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APRIL

- 1** Praise God for the leadership of Keith Asmus '71 and Linda Tank '76 as they continue to host and plan the biannual Mississippi Valley Alumni Chapter meetings in Illinois. Pray that their meeting today will be fruitful and full of fellowship and reflection.
- 2** Pray for the families traveling to Addison, Illinois, for an Alumni Association event at Dave & Buster's today. May God be at the center of their interactions and may friendships be rekindled.
- 3** Pray for SC students who are traveling on mission trips this summer. Pray their funding comes in quickly and for the teams to continue forming close relationships with each other as they prepare to minister to others.
- 4** The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is on campus for its scheduled accreditation review. Pray for all the administrators, faculty and staff who have worked hard the past several months preparing for their arrival; give them peace and favor.
- 5** Pray for the students and employees with close family members who are sick. Ask that the Holy Spirit will comfort them as they are away from their loved ones.
- 6** Today is Redemption Chapel. Praise God for His Word found in Romans 6:22-23 (NIV), "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- 7** Pray for rain for our local farmers. Without much snow this winter, they are relying on spring rains to help moisten the soil for good crop growth.
- 8** As we move into a busy time of the semester, pray that our students will find time to rest and reflect on the Word. For those who are not yet believers, ask God to continue softening their hearts to the message they hear in chapel.
- 9** Students in the Sterling College Honors Program are taking a cultural trip to the Wichita Symphony today. Pray God blesses them with a rich experience and safe travels.
- 10** Pray for SC Admissions staff and the families traveling to Sterling for the Junior Preview Weekend. May their time together be fruitful and richly blessed.
- 11** Pray for the Office of Marketing and Communications as they work on programs, signage, news releases and website content surrounding Commencement Weekend.
- 12** Pray for the Office of Student Life staff who are helping students finish the semester and who are helping students deal with anxiety, depression and other health issues.
- 13** The Senior Art Exhibit opens in two weeks. Pray for the five seniors who are making final touches to their work, Brandon Givens, Erica Greene, Josiah Gunn, Renee Lanham and Nathan Terry, and the faculty, David Stenulson and Daniel Swartz, who are guiding them.
- 14** Tonight is the opening night of "Hedda Gabbler," the spring play. Pray for theatre faculty, Aaron and Samantha Kennedy, and all the students involved in the show.
- 15** Today, Sterling College is privileged to recognize students' achievements and accomplishments during Honors Convocation. Praise God for the opportunity to support and encourage these future Christian leaders and be a part of their journey at Sterling College.
- 16** Commencement is quickly approaching. Pray for Dr. Ken Brown, vice president for academic affairs, and Renee Dodson, administrative assistant for academic affairs, as they finalize the details of the program.
- 17** Pray for the seniors leading their peers in worship in tonight's Senior Chapel service.
- 18** Today is the second day of the KCAC Women's Golf Championship. Pray that the athletes will stay healthy, play their best and display good sportsmanship.
- 19** Pray for peace and understanding as students prepare for their professional journey in tonight's Career Services Workshop.
- 20** Pray for David Landis, Dr. Ken Brown and Steve Caywood as they finalize plans for summer renovations on campus.
- 21** Lift up our seniors as they face decisions of what to do after graduation. Pray for favor and discernment as they seek opportunities and clarity.
- 22** Praise God for the opportunity to host another Freeman Lecture Series at Sterling College. Today we welcome guest speaker Brian Ivie and several other special guests to campus.
- 23** Pray for Heather Oden, life coach, as she finalizes her sermon for chapel tomorrow. She is new to campus, so many of our students will be meeting her for the first time.
- 24** The men's golf team begins the KCAC championship tournament today. As they participate in this two-day tournament, pray they will compete well and represent Christ.

