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## **JANUARY**

- Pray that we, Christians and believers of Jesus Christ, will boldly live out Sterling College's verse of the year, which comes from Romans 12:2, ESV, "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."
- Pray for the men's and women's basketball teams as they compete in the Tabor Classic today. Praise God for schools like Sterling and Tabor that seek to glorify Christ.
- Staff of Sterling College begin work tomorrow after
  Christmas break; pray that God will prepare their hearts and minds for the tasks ahead of them tomorrow and the coming months.
- Pray for the representatives in the Sterling College Alumni
  Association as they seek a new, fresh way to launch the Sterling
  College Legacy Gift Program.
- 5 "Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 106:1, ESV
- Pray for students returning to campus for Interterm. Pray that the Spirit will be with them during these busy few weeks of class.
- 7 Lift up our men's and women's basketball players as they face off against Oklahoma Wesleyan University today. Pray for strength and endurance.
- **8** Praise the Lord for our incredible body of Sterling College alumni. We give thanks for the lives spent in shared servant leadership to Christ and His authority.
- Pray for alumni families who have young adults seeking options for college; pray that Sterling College would be considered as a viable option for their child.
- Praise God for the new employees He has brought to Sterling College. Pray that the Sterling community would welcome them with the love of Christ.
- Praise God for the town and community He has placed Sterling College in. We are blessed to have wonderful people and organizations to work with on a consistent basis.
- Pray that Sterling College would equip students with Scripture.

  "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17, ESV
- "I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever." Psalm 145: 1-2, ESV
- Pray for President Scott Rich, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations Scott Carter, Associate Vice President for Leadership Giving Marvin Dewey, Director of Development for Annual Funds Luke Cureton and Director of Planned Giving Sheila Bird as they prepare for their travel season visiting alumni and friends of the College.
- Pray for assistant professors David Stenulson and Daniel Swartz as they work with a growing art and design program.

- Pray for travel mercies and protection for athletes that are involved in today's events: men's and women's indoor track & field competing in the Scott Nisely Invitational in Crete, Nebraska, and the men's and women's basketball teams hosting the University of St. Mary's teams.
- Please pray for the families and prospective students traveling to Sterling College to explore our Fine Arts programs for Arts Preview Weekend. Pray that the Spirit of the Lord would be with these families.
- Thank God for our active military personnel, veterans and their families as they have sacrificed to serve our country.
- Pray for the business office and the essential work they do for the College. Praise God for the talents He has blessed our staff with and their willingness to serve others.
- As the season draws near, praise God for bringing Adrian Dinkel, head baseball coach, to Sterling College. Pray that God would use Coach Dinkel and his staff to minister and equip these young men.
- Praise God for the coming weekend of relaxation and rejuvenation.
- Today we are grateful that we can be a discernibly different, Christ-centered Christian college. Praise God for His provision and protection over Sterling College.
- Pray that God would grant harmony and unity to the Homecoming committee and alumni who have volunteered their time as they plan Homecoming 2016.
- Pray for Dr. Jonathan Conard and Dr. Wai-Foong Hong as they teach students of biology. Praise the Lord for the way He created the world around us.
- Pray that as this interterm period ends, students and faculty would be blessed for their efforts and dedication to accomplish much in this short time.
- Today is the last day to register for spring classes. Pray that God would grant clarity to any students that are undecided on their future.
- Pray a covering of protection and good health for all our students and employees as they begin the spring semester.
- Pray for Dr. Ken Brown, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, as he leads the academics programs at Sterling College. Pray for the Lord's discernment over the teaching.
- Praise God for our men's and women's track & field teams and the example they set for their peers. Pray that the Lord will be with them as they compete at the Pittsburg State Invite today.
- Pray for the Words and Music event going on tonight. Praise God for bringing Mark Clark to the music department at Sterling, as well as Marissa (Giorgetti) Callan '05 and Dr. Richard Nichols.
- Pray for Director of Physical Plant, Steve Caywood, as he and his staff minister to the Sterling College campus by providing stewardship and care to the campus facilities.

