

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith
Senior Pastor

Jesus and the Baptizer

The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." -Luke 3:2-3, 21-22

When John the Baptist was 30 years old, he began to preach in the wilderness, and he began to dress like Elijah in camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist. He called the people to repent, to turn away from their sins and turn towards God.

As he preached the people recognized that this must have been what Elijah the prophet was like. They came out to see him out of curiosity. In part, though, they came to hear John preach for the same reasons many of you come to church. They wanted to experience the peace of God. They felt there was something missing in their lives, or they recognized that they had strayed from the path to God and wanted to come back to God. Or they were anticipating the coming of the Messiah, and they wanted to be ready. For whatever reason, they came to hear him: first by the hundreds, and then by the thousands. They came to the Jordan River, where John called them to repent.

Then he baptized them. He would put them in the water, and as he put them in the water, the imagery was powerful. By stepping into the water they were saying, "We wish to be God's people wholly and completely. We wish to be forgiven and made right with God." Then, symbolically the water of the Jordan washed away their sins and carried it downstream into the Dead Sea where nothing could live. The sins you carried with you have been carried down to the Dead Sea. They cannot live again.

This Sunday, on Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we are going to begin a new sermon series called **Jesus and You** by remembering the way John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River and talking about why Jesus calls people to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We will talk about the way we find our true identity as disciples of Jesus Christ when we are baptized. We will also have the opportunity to remember our baptism. When we remember our baptism, we remember what Jesus has done for us through his life, death, and resurrection, and we remember who God has made us and called us to be as people who are made in the image of God and baptized to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

I hope you will start off the New Year right by worshiping with us join us for in person or online worship on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 as we remember our baptism. I'll see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, January 8

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, January 9

Care Committee Meeting - 4:00
Women's A.A. Group - 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 15

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, January 16

Church Office Closed
Women's A.A. Group - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 22

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.

Wednesday, January 25

All Church Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
Co-dependents Anonymous - 6:30

Sunday, January 29

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
All Church Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m.
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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Chancel Flowers

January 8: The chancel flowers are available.

January 15: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

January 8: The mission candle is available.

January 15: The mission candle is available.

Youth Ministry

Our Youth Group will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8. We will share a meal, play some games, and talk about some of the ways we can grow in our faith as the New Year begins.

Tithes and Offerings

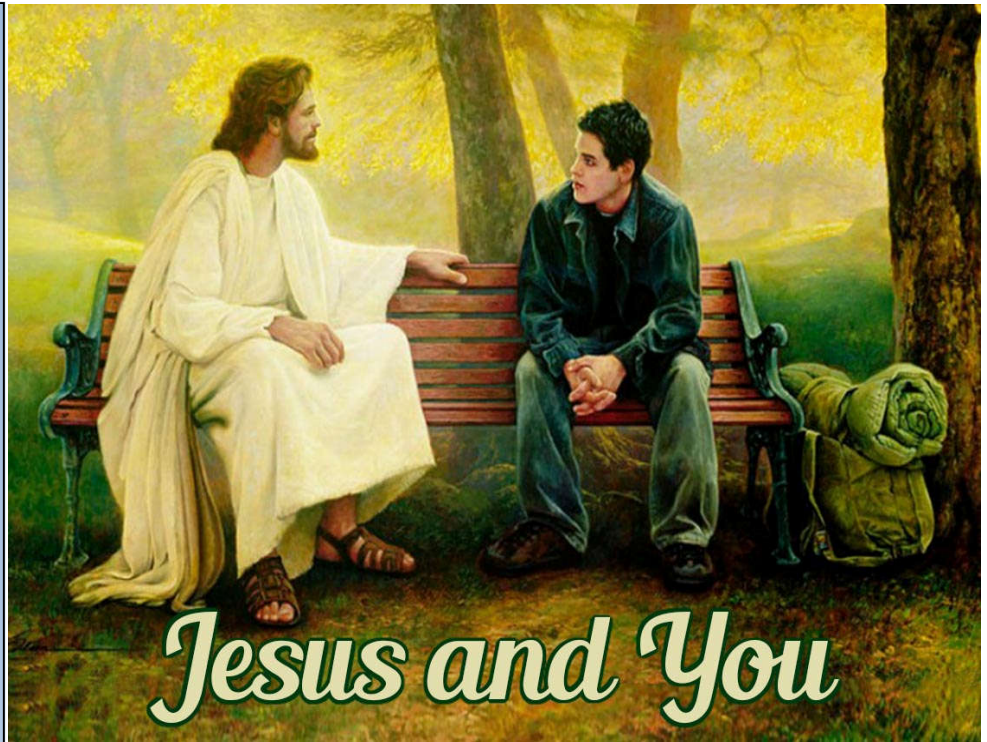
Your gifts and tithes make a Christian difference and help us share the ministry of Jesus Christ with people in our church and in our community. Checks may be mailed to 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116. To make an online donation, visit www.nicholshillsumc.org. To set up an electronic funds transfer contact the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

Worship 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. 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!



