



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

The In-Laws

Working in a family business and living with your in-laws can bring many blessings, but it can also be very challenging. Jacob lived with his in-laws and served the family business for twenty years. Frustrations grew to the point that Jacob told his uncle: ³⁸ "I have been with you for twenty years now. Your sheep and goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten rams from your flocks. ³⁹ I did not bring you animals torn by wild beasts; I bore the loss myself. And you demanded payment from me for whatever was stolen by day or night. ⁴⁰ This was my situation: The beat consumed me in the daytime and the cold at night, and sleep fled from my eyes. ⁴¹ It was like this for the twenty years I was in your household. I worked for you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flocks, and you changed my wages ten times. ⁴² If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been with me, you would surely have sent me away empty-handed. But God has seen my hardship and the toil of my hands, and last night he rebuked you." I hope you will worship with us on Sunday as we continue The Family of God sermon series by talking about the way the Lord kept his promise to bless, protect, and be with Jacob throughout his life.

As we prepare for another school year, we will have several opportunities to serve in ministry. Our church will welcome back teachers for the new school year by hosting a breakfast for the faculty at John Marshall High School on Thursday, August 5 at 7:15 a.m. and a breakfast for the faculty at Nichols Hills Elementary School on Thursday, August 5 at 7:45 a.m.

On Saturday, August 7th, I invite you to serve in ministry through **Mission Madness** by preparing the Neighborhood Market and the Bear Cave Clothing Closet for another school year at John Marshall High School. We will also do some projects at Nichols Hills Elementary School. I look forward to serving in ministry with you.

As another school year begins, many people who do not attend a church are more likely to respond to an invitation to come to church. I am sure that you know at least one or two people who don't have a church home. Or, maybe you can think of someone you know who hasn't been to church in a long time. We have two great opportunities for you to invite someone you know to experience the fellowship and hospitality of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church.

On **August 15** we invite you to invite a friend to come with you to our **Bring A Friend Sunday** as we begin a new sermon series called **Faithful** in which we'll tell the story of the fall and rise of Joseph. A simple invitation could change the trajectory of the life of someone you know and love.

Later that day we will host our **Block Party from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** The Block Party is our opportunity to meet new friends and connect with old friends. I am certain that the Block Party will give many people their first impression of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. A conversation you have with a new person at the Block Party could lead to that person experiencing the love of God and becoming part of our church. If you would like to help with the Block Party you can make and bring homemade ice cream, individually wrapped cookies or brownies; bring school supplies or a prize for Bingo; or help set up at 3:30 or clean up at 7:00 p.m.

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

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, August 1

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

Monday, August 2

Care Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
Women's A.A. Group at 5:30

Wednesday, August 4

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

Thursday, August 5

Teachers' Breakfast at 7:15 a.m.
at John Marshall High School
Teachers' Breakfast at 7:45 a.m.
at Nichols Hills Elementary School

Saturday, August 7

Mission Madness at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 8

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

Monday, August 9

Women's A.A. Group at 5:30

Wednesday, August 11

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

Sunday, August 15

Bring a Friend Sunday
at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Block Party at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 16

Women's A.A. Group at 5:30

Wednesday, August 18

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

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Chancel Flowers

August 1: The chancel flowers are available.

August 8: The chancel flowers are given by Turner and Cindy Davis.

Mission Candle

August 1: The mission candle is available.

August 8: The mission candle is available.

Acolytes

August 1: Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, Charlotte Smith, and Lucy Ann Vaughn

August 8: Henrietta Dockendorf, Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, and Regan Miller

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!

THE FAMILY OF GOD



The Family of God

When God wanted to bless all of the families of the earth, God chose to do it through a family.

Meet Jacob, grandson of Abraham and Sarah, son of Isaac and Rebekah, brother of Esau, husband of Leah and Rachel, and father of twelve sons

and one daughter. Despite his flaws and challenges, God blessed Jacob and worked through him to keep the promise God made to his grandfather, Abraham, and to him. Join us for worship in person or online at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as we turn to *Genesis* to see how God worked through the dysfunctional family of God to bless all of the families of the earth both then and now.

August 1 *The In-Laws*

August 8 *Family Reunion*

BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, August 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for hot dogs, homemade ice cream, music, Bingo, games, a giant Slip-N-Slide, face painting, and fun for all ages!

There are lots of ways to help with the Block Party:

- make some prepackaged brownies, cookies, or home-made ice cream
- bring a prize or school supplies for Bingo
- help with the set-up at 3:30 or the clean-up at 7:00

Sign up in the Narthex or call the Church office to volunteer.



Claire Fraley,
Director of
Children and
Youth Ministry

Children's Ministry

Summer is flying by! I can't believe it is coming to an end so soon, but I am excited for all the great things to happen in the Fall. Our children are continuing to grow closer to God, and I love getting to see Jesus' light shine through each of them.

