

"How Can I Rejoice?"

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We live in a sad world today. It doesn't matter what political party you are or what race you may be, and it doesn't matter what your gender is - the world is a sad place. The world is a sad place because God has made us, told us what to do, and we failed in the Garden of Eden, we failed in the time of Noah, and we still fail today. The world is a sad place because the world is filled with things and people who do not know God. The world is a sad place because the world knows sin.

The world is a sad place because those who have known God and have become obedient servants to God are the ones seen as strange. Christians are not like this world because we are chosen out of this world. As a result, the world hates us, but we know it hated Christ first (Jn. 15:18-19). It's not easy to be hated by the world. We understand that the persecution we face is certainly less difficult than the Christians of the first century, yet it is still a struggle faced by Christians today.

We read in **1 Peter 3:14-17**

"14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil."

How though can we have no fear of those that seek us harm? How can we rejoice when the world we live in is such a retched place and those that seek to do God's will are slandered and made to suffer?

So how can I rejoice as a Christian?

- Because God loves us. (Jn 3:16)
- Because God has revealed his plan to us. (Rom 1:16)

And if we obey that plan

- I can rejoice as a Christian because God has written my name in the Book of Life. (Lk 10:20; Rom 3:5; Heb 12:22-23)



Welcome

TO
KOUNTZE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

July

"A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished."

Proverbs 22:3

11th

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class – 9:30

AM Worship – 10:30

PM Worship – 1:30

Wednesday Night Bible Class – 7:00

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Today's Lessons

AM.....The Bad, Good King
PM.....The Kingdom of God

Men to Serve

Announcements.....Bud Wolcott
Song Leader.....Sterling McDonald
Opening Prayer.....
Communion Leader.....Steve Deatruck
Sermon.....Corey Tackett
Closing Prayer.....

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- There will be a men's business meeting next Sunday.
- Please save toilet paper rolls for VBS.
- If you address, phone number, or email has changed from what is in the directory, please give Amber or Corey the updated info.

July 18th – Business Meeting
July 24th – VBS

Records

Sunday AM..... Wednesday PM.....N/A
Sunday PM..... Contribution.....N/A

Birthdays:

3.....Vera Shavers
6.....Judy Landis
7.....Stuart Laird
23.....Jaxon Martinka

Anniversaries:

2.....Joe & Melinda
6.....Luke & Lindsey
11.....Dallon & Erin
25..... Jamie & Judy
27..... David & Ruth

Visitors,

You are welcome and wanted. We are glad you made the decision to be with us.

If you have any questions or needs, please reach out to any of our members and we'll be more than happy to help you.

If you're looking for a Church home, we'd love the opportunity to study with you and have you join our congregation's family.

Prayer Requests and Updates

Members:

- Dwayne Baker
- Ed & Linda Bumstead
- Fred Johnson
- Vera Shavers
- Gaylon & Gladys Williams

Family and Friends:

- Tony Wright & Charles Wright
- Mandy Owens
- Jeanie Beck
- Danny Roberts
- Shawn Gunter
- Susan Golden
- Kyle Tantillo
- Donna Melton