



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith  
Senior Pastor

### The Holy Club

<sup>13</sup> Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. <sup>14</sup> Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; <sup>16</sup> for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

-I Peter 3:13-16

In 1729, Charles Wesley was a student at Christ Church at Oxford. He asked his brother, John, for help and wrote, *"It is through your means I firmly believe, God will establish what He has begun in me, and there is no one person I would so willingly have to be the instrument of good to me as you.... If you would direct me to the same, or a like method with your own, I would gladly follow it."* So, John began meeting with Charles, William Morgan, and Bob Kirkham to encourage them in their scholarly and religious pursuits. The small group was criticized by their fellow students when they began to receive Holy Communion weekly and to visit prisoners, the poor, the widows, and the orphans in town. Their fellow students mockingly called the "The Holy Club," "The Godly Club," "Reformed Club," "Enthusiasts," "Supererogation Men," and finally, "Methodists."

The members of the groups rigorously self-examined themselves every day by asking the following 22 questions: 1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite? 2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate? 3. Do I confidentially pass on to others what has been said to me in confidence? 4. Can I be trusted? 5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits? 6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying? 7. Did the Bible live in me today? 8. Do I give the Bible time to speak to me every day? 9. Am I enjoying prayer? 10. When did I last speak to someone else of my faith? 11. Do I pray about the money I spend? 12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time? 13. Do I disobey God in anything? 14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy? 15. Am I defeated in any part of my life? 16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful? 17. How do I spend my spare time? 18. Am I proud? 19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican? 20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it? 21. Do I grumble or complain constantly? 22. Is Christ real to me?

On Sunday, we will continue our sermon series, **The Heart of a Methodist**, by talking more about the first rise of Methodism at Oxford and how it might shape our practice of spiritual disciplines. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us at 8:30 or 10:50.

We had a great Block Party on August 14. Thank you to each of you who helped that evening and brought homemade ice cream, cookies, brownies, Bingo prizes, and school supplies. I also want to thank our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for cooking hotdogs, brats, hot links, and hamburgers. It was so nice to visit with longtime members of our church and to meet new friends as well.

Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, August 28

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Charge Conference at 12:15 p.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Monday, August 29

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

#### Wednesday, August 31

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.  
Co-dependents Anonymous Group at 6:30 p.m.  
Congregational Information Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, September 4

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Monday, September 5

**Labor Day**  
Church Office and  
The Learning Center Closed



#### Wednesday, September 7

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

#### Sunday, September 11

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

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### Chancel Flowers

August 28: The chancel flowers are available.

September 4: The chancel flowers are available.

### Mission Candle

August 28: The mission candle is available.

September 4: The mission candle is available.

### Acolytes

August 28: Gabriel Ireland, Gavin Monaco, Royal Monaco, Avery Smith, Alex Wayne, and Ella Wayne

September 4: Gabriel Ireland, Olivia Kanady, Gavin Monaco, Royal Monaco, Reese Robinson, and Avery 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](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org).

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

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.



### Leaving a Legacy

The search for significance and desire to plan for the future leads many people to ponder their legacy. What kind of legacy will you leave?

A bequest is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to have a lasting impact on the people and organizations that mean the most to you. A bequest may also be an effective way to make a gift to your church and lessen the burden of taxes on your family and estate. Your gifts can be designated by you to fund a specific ministry or left undesignated to meet future needs as determined by our church's leadership.

If you would like to learn more about how you can leave a legacy through a planned gift to our church, please visit with our senior pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith.



## The Heart of a Methodist

What is a Methodist?

What do Methodists believe?

How do Methodists live out their faith in Jesus?

Worship with us on Sundays at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we tell the story of John Wesley and the Methodist movement which sought to spread scriptural holiness across the land. Together, we will discover what it means to have **The Heart of a Methodist** as we engage the scriptures and grow in our faith in Jesus Christ.

