

Upcoming Events

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP – FALL SESSION

Registration now open

13 weeks beginning August 20, Upper Family Life Center

Register at troymc.org/events

Questions or willing to help - contact Pastor Dan – dan@troymc.org

TMW ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MEETING

Bring a friend and enjoy fellowship together!

Thursday, August 13, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Family Life Center

Questions? Contact Libby at lgregg129@gmail.com or (618)954-6263

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BUBBLE BASH

Lots of outdoor activities! Slip-n-slide, foam machine, & more!

Sunday, August 16, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Visit troymc.org/kids for more information

See our website for additional details– troymc.org/events

Message Notes

August 2, 2026

Christianity Isn't...A Vending Machine

Mark 10:17-22; Matthew 6:33

Vending Machine Christianity is the belief that if we do the right things, then God will give us what we want.

Why is Vending Machine Christianity so attractive?

- We think we know what will make us happy (Mark 10:17)
- We want to be in control (Mark 10:20)
- We want the benefits of God AND the pleasures of the world (Mark 10:21)

The Problem with Vending Machine Christianity? God doesn't play our game!

Reflection Questions:

1. Am I coming to God recognizing that He owes me nothing and I owe Him everything, OR Am I coming to God conditionally: believing that if I come to Him, he owes me a lot?
2. Do I believe that God's blessing and love for me is dependent on my actions?
3. What is holding me back from making God the Lord of my life? (Matthew 6:33)