

# April

- 1** Thank God for the community of believers that resides on campus.
- 2** Please pray for the new faculty who are still adjusting to life in Sterling; ask that God will continue to send them friends and encouragement.
- 3** Give thanks for the sacrifices that families make so their sons or daughters can matriculate at Sterling College.
- 4** Pray for those students who are currently contemplating transferring to Sterling for the fall semester; pray that God helps them overcome any factors that prevent them from doing so.
- 5** Pray for students who have family members who do not know Christ; ask God to make Himself apparent and irresistible through using their example and encouragement.
- 6** Please pray for the junior and senior music majors who are preparing for their recitals this spring.
- 7** Ask God to effectively use Sterling College alumni who are serving as missionaries. Pray that He surrounds them with His love and protection.
- 8** Tell God what you are thankful for today, and pray that He will remind the Sterling College community of everything it has to be grateful for.
- 9** Pray for students who are struggling with their faith; ask God to use their questions and doubts to bring about a stronger trust in Him.
- 10** Ask God to remind the people of the Sterling College community that every person is a child of God and to be patient with everyone with whom they interact.
- 11** Pray that the baseball and softball teams will continue to grow as athletes, and as a team, this spring. Pray that each team focuses on the power of the Holy Spirit for strength and transformation.
- 12** Tonight is the senior show, *The Great Divorce*, directed by Kyle Davis, a Sterling College senior. Ask God to bless Kyle, the cast and crew with endurance and enthusiasm for the performance.
- 13** Our softball team has a new coach this year: Josh Musselman. Pray that the team continues to work and grow together.
- 14** Ask God to continue blessing our chapel program at Sterling College and that each speaker and worship song influence our campus for His glory.
- 15** Pray for the students who are struggling with “senioritis.” Ask God to give them renewed focus and direction.
- 16** Ask God to bless our seniors by allowing every detail to fall into place, so that they may graduate with as little stress as possible.
- 17** Pray that God will restore energy and passion in the lives of students who are feeling apathetic.
- 18** Members of the student life staff leave for a leadership retreat this weekend; pray for safety and a productive time of fellowship for these staff members.
- 19** Ask God to surround those who are grieving. Pray that He fills them with hope and friends to comfort them.
- 20** Thank God for Chef Quintin Eason and his food service staff as they continue to serve the students every day.
- 21** Even at a friendly school like SC, it is possible to feel alone. Local foster families help alleviate some of this loneliness with welcoming hearts and homes. Praise God for these families who envelop our students with love.
- 22** Thank God for the small, close-knit town of Sterling that provides a safe and supportive community for our college students.
- 23** Some students have been working hard to create films for Sterling’s film festival this week; ask God to bless their creativity by giving them satisfaction with the finished products.
- 24** Tomorrow is the Honors Convocation; give thanks to God for the students of our College who have worked hard to excel in academics, the faculty who are diligent in their instruction, and all of the donors who help provide financially for the scholarships that will be awarded this morning.
- 25** Please pray for the election of the new Student Government Association members; pray that godly men and women will be placed in these positions of campus leadership.
- 26** Love Sterling, a community service event, is taking place today. Thank God for all of the volunteers who have come together to work at this event, and ask Him to bless their efforts and the people they serve.
- 27** Several students have weddings coming up soon. Please pray for these new marriages as well as any last minute planning the couples must complete.
- 28** Pray that God will encourage us all to spread the Good News with words and actions of love. “Without love, they will be like a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal” (1 Cor. 13:1).
- 29** In the busyness of the end of the academic year for faculty and staff, pray that God will provide them with good health and energy to finish the semester.
- 30** Pray that SC alumni will find opportunities to refer and recruit students who would benefit from attending Sterling.