## **FEBRUARY**

- "And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:30-31, ESV
- Thank God for His continued provision over Sterling College, the administrators, employees, donors and volunteers as they continue to teach and demonstrate God's Word at Sterling College.
- Pray for Brett Callan, Ashlee Cole, Garrett Looney and Will Teufel, staff of Sterling College Online, as they operate a unique and growing branch of Sterling College education.
- Thank the Lord for Cooper Society members, Kelsey Society members and all donors who support the work and mission of Sterling College.
- Pray for our student workers and the important role they play on campus. May God give them energy to perform their tasks as they contribute to Sterling College.
- Lift up our Alumni Council members, Samantha Corwin '12, Jane Davidson '71, Jeff Duke '90, Matt Ehresman '10, David Fullinwider '74, Emily Gillespie '91, Mary Knecht fs68, Dwight Nichols '80, Margie Reiling '85, JoAnna Trezise '08, Sarah Tucker, Jon Van Veldhuizen '11, and Megan Walker '13, as they meet today to plan and prepare for the 2016 year.
- Thank the Lord for reminders of His grace in our lives. "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:9, ESV
- Praise God for the local families who have opened their home to Sterling College students as part of the foster family program. May God richly bless them and their ministry.
- Pray for Vice President of Enrollment Dennis Dutton and the Admissions team: Roy Abousamra, Leah Alford, Kaylee Beutler, Mackenzie McGuire and Carrie McGlynn, as they show prospective students the Sterling experience on campus.
- Praise God for the opportunity the Sterling College Alumni
  Association has to launch an Alumni Travel Program in 2017.
  Pray for God's divine provision over the new endeavor.
- Pray for David Landis '88, vice president for administration and institutional initiatives, and all the decisions he makes on a daily basis for the good of Sterling College. Pray for wisdom and discernment.
- Today the Sterling College Cheer team will be traveling to Lindsborg, Kansas, to compete in the KCAC Cheer and Dance Championships. Praise God for the opportunity our students have to participate in this competition and ask that the Lord's favor be upon the team.
- Pray that students would stay involved in their church home where they can be challenged, encouraged and most importantly, where they can serve and be around like-minded, Godly individuals.

- May the love of Christ be demonstrated in our actions today and every day. "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7, ESV
- Pray for the leadership of Sterling College. Pray for wisdom and discernment that only comes from the Lord.
- Praise God for Tina Wohler and the Student Life team as they play a large role in the student experience at Sterling College.
- Pray for faculty members Aaron Kennedy, Samantha Kennedy,
  Ken Troyer and Gorman Woodfin of the Department of
  Communications, Media and Theatre Arts.
- Pray for the all-faculty meeting today. We praise the Lord for these wonderful professors who invest so much in the lives of their students
- Pray God would be glorified at the Peacemakers Convocation today. Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare hearts to hear this message.
- Thank God for our housekeeping staff. Pray that students, faculty and staff would bless these brothers and sisters that model servant leadership daily.
- Pray for students who are struggling with their faith; ask that God would intercede and bring someone into their life to speak truth and to love them for who He has created them to be.
- As students begin to enroll for the fall semester, pray that
  God would provide a sense of calm and direction and remind students that they are firmly in His will and sovereignty.
- Lift up the employees of Sterling College and ask that God grant them favor as they seek new and fresh ways to integrate faith into the classroom and in every interaction.
- Pray for Janet Caywood and the team in the Office of the Registrar. Pray that they would be a blessing as they enroll students in classes.
- Praise God for Sterling College and for all the Christ-focused individuals teaching, leading and serving on our campus.
- Pray for our current students. Pray that God would reveal His will for their lives and draw them near to Himself.
- Thank God for Joan Ehresman, administrative receptionist and office manager, for the blessing she is to each person that walks onto campus. Pray that God uses her for His glory and creates a welcoming presence for campus visitors.
- Praise God for Johnathan Clark, sports information director, and the long hours he puts in to highlight the accomplishments of student athletes for God's glory.
- This leap day, let us remember that true joy comes from the Lord. "Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven..." Luke 6:23, ESV

