



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Meet Jesus: Healed

¹⁶That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." -Matthew 8:16-17

A leper who was excluded from participating in society needed healing. A Roman officer's child was paralyzed and needed healing. Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a high fever and needed healing. Many people fight with the demons of addiction, depression, and feeling of insecurity, anxiety, and low self-esteem; they all need healing. Jesus healed them all.

When you read through the Gospel of Matthew you find that Jesus healed many, many people, and each time he healed a man, a woman, a boy, or a girl you see a little more clearly the way Jesus loves people. Jesus' healings teach us a little more about the kingdom of heaven.

Leprosy created a culture of fear. No one wanted to catch one of the skin diseases that could cause you to isolate and quarantine from your family, your friends, and the rest of the community. But Jesus was not afraid. Jesus ministered to lepers. Jesus even touched lepers, and when he healed lepers he welcomed them back into the community.

A centurion was a Roman officer in the occupying Roman army. He was also a gentile. Most Jews hated living under the thumb of the Roman Empire and despised the soldiers who enforced the will of the Emperor, and they most certainly kept their distance from gentiles. Jesus came first to his own people, the Jews, but he also went to the gentiles and pagans who lived with the Jews in Galilee and on the other side of the Sea of Galilee in the Decapolis. And Jesus always shared God's love with children whether they were Jews or Gentiles. Jesus was powerful enough to heal the Roman officer's child from a distance simply by saying the word.

Women were excluded from participating in many party of society, but Jesus fully welcomed women into the kingdom of heaven. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law he empowered her to serve in ministry in the kingdom of heaven.

On Sunday we'll take a closer look at the way Jesus heals and what his healings teach us about the kingdom of heaven. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship in person or online with us on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we experience Jesus' healing ministry.

I am very happy to share with you that our Staff Parish Relations Committee has hired Claire Fraley to serve as our Director of Children's and Family Ministry. Claire is a lifelong member of Nichols Hills U.M.C. and has many fond memories of her experiences growing up in our church. She is looking forward to helping our children grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. She recently graduated from the University of Oklahoma and is excited to serve in ministry with our children and families. I hope you will welcome Claire to our church staff.

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

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, January 31

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

Monday, February 1

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

Wednesday, February 3

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 7

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

Monday, February 8

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

Wednesday, February 10

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 14

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

Monday, February 15

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Group at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 21

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

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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Chancel Flowers

January 31: The chancel flowers are available.

February 7: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

January 31: The mission candle is available.

February 7: The mission candle is available.

Acolytes

January 31: Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, and Lucy Ann Sylvester

February 7: Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, and Lucy Ann Sylvester

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.

Meet Jesus

As the New Year begins there is one person you need to know: **Meet Jesus**. At his birth, Wise Men worshiped him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As an adult, he called disciples, healed the sick, and sent his followers to transform the world. Today, 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 Matthew's Gospel to **Meet Jesus**.

January 31 *Healed*
February 7 *Sent*
February 14 *Warned*

Online Worship: facebook.com/nicholshillsumc



Clean, Healthy Air



Michael Wylder,
Director of
Church Music

Air in our homes, workplaces and sanctuaries can be five times more polluted than outdoor air. Germs, pollen, bacteria, mold, dust, odors and viruses are all moved around our indoor spaces with the airflow from our heating and air conditioning systems.

In an effort to make the air in our church worship, education and work spaces safer to breathe, we have installed air purification units that will remove all the germs, bacteria, mold, dust, odors and most importantly kill any air born viruses such as flu and COVID that are in the air we breathe while at church. The units are installed inside the main air conditioning ducts of our building, so you will not be able see the units scrubbing the air clean, but can be assured that the air you are breathing at church will be clean, fresh and safe.

-Michael Wylder

Worship Online or In Person

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. We look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online!



Tidbits from The Learning Center



The Learning Center is growing. We are happy to have 107 children enrolled for our spring session which is as many children as we usually have in the summer! Families are eager to have their children socialize and interact with other children. We are happy to have earned the trust that parents give us to help their children grow and develop, and we



are excited to have grown our enrollment back to where we were before the pandemic began. We have been very blessed to create a healthy environment to bless so many children, and we are looking forward to helping our children grow this year.

-Denise



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is a nine-week class on faith and money. Would you like to eliminate \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in nine weeks? Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more! The price is \$99. More details to come!

Birthdays

- 01/28 Ken Blakley
- 01/28 Morgan Hunt
- 01/28 Stuart Hunt
- 01/30 Nick Berry
- 02/01 Christopher Mosz
- 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
- 02/15 Bill Wells
- 02/16 Trent Saunders
- 02/16 Laura Tirrell
- 02/17 Kellie Fischer
- 02/19 Gloria Crownover
- 02/21 Becky Buchanan
- 02/21 Doug Franklin
- 02/21 Kathy Smith
- 02/24 Larry Johnson
- 02/24 Kaleigh Slack
- 02/24 Jean Warner
- 02/26 Avery Niemann
- 02/27 Ryan McLain
- 02/27 Joy Richardson
- 02/28 Ken Howell

Cares and Concerns

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,
David Mueller

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

The Brew Class: *Meets in Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and an in depth study of the *God and the Pandemic*. For more information about “The Brew” contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

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.

Open Circle Class: *Meets in the Archives Room* - Join us as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study. Our Circle is always Open.

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

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.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

Claire Fraley, Director of Children’s Ministries

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

Louise Glass, Financial Secretary

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center

Brandon Price, Custodian

Alfred Walker, Sunday Host

Jeremy Gossett, Audio Visual Team Leader

Dustin Davis, Sunday Host and Audio Visual Tech

John Naeher III, Audio Visual Tech

Julie Keller, Nursery Attendant

Patricia Harris, Nursery Attendant