**August 28**

*The Holy Club*

**September 4**

*A Heart Strangely Warmed*

**September 11**

*Offer Them Christ*

**September 18**

*Fleeing the Wrath to Come*

**September 25**

*The Persecuted Preacher*

**October 2**

*Social Holiness*

*Childcare available on Sunday morning.*

## Bible Reading Plan

Did you know that by reading out loud at a comfortable pace for 12 to 15 minutes a day, you can read through the entire Bible in a year? If you are up for the challenge, we will give you the plan to do it. We hope you will begin your journey through the Bible with us.

**August 25** – Jeremiah 26-29

**August 26** – Jeremiah 30-31

**August 27** – Jeremiah 32-34

**August 28** – Jeremiah 35-37

**August 29** – Jeremiah 38-40

**August 30** – Jeremiah 41-45

**August 31** – Jeremiah 46-48

**September 1** – Jeremiah 49-50

**September 2** – Jeremiah 51-52

**September 3** – Lamentations 1-3:36

**September 4** – Lamentations 3:37-5

**September 5** – Ezekiel 1-4

**September 6** – Ezekiel 5-8

**September 7** – Ezekiel 9-12

**September 8** – Ezekiel 13-15

**September 9** – Ezekiel 16-17

**September 10** – Ezekiel 18-19

**September 11** – Ezekiel 20-21

**September 12** – Ezekiel 22-23

**September 13** – Ezekiel 24-27

**September 14** – Ezekiel 28-31

**September 15** – Ezekiel 32-34

**September 16** – Ezekiel 35-37

**September 17** – Ezekiel 38-39

**September 18** – Ezekiel 40-41

**September 19** – Ezekiel 42-43

**September 20** – Ezekiel 44-45

**September 21** – Ezekiel 46-48

**September 22** – Daniel 1-3

**September 23** – Daniel 4-6

**September 24** – Daniel 7-9

**September 25** – Daniel 10-12

**September 26** – Hosea 1-7

**September 27** – Hosea 8-14

**September 28** – Joel 1-3

**September 29** – Amos 1-5

**September 30** – Amos 6-9

# BLOCK PARTY



## Birthdays

08/10 Kent Maxwell  
 08/11 Charles Brown  
 08/11 Clara Lafferty  
 08/12 Philip Pippin  
 08/12 Chloe Robinson  
 08/15 Cinda Lafferty  
 08/15 Jon Rogers  
 08/16 Allen Evans  
 08/16 Vaughn Manzer  
 08/18 Midge Lindsey  
 08/18 Sheridan McMichael  
 08/18 Katherine Schoeffler  
 08/20 Regan Henry  
 08/20 Gunnar Lavenue  
 08/20 Shawn Love  
 08/21 Dick Manley  
 08/21 Clark Musser  
 08/22 Madison Dean  
 08/22 Caroline Mueller  
 08/24 Bruce Fraley  
 08/24 Tom McDaniel  
 08/25 Thomas Flesher, III  
 08/26 Claire Vick  
 08/30 Judy Kauffman  
 08/31 Sue Hood  
 08/31 David Reed

Are you or your family members not on our birthday list? Call the church office at 405-842-1486 to let us know your birthdays.

*Worship With Us*  
 IN-PERSON & ONLINE

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](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org). We look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online!

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Deborah Hayes  
 T.L.C. Director

After the teacher's work week at the beginning of August, they brought their teaching practices and skills to the classroom. They are incorporating themes into their weekly lesson plans. The themes consist of, "Welcome to Your New Classroom," "New Friends," as well as, "All About Me," consisting of self-portraits, self-awareness, and family collages.

The children are also being introduced to manners, being polite to others, using kind words such as please and thank you. Stay tuned for next month's lesson plans!

The Block Party was a huge success with many people in attendance. The Learning Center staff showed their support by assisting with several activities such as the bouncy house, the slip and slide, and Bingo. We hope you enjoy the photos.

-Deborah Hayes

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

**Seekers Class:** Meets in the Archive Room - Join us as we study C.S. Lewis' book, *Letter to Malcolm*.

Teacher: Kyler Kanady

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join "The Brew" as we gather for fellowship and a study on Revelation.

For more information about "The Brew" contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467.

**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.

**Youth Class:** *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God.

Teacher: True Wallace.

**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.

**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.

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