant

Patricia Harris, Nursery Attendant