

April-June 2018

Sterling

College

APRIL

- He Is Risen! Give thanks for the hope we have through the death and resurrection of God's Son.
- **7** Give thanks to God for the relationships that exist between students and professors - pray that they will be encouraging and instructive.
- Pray for the baseball team and their coaches, Dylan Connolly and Tyler Helms, as they compete with Hastings College today
- Please pray for the students applying to graduate school and those who are looking for jobs after graduation.
- A number of students have to work their way through college. Pray for them as they find balance between their work, studies, activities and fellowship.
- Today, Dr. Jeff Myers, author, speaker and president of Summit Ministries, speaks to Sterling College students, employees and community members as the guest speaker for the Freeman Lecture Series. Pray that he will inspire our students to step out in faith and learn to become better servant leaders.
- The men's and women's tennis teams play Kansas Wesleyan at Sterling College today. As they participate in their matches, pray they will compete and represent Christ.
- 8 Pray for our mission teams as they prepare, both spiritually and financially, to serve after the graduation ceremony next
- 9 Pray for the men's and women's golf teams as they compete at the Sterling Spring Invitational today.
- We have six months left to meet the fundraising challenge issued from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation. Pray for God's guidance and provision to meet this challenge as we seek to raise the remaining funds for the construction projects in the SterlingNOW Capital Campaign.
- Ministry Teams students and Director Brett Callan will be leading a youth group tonight in Wichita. Pray that God would bless the service and continue to teach the students servant leadership.
- 12 Thank God for the foundation of our College and that Sterling continues to instill servant leadership in all that the College does.
- Pray for professors Ryan Corwin, Stephen English, Sasha Hildebrand, and Ken Troyer of the Communication and Theatre Arts Department as they share their creativity with their students.
- 14 Pray for the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics that, as they study, they would give glory to God, who created the sciences and gave us the ability to learn.
- 15 Ask God to give focus and direction to those students who are struggling with 'senioritis.'
- Pray for learning and growth for those involved in campus Bible studies.

- 17 The President's Cabinet meets weekly on Tuesdays. Pray for the leaders on this team as they discuss the daily operations of
- **18** Pray for safe travels as the Sterling College Softball Team travels to Lindsborg to play Bethany College.
- 19 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 programming for this special event.
- **20** 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 the scholarships awarded this morning.
- **21** Pray for our psychology professors Dr. Jenny Dyson and Dr. Brian Mills – as they teach students within their discipline.
- Thank God for the relationships on this campus that lead to deep discussions of faith and conversion.
- 23 Please pray for our international students as they continue to immerse themselves in our culture. Pray that God will continue to strengthen them in their time of separation from their friends and families.
- 24 Pray for students that are in servant leadership roles, that they lead lives that are Godly examples. Pray that they would have a walk worthy of the Lord and be fruitful in every good work (Colossians 1:9-10).
- **25** Give thanks to God for music professors Marisa Callan, Mark Clark, and Dr. Richard Nichols for sharing their talents with our students. "My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast: I will sing and make music." Psalm 57:7
- **26** Pray that students and faculty would have the discipline to set aside time to be still and know that He is God.
- 27 Pray for the Department of Exercise Science Dorothy Kempf, Hans Nickel, Lindsey Saenger and Mary Ver Steeg as they teach students safe and healthy living habits.
- 28 Love Sterling, a community service event, is today. Thank God for all the volunteers who have come together to organize and plan this event, and ask Him to bless their efforts and the people they serve!
- Pray over the sharing of the gospel on campus. Pray that God would give faculty and students opportunities to share, that He would give unbelievers open hearts, and that He would give His messengers the words to sav.
- **30** Pray for the mental health of the students as the stress of academics can increase toward the end of the year.

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- The one-act plays are this weekend and are always a fun way end to the theatre season. Pray that all the actors and directors will rejoice in and thank God for their talents!
- 2 Today is the last Wednesday chapel of the 2017-18 academic year. Thank God for Chaplain Christian Dashiell and his direction for the chapel services this year.
- 3 Today is National Day of Prayer. Say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for every blessing He has given you and your family.
- ▲ Today is the KCAC Championships for Outdoor Track and Field. Pray that God would keep the competitors from injuries and that SC students and coaches would give all the glory to God for their abilities.
- 5 Pray for CAB members as they host Last Blast. May all their hard work and preparation be enjoyed by our students.
- Pray for alumni, friends and foundations who are considering sacrificial investments in the College through the SterlingNOW Capital Campaign. Pray the Lord will guide them in their
- This week marks the beginning of finals. Pray that the students will experience productive studying and retention of the
- Pray for students that have been blinded to any aspect of God's truth. May He set them free. Pray that no one would believe that God can't use them, that "little sins" don't matter, that their struggles are too big for God, or many of the other lies Satan uses to discourage believers.
- The summer mission teams leave in a few weeks. Pray that God would begin softening the hearts of those they will encounter, and pray that the students and staff would be bold in sharing their faith.
- 10 Pray for the Sterling College Board of Trustees as they begin two days of meetings. Pray for discernment as they examine the operations and growth opportunities for Sterling College.
- Today marks the beginning of graduation weekend; please pray for families and friends traveling to Baccalaureate and Commencement at Sterling College.
- 12 Praise God! Today is Commencement. Praise God for all graduates and their dedication in completing their degrees.
- Happy Mother's Day! Thank God for the women who have been positive influences in your life. Pray for those who may have recently lost their mothers or are in difficult relationships
- Pray for Sterling College Online Learning students as they begin the first summer session today.
- 15 Grades were due yesterday. Pray for Janet Caywood and Kendra Grizzle in the Office of the Registrar as they complete year-end paperwork.
- 16 Praise God for our Prayer Warriors who consistently lift us up

