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JULY

- 1** We are thankful for another year and for the resources available to provide a high-quality, Christian education to over 700 students. Pray that we will be good stewards of finances and people.
- 2** We are thankful for all the faculty and staff that served Sterling College this past year and pray many blessings and God's provision on their endeavors.
- 3** As alumni look to send their children to college, pray that Sterling will be an option they consider.
- 4** Praise God that we live in a country where we can freely praise the Lord and teach about Him in our classrooms.

Lift up our new resident directors and resident assistants as they prepare for their new leadership roles this school year.
- 5** Pray that God will prepare their hearts and minds to the things they will experience - cultivating relationships with peers, managing challenging behaviors and situations, and managing their own personal needs.
- 6** Pray for our students over summer break. Pray that their time with friends and family will be a time of renewal and fond fellowship.
- 7** Pray for all our employees today as they manage time with the Lord, family, friends and work.
- 8** Praise God for our church leaders as they seek to teach us about His living Word.
- 9** Pray that the seeds of hope and love planted throughout the year are growing in the hearts of our students over the summer.
- 10** We are thankful that the Lord continues to attract students to Sterling College, that we have the opportunity to serve students in a variety of ways – spiritually, relationally and academically.

Pray for students arriving to campus for the first time this fall; ask that God will grant them peace as they prepare for this new and exciting journey. Pray that their transition will be full of peace and that God will surround them with encouraging and supportive peers and adults.
- 11** Pray for our faculty as they seek creative ways to integrate faith into their classroom for the 2015-16 school year.
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- 13** Praise God for the alumni who work with our students to provide internship opportunities.

Pray for our information technology team of Lance O'Donnell and Mykeal Pitts as they seek innovative ways to better serve faculty, staff and students through technology. We are so very thankful for their service to the College.
- 14** Pray for the volunteer leaders who elected to help plan their class reunion during Homecoming. Pray that God will grant them a spirit of creativity and favor as they plan their special celebration.
- 15** Pray for favor, strength and genuine hearts as our admission counselors work with students still deciding where to go to college.
- 16** Please pray a covering of protection and good health for our students over summer break.

Pray for the students who have been on mission trips this summer. Praise God for their willingness to serve; pray that the things they learned and experienced will forever be in their hearts as they continue to seek ways to serve others locally and around the world.
- 17** Pray for farmers in and around Sterling as they work through summer harvest; pray for safety, strength and peace.
- 18** Pray for our Service Department as they work in all of our academic buildings to finish final preparations for the new school year.

Ask God to prepare the hearts and minds of those speaking at chapel this year – pray that their teachings would complement the things the Lord is preparing in the hearts of the students.
- 19** Pray for students and their families who are concerned about finances for the upcoming school year. Pray that their needs may be met.
- 20** Lift up our coaches; pray that God will grant them wisdom as they prepare for their upcoming seasons. We are thankful for their dedication and commitment to the students of Sterling College.
- 21** Pray for our new employees and their families; ask God to grant them favor as they integrate in to a new community.
- 22** Pray for our students who will be in their clinical teaching experience this fall, that they will have strong and encouraging leaders around them to build them up and prepare them to lead their own classrooms.
- 23** Pray for Scott Carter, Gary Kempf, Tina Wohler and Dennis Dutton, members of the President's Cabinet, as they provide updates and suggestions to Scott Rich.
- 24** Praise God for His provision and favor as many graduates from the Class of 2015 were accepted to graduate school. Pray a special blessing over their new adventures.
- 25** Lift up all of our faculty and staff, that each one would be able to build a relationship with students coming to campus next school year. Pray for wisdom and direction.
- 26** Praise God for President Scott Rich's leadership; pray that he will continue seek God in all the decisions he makes for this institution.
- 27** Our resident assistants move to campus today! Pray for safe travels, peace and understanding as they begin training for their new leadership roles.