Pray for Erica Foss, Joan Ehresman, Josh Hood, Jennifer Fruechting, Emily Fuller, Elizabeth Herrington, Amanda Hood, Kerry Balch and Shelby Stowe, members of the 2016 Love Sterling Planning Committee, as they prepare and organize for Saturday's day of giving back.
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- 26** The President's Cabinet meets weekly on Tuesdays. Pray for the leaders on this team as they discuss the daily operations of the College.
- 27** Pray for the Office of Institutional Advancement as they continue to travel and meet with alumni and friends of the College. Pray their interactions would be encouraging and fruitful.
- 28** Pray for our Office of Financial Aid as they guide students through their options for financial aid for the 2016-17 academic year.
- 29** Lift up our leaders on the National Advisory Council as they meet today, strategically planning for the future of Sterling College.
- 30** Praise God for the students, SC employees and community members who came together to serve their community of Sterling, Kansas, as part of Love Sterling today. May the fruits of their labor be for the glory and power of Jesus Christ.

MAY

- 1** Pray for Mark Clark, Marisa Callan, Joan Ehresman and the music students of Sterling College as they prepare for their Masterworks Concert today.
- 2** Pray a special blessing over our graduates that they may have favor in finding a job that supports their passions and desires, but also challenges them to new capacities.
- 3** Lift up Dr. Nichols, professor of music, as he leads and directs his students in their Wind Ensemble Concert tonight.
- 4** Both the baseball and softball teams begin their KCAC championship tournament today. They each have had long seasons; pray for a strong finish.
- 5** The outdoor track and field teams begin their KCAC championship tournament today for men and women. Pray for strength as this team competes individually but continues to support each other.
- 6** Tonight are One Acts, directed by students in the SC directing class. Pray for peace and strength for all of the students involved in the productions.
- 7** Pray for CAB members Elizabeth Herrington, Katie O'Brien, Erika Rojas, Lauren Sylvester and Emily Fuller as they host Last Blast. May all their hard work and preparation be enjoyed by the students, faculty and staff.
- 8** Pray a special blessing over mothers on this Mother's Day. "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness." Proverbs 31:26-27 (ESV)
- 9** Final exams begin today. Pray for strength, patience, endurance and peace for the students as they work diligently towards the end of the school year.
- 10** Thank God for our Office of Student Life and the activities they plan for finals week that help our students find time to rest and relax between studying and taking exams.
- 11** Pray for faculty as they are grading finals and calculating final grades for students over the next few days. Pray for wisdom and strength as they finish the semester.
- 12** Pray for President Scott Rich and the Sterling College Board of Trustees as they meet today. May God give them discernment and direction as they seek His will for the future of Sterling College.
- 13** Commencement Weekend festivities begin today. Pray for travel mercies for families coming to Sterling and pray for graduating students as they say farewell to friends and professors.
- 14** Praise God for the opportunity Sterling College had to be a part of the lives of students from the Class of 2016. Pray that God will continue to nourish the seeds planted here at Sterling as they move on to new communities.
- 15** Thank God for the wonderful school year that we were blessed with and for the faculty, staff and students who were a part of it.

- 16** Pray for Janet Caywood, Kendra Grizzle and Amanda Gaeddert in the Office of the Registrar as they gather and input final grades for the semester. May God grant them strength and patience.
- 17** Pray that our students with summer jobs would be witnesses to their fellow employees.
- 18** Pray for our resident directors as they prepare for summer. May it be a time of renewal and growth.
- 19** The first group of students is leaving for their mission trips today. Pray that God will use them in the lives of those they meet, and pray that the students' hearts will be changed as well.
- 20** Praise God for the opportunity our faculty have to gather together as a Faculty Council to think and work collaboratively about the academic future of Sterling College. Thank God for their leadership, passion and dedication.
- 21** Pray for our students who are participating in internships this summer. Ask God to work through their employers as our students prepare for their future careers.
- 22** Praise God for the work of employees that have served Sterling well and are either retiring or moving. Pray that God would continue His work in their lives.
- 23** Thank God for the leaders and visionaries at Sterling College who continuously work to improve and develop programs and activities that better serve our community.
- 24** Pray for all of the communities represented at Sterling College. Pray that students would be a shining light in their surroundings.
- 25** Pray for the academics at Sterling College. Pray that God would bless the work being done to best prepare students for a life of kingdom work in their respective fields.
- 26** Offer thanksgiving and praise to God for the many supporters of Sterling College. "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)
- 27** Give praise for all the employees of Sterling College who worked diligently throughout the year to serve students and each other. Thank God for bringing them to Sterling.
- 28** Praise God for the opportunity the Alumni Association has to send birthday gifts to children of alumni as part of the Legacy Student Program.
- 29** Pray for the marriages of our employees and pray that God will continue to strengthen them.
- 30** Praise God for the service of so many dedicated servicemen and women on this Memorial Day. May God be with the families of those who lost a loved one in the line of active duty, serving and protecting our country.
- 31** As students return from their mission trips, pray that God will help them process what they experienced. If God has shown them changes that need to be made in their lives, pray that they will have the courage to follow through with those choices.