Jesus and You

As the New Year begins there is one person you need to know: **Jesus**. He comes to people today, just as he did 2,000 years ago when he called disciples, healed the sick, and sent his followers to transform the world.

Jesus is still changing lives and inviting people to help him build the kingdom of God.

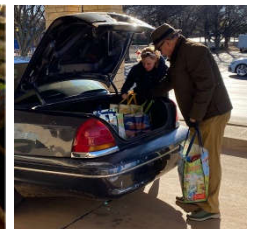
Start the New Year off right by worshipping with us at Nichols Hills UMC as we turn to Luke's Gospel to learn about **Jesus and You**.

January 8	Jesus and the Baptizer
January 15	Jesus and the Tempter
January 22	Jesus and His Hometown
January 29	Jesus and the Hurting
February 5	Jesus and the Widow's Son
February 12	Jesus and the Possessed Man

Online Worship: facebook.com/nicholshillsumc

Christmas Food Baskets

We were so blessed to be able to support ten John Marshall families this Christmas with six extra large bags of groceries. The bags included staples (sugar, flour, oil, rice, beans, corn bread mix, etc), meat (a ham, bacon, breakfast sausage, smoked sausage, sliced turkey, ground beef, and 5 pounds of breaded chicken tenders), fresh fruit and vegetables, butter, eggs, bread, and more. The families were overwhelmed by the incredible food and were so grateful for our generosity. A big thank you to who shopped, bagged and/or loaded food baskets into cars: Alison and Scott Calhoon, Bayley and Craig Staley, Ann and Rubin Millerborg, Kristen and Paul Seikel, Michelle and Kirk Woford, Janet Jones, and Warren and Stephanie Henry.



Nichols Hills United Methodist Church Leadership

Stewardship Team

Chairperson: Lora Brown

2023

Tim Baker

Lew McGinnis

Becky Buchanan

2024

Lora Brown

Lindsay Ocker

2025

Robert Gordon

Nick Berry

Jane Harlow

Endowment Committee

Chairperson:

Church Council At Large Representative:

Finance Committee Representative:

Board of Trustees Representative:

2023

True Wallace

Steve Dickey

Scott Calhoon

2024

Chris Kauffman

Jane Harlow

Tim Baker

2025

Chris Kauffman

Tim Baker

Kyler Kanady

To Be Elected by the Trustees

2025

Turner Davis

Bruce Rosier

Doug Franklin

Children's Ministry Team

Chairperson: Bayley Staley

Director of Church Music: Michael Wylder

2023

Kati Miller

Bayley Staley

Merry Monaco

Misha Welch

Rebecca Hoffman

Libby Gober

2024

Cara Fraley

Stephanie Kanady

Becky Robinson

Brenda Cobb

Kay Musser

Angela Michaels

2025

Christina Vaughn

Allyson Smith

Stephen Blake

Paulette Gordon

Youth Team

Chairperson: Christina Vaughn

2023

Zymarie Williams

Shay Williams

Kneely Buxton

2024

Collier Vaughn

Gabriel Ireland

Charlotte Smith

Regan Miller

2025

Kati Miller

Merry Monaco

Christina Vaughn

Church Council Officers

Chairperson of Church Council

Lay Leader

Lay Member of Annual Conference

Trustees Chairperson

Finance Chairperson

Stewardship Chairperson

Endowment Committee Chairperson

Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson

Children's Ministry Team Chairperson

Youth Ministry Team Chairperson

Missions Team Co-Chairpersons

Representative of United Methodist Youth

Senior Pastor

Recording Secretary

2023

Stephanie Henry

Tim Baker

True Wallace

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Kyler Kanady

Lora Brown

Chris Kauffman

Casey Miller

Bayley Staley

Christina Vaughn

Alison Calhoon and Kristen Seikel

Regan Miller

Trevor Smith

Delaney Sheffield

At-Large-Members of Church Council

2023

Cheryl Fraley

George Malone

John Griffin

2024

Cindy Davis

Bette MacKellar

Christie Baker

2025

Dudley Hyde

Larry Ottaway

Stephen Blake

Board of TrusteesChairperson: *To Be Elected by the Trustees*Vice-Chairperson: *To Be Elected by the Trustees*Secretary: *To Be Elected by the Trustees*

2023	2024	2025
Steve Brown	Jeff Cloud	J.B. Sims
Jennifer McGinnis	Craig Staley	Joie Dickey
Carla Hill	Jared Vaughn	John Griffin

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development

Chairperson: Trevor Smith

Lay Leader: Tim Baker

2023	2024	2025
Price Coyle	William Stafford	Rich McLain
Hank Bradley	Christie Baker	Kati Miller
Christina Vaughn	Cheryl Fraley	Janet Jones

Lay Members of Annual Conference

2023

Lay Member:	True Wallace
Alternate Lay Member:	Warren Henry
Equalization Member:	Tim Baker

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson: Casey Miller

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: True Wallace

Lay Leader: Tim Baker

2023	2024	2025
Bette MacKellar	Casey Miller	Warren Henry
Dudley Hyde	Robert Margo	Cheryl Fraley
Janet Jones	Turner Davis	Steve Dickey