## **MARCH**

- Pray for Terri Gaeddert, chair of the education department, as she leads and serves. Pray that God would use the future teachers in this program to train up a new generation of Christ-followers.
- Today is Chapel. Thank the Lord for the blessing of being able to meet freely to praise His name on our campus.
- Today the theatre production *Chess* opens. Lift up all of those students involved in the production, as well as Aaron and Samantha Kennedy, theatre arts professors.
- Lift up our faculty who may be writing or publishing research projects. Pray God would help them manage their time and energy efficiently.
- Thank God for the alumni and friends of the College who give sacrificially to help support our Christ-centered, Christian education experience.
- Pray for Track & Field Head Coach Jack Dillard and the team as they compete at the KCAC Indoor Track & Field Championships in Pittsburg, Kansas, today.
- **7** Pray for those planning for Homecoming 2016. May God grant them peace and direction as they seek new ideas for serving all Homecoming guests.
- Praise God for bringing Terry Ehresman to Sterling College to head the Career Services department. Pray that tonight's workshop would continue Sterling's preparation of students for their careers.
- **9** Pray that God blesses Chaplain Christian Dashiell and the vital ministry he provides for Sterling College.
- Pray for the Sterling College community as they begin spring break. Pray that this would be a time of renewal and would be beneficial for all.
- Pray for alumni and friends and their families as they meet the Alumni Association for fellowship and worship at Winter Jam 2016 in Wichita.
- Pray for Hannah Lambert, resident director of McCreery Hall, and her resident assistants, Cassidy Eisenmann, Joy Henderson, Amanda Hood, Rebecca Knauss, Rachel Padro and Maria Perrett, as they seek ways to connect and respond to the needs of their peers in the dorm.
- Lift up our athletes competing in the spring season, praying for good health and strength, and pray that they may be vessels of God's love both on and off of the field.
- 14 "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32, ESV
- Pray for the relationships established on campus with particular regard for engaged couples as they plan their wedding and the next chapter of their lives together.
- Praise God for alumni and friends who continue to support students through scholarship funds, enabling them to attend Sterling College.

- Pray for students that are currently job-searching and applying to graduate schools. Pray that God would lead and that the Holy Spirit would work in the lives of these students to do great things for Christ.
- Pray for Rishawn Austin, convergent technology specialist, and the critical role he plays on campus. Praise God for his unwavering demonstration of servant leadership.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for all the coaches in our athletic department. Pray that they would reach student athletes and show how Sterling is discernibly different and proud to serve Christ in our athletic pursuits.
- Thank God for His creation on this first day of spring!
  "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
  The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2
  Corinthians 5:17, ESV
- Each day on campus, letters, packages and parcels arrive for Brian Foster, mailroom supervisor, and his team to deliver. Say a prayer of thanks for his service to the Sterling community.
- Pray for the Sterling College Alumni Association as they prepare to launch an Alumni Mission Trip program in 2017. Pray that God will reveal to them alumni missionaries and others that might be able to assist with hosting an international mission trip for alumni.
- Pray for travel mercies for our softball team as they travel to Winfield, Kansas, to compete against Southwestern College today.
- Pray for families as they plan and prepare for the Easter season. Pray hearts would focus on Christ's free gift and sacrifice
- "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split." Matthew 27:50-51, ESV
- Please pray for the student mission teams as they prepare to serve around the world; may God grant them peace and favor.
- "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27, ESV
- Pray for Debbie Staton, bookstore manager, and her team as they prepare for the end of the semester and graduation.
- Praise God for the members of the Sterling College Alumni Council. Pray that they will be faithful in seeking His will for alumni programming.
- Praise God for the blessings He has given you. Take time to reflect and express your gratitude for the gifts and mercies He has extended to you.
- Pray that we will continue to put God first in all that we do today and every day.

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