

## Upcoming Events

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Monday, June 8, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Troy Methodist Church

To schedule an appointment, visit [bloodcenter.org/group, grp#10010](https://bloodcenter.org/group,grp#10010)

### **VBS – SIGN UP NOW!**

**Stop by Children’s Ministry area for info & a prayer calendar**

July 6-10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Ages 4 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

To sign up or volunteer, visit [troymc.org/kids](https://troymc.org/kids)

### **VBS WORK DAYS – families are welcome to help!**

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

Questions – contact Jenn Diliberto – [jenn@troymc.org](mailto:jenn@troymc.org)

### **CHURCH COOKBOOK RECIPE COLLECTION**

**Bring in your recipes or scan the QR code to submit online!**

For more info, contact Libby Gregg, Carol Block or Sue Blumberg



**See our website for additional details– [troymc.org/events](https://troymc.org/events)**

## Message Notes

June 7, 2026

### **Faith Extended: Joy in Suffering**

Acts 16:11-40; Philippians 1:12, 18-21, 4:4-9

**Goal of our Faith Extended series:** Live our faith outwardly; Extend our faith beyond ourselves!

### **Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey:**

- Begin in Antioch of Syria
- Stops through Phrygia and Galatia (central Turkey)
- Vision to go to Macedonia
- First stop in Macedonia: Neopolis and Philippi

### **Notes on Philippi:**

- Founded in 360BC
- Named for Philip II, King of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great
- Conquered by Rome in the 2nd Century BC
- Along the 700 mile road, Via Ignatia
- Became a Roman Colony under Caesar Augustus
- Home of many ex-military
- "Little Rome" with values of status, power, prosperity, victory, and loyalty

### **Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke brought the gospel:**

- God's Kingdom is for the poor, outcast, weak, humble (Lydia and slave girl low status)
- Jesus is Lord (not Caesar)
- God's Kingdom reigns (not the Roman Empire)

### **Paul and Silas flogged imprisoned:**

- Did Rome/power win again? No!
- Paul and Silas sang praise to God in prison! (Acts 16:25)
- Miracle deliverance - earthquake, prison doors open, chains loosed - BUT DID NOT FLEE!
- God's purpose - the salvation of the jailer and his family

### **Reflection Questions:**

- What is the place of suffering in your worldview? Is it the same as Paul's? (See Philippians 1:12, 18-21)
- What kind of witness will you be when things are hard? Maybe even when you suffer?