Pray for Teryn Irvin as she facilitates a Mental Health First Aid Training seminar to resident directors, resident assistants and student life personnel. Pray that the participants will have the courage to ask questions about mental wellness and that they may confidently use the training they receive to help their peers who appear to be struggling.
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AUGUST

- 1** As faculty and staff wind down their summer break and prepare for the school year, pray that they will be reminded that their service is for the glory of God who works through us to accomplish His tasks and goals; may they approach every task with a humble heart, willing to let Him take control.
- 2** Praise God for the churches in our area that support and lift up our employees and students throughout the year. Pray that our students might find a home-away-from-home church to attend while at Sterling College.
- 3** Pray for Renee Dodson, administrative assistant for academic affairs, as the new school year begins.
- 4** Faculty return today to begin a two-day retreat. Pray for God's hand to be in the middle of all that they do as they cultivate new relationships and discuss the future of academics for Sterling College.
- 5** Pray that God's mercy and grace may prevail on campus in all professional relationships.
- 6** Orientation staff moves in today! Praise God for their willingness to return to campus early to welcome new students and their families.
- 7** Lift up Rochelle Prather, director of dining services, and the food service team as they prepare for the incoming students and employees. May God bless their work.
- 8** Pray for our fall athletes as they arrive on campus today. Ask God to be with them as they begin practices and work with new teammates; may God be at the center of all that they do.
- 9** As students begin to arrive on campus, pray that the Holy Spirit will go before them and prepare a spirit of joy, laughter, friendship, patience and love in all dorm rooms across campus.
- 10** Lift up our coaches and fall athletes as they begin their season.
We are thankful that God has already begun preparing the minds and hearts of students returning this fall. Pray that students will be eager to discover more about His word and responsive to God's prompting.
- 11** Ask God to prepare the hearts of those willing and able to become foster families to our students this school year.
- 12** Praise God for his abounding love and joy!
Pray for the couples who were married this summer and are returning to campus for school. Pray that God will be in the middle of all that they do as they navigate their first year of marriage while being also being a student.
- 13** We welcome new students to campus today! Pray for safety as they travel and move in to their dorm. Pray that this will be an exciting time for the incoming students and their families.
- 14** New Student Orientation kicked-off yesterday, pray that God will bless this time that students have together to get acclimated to campus, roommates, peers and other campus leaders.
- 15** Thank God for Tina Wohler, vice president for student life, and her leadership as she leads our resident directors and resident assistants through diverse, and often complex, challenges.
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- 18** Pray for the students still contemplating whether or not to attend Sterling College. Pray that God will reveal to them His plan, and if it is Sterling, pray that those students will receive favor in getting the paperwork complete and their class schedule finalized.
- 19** Classes begin today! Pray for peace and direction as faculty and students begin their academic year.
- 20** Ask God to encourage and support our new faculty as they get acquainted with the students at Sterling and their fellow faculty members.
- 21** Praise God for Christian Dashiell and his commitment to fostering a positive and encouraging chapel program at Sterling College that brings students to Christ.
- 22** Justin Morris and Brandon Ponchak welcome back former soccer players for their annual alumni soccer game. Pray that this will be a blessed time of fellowship and fun.
- 23** Ask God to give our seniors peace and clarity of mind as they begin their senior year.
- 24** Pray for all of those involved with planning Homecoming as they finalize the details.
- 25** Thank God for Athletic Director Gary Kempf and his leadership; pray that he will continue to lean on and trust God as he leads his team of coaches this year.
- 26** Pray that God will instill a spirit of giving in alumni and friends who are financially at a place to give to the College but might not have been able to give before now.
- 27** Pray for Janet Caywood, Kendra Grizzle and student workers in the registrar's office as they work with students who are changing their class schedule. Pray for patience, wisdom and clarity.
- 28** Praise God for Jack Dillard and the Christian leadership he provides to the cross country team. Pray that his team will continue to grow and be examples of Christian competitors.
- 29** Pray for safety as our volleyball team travels to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, for competition.
- 30** Pray for students who are struggling with their faith; ask God to bring someone into their life to speak truth, to support them and to love them for who He has created them to be.
- 31** New students may begin feeling homesick around this time as classes have started and they may feel overwhelmed. Pray for peace in their decision to attend Sterling and for friendship as they build new relationships.

