

January 14 – January 20

14 Sunday	15 Monday	16 Tuesday	17 Wednesday	18 Thursday	19 Friday	20 Saturday
		College Bible study @ 7:00 p.m.		Jody Pearson Birthday		

1 birthday and 0 anniversaries.

January 7, 2024

Contribution: \$997.00

Attendance: 26

Campus minister: **Caleb Hughes**
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Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ

January 14, 2024



Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



Congrats to Isaac Wubbena for making it on the Fall 2023 Dean's list for outstanding grades at Sul Ross State University!

Order of Service

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Song

Song

Opening Prayer/Scripture Reading

Song before Lord's Supper

Lord's Supper

Song before lesson

Lesson

Invitation Song

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Prayer list for the week of 01/14/2024

A blue highlight indicates new prayer requests or updates for the week.

Church family:

Friends and family:

Helm's Family- continue praying for comfort in the wake of their baby's passing

Kavala family- for the loss of Jim Kavala, Will's brother-in-law

Chipper Prude- friend of Liddell's, had leg amputated and is improving. Prayers for continued healing.

Ongoing prayer list for people and situations that need our focused, continuous prayers:

Brooks Freeland, a friend of the Borders, required another surgery but is recovering.

Pam Morphey recently had brain surgery for a brain tumor and has cancer.

Paul Snelson had successful heart surgery to replace valves. Pray for Judy as she helps Paul.

Joe Honesto, a friend of Will, needs our prayers.

Jimmy Salcido friend of the Liddell's, has cancer.

“Plant Your Roots Deeply and Bear Much Fruit”

–Dan Jenkins–

While Jesus taught more than thirty parables, only two of them are explained. He used these earthly stories to convey heavenly truths, and the message of each of these stories becomes obvious to those who seek to understand them. These two parables both deal with the planting of the seed (the word of God) in the hearts of men. After Jesus told the parable of the sower, He said, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?” (**Mark 4:13**).

In God's divine plan, the seed of the kingdom (the gospel) was to be deeply planted in the hearts of those who heard it. The emphasis in the parable of the sower is to reveal that those who heard the gospel would respond in different ways. The seed was always the same but the soils determined the outcome of the seed planted. When that seed was planted, most of the seed failed to produce fruit, but in the right soil it produced amazing fruit. The fruit is described in the second parable as “the sons of the kingdom” (**Matt. 13:38**).

The application in our lives is that we have become the children of God because when we heard the message, we understood it and began to produce fruit (**Matt. 13:23**). Now contrast this with the failure of that seed when it was planted on stony ground. They heard, but they had no root (**Matt. 13:6, 21**). Think of what this implies about the “root” of those who are in that kingdom of heaven planted by Jesus.

Christians have deep roots. Solomon said, “The root of the righteous cannot be moved” and “the root of the righteous yields fruit” (**Prov. 12:3, 12**). Paul told the Ephesians that Christ dwelt in them and that they were “...rooted and grounded in love” (**Eph. 3:17**). He also reminded the Colossians that they were “...rooted and built upon Him and established in the faith” (**Col. 2:7**). Notice that those in Colosse had their roots established in **the** faith. There are no deep roots which are not founded in the faith, the word of God. He also urged them to “...continue in **the** faith” and to not be “...moved away from the hope of the gospel which you have heard” (**Col. 1:23**).

What does this have to do with each of us? We will be fruitful children of the kingdom as we continue to read His word and let it sink deep within our hearts. Our deep roots are from Him who is described as the Root of David (**Rev. 5:5; 22:16**). Stay grounded in His teaching! Bear much fruit!