

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Meet Jesus: Warned

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴ Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” -Matthew 11:2-6

It doesn't always go well for Jesus and his disciples. As Jesus and his disciples go out to proclaim the Good News that the kingdom of heaven has come near and to heal people of every disease, they are greeted with resistance, conflict, false charges, and painful divisions even in their own families. Locked away in prison, doubt about who Jesus is began to creep up on John the Baptist. So, he sends his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” How could the man who baptized Jesus and saw the heavens open and the Spirit descend like a dove still wonder if Jesus was the Messiah? John had studied the scriptures and knew what to look for in a messiah. He knew that the messiah would bring fiery judgment, but he sees no fire. Jesus wasn't meeting John's expectations. Jesus knew the scriptures too, and he was fulfilling the deepest promises of the prophets, so he told them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

Jesus is a different kind of messiah. He did not come to be the kind of messiah that so many people wanted; rather, he came to be the Messiah that people needed, one who healed and offered hope, grace, forgiveness, and eternal salvation to people who were living in the bondage of sin and sickness. Jesus also warned the people of the coming judgment for those who refused to repent of their sins and turn more fully to live in God's ways. On Sunday we will conclude our **Meet Jesus** sermon series by talking about the way Jesus helps us overcome our doubts and see more clearly the way he is at work in our lives to offer us healing, forgiveness of our sins, and eternal life.

I invite you to worship with us in person or online for our **Ash Wednesday Service** on February 17 at 6:00 p.m. That evening we will begin a new sermon series called **Jesus Must Die** in which we will turn to Matthew's Gospel to learn more clearly why Jesus had to die to offer atonement to us for our sins. Throughout Lent we will journey with Jesus to Nazareth where he was rejected by the people from his hometown. We will mourn with Jesus over the death of his friend John the Baptist. We will consider the way Jesus intends to build his Church even as we struggle to understand why he is so determined to go to Jerusalem to undergo great suffering, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. We will marvel at his transfiguration on a mountain and join the parade into Jerusalem where Jesus cleansed the Temple. We will stand at the foot of the cross and watch him die for us only to be raised on Easter Sunday. I hope you will join us for this meaningful sermon series as we grow as Jesus' disciples throughout Lent. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Scout Sunday, February 14

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.

Monday, February 15

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

Ash Wednesday, February 17

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

Saturday, February 20

Online Funeral Service for Ray Green at 10:30 a.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.

Monday, February 22

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

Wednesday, February 24

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University begins at 5:30 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 28

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.

Monday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 3

Financial Peace University at 5:30
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

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Chancel Flowers

February 14: The chancel flowers are by Bette MacKellar in honor of her Valentine, Jim MacKellar's birthday.

February 21: The mission candle is available.

Mission Candle

February 14: The chancel flowers are given by Bette and Jim MacKellar in honor of their son, Bruce MacKellar's birthday.

February 21: The mission candle is available.

Acolytes

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

February 7: Louis Fraley, Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, and Charlotte Smith

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 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!

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 worshipping with us at Nichols Hills UMC as we turn to Matthew's Gospel to **Meet Jesus**.

February 14 *Worship*

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



Michael Wylder,
Director of
Church Music

Talent Scout

This Sunday our Boy Scouts from Troop 55 and our Cub Scouts from Pack 55 will help lead our worship services, and one of the talented scouts, Jackson Burghart, will be sharing his musical talent with us. I hope to see you in church this Sunday as we celebrate Christ's gift of music and recognize our talented scout troop and pack. Many thanks to JB Sims, Randy Burghart, and Austin Koehn for all of their time and devotion to our scouting program.

Jackson Burghart is a Life Scout with Troop 55 and a freshman, Classical Guitar major, at Classen School of Advanced Studies. His parents, Randy and Stephanie Burghart, have been leaders with Pack 55 and are currently leaders with Troop 55.