SEPTEMBER

- 1** Pray for Adrian Rocha and Jamie Tilton in our Student Government Association, as they lead and make decisions for our student body.
- 2** Pray for Jessica Boor, cheerleading coach, and the cheerleading squad as they prepare for their season; pray for strength, patience and safety.
- 3** Pray for students in unhealthy relationships; may God's mercy and grace fall upon them and may restoration begin to take place in these relationships.
- 4** Praise God for the friendships established between our students and foster families; may they continue to grow and flourish this school year.
- 5** Pray for Head Football Coach Andy Lambert and his staff as they lead the Warriors onto the field today and throughout the rest of the season.
- 6** Pray for the leaders of our county making decisions that affect higher education.
- 7** Thank God for the alumni and friends who give sacrificially to support Sterling College's mission and desire to provide a high-quality, Christian education.
- 8** Pray for our advancement staff as they are on the road visiting with friends and donors of the College: Sheila Bird, Scott Carter, Luke Cureton and Dr. Marv Dewey.
- 9** Pray for the soccer teams as they travel to Manhattan to play against Manhattan Christian College.
- 10** Tonight, Sterling College Theatre opens their first play of the season, "The Foreigner." Pray for all those involved with the production.
Pray for Loida Leone, campus counselor, as she gets acquainted with students. Pray that God will give her words to speak as she tends to the emotional and mental health needs of students across campus.
- 11** Thank God for the weekends to spend with family and friends.
- 12** Praise God for our alumni serving in missions around the globe. Pray that the Lord will grant them all what they need to carry out His mission today.
- 13** Pray for the Office of Financial Aid as it continues to work with students securing grants, scholarships and loans – Tina McFerrin, Mitzi Suhler and Sara Taverner.
- 14** Pray for the planning committee preparing for the Freeman Lecture Series on October 30 with Nancy Ortberg. Pray that God will bring new friends to attend the lecture and related activities.
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- 16** Pray that students will be welcomed with open arms into new church homes in the Sterling area.

- 17** As Chaplain Christian Dashiell walks through the passages of Romans with our students, pray that the students' hearts will be open to the lifestyle changes God may ask them to make.
Pray for our alumni who are working in churches and parachurch organizations across the country. Pray that they will speak words of truth as they build community relationships and act as shepherds to God's flock.
- 18** Lift up our football team and coaches as they face off against Kansas Wesleyan University today. Pray for strength and good sportsmanship.
- 19** One month in to the 2015-16 academic year! Pray that our resident directors, John Summit, Jon Earle, Renard Ballard, Eddied Adesodun, Hannah Lambert and Aundraya Garcia will be courageous in reaching out to students in their dorm. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide their thoughts and words as they interact with others.
- 20** Pray for good time management for our employees and students as the semester presses forward.
- 21** Praise God for Campus Nurse Connie Carey. Pray that God will grant her strength and wisdom as she continues to serve our entire campus.
- 22** Thank God for the changing of seasons and the beauty it brings to campus.
- 23** Pray for the students who are struggling emotionally, relationally and academically that they might seek help from Loida Leone, campus counselor, or a trusted professor or staff member
- 24** Pray for our admissions staff as recruiting for next year has begun. Ask God to give them strength as they travel and wisdom when talking to prospective students and families.
- 25** Warrior Fest is today. Pray that this will be a fun time for students and athletes to become acquainted with community members in Sterling, Kansas.
- 26** Praise God for Sterling College. We are thankful that we have the freedom to remain true to our mission in developing creative and thoughtful leaders in a Christian environment.
- 27** Pray the Lord will continue to provide for Sterling College's administrators, donors, employees and volunteers as they continue to teach and demonstrate God's Word to students at Sterling College.
- 28** Lift up our students' parents as they adjust to their son or daughter being away at college – ask the Lord to grant them peace of mind and comfort that their child is in a safe, loving and supportive place.
- 29** Praise God for the conveniences in life that we often take for granted – running water, electricity, heating and cooling, and the Internet.
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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