

# July

**1** Our fiscal year ended yesterday. Thank God for all of our financial partners who make Sterling College, as we know it, possible.

**2** Please pray for the recently hired faculty as they make arrangements to move to Sterling, some with their families—ask that God will send friends and encouragement their way.

**3** Give thanks for the Board of Trustees as they humbly seek to serve God through their service to SC.

**4** Praise God for the freedom that we celebrate in the United States of America. Pray that we will not fear utilizing that freedom to pursue godly and academic knowledge.

**5** Not all students are in healthy family situations this summer—ask God to make Himself apparent to these students by providing ways to build safety and trust.

**6** Pray for those students still determining where they will attend college this fall— God help them overcome any factors preventing them from attending Sterling College.

**7** Most of the mission teams have returned to the U.S. Pray that they continue to process their experiences and find ways to move forward with what they have learned.

**8** Tell God what you are thankful for today and pray that He will remind the SC community to give thanks daily.

**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 provide mentors for those in our campus community seeking accountability and wise advice.

**11** Pray for our athletes as they stay in shape this summer. Pray that they focus on the power of the Holy Spirit for strength.

**12** Many classes are planning reunions for this Homecoming. Pray that these events come together smoothly and that alumni and their families will have safe journeys to and from campus.

**13** While many of our faculty have part of the summer ‘off,’ several of them find themselves almost as busy as during the semester while they plan for the coming year, attend conferences, continue their research, and stay in touch with their students and alumni. Pray that they find rest and renewal with their family and friends.

**14** Ask that God is preparing our chapel speakers for the coming year, that He will help each speaker be open to His Word and guidance to what our campus needs to hear.

**15** Ask God to ease the fears of our students’ parents as they are preparing to send their children off to college in August.

**16** Ask God to bless our students getting married this summer by allowing every detail to fall into place so that they may begin their lives together with as little stress as possible.

**17** It is quiet on campus during the summer. Pray that God will restore energy and passion for the work that is done while the students are away.

**18** With new technology such as Facebook and Twitter, friendships begin easily before school starts. Pray that these connections are healthy and a good start to what lies ahead.

**19** Many of our graduates are still looking for work. Pray they will discover strong connections that lead to jobs fit to the skills they developed while at SC.

**20** Thank God for Clay Thomas, Vicky Kirchoff, and the maintenance and housekeeping staff as they continue to serve the campus every day.

**21** The campus is made of more than just our students. Ask God to send friends and support to those employees who need them.

**22** Thank God for the parents serving on the Parents Council to assist us in better serving the families of our students.

**23** There is a tremendous amount of creativity on campus. Pray that our employees find ways to encourage our students to explore that creativity.

**24** Pray for those of us struggling to forgive and pray we are given the strength to imitate God’s forgiveness of our own sins.

**25** Please pray for our local, state and national governments as they lead our country.

**26** Thank God for all the supporters providing help financially for student scholarships.

**27** Love Sterling, an annual community service event, was in April. Thank God for the relationships that began that day and pray that there are healthy ways for them to continue.

**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** Pray that SC employees who work year-round can still find time to relax and celebrate the things and people they love most.

**30** Pray that the alumni of SC will find opportunities to refer and recruit students who would benefit from attending their Alma Mater.

**31** Our senior education majors are getting excited and nervous about their upcoming student teaching assignments. Pray for peace and sharpness of mind as they practice what they have learned and what they continue to learn from their cooperative teacher.

## August

**1** Please pray for student life and athletic offices as they are eagerly planning the return of current students and the arrival of new students.

**2** Connie Carey, RN, works part-time when students are on campus. Pray that students feel comfortable approaching Nurse Connie this semester with any of their health concerns.

**3** The heat of a Kansas summer can be overwhelming, especially to those unaccustomed. Pray the Lord not only prepares our students, but keeps our campus air conditioners in top shape until the cool of fall arrives.

**4** As we celebrate our risen Lord by worshipping together today, pray for the persecuted Church as Christians around the world struggle to act out and share their faith.

**5** We are fortunate to have a part-time social worker on campus when classes are in session. Pray for Loida Leone, LCPC, as she prepares to offer godly wisdom and clinical support to our students this year.

**6** Pray for unity on our campus and that students will reach out to one another to accept and appreciate each other's differences, especially as the new school year begins.

**7** Pray that God will grant His protection over the men and women currently serving overseas in the military, some of whom are alumni and others, future students.

**8** Students have the opportunity to sign up for local foster families. Thank God for all of the foster families He has provided for our students and the support and encouragement that these relationships provide.

**9** Tomorrow is the new athlete orientation. Pray for safe travels as these families head to and from Sterling.

**10** Pray that the excitement these new athletes have now will carry over through the rest of this year.

**11** Pray that God will give our students wisdom and discernment as they begin this new academic year and are faced with many new types of decisions.

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

**13** This is the first time that many of our students are away from home and the rules set forth by their parents. Pray for wise decisions as they embrace this new freedom.

**14** Please pray for Scott Rich, SC president, that God will bless him and grant him discernment on how best to lead our campus.

**15** God has well prepared our alumni through their time at SC. Pray that they will find ways to give back to a place that God used to influence their lives and hearts.

**16** Pray for good attendance and fellowship at the upcoming alumni and parents event in Estes Park, Colorado.

**17** Today is new student orientation. Praise God for all the families that give us the privilege of helping shape their students hearts and minds.

**18** Our student leaders include resident assistants, team captains, orientation staff and student government officers among others. Pray that these leaders lead in effective ways that nurture truth, clarity, and involvement.

