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Dr. Trevor Smith
Senior Pastor

That You May Believe

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." -John 20:19-25

No one believed in the resurrection at first. When Mary Magdalene told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," they fearfully locked themselves behind closed doors. Can you imagine what it was like when Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." I bet it was awesome. Then he breathed on them and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Don't you wish you had been there that day? I am sure Thomas did. Can you imagine what it was like to miss out on such a life-changing moment? But Jesus came back to help Thomas move from doubt to faith, and Jesus still comes to us to help us overcome our doubts.

I want to share with you that the Staff Parish Relations Committee has offered me six weeks for spiritual renewal. I am very grateful for this generous offer. I will be out of the pulpit from April 16 through May 21. During this time, the District Superintendent of the Crossroads District, Rev. Dr. Samuel Powers, has invited the following pastors to preach at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church:

April 16 - Rev. Nancy Hamilton (Board of Ordained Ministry)
April 23 - Rev. Dr. Samuel Powers (District Superintendent)
April 30 - Rev. Tiffany Nagle-Monroe (Saint Paul School of Theology)
May 7 - Rev. Derrek Belase (Director of Connectional Ministry)
May 14 - Rev. Alex Jackson (UCO Wesley Director)
May 21 - Rev. Roger Parker (Lead Pastor of The Gathering)

I am glad for this time of renewal, and I will look forward to returning to the pulpit to worship with you on Pentecost Sunday, May 28.

On Marathon Sunday, April 30, we will hold both of our worship services outside as we cheer on the runners and support our community. We invite you to dress casually and bring a lawn chair. We will be in the big tent on the west side of Grand Boulevard just south of Bedford Drive. We also invite you to bring breakfast or brunch items to share. We will eat and cheer on the runners from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. It will be a memorable Sunday you will not want to miss.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, April 16

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, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

Reading Buddies at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 20

Reading Buddies at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 21

Neighborhood Market at 10:30

Sunday, April 23

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.
Youth Group at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

Reading Buddies at 1:30 p.m.



Welcome!

Kirk Woford joined NHUMC on March 26. Michelle joined the church previously. Welcome!

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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Chancel Flowers

April 16: The chancel flowers are given by Carla Hill in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Campbell, Sr.

April 23: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

April 16: The mission candle is available.

April 23: 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.

Worship With Us
IN-PERSON & ONLINE

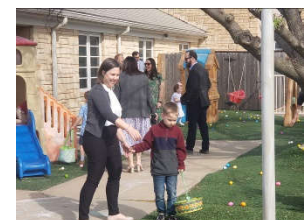
We would love for you to join us
for in person worship on Sunday
mornings at 8:30 or 10:50.

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!

Easter Sunday

We had such a great Easter Sunday! There was an Easter egg hunt, tons of food for brunch, and a wonderful and moving worship service, complete with our children singing a song. Below are some photos of the fun!

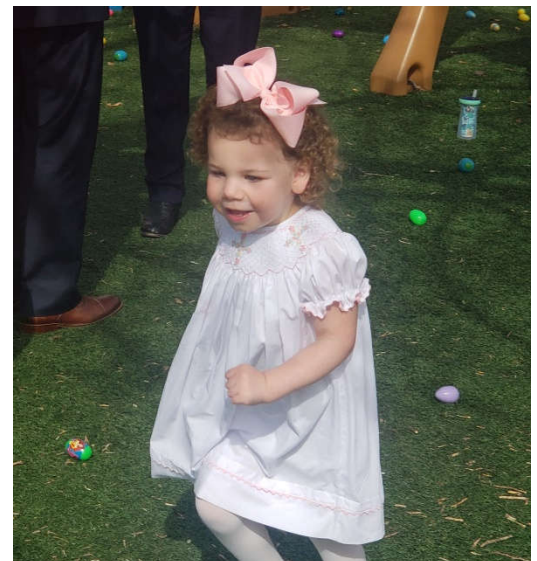


Children's Ministry

We had a wonderful Easter celebration on Sunday with our church family! Thank you to everyone who made it possible by donating Easter eggs, candy, and all the delicious food items for our brunch. The Easter egg hunt was a blast with lots of candy and eggs for all! It was such a blessing to spend Easter with you and all your families.

Our Children's choir did a great job performing in church on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Please let Allyson Smith know if you would like to serve in our Children's Ministry.



Youth Ministry

Our Youth Group will meet on April 16, April 23, April 30, and May 7, but we will not meet on Mother's Day, May 14. Karlie and Cardin Hart will lead our Youth Group while I am on spiritual renewal from April 16 through May 21. I have great confidence in Karlie and Cardin and appreciate their leadership.

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

Marathon Sunday, April 30

Brunch and Outdoor Worship Services

April 30 is Marathon Sunday, and we are moving our worship services outside at their usual times of 8:30 and 10:50. We will gather in the green space on the west side of Grand Boulevard just south of Bedford Drive. Look for the big tent and the bounce house. Our Praise Band will lead our music that day.

We will have a golf cart to assist anyone who may need a ride from the parking lot to the place we are gathering. We will have a bounce house, face painting, and other fun things for children. During the Sunday school hour, we will cheer on the runners.

Bring a lawn chair and dress casually. Please let us know if you would like to bring a breakfast dish to share.

