



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Freedom (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

July is a time to remember our freedom as a country, so Happy July 4th! It is also a time to remember the freedom we as Christians have each day to serve, worship, and praise our God. And a time to remember the freedom we have by having the Lord, Jesus Christ, as our Savior. We are truly blessed! In Kairos, we hear all the time from inmates that they had to go to prison to be free, as they now have Jesus Christ and feel free. It is a reminder of the true freedom we experience as Galatians 5:1 states "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

July is also a time where we have only a few Weekends but much planning for the fall Weekend cycle along with the Continuing Ministry. Thanks for the work and support each month to ensure the Continuing Ministry is active and doing well. It is also the month of Kairos' Annual Conference where more than 300 will gather to learn and share about what God is doing around the world with Kairos. We look forward to seeing each other and celebrating God's freedom together.

Happy 4th and while you eat burgers and hotdogs, let's remember to Savor our freedom in our Savior!

2017 Annual Conference (Tammy Jones, Executive Administrative Assistant)

The 2017 Kairos Annual Conference will be held July 25–29, 2017 at the Hilton Peachtree Conference Center in Peachtree, GA. Registration can be found on the mykairos.org website by using this link:

http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/conference_registration_form_2017.pdf

Annual Conference Workshops

A listing of the conference workshops can be found on the mykairos.org website:

http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/conference_workshop_descriptions_2017.pdf

Annual Conference Travel

If the International Office has not yet received your flight information to/from the Annual Conference, please contact Jan@kpmi.org or call the office at 407-629-4948.

Agape Contacts Reminder

A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is now available on the

mykairos.org website. This information is compiled from the Weekend information that is posted on the Kairos Kalendar and is available in Excel format. You will be able to cut and paste all of the contact email addresses into your email instead of cutting and pasting each one individually. We hope this will make the exchanging of Agape much less cumbersome. In order for this to be effective, please post your Weekends well in advance of their actual dates and ensure your Agape contact and their email address are included in the posting. To access this information, please go to: <http://www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html> and click on 'Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends.'

Board of Directors Update (Vicki Spurgeon, Board Chair)

As we prepare to celebrate the 4th of July across this country, we remember those who served and sacrificed so that we can enjoy freedom and independence. We often celebrate with a gathering of family and friends in communities to share laughter, food, and fun.

In our Christian faith, we give thanks for the ultimate sacrifice that Christ made for all of us. His blood that was shed for us gives us freedom like no other, no matter where we live, or what our circumstances. Instead of independence, however, we seek to become dependent upon and look to our Lord for guidance each day of our walk with him.

In Kairos, we also have a vision of freedom. As we look forward we strive to see "a community spiritually freed from the effects of imprisonment reaching all impacted by incarceration, through the love, hope and faith found in Jesus Christ." As we work together we cannot forget that this vision includes each Kairos volunteer as well as those impacted by incarceration. And, indeed, the freedom envisioned can only be achieved through the love, hope, and faith found in Jesus Christ. I thank our Heavenly Father for each of you as we share this vision with others.

"But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

International Council Update (John Miller, International Council President)

It's the 1st of July and only 25 days until we meet in Atlanta! The theme of the conference is "Being Present." There's a lot to those two words. Yes, being present is being there, but being present is also being attentive, involved, and supportive. As we have different meetings and workshops, please remember that the meetings and workshops are for your benefit to know what is happening within the ministry and how you can apply the things we will be showing to help you. Regardless of whether you are an officer of the Advisory Council, State Chapter Committee, the International Council, or none of these, it is our responsibility to be able to glean as much information from these meetings and workshops as we can, so that we can take them back to your states and help them become excellent.

The officers of your International Council will be stepping down this year since our term of office is coming to a close. It has been our honor to work with and serve you and look forward to your new leadership. We wish you safe travels to Atlanta and can't wait to meet you there.

Men's Ministry Update (Craig Combs, Men's Ministry Coordinator)

In becoming a staff member at Kairos, my life changed dramatically. Oh, I don't mean that I threw away, gave away, and packed up and moved. I don't mean that I traded roads covered with snow for beaches covered with sand. I don't mean I moved from Indiana to Florida. What I mean is that I moved from being a "go-er" to a "sender"...I was a go-er into prison, I am now a sender (of others) into prison. That has probably been the biggest change in my life...and one that could trip me up if I let it. I loved going into the prison for Kairos events. However, I am slowly learning to love supporting others who go into prisons.

I think we all are go-ers, senders, and probably a third option of those who are neither going nor sending. I challenge you to be a sender. Take a Kairos Weekend off from being a go-er and become a sender. Support those going in through prayer, money, cookies, and recruiting. Why not try three on (go-er) and one off (sender)? The senders are very important. Society might make one feel that only go-ers are important, but that is not true! Senders help the go-ers to be successful. Without send-ers there can be no go-ers. Help your Kairos community become successful by being a sender as well as a go-er!

Women's Ministry Update (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator)

Focus of S.W.A.P. Groups - I recently had a conversation with someone about the formation and focus of Kairos Outside S.W.A.P. (Share, Witness, Account, Pray) groups, and it seems there is some confusion among Kairos Outside volunteers about what our S.W.A.P. groups should be focused on when they meet.

The purpose of Kairos Outside is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have been impacted by incarceration. This demonstration of love and support begins on the Kairos Outside Weekend and continues to grow as our Guests participate in small (3-5 people) support groups, and through small group sharing which should also be taking place at Reunions.

S.W.A.P. groups should be using the Kairos Outside S.W.A.P. card when they meet. The groups should be focused on sharing what the members of the group have learned since the last meeting, what has helped them to have a better understanding of Christ's love, and what Christ is calling them to do in their everyday lives.

Group members should share the choices they each want to make in the future and the direction they want their life to go, so that their relationship with Christ will grow and be stronger. During their time together the group should witness to times when they felt Christ's love in their lives, and they should also witness and talk about times when they tried to help someone else recognize God's love. They should be talking about or witnessing to times when it was hard to show God's love to someone else.

Each member of the group should account for their progress (or lack of progress) in doing what they told the group they would do to grow, and better show God's love to others. And finally, every S.W.A.P. group meeting should include a time of prayer.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Reslover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

Kairos Torch has signed Memorandums of Understandings with the Okeechobee Youth Development Center in Florida and the Swanson Center for Youth at Monroe in Louisiana. Weekends are being planned for early next year. Please keep these new Advisory Councils and the team members in your prayers.

Is Your Weekend Listed?

If your upcoming 2017 Weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration on the www.mykairos.org website so we can adequately publicize your Weekend. **This is especially important for #1 Weekends.** We create a banner-type advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends.

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