JUNE

- 1** Across the country, vacation Bible school will impact the lives of hundreds of children. Pray that their hearts would be open to the calling of the Holy Spirit.
- 2** Pray for Steve Caywood and the maintenance staff as they work over the summer on annual projects, deep cleaning and repairs.
- 3** Pray for the coaches who are recruiting for their respective sports this summer. Pray that they would have wisdom to help guide high school athletes through the tough decisions ahead.
- 4** The alumni in and around the Dallas area are meeting for an alumni event today. Pray for safe travels and a time of relaxation and fellowship.
- 5** President Scott Rich has a busy schedule year-round. Pray that he and his family will find time to relax and bond as his boys are home for the summer.
- 6** Pray for Jonathan Zimmerman, mayor of Sterling, and the local leadership as they make decisions for the city.
- 7** Pray for alumni families with young adults seeking higher education. Pray that Sterling College would be a consideration and that God would open doors for them to visit campus together.
- 8** Although faculty are technically on vacation, many are still preparing courses for the fall. Pray for guidance as they design papers, projects and course calendars.
- 9** Pray for our Sterling College Online Learning students. They are scattered across the United States and many are working full-time or part-time jobs as they earn their degrees.
- 10** Scott Carter and others from the Alumni Association are traveling to Denver this weekend to host alumni events. Pray for travel mercies and a fun time of fellowship with Warrior families and friends.
- 11** Pray for Jenny Bradley, our director of Ministry Teams, as she prepares the fall schedule.
- 12** Pray for those in the Athletic Department as they finalize schedules and travel plans for the fall.
- 13** Pray for the families strongly considering Sterling College as their students' next educational journey; may God grant them peace and direction as they seek His will.
- 14** Pray for the new vice president for student life as they get to know their staff and prepare for the upcoming academic year.
- 15** Pray for our nation and that God would do great things through His people.
- 16** Lift up the staff who remain on campus during the summer. May God grant them favor as they manage tasks and prepare for the upcoming school year.
- 17** Our local church leaders have a big impact on our students' spiritual growth. Pray that the local pastors and mentors will also grow in their relationships with the Lord.

- 18** Pray that the Lord would richly bless the students and families that sacrifice in order to attend Sterling College.

Praise God for fathers on this Father's Day. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NIV)
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- 20** Pray for Justin Morris as he leads a team of volunteers to help run the 2016 Warrior Wood and Wedge Golf Tournament today. Praise God for all the teams participating in this year's tournament.

As summer begins, praise God for the intricate beauty he has created in all seasons. "You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter." Psalm 74:17 (ESV)
- 21**
- 22** As the Alumni Association sends out information about Homecoming 2016, pray that the recipients will have receptive minds as they consider joining us on campus for the biggest alumni activity of the year.
- 23** As our students are home for the summer, pray for those who come from difficult family situations. Give them peace and wisdom as they work through tough relationships.
- 24** Sterling College is passionate about servant leadership. Pray that we continue to be a good example for the next generation as they grow and develop into servant leaders.
- 25** The Internet is an integral part of many of our lives today. Pray for Christopher Steen as he manages our website and its various roles in recruiting, the daily work of the College and communicating with the public.
- 26** Pray that our students will take time to seek God in their daily lives.
- 27** Praise God for the opportunities a summer break provides. May it be a time of rest and rejuvenation for SC employees.
- 28** As our country moves toward election season, continue to pray for our country and its future leaders.
- 29** Pray that God would prepare the hearts and minds of local Sterling families to become hosts for students this upcoming year as part of the Foster Family Program.
- 30** Summer is a time when new faculty and staff are moving into the area. Pray for peace and encouragement for them and their families during this time of transition.

2015-16 Verse of the Year: **"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."** Romans 12:2, ESV