



Welcome to Troy Methodist Church!

New to TMC?

We invite you on a journey with Jesus...

Connect to God and our faith community.

Grow into a wholehearted follower of Jesus.

Serve with your God-given gifts and passions.

Share God's love regionally and globally.

Worship God in everything you say and do.

Stop by the Welcome Center after service to pick up a gift!



Point your phone camera at the QR code to connect!

Upcoming Events

2/5/24- Troy Methodist Students- Summer Camps & Trips Meeting

2/8/24- Troy United Women in Faith February Meeting

2/11/24- Membership Class & Lunch

2/11/24- Troy Methodist Students- Middle School Lunch & Serve Day

2/14/24- Ash Wednesday Service

2/23-2/25- Fire-Up Senior High Conference

2/27/24- Joy Seekers February Meeting

Message Notes

February 4, 2024

Acts Part 4 - The Way: Common Ground

Acts 17:16-34

Paul in Athens:

- Distressed by this city full of idols (vs 16)
- Preached in the synagogue (vs 17a)
- Preached in the marketplace to very secular Greeks (vs 17b+)
 - Epicureans - “pleasure seekers” because there is no real point to life
 - Stoics – moralists

How Paul addressed these very secular people - his sermon on Mars Hill:

- Respectful - he acknowledged their spiritual pursuits (vs 22)
- Common Ground - he met them where they were - the altar to the unknown god (vs 23)
- He used their Language - in telling the story of God (vs 24-27) he didn't use Scripture, but instead quoted their own poets/philosophers (vs 28)
- Called them to Repentance - Paul didn't preach “God's love” - he began with a call to repent because judgment is coming (29-31)

Reflection Questions:

- *How does this passage convict and challenge you?*
- *What is one change you will make in the way you interact with very secular people?*