

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith
Senior Pastor

Jesus and Simon Peter

⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the

catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." -Luke 5:4-10

A disciple is a person who embraces and assists in spreading the teachings of another. That's what Jesus' disciples do. They help Jesus share his teachings with others. But how does Jesus get his disciples? He calls them.

On Sunday I want to tell you Simon Peter's call story. I have to warn you that Jesus calls normal people like you to share in his work in the world. Jesus calls people like you to fish for people. Jesus calls people like you to shine light in the darkness. Jesus calls people like you to make disciples of Jesus Christ, teaching them to obey everything that he has taught us. He calls people like you to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner.

I'll let you in on a little secret: pastors love call stories. We love to tell our own call stories, and we love to tell the call stories in the Bible. Why do we love them so much? Well, I suppose it's because we know what it's like to hear a call from God and attempt to answer that call. And so, we just love to watch God call people like you to do ministries you never dreamed you would do. We just love watching God take over your priorities and your desires. And we just love it when Jesus calls you to fish for people.

When Jesus calls, I'm sure most of you are prepared with an excuse. "Go away from me Jesus, for I am a sinful person." "I wouldn't know what to say." "No one will believe me." "I don't speak well." But still Jesus persists, "Do not be afraid. From now on you'll be fishing for people."

This is how Jesus intends to change the world... by calling people into the kingdom of God and inviting them to repent. It is about changing the world. It is about fixing and restoring the world. Everything Jesus did was to illustrate that. In the kingdom of God, hungry students get fed on the weekends. In the kingdom of God, people stuck in sin and addiction get freed and healed. In the kingdom of God, people who feel unlovable experience God's love and the love of God's people. In the end, the mission of Jesus only works if his followers will fish for people.

I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 as we continue our Jesus and You sermon series. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, February 5

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

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

Reading Buddies at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8

Church Conference in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
Co-dependents Anonymous - 6:30

Thursday, February 9

Reading Buddies at 1:30 p.m.
Church Council at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 10

John Marshall Neighborhood Market at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13

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

Wednesday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 19

Worship Services - 8:30 and 10:50
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

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Chancel Flowers

February 5: The chancel flowers are available.

February 12: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

February 5: The mission candle is available.

February 12: The mission candle is available.

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.



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 worshiping with us at Nichols Hills UMC as we turn to Luke's Gospel to learn about **Jesus and You**.

February 5	Jesus and Simon Peter
February 12	Jesus and the Widow's Son
February 19	Jesus and the Possessed Man

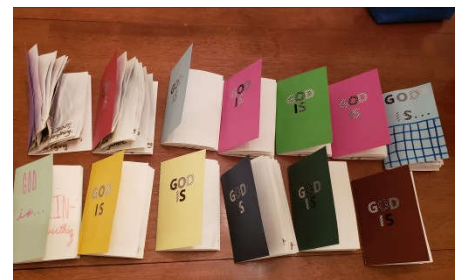
Online Worship: facebook.com/nicholshillsumc

Children's Ministry

The children in our church are growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. How do we know? Each Sunday, during the Children's Conversation we get to hear and see how the Holy Spirit is at work in their lives. Sometimes we hear and see this through the questions the children ask. Sometimes we hear and see this through the answers they give. And many times we hear and see this through the prayers that they pray.

The Children's Sunday school class is currently learning about the attributes of God. This month they have learned that God is Omniscient, Omnipotent, and Omnipresent, Sovereign, Holy, Righteous, Just, and Loving. They have been creating little books to illustrate these attributes so they can share them with their families and friends. On Sunday, they will finish their books, play some games, and watch the Veggie Tales Story of Jonah.

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 fun and grow together.



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!

Youth Ministry

When I was a teenager at Grace United Methodist Church I loved being part of the Youth Group. From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. every Sunday evening I had the opportunity to spend time with my friends and grow in my faith in Jesus Christ. We ate together, played together, grew together, served together, and worshiped together. Being part of the Youth Group helped me feel part of the church. Most importantly, it helped me feel connected to my friends... many of whom I am still in touch with today. As I think back on those times I am also grateful for the adults who gave their time to serve and bless me and the other young people in the church.

I share this with you because it is a joy for me to be part of our Youth Group at Nichols Hills U.M.C. Our group has grown to include eight wonderful students and some great adult sponsors. I am so grateful to have Karlie and Cardin Hart serve with our Youth Group this year. This Sunday we will share a meal, play some games, and talk about the way Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

Blessings,
Trevor Smith

Farewell

Tom Hoblin's last Sunday at Nichols Hills U.M.C. was Sunday, January 22. Tom began singing in the Chancel Choir in September of 2015 and has also played the drums in the Praise Band for many years. He is moving to Chicago to pursue a new opportunity. Thank you, Tom, for sharing your talents with us! We will miss you and will be cheering for you.



Welcome!

The Holy Spirit continues to give our church a season of growth! On Sunday, January 22, Grant and Lauren Sykes joined the church, and on Sunday, January 29, Corey, Jolyn, and Mary Kaitlyn Bauer joined the church. We are so happy to welcome these two families into the life of the church as they continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and use their gifts to serve in ministry. Congratulations to the Sykes and Bauer families! Welcome to our church family!



Grant and Lauren Sykes



*Corey, Jolyn,
Mary Kaitlyn,
and Ellie Bauer*

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion
T.L.C. Director

This week we have begun speech screenings for our children. Monitoring typical development of children is an on-going task. Eagles Nest Pediatric Therapy is testing children to see if there are any delays or issues that need assistance. This is free of charge for the families. We are very grateful for their services. Our enrollment is currently 108 children and we are fully staffed. What a wonderful feeling! We are blessed.

-Denise



Birthdays

02/01 Christopher Mosz
02/01 Beverly Perri
02/02 Jim Butts
02/05 Bette Harris
02/08 Steve Forster
02/09 Marty Smith
02/10 James MacKellar, Jr.
02/12 Lucas Butler
02/13 Gwen Griffin
02/13 Violet Robinson
02/13 Hannah Story
02/15 Nancy Flesher
02/16 Trent Saunders
02/16 Laura Tirrell
02/19 Gloria Crownover
02/20 Turner Davis
02/21 Becky Buchanan
02/21 Doug Franklin
02/21 Kathy Smith
02/24 Larry Johnson
02/24 Kaleigh Slack
02/24 Jean Warner
02/25 Suzanne Hamman
02/26 Avery Niemann
02/27 David Cole
02/27 Ryan McLain
02/27 Joy Richardson
02/28 Ken Howell

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. 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.

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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.

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