

August 20—August 26

20 Sunday CARE packages being filled Caleb to preach	21 Monday Happy birthday, Halie	22 Tuesday College Bible study @ 6:30 p.m.	23 Wednesday Bible class at 6:00 p.m.	24 Thursday	25 Friday Happy birthday, Elisabeth	26 Saturday
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Two birthdays and **no** anniversaries.
Carol's birthday is next Monday, the 28th.

August 13, 2023
Contribution: \$1,074.00
Attendance: 24

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

August 20, 2023



Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



CARE packages will be distributed on
September 10 to honor our college-age
students.

6. **Encourage Their God-Given Talents and Callings.** Giving students opportunities to serve using their unique gifts and callings lets them know they're valuable members of the body of Christ. For instance, an art student I met in Paris showed me how her church had hung her paintings on their foyer walls. As another example, a retired minister I've written about earlier asked a group of us students what burdens God had placed on our hearts. When I answered, "Apologetics and critical thinking," he invited me to teach a small group session—a presentation which formed the basis for a main talk I give as an apologetics speaker today!
7. **Give Them a Break.** Because college workloads tend to be hectic, students may need encouragement to take a little mental break. Activities which involve being outside, experiencing nature, getting exercise, and spending time with people can especially boost students' well-being.³ Why not invite students for a walk, family outing, game night, or other favorite event as the students' academic schedules allow?
8. **Write Them a Card.** Campus can be a lonely place for Christians. Writing students notes with a few friendly words, biblical encouragement, and prayer lets them know that they're not alone. (I kept a little row of notes like that on my desk as a student, including an encouraging birthday card from my pastor's family.) Any card is awesome, but aesthetically appealing cards emblazoned with Scriptures can be especially welcome on students' bulletin boards.
9. **Leave a Care Package.** Another way to let students know that you care about them—and to be conduits of [God](#)'s faithfulness in their lives—is to bring them a practical gift. Food is usually a welcome option! A bag of groceries, basket of produce, or meals packed in easy-to-take-to-school containers can make a student's day. Church members could even get together to make care packages for students, with fillers like fun socks, school supplies, self-care items, snacks, Bible verses, apologetics booklets or resources, "praying for you" cards, or even pocket Bibles which students can give to their friends.
10. **Encourage Questions (and Help Them Find Answers).** It's no secret that students in public education systems are bombarded by messages claiming the Bible is wrong about the real world. These messages naturally lead students to ask questions. Students *must* be able to voice their questions before they deepen into the kind of unaddressed doubts which can corrode a person's faith. Churches and families need to encourage students' questions, help them find biblical answers, and equip them with biblical critical thinking skills for processing new information.
11. **Pray.** Powerful and effective (James 5:16), prayer is indispensable for supporting Christian students.

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

Special thanks to the Ruckman family for hosting the August 13 family devotional. The food was great, the devotional by Travis was inspiring, and the fellowship was encouraging.