

"The Voice of Wisdom"

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Statistics fascinate me, particularly statistics regarding how we spend our time. A clear accounting of how we pass the minutes of every day can be terribly humbling. Often, we do not realize just how much time we waste. For example, a 2016 study determined that Americans spend over 1 year of their lives searching for something to watch on TV. Who could have imagined?

Another point about our time is that it gives insight into who or what we choose to listen. There are many "voices" in this world crying out for our attention and, sadly, we often choose to listen to the wrong ones. One voice to which we should readily hearken is that of wisdom. Consider what Solomon said about the voice of wisdom in [Proverbs 1:20-23](#).

Wisdom cries out, she longs to be heard ([Pro. 1:20](#)). The word "wisdom" in this passage is plural, emphasizing the intense, comprehensive, all embracing, exalted wisdom that comes from God (cf. [Pro. 2:6](#)). She "raises her voice" and "cries out;" language emphasizing a loud enthusiastic cry. Wisdom is not hidden. It is findable and knowable. If Proverbs teaches us anything it is that wisdom is not some abstract or hypothetical idea. It is real, personal, practical instruction which comes from God (cf. [Jas. 1:5](#)).

Wisdom cries out for everyone ([Pro. 1:21](#)). She can be found raising her voice in the "open squares," "chief concourses," and "the openings of the gates in the city." In the ancient world these locations represent places of justice and judgment, business and employment, daily affairs, and even leisure. Imagine a herald of God standing at the doors of Walmart or on the steps of the County Court House dispensing divine wisdom to anyone who would stop and listen!

Wisdom mourns those who reject her ([Pro. 1:22-23](#)). The "simple ones" are those who are gullible and easily enticed. "Scorners" are those who mock and criticize. They are cynical and defiant. "Fools" are thick-headed and stubborn. These three descriptions characterize every rebellious heart that turns its back to wisdom—to the instruction for successful living which God has made freely available and longs for all to embrace.

Make a determination today to turn off the news, log off social media, tune out the opinions of friends and co-workers, and listen to the voice of divine wisdom. Every minute invested in learning from God is time well-spent.



Welcome

TO
KOUNTZE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jan.

15th

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

Colossians 3:2

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.....Suicide
P.....Rendering to Caesar

Men to Serve

Announcements.....
Song Leader.....
Opening Prayer.....
Communion Leader.....
Communion Servers.....

Sermon.....Corey Tackett
Closing Prayer.....

Announcements

- Cozene Baker has asked for prayers on her upcoming procedures.
- There are pre-made meals in the freezer for you to take, or give to someone in need.
- Please sign-up if you are interested in giving a devotional on Wednesday night.

Records

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

Upcoming Events:

January

- 28th – Men's breakfast & budget review

February

- 18th – Goodwill Gathering

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:

- Ed & Linda Bumstead
- Gaylon & Gladys Williams
- Fred Johnson
- Cozene Baker
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Family and Friends:

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| - Tony Wright | - Sandra Golden |
| - Steve Martinka | - Tammy Wright |
| - Linda Hindrex | - Jordan Whatley |