

April

- 1** Thank God for the community of believers that resides on campus!
- 2** Please pray for the relatively new faculty who are still adjusting to life in Sterling—ask that God will continue to send friends and encouragement their way.
- 3** Give thanks for the families that support their student's decision to attend SC and help them attain a college education.
- 4** Pray for those students currently enrolling for fall semester and that God helps them overcome any factors preventing them from coming back to Sterling.
- 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.
- 7** Ask God to effectively use the ministry of SC alumni serving as missionaries and to cover them with His love and protection.
- 8** Tell God what you are thankful for today, and pray that He will remind the SC community of everything it has to be grateful for.
- 9** Pray for students 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 SC community that every person is a child of God and to be patient with everyone with whom they interact.
- 11** Pray for the baseball and softball teams that they will continue to grow as athletes and as a team this spring. Pray that they focus on the power of the Holy Spirit for strength and transformation.
- 12** Many of the student clubs on campus are working on their final projects and events. Pray that these events will come together smoothly and bring glory to God.
- 13** Tonight is the senior show, *Leaving Iowa*, directed by SC student, Ryan Ehresman. Ask God to bless Ryan and the cast and crew with endurance and enthusiasm for the performance.
- 14** Ask that God will bless our chapel program at SC and help each speaker and worship song to influence our campus for His glory.
- 15** Pray for the students who are struggling with 'senioritis.' Ask God to give them new 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 feeling apathy.
- 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 with hope and friends to comfort them.
- 20** Thank God for Chef Quintin and his staff as they continue to serve the students each and every day.
- 21** Even at a friendly school like SC, it's 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 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 in the finished products.
- 24** Pray for good attendance and a fun time at the upcoming alumni event in Denver, Colorado.
- 25** The SGA executive cabinet were elected earlier in April. The clubs/organization officers are elected the 22nd - 26th during lunch.
- 26** Today is the Honors Convocation—give thanks to God for the students of our College who have worked so hard to excel in academics, the faculty who are diligent in their instruction, and all the supporters who help financially provide for scholarships awarded this morning.
- 27** LOVE Sterling, a community service event, is today. Thank God for all the volunteers who have come together to plan this, and ask Him to bless their efforts and the people they serve!
- 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 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 their Alma Mater.

May

1 Please pray for the Campus Activities Board as they organize 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 the actors and directors will rejoice in and thank God for their talents and growing skills.

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 This is 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 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 efforts to make events like this 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 Not all of our students are in healthy relationships and 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.

10 Several of the students have weddings coming up soon. Please pray for these new marriages and the last minute planning the couples are completing.

11 Pray that God will give our students wisdom and discernment as they make major decisions. Ask God to help them proceed both carefully and confidently in their decisions.

12 Please pray that the students and employees on campus will be spiritually renewed each day.

13 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.

14 Please pray that God will bless and grant the interim president with discernment on how to best lead our campus.

15 Ask God to provide help to the students during this stressful week—anything from a reminder of an encouraging Bible verse, to a short break in the form of a coffee date with a friend can help so much.

16 Pray for those of us struggling to forgive and that we are given the strength to imitate God's forgiveness of our own sins.

17 Tonight is Baccalaureate, a worship service focused on blessing the graduating seniors. Pray that our graduates feel confident in Christ and loved by our College community as they go out into the world.

18 The Commencement ceremony takes place today—thank God for this day of joy, as our proud seniors and their families celebrate their accomplishments!

19 Our students are leaving for the summer; pray that God ensures each one of them safety in their travels.

20 The SC mission teams are beginning their ropes training (several days of activities that bond and prepare the teams) today. Ask God to fill these students with the Holy Spirit so that they will be strong and prepared to do short-term mission service.

21 Thank God for the beautiful world He 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 Please lift up in prayer the mission teams leaving today and tomorrow to these countries: Guatemala, Uruguay, Ghana, Tanzania, Ukraine, Nepal, China, Philippines, and Ethiopia.

24 Please pray that the SC students have all found comfortable, safe, and healthy places to live for the summer.

25 Pray for Dr. Marvin Dewey, vice president for institutional advancement, as he works to develop relationships with alumni across the country in support of the College.

26 Please pray that the students are able to find good jobs this summer and that they will be godly witnesses to the people around them.

27 Today is Memorial Day. Thank God for the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces who gave their lives to protect our freedom to attend a Christ-centered college that focuses on a Christian worldview.

28 Pray for the coaches who are recruiting athletes for SC teams—ask that Christ's light will shine through our coaches as they talk to these young prospective students.

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

30 Please pray for the prospective students who will visit campus this year and that God will reveal His will and provide whatever is needed for where they are to go to school.

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; being a time of rest and/or a refreshing change for the students and faculty of SC.

2 Preparations for the Homecoming reunions this fall have already begun—pray that those dedicated people involved find the planning smooth and rewarding.

3 Pray for the maintenance staff and other employees who are still working at Sterling College over the summer.

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

5 Please pray for those in financial difficulty 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 hate and fighting 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 the students who have recently been, or will soon be married this summer—ask God to bless their marriage and use them to bless whatever community they become a part of.

9 Please pray for President Obama and all of our political leaders that God will give them wisdom in all decisions.

10 Thank God for the missionaries who are part of the SC family and who serve Him despite being placed in difficult situations.

11 Accountability can be difficult. Ask God to encourage us all to seek accountability, counsel

and the willingness to listen to that counsel.

12 Many employees take the opportunity to attend professional conferences during the summer. Pray for travel mercies, networking and minds open to new knowledge.

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

14 Pray that God will grant His protection over the men and women currently serving in the military, some of whom are our alumni, parents or future students.

15 Please pray that God works in the long distance friendships and relationships between students this summer.

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 our students may have been introduced to.

18 Ask God to give guidance to those students who have graduated and are still searching for jobs. Pray for our parents and alumni who may have the ability to provide internships or jobs to think of SC students and graduates.

19 Pray that the coaches at SC are deeply rooted in their faith and that they find ways to live that faith out in front of their teams.

20 The mission team traveling to the Mediterranean flies out today—please pray for safety and that the hearts of the people they meet will be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

21 Pray for students as they work at their summer jobs and that they will have the financial means to begin another year at SC this fall.

22 Thank God for all the different types of people and personalities present at SC—each one of them contributes to our unique and incredible College community.

23 Pray for the Advancement team as they work diligently to wrap up this fiscal year.

24 Pray for the alumni and friends of SC to give sacrificially to help provide for a top-notch educational experience for our students. May their giving assist the College in surpassing the fund raising goal set for this fiscal year which ends on the 30th.

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

26 Ask God to show us how to be humble and 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 that they will have energy, stamina, and words of comfort and wisdom.

28 Thank God for SC's emphasis on servant leadership, and ask Him for this trait to become a part of every person who walks this campus.

29 Pray for good time management for our faculty who must balance many responsibilities such as family, teaching, publishing their own work, and working toward an advanced degree.

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