# May

- 1** Please pray for the Campus Activities Board as they organize the end-of-the-year events for the students.
- 2** Pray for the persecuted Church as Christians around the world struggle to act out and share their faith.
- 3** The One-Act plays are this weekend and are always a fun end to the theatre season; pray that all of the actors and directors will rejoice and thank God for their talents and experiences.
- 4** Tomorrow is the choir's Masterworks concert; ask God to use the students' voices to bless their audience and that the words of praise will touch the hearts of everyone listening.
- 5** Today is the National Day of Prayer. Say a prayer of thanks to God for every blessing He has given you and your family.
- 6** Pray for unity on our campus, and pray that students will reach out to one another to accept and appreciate each other's differences.
- 7** Tonight is the community band concert. Thank God that the Sterling community and the College are able to combine their talents to make events like this concert possible.
- 8** Thank God for all of the foster families He has provided for our students. Pray that the relationships built this year will ensure a family away from home for the students when they return in the fall.
- 9** Pray that God will grant His protection over the men and women who are currently serving overseas in the military—some of whom are our alumni and others who are future students.
- 10** Thank God for the campus improvements and renovations over the past year, especially to Culbertson Auditorium, Gleason Physical Education Center and the baseball complex.
- 11** Pray that God will give our students wisdom and discernment as they make major decisions that set the direction for their lives. Ask God to help them proceed both carefully and confidently in their decisions.
- 12** This week marks the beginning of finals. Pray for productive studying and that the students do not feel the effects of stress too greatly as they take these exams.
- 13** Please pray that the students and employees on campus will be spiritually renewed each and every day.
- 14** Pray for Janet Caywood and Kendra Grizzle in the Registrar's Office as they work to finalize transcripts for graduation at the end of the week.
- 15** Sterling College's Board of Trustees is meeting today and tomorrow. Pray for discernment as they look toward God to see where He would direct Sterling College's future.
- 16** Tonight is Baccalaureate, a worship service focused on the graduating seniors. Pray that our graduates feel confident in Christ and loved by our College community as they go out into the world.
- 17** The Commencement ceremony takes place today. Thank God for this day of joy as our proud seniors and their families celebrate their accomplishments.
- 18** Our students are leaving for the summer; pray that God ensures safety for each one during their travels and activities.
- 19** Please pray for President Scott Rich, asking God to bless him and grant him discernment to know the best way to lead our campus.
- 20** Ask God to fill our students with the Holy Spirit as they prepare to do short-term mission trips this summer.
- 21** Thank God for the beautiful world He has created for us.
- 22** Pray that our students will retain their knowledge over the summer, so they are ready to add to that knowledge in the fall.
- 23** Pray for those struggling to forgive. Pray that they are given the strength to imitate God's forgiveness of their own sins.
- 24** Please pray that the Sterling College students have all found comfortable, safe, and healthy places to live for the summer.
- 25** Pray for Scott Carter '88, vice president for institutional advancement, as he works to develop relationships with alumni across the country in support of the College.
- 26** Today is Memorial Day. Thank God for the loved ones that left a legacy of God's love, hope and grace.
- 27** Please pray that students are able to find good jobs this summer and that they will be godly witnesses to their coworkers and the people around them.
- 28** Pray for the coaches who are recruiting athletes for Sterling College; ask that Christ's light will shine through our coaches as they talk to these young prospective students.
- 29** Thank God for the missionaries who are a part of the SC family and who serve Him around the world.
- 30** Please pray for the prospective students who will visit campus this year. Ask God to reveal His will and provide whatever is needed for where they are to attend college.
- 31** The faculty are wrapping up the year and leaving their offices for the summer. Ask God to bless them with a fun and restful holiday.

# June

**1** Praise God for summer—a time of rest and/or a refreshing change for the students and faculty of SC.

**2** Preparations for the Homecoming reunions this fall are under way. Pray that those involved in planning have a smooth and rewarding experience.

**3** Pray for the maintenance staff and other employees who continue to work at Sterling College over the summer.

**4** Pray for students who are working at an internship this summer. Pray that God will use that opportunity to give them good experiences and knowledge.

**5** Please pray for those in financial difficulty. Pray that God will provide for their needs.

**6** Remember to praise God for who He is and thank Him for all of the blessings He has bestowed on us.

**7** Ask God for peace. In a world experiencing conflict due to our sin, pray that people will still find the motivation to do good and live in peace with each other. Ask God to assist our campus in expressing His peace and grace to one another.

**8** Pray for protection over our students and employees as they serve others here and abroad this summer.

**9** Please pray for political leaders at the federal, state, and local levels. Pray that God will give them wisdom in their decisions.

**10** Pray that God is using the summer to strengthen our students' relationships with their families, and pray that we all are reminded that family is one of His greatest gifts to us.

**11** Pray for the alumni and friends to financially support Sterling College. May their giving assist the College in surpassing the fundraising goal set for this fiscal year, which ends on June 30.

**12** Thank God today for His faithfulness to Sterling College. Praise Him for provision and protection.

**13** Pray that our students who have been homeschooled will adjust well to college life.

**14** Please pray that students will allow God to work in the long distance friendships and relationships between Sterling students this summer.

**15** Not all of our students are in healthy relationships, and they are making life decisions based on that unhealthiness. Please pray for eyes to be opened and for others to be able to share their experience and wisdom so that healing may begin.

**16** Pray that our faculty members' spiritual lives are nurtured, so they may use their faith as a positive influence in their classes.

**17** Pray that God will reveal His truth and dispel any false teachings that our students may have encountered.

**18** Ask God to give guidance to those students who have graduated and are still searching for jobs. Pray for the parents and alumni who may have the ability to provide internships or jobs, and pray that they will think to hire Sterling College students and graduates.

**19** Pray that the coaches at Sterling College are deeply rooted in their faith and that they find ways to live out that faith in front of their teams and other students.

**20** Praise God for the technology that exists to keep Sterling College connected to alumni, parents, students and friends.

**21** Pray for all of the students as they work at their summer jobs, and pray that they will have the financial means to begin another year at Sterling College this fall.

**22** Thank God for all the different types of people and personalities present at Sterling College; each person contributes to our unique and incredible College community.

**23** Pray for the Advancement team as they work diligently to wrap up this fiscal year, striving to reach the goal for the Sterling Fund, which maintains student scholarships, and the resources needed to operate Sterling College day-to-day.

**24** Accountability can be difficult. Ask God to encourage us to seek accountability and wise counsel and the willingness to listen to that counsel.

**25** Please pray that God will show our students who hope to go into seminary what is His calling for their lives.

**26** Ask God to show us how to be humble, and pray that He will lead us to the people who need our apologies.

**27** Pray for our staff members who are preparing for registration of new and returning students this fall; pray that they will have energy, stamina, and words of comfort and wisdom.

**28** Thank God for the College's emphasis on servant leadership, and pray that this trait becomes a part of every person who walks on this campus.

**29** Pray for good time management for our faculty who must balance many responsibilities such as family, teaching, publishing, and training and development.

**30** Ask God to prepare the hearts of our future freshmen with courage and strength for their college experience.