

# October

- 1** Thank God for a strong start to the semester with all of the new and returning students!
- 2** Pray for the SC Cabinet as they strive to lead this campus in the absence of a president.
- 3** Pray for the trustees as they seek God's choice of whom to next lead SC.
- 4** Praise God for seven new, full-time faculty members who started this fall! Pray that they and their families adjust well to life in Sterling.
- 5** Pray for the fall musical production of *Godspell* as the students and faculty are deep in rehearsals for Homecoming Weekend.
- 6** Ask God for traveling mercies as our athletes travel the region to compete. Pray the Lord will keep all the drivers alert and aware of their surroundings.
- 7** Pray for our students as they seek a church family where they can serve and be served while they attend SC.
- 8** Thank God for our local community that reaches out and welcomes our student body.
- 9** The Student Government Association (SGA) works hard for the greater good of the student body. Pray that the leaders keep the best interests of the students at heart.
- 10** Chapel music is generally led by students—thank God for their talent and desire to serve in this way. May they grow in their skill and knowledge.
- 11** Mid-term grades are due tomorrow. Pray for our faculty as they dedicate their time to grading.

**12** The Lady Warrior Volleyball Team plays tonight. Pray for Coach Harding and his assistants as they set godly examples of sportsmanship for the team.

**13** Pray for our Service Department as they clean, maintain, and repair things on campus. May they be safe and exhibit Christ's love in how they treat one another and the rest of the campus community.

**14** Julie Jaderston, wife of Coach Dean Jaderston, is speaking in chapel tonight. Pray that the Holy Spirit will speak through her and move the hearts of those listening.

**15** This is Homecoming Week and a very busy time for everyone. Pray for rest and focus on the tasks at hand.

**16** Not everyone makes wise decisions while at college. Pray for wisdom, accountability, discernment, and grace for our students.

**17** John Haspels '99 is speaking in chapel this morning during his family's time stateside. May the Lord use John and the work he and his family do in East Africa to move our students to action in their own lives.

**18** The Board of Trustees meets today and tomorrow. Pray for wisdom, selflessness, and godliness as they lead SC.

**19** There is a special luncheon today honoring some of the scholarship recipients and the alumni who provided those scholarships. Thank God for those with the ability and desire to give financially to SC so we can continue to provide scholarships to our students.

**20** It's Homecoming! Praise the Lord not only for all the alumni who call SC home, but also for our heavenly home where we one day will dwell with Christ.

**21** The SC theatre department was led by Gordon Kling and Diane DeFranco-Kling for more than 40 years. Pray for Assistant Professors Matt Winning and Aaron Kennedy as they endeavor to uphold the strong theatre tradition and build their own legacy.

**22** Pray for the math department. Megan Fraley and Dr. Adebukola Gbade-Oyelakin are fairly new to SC; both are faithful and godly women seeking to teach students an enthusiasm for mathematics.

**23** Thank God that we can come together for the all-employee meeting today to provide an update from the trustee meeting.

**24** This morning's chapel is based on I Corinthians 10:1-13. Pray for our campus as we individually and collectively fight the various temptations the devil puts before us.

**25** The students get a four-day weekend for Fall Breather starting today. Pray for safe journeys, rest and renewal.

**26** This short break for students is a time when some students find themselves with nowhere to go. Pray that someone will reach out and include these students.

**27** Thank God for our local foster families that welcome students into their homes, lives and hearts.

**28** Not all students are able to take advantage of Fall Breather and go somewhere because they are athletes in season. Pray for our soccer and football teams as they both compete today.

**29** Lift up Scott Rich, executive vice president and chief financial officer, as he juggles his duties during the presidential search.

**30** Pray for our students to find balance and boundaries in their lives.

**31** Tonight our students kick-off our anniversary celebration of 125 years with the theme 'Party Like It's 1887.' Thank God for the creativity and passion for what He is doing among His people at SC.

# November

**1** It is the 125th anniversary of when Sterling College, then Cooper College, opened its doors. Thank God for all those who have gone before us to make this a place for Christ-centered education, which develops creative and thoughtful leaders who understand a maturing Christian faith.

**2** This morning is the annual Heritage Convocation, highlighting the 125 years of SC history. Pray for those involved that they may present God's work in a moving way.

**3** Thank God for alumni and parents who spread the word about SC to future students and encourage them to visit and attend!

**4** Thank God for the Parent Council and how they support parents of new and prospective students. Today members of the Parent Council will be meeting with potential new parents during one of our biggest visit weekends.

**5** Thank God for the admissions staff that is hosting a visit day today. Pray that students and parents are encouraged and enlightened throughout their day of visiting classes and meeting professors and students.

**6** Pray for the cast and crew of the upcoming student-directed play, *The Odd Couple*.

**7** Not all of our students believe in Jesus Christ. Pray for these students and that seeds will be planted and nurtured in them during their time at SC.

**8** Thank God for those working in the Business Office and Financial Aid! Paying for college is expensive, stressful, and sometimes confusing. Kati, Michelle, Adedrea, Helen, Crystal and Mitzi work very hard to do what is best for our students.

**9** Thank God for all of the people, like you, who support SC by lifting us up in prayer. We serve an omniscient God who knows all of our needs.