If you would like to assist in the preparations, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486.





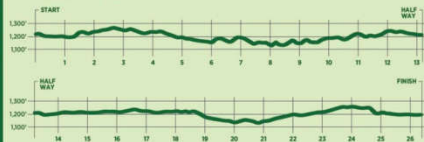
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MARATHON COURSE MAP

ELEVATION CHART



COURSE OPENS AND CLOSINGS

MILE	STREET CLOSURES	FIRST RUNNER	LAST RUNNER	STREET REOPENS
Start	04:30	06:25	07:00	10:00
1	06:00	06:29	07:15	08:31
2	06:02	06:32	07:30	08:52
3	06:05	06:35	07:45	09:13
4	06:09	06:39	08:00	09:34
5	06:12	06:42	08:15	09:55
6	06:16	06:46	08:30	10:16
7	06:19	06:49	08:45	10:37
8	06:23	06:53	09:00	09:10
9	06:26	06:56	09:15	09:25
10	06:30	07:00	09:30	09:40
* 11	06:33	07:03	09:45	09:55
* 12	06:37	07:07	10:00	10:10
13	06:40	07:10	10:15	10:25
14	06:44	07:14	10:30	10:40
15	06:47	07:17	10:45	10:55
16	06:51	07:21	11:00	11:10
17	06:54	07:24	11:15	11:25
18	06:58	07:28	11:30	11:40
* 19	07:01	07:31	11:45	11:55
* 20	07:05	07:35	12:00	12:10
21	07:08	07:38	12:15	12:25
22	07:12	07:42	12:30	12:40
23	07:15	07:45	12:45	12:55
24	07:00	07:49	1:00	1:10
25	07:00	07:52	1:15	1:25
26	07:00	07:28	1:30	1:40
Finish		07:33	1:35	

WATER STOP

FULL MARATHON

RELAY EXCHANGE

RELIEF STATION

MEDICAL AID STATION

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Gifts for Easter Lilies and Missional Ministries have been given by the following people:

Linda Booker in memory of Ray Booker
 Bill Bowden in honor of Andy Bowden and Marjorie Trammell and in memory of Isobel Bowden
 Denise Buthion in honor of her children and grandchildren and in memory of Marilyn, T.E. and Dick Stubbs
 Kent Campbell in memory of George Wythe Munford Jr.
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 Sue Goodman in memory of her husband, John Goodman
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 Jim and Bette MacKellar in memory of Ruth and Bruce Burke, Roselle and Pete MacKellar, and Tommy B. Smith
 George Malone in memory of Sandra Malone
 Robert and Marty Margo in honor of our family
 Lew and Jennifer McGinnis in memory of Royal and Geneva Price, Stewart "Mack" and Mary McGinnis,
 Richard L. Sias, Dr. Ronald Elkins
 Ken Reitz in memory of Alfred and Rosella Walker
 Ellie Roberts in memory of Dr. Gary Roberts
 Ande, Jacob, and Moss Robertson in memory of Stevie Jennings Robertson
 Anna Simonsen
 Bill and Sandra Smith in honor of our children and families
 Margaret Wells in memory of Bill Wells
 Michelle and Kirk Woford in honor of Linda Booker and in memory of Ray Booker, Jerri and Bill Woford, Lance Woford, Tom Parrish

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

We are thrilled to welcome two new staff members, Dana Williams and Bianca Fuentes. Both of these ladies come highly recommended. Ms. Dana worked for many years in the health field and has two degrees. Ms. Bianca is a soon to be graduate of Oklahoma City Community College with a degree in Visual Arts. I foresee a new art teacher in our future! We are grateful that Ms. Dana and Ms. Bianca have chosen TLC as their new work place. Welcome!

Blessings to all,
Denise



Dana Williams

Birthdays

04/13 Avery Smith
 04/14 Alivia Rogers
 04/15 Emily Ellis
 04/16 Delaney Sheffield
 04/17 Cathy Betterton
 04/17 Casey Miller
 04/18 Thad Butler
 04/20 Louis Fraley
 04/20 Jim Jones
 04/22 Claire Fraley
 04/23 Karen Clark
 04/26 Kery Mueller
 04/29 Marty Margo
 04/30 Colin Anderson
 05/01 Christie Baker
 05/01 Alice Pippin
 05/03 Nathan Hilger
 05/04 Myrla Pierson
 05/05 Donna Cole
 05/05 Caroline McLain
 05/06 Mary Blake
 05/07 Jennifer McGinnis
 05/08 Jacob Ellis
 05/08 Kathleen Ellis
 05/09 Pam Coyle
 05/10 Mark Miller
 05/14 Becky Johnston
 05/17 Rosemarie Chase
 05/17 Rachel Huchton
 05/18 Warren Henry
 05/18 Charlotte Smith
 05/20 Dudley Hyde
 05/21 Jeff Cloud
 05/23 Jerry Richardson
 05/23 Trevor Smith
 05/24 Michael Wylder
 05/28 Sharon Ives
 05/29 Rob Saunders

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 Calhoun.

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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 Proverbs.
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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Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications
Dr. Antone Godding, Organist
Kathy Smith, Treasurer
Becky Sellers, Financial Secretary

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