

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith  
Senior Pastor

### Listen to Jesus!

<sup>28</sup> Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three booths, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" -Luke 9:28-35

When Peter saw Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah he said, "*Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three booths, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.*" But before he built anything, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and God said, "*This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!*" The most important thing Peter can do is simply listen to Jesus. Don't tell Jesus what you are going to do. Listen to him! Listen to what Jesus is telling you to do. When the world seems crazy, we need more than ever to pray and listen to what Jesus is saying to us.

On Sunday, we will continue our sermon series, **The Hard Road**, by talking about Jesus' transfiguration and two stories about two persons who did not at all get the point of what Jesus is about or what the reign of God means. One was a lawyer, an expert in the law of Moses, and the other was a woman named Martha. Their situations, the obstacles to their hearing, and Jesus' responses to them were quite different. Jesus told one of them to "go and do," and he told the other to "sit down and listen." I hope you will plan to worship with us on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50.

On Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m., the members of our church will gather in our Fellowship Hall for a Church Conference to vote on whether to remain part of the United Methodist Church or to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. This will be a pivotal moment in the life of our church. As your pastor, I would urge you to spend time in prayer in the days leading to this vote to seek God's will for the future of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. My prayer is that the people of this congregation would be united in seeking to know and do God's will as we step into God's future. God has blessed us in many ways in the past, and it is my hope that God will continue to bless us in the future.

I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Dr. Trevor Smith

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, March 5

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Explanation of Voting Process and Ballot at 9:45 a.m. and Noon.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Monday, March 6

Informal Q & A - 11:30 to 1:00  
Women's A.A. Group - 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 7

Reading Buddies at 1:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 8

Church Vote on Disaffiliation at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.  
Co-dependents Anonymous - 6:30

#### Thursday, March 9

Reading Buddies at 1:30 p.m.

#### Friday, March 10

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



#### Sunday, March 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, March 13

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

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### Chancel Flowers

March 5: The chancel flowers are given by General Bill Bowden in honor of his son, Andy Bowden of Houston, Texas.

March 12: The chancel flowers are available.

### Mission Candle

March 5: The mission candle is available.

March 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](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org).

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

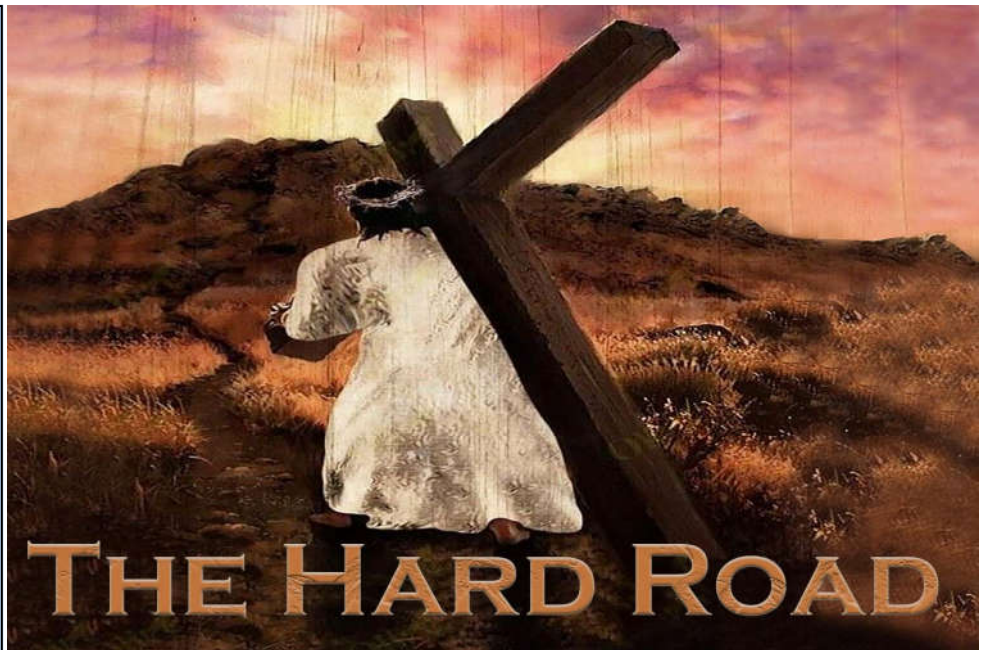
Thank you for your generosity  
and faithfulness.

*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](https://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!



## The Hard Road

Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Then, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. Along the way, he visited his friends, taught his disciples to pray, warned people to live in God's ways, and overcame his enemies.

Join us this Lent as we turn to Luke's Gospel to journey with Jesus to the cross and learn to follow him as we walk on **The Hard Road**.