**10** Students are already preparing for summer mission trips. Pray that they are choosing to go for godly reasons.

**11** Pray for our students dealing with problems at home such as divorce, illness and financial stress.

**12** Today our offices are closed for Veterans Day as we honor the service of our men and women in the U.S. military. May God bless them and their families.

**13** Pray for our students who are struggling. May they find the encouragement, hope and help that they need.

**14** Pray that we all find ways to include God's Holy Scripture in our daily lives.

**15** Pray for good stewardship of students' time, money and sleep.

**16** May good health abound on this campus during this illness-prone season.

**17** The students have the next week off for Thanksgiving. May they find renewal, complete homework and find healthy fellowship.

**18** A number of our students invite friends home for the holiday. Thank God for these students and their families for opening up their homes.

**19** Pray for comfort as some of our students and faculty are unable to be together with their families during the holiday.

**20** Basketball season has begun—pray for the coaches as they express their faith daily to their teams. May their players take notice and be changed.

**21** All campus offices are closed over the next three days. Thank God for the time off and for those people who continue to work at jobs so that others may rest.

**22** Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Happy Thanksgiving! Please know that we are thankful for you and your prayers.

**23** Thank God for the residence directors who live with the students. Much is expected of them as they try to balance their home life and their duties in the dorms. Pray for wisdom and discernment in their various leadership roles.

**24** Some of our students are struggling with depression, addictions, eating disorders and other mental health issues. Thank God for our campus counselor, Teri Anderson, and pray for the students' willingness to seek help.

**25** Residence halls open today. Pray for safe travel for our students as they return to campus to finish the semester.

**26** Pray that today will find faculty and students refreshed and prepared to finish the semester strong and focused.

**27** The Student Government Association meets this evening. Pray for a productive meeting.

**28** Pray for our Faculty Council that is having its monthly meeting today.

**29** We are all facing deadlines. Pray that students and employees alike are focused and prepared for the deadlines ahead of them.

**30** Several of our faculty and staff are working on advanced degrees while they work fulltime at SC. Pray for them as they strive to balance their schooling, job and family.

# December

**1** Thank the Lord for all the alumni and parents who are serving as missionaries around the world. Pray for their safety and that the Lord will use them in mighty ways, whether they can see the results or not.

**2** This afternoon is the annual Christmas concert. May it be a time of glorious celebration of our Savior's birth.

**3** Final exams are the 6th—11th of this month. Pray for our students as they prepare for this busy time.

**4** Thank God for the catering staff in the SC cafeteria. Chef Quinton and his crew are dedicated to serving a healthy variety of fresh and local food options for our students while being stewardly in their spending.

**5** Today there are no classes. Pray that students and faculty use this study day wisely to prepare for finals.

**6** Pray for seniors as they face graduation and decisions at the completion of this semester.

**7** Education majors who will be student teaching in the spring are finding out where they will be placed—pray that they are placed where they can learn best.

**8** Thank God for cooperative teachers that take extra time to help train our students.

**9** Ask God for people to step up and mentor our students through internships.

**10** Thank God for Lisa Parson fs06, director of career services, and lift her up as she encourages our students and teaches them about resumes, job interviewing and basic work skills.

**11** The residence halls close at 5 p.m. this evening. Pray for our students who are going home to unhealthy situations and that they may find strength in Christ.

**12** Not all of our international students have the chance to return home for the holiday. Pray that they are warmly welcomed into a home while they are away from their own family.

**13** Pray for the families of the students who are unable to return home. May they find comfort knowing their child is cared for while they are apart.

**14** Today is payday for the college. Pray that we all use our money wisely and generously.

**15** Track is a year-round sport where the students compete indoors during the winter. Pray for Coach Jack Dillard as he leads his team both athletically and spiritually.

**16** Our winter athletes must continue their training over the holiday. Pray for their health and attitude on and off of the court.

**17** Christmas can be overwhelming. Pray that we all can focus on Christ and let the small frustrations melt away.

**18** This is the time of year when the reality of graduation sets in for the seniors. Pray for peace and direction as they decide their next steps.

**19** Some of our students are married and living off campus. Pray that they can balance home and school life.

**20** Pray for our new faculty as they have finished their first semester at SC. Pray that they are affirmed in their decision to be here.

**21** Thank God for the faculty members who are actively involved in recruiting.

**22** Pray for our new president, whoever he or she may be.

**23** May Christ be apparent in all of our lives.

**24** The campus is now closed until January. Thank God for this time of relaxation with family and friends.

**25** Thank God for loving us enough to send His only Son to earth to live and die for our sins. Merry Christmas! May we live every day with as much joy as today.

**26** Pray for those still considering a year-end gift to the College and that God will affirm their financial decision.

**27** Pray for the advancement staff; this is a busy time of year as they deal with year-end donations. May all the money given to SC be to God's glory!

**28** There are generally students who get engaged over the holiday. Pray for these young couples to seek God's guidance and affirmation.

**29** Thank God for the parents of our students who sacrifice time, energy, money and more to send their students to SC and entrust them into our care.

**30** Pray that we communicate well, not only within our campus community, but also with the greater SC family.

**31** May you be able to look back at this year and see God's blessings. Know that He is not yet finished, but continues to work in each of our lives!