



# THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

## THIS WEEK AT THF

- ▶ **TUESDAY**  
THF COLLEGE - Worship & Small Groups  
7:00pm-9:00pm~Call Doug @ (806)790-8732 for details
- ▶ **WEDNESDAY**  
THF STUDENTS - Worship & Small Groups  
7:00pm-8:30pm ~ Doors open at 6:30pm
- ▶ **THURSDAY**  
THF Men's Ministry - Bible Study & Fellowship  
6:30am-7:30am

## UPCOMING AT THF

- MARCH 15 & 22** - One Worship Service - 9:30am
- APRIL 2** - Women's Ministry Event:  
Seder Service - 6:00pm-8:00pm
- APRIL 5** - Easter Services - 9:30am & 11:00am

### Accessing your 2025 Giving Statement

[www.theheightsfellowship.org](http://www.theheightsfellowship.org)

- Click Connect Link
- Click Online Member Portal
- Click inFellowship
- Log in or create an account
- Click Your Giving
- Change the year to 2025
- Click View/Download Statement

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### February 22, 2026

<i>BUDGET GIVING:</i>	\$10,459.26
<i>BUDGET NEEDS:</i>	\$19,902.00

### YEAR TO DATE

<i>BUDGET GIVING:</i>	\$127,261.04
<i>BUDGET NEEDS:</i>	\$147,844.00

March 1, 2026

# PAUL V THE BOARD OF EDUCATION



<sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. Acts 17:19-21 cev

### IMAGINE -

You are in a room with thirty of the world's leading scholars. You are asked to address them about your God. You know that they have no real knowledge of God, so they will undoubtedly be skeptical. What do you say?

Like it or not, every believer is a **THEOLOGIAN** !  
**theos - GOD**  
**logia - A WORD BOUT**

Living as a theologian means basically one thing:  
**YOU BECOME THE RESIDENT EXPERT ON GOD**

### BACKGROUND -

ATHENS WAS ALL ALTER, ALL SACRIFICE, ALL OFFERINGS TO GODS  
- XENOPHON, HISTORIAN 4TH CENTURY BC

Athens was a very **RELIGIOUS** city!

**It was easier to find a GOD in Athens than it was to find a man!**  
- Petronius (satirist) 68 AD

**There were more statues of gods in the city of Athens than in the rest of Greece combined.**

- Pausanias, Greek traveler, 175 AD

**Epicureans**  
**POLY** theistic  
INDIVIDUALISTIC  
PLEASURE  
Creation by **CHANCE**  
Death is **FINAL**  
Everything happens just by **CHANCE**  
**WITHDRAWERS**  
ANALYZED everything

**Stoics**  
**PAN** theistic  
GOD = FIERY SPIRIT  
LIVE BY **REASON**  
RATIONAL > EMOTION  
LIFE GOAL -  
SELF SUFFICIENT  
FATALISTIC  
WORLD DISINTEGRATED AND RESTARTED

**Cynics**  
LESS IS MORE  
**SIMPLICITY**  
INDEPENDENT  
SELF-CONTROL  
AUSTERE  
TENDED TO RIDICULE  
THE FOLLY OF SOCIETY  
MELDED WITH OTHER  
PHILOSOPHIES BY 5 CENT.

### THE AREOPAGUS

Was a **PHYSICAL PLACE** ( **MARS HILL** )

Was a **COUNCIL** of the **ELITE SCHOLARS**

Was an **EXERCISE IN FUTILITY**

### THE STATUE OF THE UNKNOWN GOD

Represented the desire of religious, **GODLESS** people to know the true God.

Is a reminder that you can have all the **RELIGION**, ask all the right **QUESTIONS**, have all the right **ANSWERS**, possess all the proper **CREDENTIALS** ... and **STILL NOT KNOW GOD!**

Paul's spirit was **PROVOKED** within him.

**PAROOXUNETO - MEANS TO VEX, INFURIATE, AND ANGER**

### Paul's Message:

- God is **KNOWABLE** v23
- God is the **SHAPER**, not the **SHAPED** vv24-25
- God is **ALL-POWERFUL** vv25-26  
He is **COMPLETE** within Himself  
He is the **SUSTAINER** of the universe  
He is the **FATHER** of all **nations**
- God desires a **PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP** with men! v27

### WHAT WE LEARN:

- 1 - We all see our world. Do we see it from **GOD'S PERSPECTIVE** ?
- 2 - We live in a world full of **IDOLS**. Do you see them?
- 3 - God constantly **PRESENTS HIMSELF** to the lost!
- 4 - God is all about making **APPOINTMENTS** ~ Connection!
- 5 - God will **CALL OUT** those who believe in Him vv33-34
- 6 - God employs a wide variety of **PEOPLE** and **METHODS**



## THF LIFENotes

3-1-26

1. Athens was a melting pot of religiosity—full of idols, philosophies, and spiritual curiosity, even including an altar to “*an unknown god.*” What does this tell us about the human desire for meaning and security? Where do you see similar “covering our bases” spirituality in our culture today, and how might that open doors for gospel conversations?
2. The Areopagus was a public space where new ideas and beliefs were examined and debated. Why do you think Paul was willing to engage people *where they were thinking and talking*, rather than avoiding that setting? What can we learn from Paul’s approach when we share our faith in today’s public or cultural arenas?
3. In his message, Paul clearly defines who God is—Creator of all, Lord of heaven, and earth, not confined to temples, not dependent on humans, and personally involved with His creation. Which aspect of Paul’s description of God stands out to you the most, and how does it challenge or reshape common assumptions people have about God today?