

Upcoming Events

VBS 2026 REGISTRATION!

Stop by Children's Ministry area for VBS info & a prayer calendar

July 6-10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Ages 4 years – 6th grade

WORK DAYS – families are welcome to help!

Wednesdays, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

To register or volunteer, visit troymc.org/vbs

J.O.Y. SEEKERS (55+) JUNE LUNCH & PROGRAM

Join us for a patriotic picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs & fixins'

Tuesday, June 23, noon, Family Life Center

Sign up before June 18 by calling the office at (618) 667-6241

MEMBERSHIP CLASS & LUNCH

Open to anyone interested in becoming a member of TMC

Sunday, June 28, 11:45 a.m., Upper Family Life Center

Questions or RSVP - contact Pastor Bonnie - bonnie@troymc.org

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

Message Notes

June 14, 2026

Faith Extended: Thessalonica - A Public Allegiance

Acts 17:1-9

Notes on Thessalonica

- Capital of the Roman province of Macedonia
- Highly connected city in the region
 - Located on the Via Egnatia (east-west) and north-south trade route
 - Natural harbor in the Thermaic Gulf of the Aegean Sea
- Melting pot of religions
- Strong commitment to Rome
 - Athletic contests in honor of the emperor
 - Cult of Augustus and his successors

Paul's time in Thessalonica

- Paul and his companions angered the Jews by preaching Jesus as the Messiah and gaining converts from among both Jews and Gentiles
- The Jews stirred up the Romans against them by accusing them of treason: proclaiming Jesus as king instead of Caesar

The threat: The gospel and God's upside-down kingdom

- "These men... have turned the world upside down"
- Following Jesus challenges the powers and ways of the world

Your public allegiance to Jesus: How and why

- Putting Jesus in his proper place – King!
- Following his ways
- To be a compelling witness and spread the gospel
- To encourage and spur on other believers

When we do this... (1 Thessalonians 1:2-10)

- Thessalonica was an ideal place for spreading the gospel
- Becoming a model to other believers
- Faith that is known everywhere

Reflect:

- Which kingdom are you a part of? Is it obvious?
- How is your allegiance to Christ being demonstrated in your daily life?