Children's Choir will begin practicing again on August 8th to prepare a song for the 10:50 a.m. service on September 19th. Children's Choir will continue to meet every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 a.m. for a short practice. Our Fall curriculum will be starting soon, as well as, focusing on teaching your children our Methodist values during our time together in Children's Church. I am thrilled to teach your children more about what makes us so special here in the Methodist Church.

Blessings,
Claire

Youth Ministry

Are you looking for a fun summer outing with your family? St. Yootz Day will be on August 28th from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Frontier City. There will be a special concert from Christian singer, Toby Mac that evening. St. Yootz Day is for youth and family from all over Oklahoma. Please contact the church office at (405)842-1486 for more information about St. Yootz Day.

Blessings,
Claire Fraley

Missional Ministries

We are preparing to relaunch our missional ministries at John Marshall High School and Nichols Hills Elementary School in August.

- **Thursday, August 5: John Marshall High School Breakfast at 7:15 a.m.**
We will serve breakfast for the John Marshall High School teachers and staff at 7:15 a.m. Sign up in the Narthex or by calling the Church office to volunteer.
- **Thursday, August 5: Nichols Hills Elementary School Breakfast at 7:45 a.m.**
We will serve breakfast for the Nichols Hills Elementary School teachers and staff at 7:45 a.m. Sign up in the Narthex or by calling the Church office to volunteer.
- **Saturday, August 7: Mission Madness** – We will serve that morning at John Marshall High School to prepare the Neighborhood Market and the Clothing Closet for the school year and at Nichols Hills Elementary preparing for the school year. Sign up in the Narthex or by calling the Church office to volunteer.
- **John Marshall High School Neighborhood Market** will reopen in early to mid-September.
- **John Marshall High School Bear Cave Clothing Closet** will also reopen this fall. The current clothing closet needs are:
 - New Men's White T-Shirts Sizes M-XXL**
 - New Men's and Women's Low-Cut Athletic Socks**
 - Non-Slip Velvet Hangers**
- **Nichols Hills Elementary School Backpack Food Ministry and Reading Buddies** will relaunch this fall as well. There will be opportunities to give food to students on Friday afternoons and to read with students.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

We are busy getting all of our new families acclimated to The Learning Center. We have sixteen new families and several returning families with new babies. Our next fall session begins on August 9. First time families receive an orientation to fill out paper work and bring their child's immunization record. I review the particulars with each family such as when tuition is due, ways to pay, holidays, etc. The teachers then have time away from the classroom to share what the family provides and when. Photos are taken of the new child and added to their account. This is an important step to welcome our new families and help them feel confident that this is the place for their child. We spend about 30 minutes with each family. This time sets the stage for the next four years or more with The Learning Center. It is going to be a very busy fall.

This week we will also celebrate the retirement of our Ms. Mary Proctor. After 14 years of teaching at The Learning Center, she has decided to join her husband in retirement. Ms. Mary has been a teacher in our Cubs' classroom since January 2007. During this time, she has earned her Child Development Associate credential and cared for hundreds of infants. While we are happy for her to begin to travel, we are sad to see her leave us. Please join us in Fellowship Hall, Friday, July 30, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate her years of service with The Learning Center.

-Denise

Birthdays

07/30 Phillip Rosier
07/31 Kristin Byrdsong
07/31 Matt Eales
07/31 John Griffin
08/01 Sarah Tirrell
08/01 Cindy Withrow
08/02 Steve Brown
08/04 Zachary Bloomfield
08/04 Garrett Davis
08/04 Delaney Henry
08/04 Molly Love
08/05 Craig Sanders
08/06 Anita Dahlgren
08/06 Megan Dean
08/10 Kent Maxwell
08/11 Charles Brown
08/11 Clara Lafferty
08/12 Philip Pippin
08/12 Chloe Robinson
08/15 Cinda Lafferty
08/15 Jon Rogers
08/16 Allen Evans
08/18 Midge Lindsey
08/18 Katherine Schoeffler
08/20 Regan Henry
08/20 Gunnar Lavenue
08/20 Shawn Love
08/21 Dick Manley
08/21 Clark Musser
08/22 Madison Dean
08/22 Caroline Mueller
08/24 Bruce Fraley
08/24 Tom McDaniel
08/25 Thomas Flesher, III
08/26 Claire Vick
08/30 Judy Kauffman
08/31 Sue Hood
08/31 David Reed

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.

Cares and Concerns

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,
David Mueller



Ms. Mary Proctor

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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 a video study of Ray Vander Laan’s *Prophets and Kings*. 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. The Reveille Class will be restarting soon. 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

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