Finance Committee

Chairperson

Treasurer

Finance Secretary

Lay Leader

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

Church Council Chairperson

Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson

Trustees Chairperson

Stewardship Chairperson

Senior Pastor

2023	2024	2025
Kyler Kanady		
Kathy Smith		
Becky Sellers		
Tim Baker		
True Wallace		
Stephanie Henry		
Casey Miller		
<i>To Be Elected by the Trustees</i>		
Lora Brown		
Trevor Smith		

At Large

2023	2024	2025
Lida Elkins	Ann Garrett	George Malone

Counting Team

8:30	8:30	10:50	10:50
George Malone	Price Coyle	Tim Baker	Warren Henry
Jeff Cloud	Cheryl Fraley	Cara Fraley	Win Holbrook
Ann Garrett		True Wallace	Adam Clapp

Missions Team

Co-Chairperson: Alison Calhoon and Kristen Seikel

Senior Pastor: Trevor Smith

2023	2024	2025
Turner Davis	Suzanne Hamman	Karen Clark
Mary Ann Sanders	Kristen Seikel	Michelle Woford
Helen Sullivan	Alison Calhoon	William Stafford
Jennifer McGinnis	Bayley Staley	Stephanie Henry

The Learning Center Management Team

Director: Denise Buthion

Senior Pastor: Trevor Smith

Christie Baker	Janet Jones	Cheryl Fraley
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Children's Ministry

We had a wonderful children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 18. Thank you to all who helped! We hope you enjoy a few photos of the play below.

If you would like to help with Children's Sunday School or Children's Church, contact Allyson Smith or call the church office. We always have a fun time together.



Christmas Blessings

Jim and Becky Buchanan in honor of Jesus Christ's birth.

Alison Calhoon in honor of her parents, Sam and Margaret Hodges.

Steve and Joie Dicky in honor of Donald and Evelyn Dickey and John and Jo Reynolds

Sue Goodman in memory of her husband, John Goodman.

Jane Harlow in memory of James Harlow, Jr.

Ann and Win Holbrook in honor of their grandchildren, Andrew, William, Helen, Cassidy, and Harlow.

Carol Magness in honor of Moorman and Margaret Prosser

Richard and Karen McLain in honor of their grandchildren, Caroline and Jack McLain, and Frederick Blake.

Debbie Richardson and Troy Ussery in honor of George Richardson.

Trevor and Allyson Smith in honor of their parents, Jack and Susie Hughes and Bill and Sandra Smith.

Jim and Patti Butts

Jeremy Cloud

Gillett and Brenda Cobb

Turner and Cindy Davis

Trevor and Suzanne Hamman

Tom and Shelah Hoblin

Robert and Marty Margo

William and Roxanne McKnight

Clark and Kay Musser

Mary Peters

Ellie Roberts

Bill and Pam Shdeed

Bill and Sandra Smith

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion
T.L.C. Director

We welcome everyone back to The Learning Center on January 3.

Our program is full of children and staff! We are so grateful for the support and well wishes for 2023. Our newest employee in The Learning Center is Ms. Debbie Nagy. She will work as a floater who gives breaks and covers absent teachers. The floaters cover the same classrooms every day so the children are familiar with them when the teacher is out. We are grateful for our teachers. We are still looking to identify and hire a new Director. Blessings for the new year!



Debbie Nagy

-Denise

Birthdays

01/01 Lisa Franklin
01/01 Lauren Harrah
01/05 Lynn Greene
01/05 Anne Holbrook
01/05 Brenda McDaniel
01/06 Sayde Saunders
01/07 Sherron Evans
01/12 Garrett Fraley
01/13 Pam Eales
01/15 Terry Bradley
01/15 Kathy Griffin
01/15 Graham Murray
01/18 Cynthia Meyerson
01/19 Sue Ann Hyde
01/21 Aaron Gober
01/24 Mary Crownover
01/24 Lou Kerr
01/24 Mason Martin
01/25 Fletcher Hill
01/28 Ken Blakley
01/28 Morgan Hunt
01/28 Stuart Hunt
01/30 Nick Berry
01/31 David Simmons

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.



Reading Buddies

We are so excited to start Reading Buddies at Nichols Hills Elementary School on January 10th! We need your help. You can sign up for either Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from 1:30-2:00 or 2:00-2:30. If you would like more information on Reading Buddies, please contact Alison Calhoon or Dudley Hyde.

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas from the T.L.C. staff.



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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 Women in the Bible. 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.

Teacher: Allyson Smith

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

Carly Cottle, Director of Children and Youth Ministry

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

Becky Sellers, Financial Secretary

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center

Caleb McNeely, Custodian

Jeremy Gossett, Audio Visual Team Leader

John Naeher III, Audio Visual Tech

Dustin Davis, Sunday Host and Audio Visual Tech

Patricia Harris, Nursery Attendant

Mariah Keksi, Nursery Attendant

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