



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

The Promise

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

-Genesis 12:1-3

The word, *Genesis* means *the beginning of something*. As we begin to emerge from the pandemic, God is giving us a new beginning as we establish a new normal. But this is not the first time God has created a new beginning. After God destroyed the world with a great flood and scattered the people of Babel by causing them to speak different languages, God began to re-create the world and bring redemption to all of creation. God chose to do this through a family. The Old Testament is the story of this family, with all the flaws and shortcomings that each one of our families has. This story shows us what it means to be God’s people and something about the mission and work that God intends for us to do. It is the story of how God set apart one family to be a blessing to all of the families of the earth.

This family was barren. Abram and Sarai had no children, and they had no future. This family was going to end in barrenness. This family had played out its future and had nowhere to go. But the marvel of biblical faith is that barrenness is the arena of God’s life-giving action. It was to this barren couple that God made a promise. This promise is all about what God will do. This promise is really a five-fold promise. God says: (1) I will make of you a great nation, (2) I will bless you, (3) I will make your name great, (4) I will bless those who bless you, (5) I will curse those who curse you. These are gifts that Abram and Sarai cannot give themselves. These are God’s gifts. We will find that God is not only a Promise Maker. God is also a Promise Keeper. No matter what happens, God is determined to keep the promise God has made.

On Sunday I hope you will join us for worship in person or online as we begin a new sermon series called **The Promise**. Throughout the next five Sundays we will take a closer look at the way God works to keep the promise in spite of all of the shortcomings and impatience of this chosen family. We’ll talk about how this promise impacts our lives today, and we’ll learn what it means to live as God’s people, serve God’s purposes, and help God keep the promise.

I also want to share with you that 46 children participated in our first day of Sports Camp. We were also grateful to have 21 adults and 5 youth serve in ministry with these children. We played together, prayed together, and praised together. We are looking forward to sharing some wonderful stories with you on Sunday. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, June 6

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

Monday, June 7

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.
Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30

Wednesday, June 9

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

Saturday, June 12

Kiva Sunday School Party at 5:30

Sunday, June 13

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 14

Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30

Wednesday, June 16

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

Monday-Wednesday, June 14-16

Growin’ In Grace Church Camp

Wednesday, June 15

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

Father’s Day, Sunday, June 20

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

Monday, June 21

Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30

Wednesday, June 23

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

Sunday, June 27

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

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Chancel Flowers

June 6: The chancel flowers are given by Peggy Crawford.

June 13: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

June 6: The mission candle is available.

June 13: The mission candle is available.

Acolytes

June 6: Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, and Collier Vaughn

June 13: Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, Charlotte 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. To set up an electronic funds transfer contact the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.



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!

The Promise

Long ago, the Lord made a promise to Abraham and Sarah, an old couple with no children and seemingly no future.

God promised to give this couple a land, to make their descendants more numerous than the stars in the sky, and to bless all of the families of the earth through them.

Join us for worship in person or online at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as we turn to *Genesis* to see how God overcomes many challenges to keep the promise God made to Abraham and Sarah so long ago.

June 6 *The Promise*

June 13 *Impatience*

June 20 *No Laughing Matter*

June 27 *It's Complicated*

July 4 *The Test*



Claire Fraley,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

Children's Ministry

Father's Day will be here soon, and our Children's Choir has already begun rehearsing to sing a special song in church. The Children's choir practices every Sunday during Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and we would love for your child to join us!

On June 13th, the elementary aged kids will begin learning about the fruits of the spirit. For three weeks, we will explore how we can use different fruits of the spirit to show others how great God's love is. If you are interested in helping teach God's Word to our children, please contact the church office at (405) 842-1486.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."
-Galatians 5:22-23

Blessings,
Claire

Summer Camps

Growin' in Grace

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

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

okcamps.campbrainregistration.com

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.

Time To Say Goodbye!

This year we are delighted to have three graduating seniors in our music family. Joe Caskey, Madeline Powell, and Vance Klassen walked across the stage in May to receive their Bachelors of Music diplomas from the O.C.U. School of Music. I am so proud of them and can truly say that these musicians have blessed me as well as our congregation with their voices and music lifted high to God over the past four years. In all the years of working with student musicians I have never seen more talented young adults with hearts, minds, and souls so focused on worship music. All three have blown me away with their work ethic and determination to make selfless gifts to all those to will listen to their message of music.

It's hard for me to say goodbye to Joe, Maddie, and Vance, but I know that they will use all of their talents, heart, determination, and strong work ethic to bless the world beyond our church doors. As they go out into the world, I hope they will take a piece of faith with them and share the story on and off stage. We will be honoring our graduates in worship on Sunday, June 13th. If you would like to express your appreciation with a love offering, you may send a check to the church, marked "Musicians." We will also have a card basket for each of them that day. Thank you, church, for all of your support and love you give to our music ministry.

Joe Caskey will be playing Danny Zuko in the Lyric Theaters summer production of Grease, staged on the Football field at Bishop McGuinness, June 15th-27th. Joe will move to New York City this fall to audition for theater companies.

Madeline Powell will be working with OCU's summer music theater camp helping inspire the love of Music Theater in the youth of America. She just got back from New York City this week, where she signed her housing lease. She will be living in New York City and auditioning for theater companies.

Vance will be moving to New York City on July 1st to pursue his career in Music Theater. His beautiful voice has been showcased in N.Y.C. this summer and is sure to garner the ear of theater producers around the country.

Sincerely,
Michael Wylder



Joe Caskey



Madeline Powell



Vance Klassen

Birthdays

06/04 Grant Davis
 06/04 Julian Diaz-Granados
 06/06 Reese Robinson
 06/10 Samuel Stafford
 06/13 Jessica Castoe
 06/13 Don McCarty
 06/14 Kathy McCarty
 06/15 Kurlisa Briggs
 06/17 Jeremee Cloud
 06/18 Linda Rosser McDaniel
 06/19 Antone Godding
 06/19 Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes
 06/19 Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes
 06/20 John Pippin
 06/21 Bette MacKellar
 06/22 Ann Marshall
 06/24 Jackson Edmonds
 06/27 Mary Forster
 06/29 George Malone
 07/01 Carla Hill
 07/01 Moss Robertson
 07/03 Tom Klos
 07/03 Chris Lansden
 07/04 Will Malone
 07/04 Pam Shdeed
 07/05 Peggy Crawford
 07/06 Ronald Elkins
 07/07 Sue Goodman
 07/07 Jane Harlow
 07/07 Allyson Smith
 07/09 Melita James
 07/09 James Meyerson
 07/09 Gladys Miskovsky
 07/09 Michael Palmer
 07/10 Nathaneal Crownover
 07/14 Steve Dickey
 07/15 David Brown
 07/17 Margaret Wells
 07/21 Stuart, Jr. Hunt
 07/22 Becky Robinson
 07/23 Janet Jones
 07/23 Beverly Pirtle
 07/24 Linda Howell
 07/28 Stella Shdeed
 07/30 Phillip Rosier
 07/31 Kristin Byrdsong
 07/31 Matt Eales
 07/31 John Griffin

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

What a difference a year makes! This summer we have a full enrollment. It will be an exciting summer with the program bustling with activities. Our children have Chapel three times a week, Amazing Athletes, Dance, Art, Music, and French. We also have snow cones each Tuesday for everyone. The Cheetahs, which is our oldest class, will have a movie day each week too. This activity meets the "rest time" needs of the children. Outdoor play is a favorite as well. Feel free to come by and say, "Hello." We love to see our church family.

-Denise



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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

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