

August 13—August 19

13 Sunday CARE packages assembled	14 Monday	15 Tuesday College Bible study @ 6:30 p.m. Will's birthday	16 Wednesday Bible class at 6:00 p.m.	17 Thursday	18 Friday	19 Saturday
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One birthday and **no** anniversaries.
Halie's birthday is next Monday, the 21st.

August 06, 2023
Contribution: \$970.00
Attendance: 26

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Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ

August 13, 2023



Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



CARE packages are being assembled today, Sunday, August 13, and will be distributed next Sunday, August 20, to our SRSU students.

How can you support students to survive and thrive in a college setting? Here are 11 simple, practical ideas:

1. Say Hello. Christian students need community. Community consists of relationships—including [connections with older adults](#) outside students' peer group. And relationships begin by saying hi! I still remember how the first time I visited the church that I ended up attending as a student, an older gentleman strode over to greet me after the service. With their welcoming friendliness and hospitality, he and his wife soon became valued friends whom I'm still in touch with today!

2. Listen. The next step is simply getting to know students and asking open-ended questions to find out what they're experiencing as Christians on campus. Your asking questions not only gives students a chance to debrief, but also helps you understand how to support students in their unique situations—and how to pray for them.

3. Share a Meal. A fantastic way to get to know students is to invite them over for food. Chatting around the table allows space for informal mentorship, while simultaneously meeting students' practical need for nutrition. Especially for "starving students" living away from home, free food and a family environment is just what the doctor ordered. Bonus points if you send them home with leftovers!

(P.S. Many students who are getting into cooking for

themselves may be on the lookout for new recipes. They might really appreciate an open invitation to snap photos of recipes you have—or even to come over earlier next time and learn how to cook something, if their schedules allow!).

4. Offer Transportation. Another way to get to know students while meeting their practical needs is to offer them rides to church if they don't have a vehicle. (This offer doubles as a way of helping students stay plugged into [Christian](#) community!) Carless students may also appreciate occasional rides to grocery stores, appointments, airports, etc. I still remember the couple from my church who offered to wake up at 4:00 AM to help me catch a flight home from university!

5. Help Them Find Christian Connections. Research suggests that students who move away from home are three times more likely to attend church during university if someone from their hometown helps them connect to a church in their university city.¹ So, if you know of a solid church, campus minister, mentor figure, or even potential friend who could connect with a Christian student you've met, why not make some introductions? (To be continued)

(Adapted from an article by Patricia Engler, Answers in Genesis, October 6, 2021)