

December 10 – December 16

10 Sunday	11 Monday Phillips' Anniversary	12 Tuesday College Bible study @ 7:00 p.m.	13 Wednesday	14 Thursday	15 Friday	16 Saturday
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December 3, 2023
Contribution: \$3,342.00
Attendance: 23

Campus minister: **Caleb Hughes**
Minister: **Curtis Wubbena**

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Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ

December 10, 2023



Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



Dec. 15th – We will be having an Appreciation Potluck lunch after morning service for the Wubbena's who have faithfully served the Alpine church of Christ for 6 years. There will also be a White Elephant gift exchange with a \$20 limit. All are welcome!

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 12/10/2023

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

Church family:

Friends and family:

Chipper Prude- friend of Liddell's, serious infection in his knee

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.

Helm's baby is improving.

Pam Morpew 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 just found out he has cancer.

Lorenza Lujan Susie's cousin has cancer.

The End of the Beginning

In the early days of World War II, Britain was nearly blown off the map by the constant bombardment of the German blitzkrieg. Finally, in the fall of 1942, the Allied forces began turning the tide in their war with the Nazis. In addressing his countrymen, Winston Churchill made this interesting observation: "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end; but is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Like an unread novel, life has many chapters. We cannot resolve life's intricate plot by reading only its first chapter. Only God knows the end from the beginning (Is. 46:10). So, as we go through life, we must trust completely in an all-knowing God who causes "all things to work together for good to those who love [Him]..." (Rm. 8:28).

As we rise from whatever trial or hardship that has beset us – as we pick ourselves up and get on with our lives – we must remember that there are yet other chapters to be written. "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end; but is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." How sad to take off the armor before the war has been won!

We must be faithful until the end (Rev. 2:10). It is not enough to begin well; we must finish strong. "For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised" (Heb. 10:36).

As long as life persists, we have need of faith. We serve a God who holds the future in His hands. Let us trust Him always – especially as we contemplate chapters yet unwritten. Then, on that glorious resurrection day it may truly be said of us that the "end...is better than its beginning" (Eccl. 7:8).

— Glen Elliott —