

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## The Dreamer

<sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age. <sup>5</sup>Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. <sup>7</sup>There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

-Genesis 37:3-8

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.

On Sunday I hope you will 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.

Joseph was a dreamer like his father, Jacob. God gave him a dream for his life, a dream that would shape his legacy. One day 17-year-old Joseph said, "I had quite a dream last night. We were all binding sheaves in the field, and my sheaf stood upright and all of your sheaves bowed down to my sheaf!" "Really?" said the brothers. "Then I dreamed that the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me!" His brothers said to him, "Really? Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. So, when the opportunity arose, his brothers sold Joseph into slavery and said, "Let's see what becomes of his dreams of ruling over us once he's a slave in Egypt!"

It is a story about a dream, a dream that is "added on" to the normal, humdrum course of an ordinary family's life. Things might have gone quite uneventfully if it had not been for the added nuisance of a little brother and his arrogant, pushy dreams. It is a story about the resentment felt by those who do not dream, who seethe with burning envy as pushy, upstart little brother, gifted in ways we are not, begins to assert his dreams over us. So it's a story about killers of the dream, people who can't stand to make room for pushy little brother and his dreams.

This Sunday 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 Jesus' church at Nichols Hills. If you would like to help you can bring homemade ice cream, individually wrapped cookies or brownies; 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 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

Staff Parish Relations Committee  
at 5:30 p.m.  
Women's A.A. Group at 5:30  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 18

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

### Sunday, August 22

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

### Monday, August 23

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.  
Women's A.A. Group at 5:30  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 25

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

### Sunday, August 29

In Person and Online Worship  
at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Youth Group Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

### Monday, August 30

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

### Wednesday, September 1

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

### Tuesday, September 7

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

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### Chancel Flowers

August 15: The chancel flowers are given by Peggy Crawford.

August 22: The chancel flowers are given by General Bill Bowden in memory of Mary Montgomery.

### Mission Candle

August 15: The mission candle is available.

August 22: The mission candle is available.

### Acolytes

August 15: Henrietta Dockendorf, Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, and Avery Smith

August 22: Gabriel Ireland, Reese Robinson, Charlotte 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.

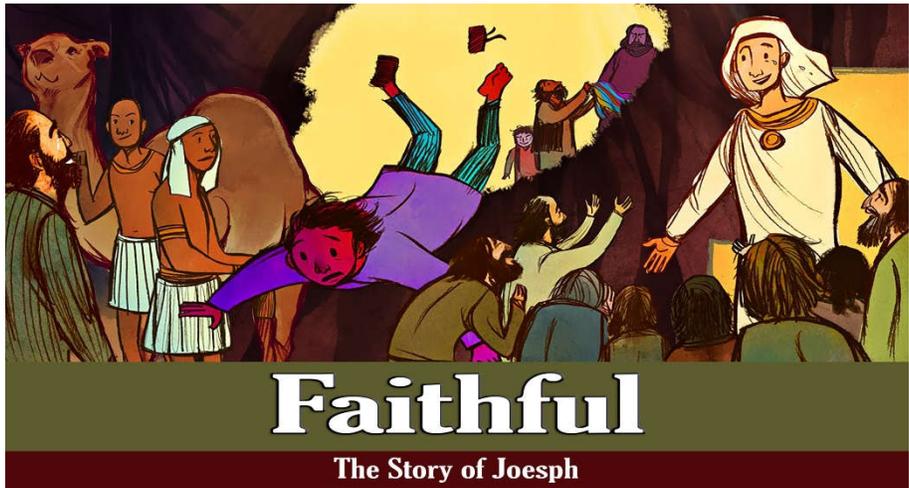
**WORSHIP ONLINE OR  
IN PERSON!**

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



The Story of Joseph

## Faithful

### The Story of Joseph

His father favored him.

His brothers sold him into slavery.

His master falsely accused him of sexual harassment and threw him in prison.

His friends forgot him when he needed them.

But the Lord was with Joseph through it all, and Joseph was faithful to the Lord.

Join us for worship in person or online at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as we turn to *Genesis* to see how God redeemed Joseph and lifted him from prison to Prime Minister to save his family.

August 15

*The Dreamer*

August 22

*The Lord Was With Joseph*

August 29

*The Lord Provides*

September 5

*The Blessing*

September 12

*God Intended It for Good*

# BLOCK PARTY

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

Bring a friend and join us for an evening full of fun! There will be a moon bounce, inflatable slide, slip-n-slide, face painting, Bingo, and some great back to school prizes. Raising Cane's will be there with lemonade and tea, and our Scouts will be grilling delicious hot dogs for everyone to enjoy. Bring your family and join us for fellowship and fun!

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

We had an amazing Mission Madness this past weekend at Nichols Hills Elementary School and John Marshall High School. Our volunteers at Nichols Hills Elementary did lots of yard work and helped make the outside of the school even more beautiful for the first day back. They also helped inside fixing holes and touching up paint. Our volunteers at John Marshall High School worked on the Neighborhood Market Food Pantry and the Bear Cave Clothing Closet. In the Bear Cave Clothing Closet, we sorted through multiple bags of clothes, organized the closet into clear sections, and made sure it was perfect for when the students start shopping. Our volunteers in the Food Pantry helped unload

multiple boxes of various kinds of food and organize the whole pantry to make it easy for the students to find exactly what they need. I want to give a big thank you to Charlotte and Avery Smith, Graham and Louis Fraley, and Gabriel Ireland for their hard work in the Neighborhood Market Food Pantry. They were a huge help to everyone! Thank you to everyone who donated items or their time to help make these students feel loved and start the new school year off right! Below are a few photos of our work.

We hope to see you at our Block Party on Sunday, August 15!

Blessings,  
Claire



# Youth Ministry

Are you looking for a fun summer outing with your family? St. Yootz Day will be on August 28<sup>th</sup> 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 me at (405)842-1486 for more information about St. Yootz Day.

Blessings,  
Claire

# Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

The first week of August was our annual work week. The teachers received fourteen hours of training regarding social-emotional development. This is a major focus in our field right now due to the life experiences children are experiencing. A trainer from the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development spoke and led the teachers through hands on activities. It was quite informative. Our teachers utilize their skills and knowledge regarding environments in their classrooms. They have created smaller and cozier centers in our classrooms. The teachers also worked on annual themes and lesson plans. The teachers also attended a pottery class, created biographical-boards that share a little more about each teacher's interests and personality. The biographical-boards help families to get to know more about each teacher so they can relate to each other. Check them out!

-Denise

## Birthdays

- 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

## T.L.C. Teacher Activities



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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

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