

"How Shall We Increase?"

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Church growth is a spiritual blessing given by Almighty God. Yet, His spiritual blessings are conditioned upon our obedience to Christ ([Eph. 1:3](#)), and He has given two conditions for church growth: sowing and watering ([1 Cor. 3:6](#); [Matt. 13:19](#)). If we execute these conditions, God will give the increase.

What is involved in sowing the seed of the kingdom?

We must have the right seed, God's word ([Lk. 8:11](#); [Matt. 13:19](#)) because it is incorruptible, endures forever ([1 Pet. 1:23](#)), and God has predetermined that every fruit producing seed will bear fruit after its own kind ([Gen. 1:12](#); [Gal. 6:7](#)). Therefore, the only seed we can sow which will bring souls into the kingdom is the word of God ([Matt. 13:19](#)).

Additionally, we must have faith in the seed. Why bother sowing a seed which we have no faith in? Even so, why bother teaching the word of God if we do not believe it can still prick a person's heart ([Ac. 2:37](#)). We must have trust that the word of the Lord will accomplish its purpose ([1 Pet. 1:22-25](#)).

Finally, we must sow the seed. We cannot simply stop at believing in the power of the word ([Rom. 1:16-17](#)). We must preach and teach the powerful gospel of Christ ([2 Tim. 4:2](#)). Sadly, many in the church are standing around scratching their heads wondering why their crop has failed while the seed remains in their pockets. Until the word of God is sown into human hearts, we should not expect a thing!

What is involved in watering the seed of the kingdom?

As we know, a seed must have water to grow. In the Holy Scriptures, we learn that the word of God is the water of life ([John 4:13-14](#)). Therefore, we must use the word of God for our seed and our water. This means we must keep teaching the word of God by precept and by the right example. Yet today, many souls are perishing because of our failure to continue teaching them as we should have done.

Finally, to water is to go back and care for the seed that was sown. The Scriptures teach us to continue to love the lost soul, to care through praying, teaching, visiting, and serving. Rather than rejecting God's conditions for church growth, let's patiently obey and wait for His promised increase, just as [Galatians 6:9](#) says, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."



Welcome

TO
KOUNTZE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct.

"Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to give a defense to those who ask of the hope that is in you."

I Peter 3:15

30th

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.....Question and Answers
PM.....Forgivines

Men to Serve

Announcements.....	
Song Leader.....	Sterling McDonald
Opening Prayer.....	Davey Langham
Communion Leader.....	Steve Deatrick
Communion Servers.....	Davey Langham
	John Ferguson
	Thomas Williams
Sermon.....	Corey Tackett
Closing Prayer.....	

Announcements

- L2L will be putting together benevolence bags on the 13th. We still need donations to help get the supplies needed. Please see Cindy if you would like to help or have question.
- Kyle Tantillo & Betty Sue Alcorn passed away this past week. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Records

Sunday AM.....	Wednesday PM.....N/A
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Upcoming Events:

November

- 13th – Benevolence Bags

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
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Family and Friends:

- Tony Wright
- Steve Martinka
- Linda Hindrex
- Sandra Golden
- Tammy Wright