Randy and Jackson Burghart

Jackson started Scouts with Pack 55 as a Tiger Cub and earned the highest Cub Scout Award, the Arrow of Light. Now in Troop 55, he is a Life Scout with the next step being an Eagle Scout. He has been elected by his fellow Scouts into the honor society of Scouts, the Order of the Arrow.

Jackson began playing guitar at Oklahoma City University in the Suzuki Guitar Program at the age of three and has continued to play since then. He was accepted at Classen SAS in 6th grade as a Classical Guitar Major. He has had Master Classes with the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet and Oklahoma's own Brad Richter. He has competed in numerous contests and has earned an excellent or superior rating in all of them.

In 2019 he applied and was accepted into the prestigious Romero Guitar Institute at OCU. Unfortunately, Covid cancelled it in 2020.

Jackson also plays all types of guitars and is currently learning the melodica and piano. He has played the drums and violin as well.

This Sunday he will be playing the *Prelude to Cello Suite, No. 1* by Johann Sebastian Bach.

-Michael



Claire Fraley,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

Meet Claire Fraley

Claire Fraley is our new Director of Children and Family Ministry. We look forward to serving in ministry with Claire and invite you to stop by our Children’s Ministry area and say hello. We hope you enjoy learning more about Claire.

“I recently graduated in December 2020 from the University of Oklahoma in Communication with a Non-Profit Organizational Studies minor. I feel so blessed to be a part of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church! This church has been a huge part of my life for as long as I can remember and holds a very special place in my heart. The memories I have here as a child are irreplaceable, and I am thrilled to make those impactful memories in your child’s life.

My passions include working with children, non-profit work, sharing God’s word, and cooking, but that’s a work in progress! I have been working with children for over 10 years and have countless experience with all ages.

I am eager to help influence our children’s lives in a positive way so they can become fully devoted followers of Christ. I do believe this job opportunity was all in God’s timing, and I can’t wait to see what he does through me to help change the lives of others. I am looking forward to continuing to grow this ministry and would love to have your children join us in our fun-filled, educational Sunday School classes.”

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters” Colossians 3:23

Blessings,
Claire

Financial Peace University

Would you like to eliminate \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in three months?

Join us for Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, a nine-week class on faith and money. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more!

The class begins at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24.

The price is \$99. Sign up by calling the Church Office at 405-842-1486.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

Valentine’s day is just around the corner, and our classrooms are getting ready for it. Class parties will be held on the afternoon of February 11. Thursday is our highest attendance day of the week so more children will be able to participate. They have decorated bags or boxes for their Valentines. Some of the decorations are quite elaborate. You can see the creativity of our families in the photos to the right. Some of us remember white bags with hearts and kisses written all over. The class parties will look a little different this year without all of the

families attending due to Covid-19 precautions. Families will get to sign up to bring treats for the teachers to distribute to the children. Any celebration is a welcomed event to the children. They are learning the language of this holiday season such as valentines, hearts, love, sweet, cupid and so on. We have been reading stories about Valentine’s Day as well. The children are excited and so are the adults. Happy Valentine’s Day to all.

-Denise



Birthdays

- 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
- 03/01 Grace Buxton
- 03/01 Robert Margo
- 03/01 Sharon McLeod
- 03/02 Graham Fraley
- 03/04 Nolan Coyle
- 03/04 Nan McGowen
- 03/05 Jordan Cardenas
- 03/05 Tom Fraley
- 03/05 Mac Shdeed
- 03/05 Scarlett Shdeed
- 03/06 Harvey Harmon
- 03/06 Kaley Were
- 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
- 03/18 Mark Michael
- 03/19 Mary Ann Carmichael
- 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

Cares and Concerns

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

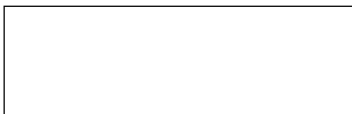
Lynn Greene

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.
Leader: Claire Fraley

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.
Leader: Claire Fraley

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

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John Nacher III, Audio Visual Tech

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