

Upcoming Events

CONNECT LUNCH

New to our church family? Join us for lunch and tour of the church
Sunday, July 26, 11:45 a.m., Upper Family Life Center
Childcare is available. RSVP to bonnie@troymc.org

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Share your faith through baptism or remembrance of baptism
Sunday, July 26, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. services
Questions? Contact Pastor Andy

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

Join us for lunch and a groovy program by Kathy Hahn
Tuesday, July 28, noon, Family Life Center
RSVP by calling the office at (618) 667-6241

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

Worship Order

Prelude	Connie McBride
Welcome and Prayer	
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	#57
Psalm 96 Responsive Reading	#815
"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"	#361
Offertory Music	Connie McBride
Doxology	#95
Scripture: Acts 19:1-41	
Message:	Rev. Bonnie Abel
Faith Extended: When Idols Collapse	
"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"	#357
"And Can It Be that I Should Gain"	#363
Benediction	
Postlude	Connie McBride

Message Notes

July 19, 2026

Faith Extended: Following the Footsteps of Paul

Ephesus (Part 1): When Idols Collapse

Acts 19:1-41

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

Notes on Ephesus

- 250 miles (by sea) from our last stop in Corinth
- Located in what is now the westernmost part of Turkey
- One of the principal cities of the Roman province of Asia
- The patron goddess of the city of Ephesus was Artemis
- The Temple of Artemis dominated city life
- The gospel message was received with mixed reactions during Paul's visit!

Notes on Paul in Ephesus

- This was Paul's longest stop of his missionary travels, lasting 2-3 years
- Paul's 2–3-year trip was a part of his third missionary journey
- Likely where Paul wrote several of his letters, including 1st Corinthians

What can we learn from the Ephesians about our own faith?

- We have a choice!
- Our faith changes our allegiance – our allegiance is now to Christ alone!
- Our faith changes our spending habits – God's priorities are now our priorities.
- Personal, inward repentance has community-wide, outward ramifications.

How is that significant for us as we look to extend our faith beyond ourselves?

- Our choices have a ripple effect.
- Ripples can turn into waves.
- Those waves can be a witness or a wipeout!
- Our mountain-moving, riot-causing faith is going to disrupt things.

Reflection questions:

- What are the idols in your city?
- What are the idols residing in your heart?
- What does repentance (turning back to God and His ways) look like for you today?
- How might God be asking you to live out your faith and cause ripples in your community this week?