- Pray for God's protection over our students this summer. Pray that students who return to tough family situations will find people in their community to care for them and be a positive influence in their life.
- 18 Pray that God would free faculty and students from anything hthat keeps them from loving Him with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.
- 10 Thank God for the Service Department and how hard they work to keep our campus clean, beautiful and functioning. Pray that He would keep them safe from accidents and injuries as they work on summer projects.
- Praise God for people who love SC and are sharing that passion with young people, encouraging them to do a campus visit, apply and attend!
- Pray against all kinds of discouragement for students. May God reveal Himself to them as God of the Impossible.
- 22 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.
- Pray for the coaches who are recruiting athletes for SC teams — ask that Christ's would light shine through our coaches as they talk to these young prospective students.
- Give thanks for the Athletic Trainers Nicole Glasgow, Season Graves, Nathan Krause, Dr. Erin Laudermilk, Dr. Pete Manely, Brittainy Streckfus and Joe Streckfus — for assisting our athletics with prevention and treatment of injuries.
- Pray that God would give employees the boldness to stand up and speak truth in love against lies and injustice in our world.
- **26** Pray for students and alumni who are struggling with their faith; ask God to use their questions and doubts to bring about a stronger trust in Him.
- 27 Pray that students would value their church families at home and build relationships in which they can receive Godly wisdom and advice.
- **28** Today is Memorial Day. Thank God for the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces who gave their lives to protect our
- 29 Summer internships are beginning. Pray that our students are learning a great deal about their chosen field and that they find strong mentors.
- Praise God for the alumni and friends who have generously contributed to God's work at Sterling through the SterlingNOW Capital Campaign.
- Our faculty are wrapping up the year and leaving their offices for the summer. Ask God to bless them with a fun and restful

2017-18 Verse of the Year: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 ESV **JUNE**

- Pray that God will use the summer to strengthen our students relationship with their families and that we are all reminded that family is one of His greatest gifts to us.
- **7** Thank God for the different types of people and personalities present at SC — each one of them contributes to our unique and incredible college community.
- Most of our students are at Sterling with the benefit of financial aid in some form. Pray for Sara Hiatt, Tina McFerrin and Mitzi Suhler as they work to get the best aid for our students.
- Please pray for our new head football coach Chase Hansen as he prepares to lead the Warriors in August in his new role.
- 5 Preparations for the Homecoming reunions this fall are underway. Pray that those involved in planning have a smooth and rewarding experience.
- Pray that God, who gives endurance and encouragement, would give Sterling students a spirit of unity among their Christian brothers and sisters as they follow Christ, so that with one heart and mouth, they can give God glory (Romans 15:5-6).
- 7 Please pray for the prospective students who will visit campus this summer. Pray that God will reveal His will and provide the necessary resources and direction for where they are to go to
- Remember to praise God for who He is, and thank Him for all of the blessings He has bestowed upon us.
- Pray that students who attend church tomorrow would have open hearts and undistracted minds to learn God's Word, to worship, and to hear what He has to say to them.
- 10 Thank God for all the ways He shows Himself through His Word and creation.
- Pray that God would expose to students any areas of hypocrisy in their lives. Pray they would be humbled, repent, and thank God for His mercy and grace.
- 12 Please pray that God works in the long distance friendships and relationship between students this summer.
- 13 Pray that students who are discouraged would look to God for hope. May He fill them with joy and peace in believing that they may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit
- **14** Today is Flag Day. Pray for our nation "one nation under God."
- 15 Pray for the Office of Advancement as they work diligently to wrap up this fiscal year.
- Pray for our admissions counselors as they continue to work with students who have not yet made the final decision on whether they are to attend Sterling College.

- 17 Happy Father's Day! Thank God for the men who have taken the time to invest in their children and others. Pray that they will be strengthened as spiritual leaders.
- 18 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.
- 19 Pray for our students and alumni who are getting married this summer. Pray that they will seek Him first in their marriage.
- Pray for those who are lost. "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4
- Give praise for the first day of summer. "This is my father's world. The birds their carols raise. The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise."
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would go before our staff and SterlingNOW Capital Campaign volunteers to prepare the hearts of our prospective campaign partners.
- 23 Pray that good foster families will step forward to be involved with the lives of our students this coming year.
- 24 The city of Sterling supports the College in so many ways, even over the summer. Thank God for a supportive community, and pray that he will bless them.
- As the Office of Student Life prepares for the 2018-19 academic year, pray that the leaders will find time to rest and seek the heart of God.
- Pray that our faculty members' spiritual lives are nurtured so they may use their faith as a positive influence in their classes.
- 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 Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Give thanks for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our Sterling College
- Tomorrow is the end of our fiscal year. Pray that God would bless those who have supported Sterling College this year.
- Ask God to prepare the hearts of our future freshmen with courage and strength for their college experience.