

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Unchained

Jesus said, ³¹ “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” ³³ And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” ³⁴ Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.” -Luke 22:31-34

How do you view the impact of a person’s life? Do you focus on one great or horrible moment, or do you look at the totality of the person’s life? On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, Simon Peter pledged his loyalty to Jesus: “I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” But that night he was not ready. As Jesus predicted, he denied three times that he even knew Jesus. But that was not the end of Peter’s story. After his resurrection, Jesus told Peter, ¹⁸ *“Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”* ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)

Peter’s life changed on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended, filled him, and gave him the ability to preach. From that moment on, Peter found every opportunity to preach and speak the Good News of Jesus Christ. He preached on Pentecost. He preached when the Holy Spirit empowered him to heal a lame man. He preached every time he was arrested and brought before the religious authorities. Though he failed Jesus on the night in which he gave himself up for us, Peter proved faithful to Jesus after he was filled with the Holy Spirit. Indeed, he was willing to go to prison and to death for Jesus. When he suffered flogging, he rejoiced that he was worthy to suffer for the name of Jesus.

On Sunday we are going to talk about the way Herod Agrippa put Peter in prison with the intention of putting him to death and how an angel of the Lord rescued Peter from prison. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us in person or online on **Pentecost Sunday** as we celebrate the Church’s birthday. We invite you to wear red or orange as a visible way of remembering the way the Holy Spirit was manifested through tongues of fire on Pentecost.

On **Memorial Sunday, May 30**, we will remember our loved ones who have passed away in the last year by lighting candles for each of them as a sign of our hope in Jesus’ promise of resurrection. Please notify the church office if you would like us to remember a loved one in this meaningful service.

Much like the Holy Spirit gave the early Church in the days following Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has been giving Nichols Hills United Methodist Church a season of growth and vitality. It was a great joy to baptize Vaughn Manzer and welcome his parents, Jessica and Gregory Manzer, into church membership on May 9, and to welcome Paul and Kristen Seikel into church membership on May 16. I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Pentecost, Sunday, May 23

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

Monday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

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

Memorial Sunday, May 30

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1 to

Friday, June 4

Sports Camp for Children ages 4 years old through 6th Grade

Welcome Gregory, Jessica, and Vaughn Manzer!

Gregory and Jessica joined Nichols Hills U.M.C. on May 9 and Vaughn was baptized the same day.

We are excited that you have chosen to be part of the Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!



Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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Welcome Paul and Kristen Seikel!

Paul and Kristen joined Nichols Hills U.M.C. on May 16.

We are excited that they have chosen to be part of the Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!



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!

On This Rock

Simon Peter pledged to die with Jesus and then denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Yet Jesus called Simon the Rock and said that he would use Peter to build his Church.

Join us for worship in person or online at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as we turn to the *Book of Acts* to see how the Holy Spirit worked through Peter to build the early Church and transform the world.

May 23 *Unchained*

May 30 *New Life*



Claire Fraley,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

Children's Ministry

We are so excited to welcome our very own, Christie Baker as a Sunday nursery volunteer. Her servant's heart has touched many people in this church and we are very blessed for her help in the nursery. Christie loves being around the children and having the opportunity to make a difference in their lives. Christie says, "What children learn about Jesus and how He works in their lives stays with them for a lifetime." Make sure to tell Christie "thank you" for her dedication to our children's ministry.

Don't forget to sign up for Sports Camp, it's not too late! We don't want your child to miss out on the fun-filled week we have planned. Each child can choose between cheer, basketball, soccer, or Team 45 (for 4 and 5-year-olds only).

If you would like to help volunteer, please call our church office at (405)842-1486.

Blessings,
Claire

Sports Camp

Tuesday, June 1st – Friday, June 4th at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church 4-year-olds through entering 6th graders.

Price: \$70

Children may participate in Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, or Team 45 (which teaches the fundamentals of motion, rhythm, and balance development to 4 and 5-year-olds) all while experiencing God's love!

Call the church office at 405-842-1486 for more information.

Ready to enroll? Fill out the form on the next page and return it to the church.



Ready to Register for Sports Camp?

Fill out the form below and return to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church or register online www.nicholshillsumc.org.

Guardian(s) Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children's Name(s) and Age(s): _____

Address: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large, Youth XL,
Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult XL, Adult 2XL

Sport: _____

Sports include: Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, or Team 45.

Price: \$70

Pay by cash, check, or credit card.

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Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

Tidbits from The Learning Center

Meet our newest teacher in The Learning Center, Isabelle Zeka. She is a graduate of Tulsa Community College with an associate degree in Early Childhood Education. Her earlier work was done at the Tulsa Technology's child study center. Isabelle is now a teacher in the Monkeys' classroom, ages 18-24 months. You really have to be on the mark with this active and loving age group, and Isabelle is all of those things! Please give her a warm welcome to Nichols Hills United Methodist church. We are very blessed to have her with us.

-Denise



Isabelle Zeka

Birthdays

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
06/04 Grant Davis
06/04 Julian Diaz-Granados
06/06 Reese Robinson
06/10 Samuel Stafford
06/13 Jessica Castoe
06/13 Don McCarty
06/14 Kathy McCarty
06/15 Kurlisa Briggs
06/17 Jeremee Cloud
06/18 Linda Rosser McDaniel
06/19 Antone Godding
06/19 Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes
06/19 Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes
06/20 John Pippin
06/21 Bette MacKellar
06/22 Ann Marshall
06/24 Jackson Edmonds
06/27 Mary Forster
06/29 George Malone

Cares and Concerns

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,
David Mueller

Chancel Flowers

May 23: The chancel flowers are given by Lida and Ron Elkins in memory of Jeffrey Connor Elkins.

May 30: The chancel flowers are given by Jane Harlow in memory of James Harlow, Jr.

Mission Candle

May 23: The mission candle is given by Joe McClendon in memory of Carole Kerr McClendon.

May 30: Available.

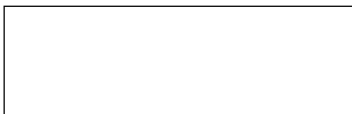
Acolytes

May 23: Gabriel Ireland, Scarlett Hoffman, Avery Smith, Lucy Ann Sylvester

May 30: Henrietta Dockendorf, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, Charlotte Smith, and Collier Vaughn

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

The Brew Class: *Meets in The Conference Room* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and an in-depth study of the *Live Not by Lies: a Manual for Christian Dissidents* by Rod Dreher. 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

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