<b>March 5</b>	<i>Listen to Jesus!</i>
<b>March 12</b>	<i>Pray Like This</i>
<b>March 19</b>	<i>Warning Signs</i>
<b>March 26</b>	<i>The Enemies Jesus Made</i>
<b>April 2</b>	<i>Journey to the Cross</i>
<b>April 6</b>	<i>Food for the Journey</i>
<b>April 9</b>	<i>Walking and Talking with Jesus</i>

**Online Worship:** [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://facebook.com/nicholshillsumc)

## Youth Ministry

When I was in junior high school, it was very important for me to spend time with my friends. I looked forward to seeing my friends at Youth Group every Sunday evening.

Our Youth Group has a great time every Sunday eating together, learning together, and playing together. One of the most important parts of our Youth Group is the opportunity to spend time together. Many times, we spend about 30 minutes at Kite Park swinging on the swings and talking with each other.

This summer, our middle school students will attend Disciple Camp on June 1 through June 4. The cost is \$250 for students and adults. Checks should be made to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. Disciple Camp is held at Camp Heart O' Hills near Tahlequah. Please let me know if you have any questions. We had a great time at church camp last summer, and I know we will have a great experience this summer.



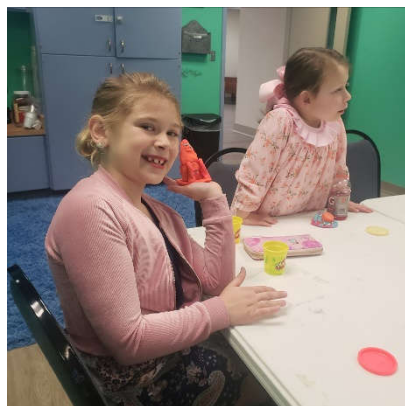
Blessings,  
Trevor



## Children's Ministry

The Children's Sunday school class made empty tombs as they focused on the question, "Did Jesus really come back from the dead?" Then, as they asked the question, "Where is Jesus now?" they made mansions to illustrate that Jesus is in heaven preparing a place for us. They learned that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us.

In March, they will begin a new series that will help them learn about how to trust God and follow him in faith as they learn about Abraham.



## Easter Egg and Candy Donations

Easter is April 9th, and it is quickly approaching. The Children's Ministry has started planning for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will need lots of plastic eggs, individually wrapped candy, and prefilled plastic eggs to make this a memorable event for our children and the families in our community as well.

Our Girl Scouts have volunteered to fill our Easter Eggs on Sunday, April 2 during their normal scheduled meeting. If you can donate individually wrapped candy, plastic eggs, or prefilled plastic eggs, please place them in the wagon in the Narthex before Sunday, April 2.



## Birthdays

03/01 Grace Buxton  
03/01 Lindsey Henderson  
03/01 Robert Margo  
03/02 Graham Fraley  
03/04 Nolan Coyle  
03/04 Nan McGowen  
03/05 Jordan Cardenas  
03/05 Tom Fraley  
03/06 Harvey Harmon  
03/06 Kaley Were  
03/09 Karen Raupe-Hanstein  
03/10 Kati Miller  
03/11 G. T. Blankenship  
03/11 Lauren Heflin  
03/13 Christi Coyle  
03/15 Lydia Hunt  
03/15 Gordon Ryan  
03/16 Kathryn Guerra  
03/16 Stuart McLain  
03/16 Ruth Simmons  
03/17 Scarlett Hoffman  
03/19 Mary Ann Carmichael  
03/19 Trevor Hamman  
03/20 Kneely Buxton  
03/20 Caleb Magness  
03/21 Jacob Robertson  
03/21 Becky Sims  
03/22 Stephanie Henry  
03/24 Dick Graves  
03/24 Helen Sullivan  
03/24 Russell Walker  
03/27 Buzz McDaniel  
03/28 Paulette Gordon  
03/28 Layton Hill, IV  
03/28 Drake Parsons  
03/28 Bruce Rosier  
03/28 Della Walker  
03/28 Dick Webber  
03/31 Preston Parsons

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.

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion  
T.L.C. Director

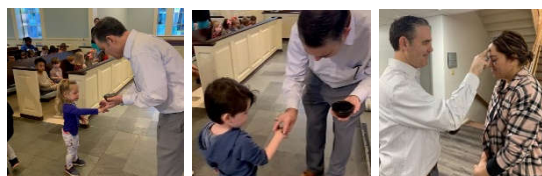
Spring brings a multitude of fun activities for our children. We celebrated Dr. Suess' birthday with crazy socks, funny hats, and other silly activities. Children are very excited to come to school when they know what's coming.

The older classes, Jaguars and Cheetahs, as well as the teachers participated in Ash Wednesday during their Chapel time. Rev. Trevor gave them the choice to have ashes placed on their forehead or the back of their hand.

We are so blessed to have such a supportive church family.

Enjoy the photos.

-Denise



## 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 begin a study called *The Alpha Course* which focuses on the basics of our faith.  
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  
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**Delaney Sheffield**, Director of Communications  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist  
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