**19** There is an alumni soccer game this Saturday. Pray for beautiful weather and safety of all players.

**20** Ministry teams are led by Jenny Lane '02. Pray that she and her students develop deeper passion and faith in Jesus as well as opportunities to share that faith and their love for SC with others as they lead worship across the region.

**21** Thank God for Chef Quintin Eason and his staff as they prepare nutritious and delicious meals for our campus as well as building relationships with the students they feed three times a day.

**22** Pray that our employees that eat in the cafeteria will take advantage of the opportunity to get to know our students as they break bread together.

**23** Mission outreach is being led this year by Rev. Christian Dashiell '02, campus chaplain. Pray for him as he determines what mission opportunities will look like this year.

**24** Homecoming is in two months. Pray for everyone involved in the planning of the many events that take place throughout that weekend.

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

**26** Ask God to surround people who are grieving with friends to comfort them. Fill them with hope.

**27** Praise God for our math faculty. Dr. Bukola Gbade-Oyelakin and Professor Megan Fraley work diligently to help their students understand the intricacies of numbers.

**28** Pray for the coaches that Christ's light will shine through them as they work with our athletes to hone the skills God has provided to these young athletes.

**29** Ask God for clarity of mind as our business office maintains all accounts for the college- Michelle (Schmidt) Hall fs'82, Rita Ownbey, and Helen Henry.

**30** Please pray for the prospective students who will visit campus this year and the students who will host them.

**31** The faculty members are back into the swing of things and are eagerly watching as their students are already beginning to learn and stretch themselves. Thank God for our faculty's dedication to their discipline and our students.

## September

**1** Praise God for fall; may we find cooling temperatures and the weather needed for our alumni and friends who are farmers.

**2** Pray that our recent graduates are finding success after graduation.

**3** We have some new faculty on campus this fall, including Dr. Jennifer (Fairchild) Dyson '02. Pray that these new members of our community are assisted in every way by our current faculty.

**4** Pray for Dr. Gregory Kerr, vice president for academic affairs, as he nurtures our faculty - that God will use that opportunity to provide opportunities for open communication on strengthening our academic programs even more.

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

**6** Praise the Lord for the love, hope and joy He provides to us through His word. Pray that our campus community makes time to focus on Scripture every day both individually and corporately.

**7** Ask God for global awareness amongst our students. There is much in the world that is under the radar to students living in a small town. Open students' eyes to the bigger world around them and show them how they can be involved in ways that glorify God.

**8** Pray for the students as they learn to prioritize their time between academics, athletics, theatre, relationship building and other activities.

**9** Please pray for our theatre department, Assistant Professors Aaron Kennedy and Matthew Winning, as they stretch our students and increase their skills in every aspect of the theatre.

**10** This week is the Kansas State Fair and SC is hosting a booth to celebrate our alumni and parents as well as sharing the opportunities future students have to attend SC. Pray that this time provides God-honoring fellowship and witness.

**11** Pray for the advancement staff, as they visit with alumni and friends and encourage giving to SC, which is so vital to our survival and service.

**12** Pray that those on campus never become complacent with the work they are doing to further God's kingdom.

**13** Pray for our students who are struggling to adjust to college life. Pray that there will be people who come alongside those students to encourage them and provide them with the means necessary to succeed.

**14** Please pray that God comforts parents and other family that may be far away from Sterling as they also adjust to their student being far from home.

**15** Thank God for all who commit to pray for SC on a regular basis. Mighty things occur when His people come together in prayer. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20 KJV)

**16** It is important to SC that our faculty and staff integrate their faith into whatever position they have on campus, whether that is in the classroom, in the dorm or in administration. Pray for that to be automatic and second nature so that our students see that it is possible to live out faith in Jesus regardless of the position they may hold in the future.

**17** Pray that God will use chapel to pierce the hearts of our students. Pray that the students who only attend chapel due to the requirement find God's truth revealed.

**18** Ask God to give guidance to those students who have graduated and are still searching for jobs. There will also be students graduating this December. Pray that they will all find direction as they seek God's will.

**19** Pray for our students as they find God alive in a local church where they can worship with other believers.

**20** Pray that students are courageous in approaching others on campus as they have conflict. May the entire campus be led by the example of Matthew 18:15-20 while dealing with conflict.

**21** Ask God to soften the hearts of those fighting against Him on campus.

**22** Thank God for the diversity we have on campus. May we celebrate and learn from one another, making us more open to the beautiful ways that God has created His children.

**23** Pray for the student life team. These employees work long hours with great dedication to God and our students.

**24** Pray for National Advisory Council as they offer their experience and wisdom to President Scott Rich and his cabinet.

**25** Please pray for Gary Kempf, athletic director, and Justin Morris '99, assistant athletic director and head women's soccer coach, as they make decisions that impact all athletes as well as lead the fundraising efforts for the Gleason Project.

**26** Pray that the Lord will show us humility. This is a difficult lesson to learn; pray that we accept the opportunity to grow in our faith in the Lord.

**27** Ask God to provide strong organizational skills to Janet (Kagarice) Caywood '77, registrar, and her staff. Maintaining grades, requests for transcripts, and relationships with our students is a demanding job that requires nothing less than total accuracy.

**28** Thank God for the example that the Divine Servant statue at the west entrance of Cooper Hall serves to our campus community. Ask God to instill in all of us the desire and awareness to serve all of God's children just as Jesus did.

**29** Pray for our employees that are working diligently to further their education so that they can better serve our students.

**30** Ask God that thanks, love and appreciation be shown to the families of all SC employees. These people make it possible for our employees to do their job.

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