



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## No Laughing Matter

<sup>10</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." -Genesis 18:10-15

When we have prayed and waited, and waited and prayed, we may become accustomed to barrenness and resigned to hopelessness. After waiting for 25 years for the Lord to give Abraham and Sarah a son, they began to doubt that God could or would fulfill it. When the Lord reasserted the promise and said of Sarah, *"I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."* <sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And when Sarah overheard the Lord tell Abraham, *"I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son,"* Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" But this was no laughing matter for the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

Is anything too hard for the Lord? That is the fundamental question every person must answer, and how it is answered determines everything else. I hope you will join us for in person or online worship this Sunday as we continue **The Promise** sermon series by discussing the way God's promise to us calls us to let go of our barrenness and embrace a deep faith in our faithful God. We will also honor the men and boys in our church with a special blessing and homemade cookies as we celebrate Father's Day.

We had a wonderful Sports Camp. I was glad to serve in our Children's Ministry with 28 adults and seven youth from our church as we learned about Jesus and participated in cheerleading, basketball, soccer, and Team 45 for 4 year-olds and 5 years-olds. We had a great time singing, making new friends, and growing in our relationship with God. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome families from our community into our church. Thank you to each of you who gave your time and efforts to help us minister to so many children and their families.

I have also had a great time this week at Growin' in Grace Elementary Church Camp at Canyon Camp. Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, Collier Vaughn, Lucy Ann Sylvester, Charlotte Smith, and Avery Smith along with Allyson Smith, Misha Welchel, and Claire Fraley had a great time hiking, worshipping, and growing closer to God. We look forward to sharing some of our blessing with you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

**Father's Day, Sunday, June 20**  
In Person and Online Worship  
Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

**Monday, June 21**  
Women's A.A. Group at 5:30

**Wednesday, June 23**  
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.  
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

**Saturday - Sunday, June 26-27**  
Sunshine Church Camp

**Sunday, June 27**  
In Person and Online Worship  
Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

**Monday, June 28**  
S.P.R.C Meeting at 5:30 p.m.  
Women's A.A. Group at 5:30

**Wednesday, June 30**  
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.  
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

**Sunday, July 4**  
In Person and Online Worship  
Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

**Monday, July 5**  
Church Offices and The Learning  
Center Closed  
Women's A.A. Group at 5:30

**Wednesday, July 7**  
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.  
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

**Sunday, July 11**  
In Person and Online Worship  
Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

**Monday, July 12**  
Women's A.A. Group at 5:30

**Tuesday, July 13**  
Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.

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### Chancel Flowers

June 13: The chancel flowers are available.

June 20: The chancel flowers are given by Jackie Hall in honor of her husband, Bob Hall, and her children.

### Mission Candle

June 13: The mission candle is available.

June 20: The mission candle is given by Jim MacKellar in celebration of Bette MacKellar's birthday.

### Acolytes

June 13: Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, Charlotte Smith, and Lucy Ann Sylvester.

June 20: Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, and Collier Vaughn.

### 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.



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](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org). We look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online!

## The Promise

Long ago, the Lord made a promise to Abraham and Sarah, an old couple with no children and seemingly no future.

God promised to give this couple a land, to make their descendants more numerous than the stars in the sky, and to bless all of the families of the earth through them.

Join us for worship in person or online at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as we turn to *Genesis* to see how God overcomes many challenges to keep the promise God made to Abraham and Sarah so long ago.

June 13 *Impatience*  
June 20 *No Laughing Matter*  
June 27 *It's Complicated*  
July 4 *The Test*



Claire Fraley,  
Director of  
Children and  
Family Ministry

## Children's Ministry

Our Sports Camp was a huge success! 62 children registered for Sports Camp, and we were blessed to have 28 adults and 7 youth serve in Children's Ministry. Thank you to everyone who helped with Sports Camp. The camp would not have been the same without all our amazing adult and teen volunteers. I can't thank you guys enough for all your hard work and dedication to the children throughout the week. and We are so thankful we could make a positive impact on so many children and families.

Our Sports Camp theme was "Game Time." We focused on playing to win, playing by the rules, the importance of practicing, and cheering for our team. Throughout the week the children experienced God's love and learned more about His word throughout the week.

Blessings,  
Claire

## Summer Camps

### Sonshine Camp

Saturday, June 26 – Sunday, June 27 at Canyon Camp.

Children entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Register at:

[okcamps.campbrainregistration.com](http://okcamps.campbrainregistration.com)

Regular Price: \$89 / Adult Price: \$57

Early elementary campers enjoy a taste of hiking, swimming, crafts, and active learning in small groups under the caring and watchful eye of adult leaders.

All activities and creative worship in this overnight camp are geared for this younger age-level. After this fun camping experience, children will want to return to camp year after year.

Canyon Camp will be requiring all children and adults to wear a face mask during all activities. They will create smaller groups to ensure social distancing.

# Sports Camp

We had a wonderful Sports Camp with about 50 children in attendance and 28 adult and youth volunteers! Thank you for your support!



## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Summer is already here! We are so excited for the summertime fun and the different pace from the rest of the year.

Each Tuesday the children and staff of T.L.C. enjoy snow cones from the Kona Ice Truck. This is always a favorite for the staff and children.

Some of the T.L.C. children participated in the Sports Camp this year and loved it.

Below is a photo of the mural designed by our T.L.C. art teacher, Megann Frazier, and colored by our T.L.C. children in honor of USA Today ranking Oklahoma #1 in the entire country for street art. Megann explained to our little artists that it is a giant coloring page, and their little eyes grew ten times their size with excitement!

Families are enrolling now for the fall session, which begins August 9.

Here's to a safe and fun-filled summer!

-Denise



### Birthdays

- 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
- 07/01 Carla Hill
- 07/01 Moss Robertson
- 07/03 Tom Klos
- 07/03 Chris Lansden
- 07/04 Will Malone
- 07/04 Pam Shdeed
- 07/05 Peggy Crawford
- 07/06 Ronald Elkins
- 07/07 Sue Goodman
- 07/07 Jane Harlow
- 07/07 Allyson Smith
- 07/09 Melita James
- 07/09 James Meyerson
- 07/09 Gladys Miskovsky
- 07/09 Michael Palmer
- 07/10 Nathaneal Crownover
- 07/14 Steve Dickey
- 07/15 David Brown
- 07/17 Margaret Wells
- 07/21 Stuart, Jr. Hunt
- 07/22 Becky Robinson
- 07/23 Janet Jones
- 07/23 Beverly Pirtle
- 07/24 Linda Howell
- 07/28 Stella Shdeed
- 07/30 Phillip Rosier
- 07/31 Kristin Byrdsong
- 07/31 Matt Eales
- 07/31 John Griffin

### Cares and Concerns

#### Town Village

Bette Harris

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

#### StoneCreek

Lynn Greene

#### At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,

David Mueller



Snow Cone Tuesday at T.L.C.

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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  
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