



“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

He is Risen (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

At Easter, we remember the sacrifice our Lord and Savior made for us and we celebrate His resurrection. His death and resurrection not only fulfilled the prophecies, He opened the way for our personal relationship with Him.

Our relationship with Jesus Christ is what leads us, both personally and as the body making up the Kairos ministry, to reach out to others also in need of the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Our hope is alive because He is Risen!

Let's keep in mind that His final direction to his disciples was to go make disciples...which Kairos does through our complete program of Weekends + Continuing Ministry for those impacted by incarceration.



Save The Date!

2018 Annual Conference

July 24th – July 28th

Hyatt Regency Dulles, Herndon, VA

Registration Forms and Preliminary Agenda:

mykairos.org/conference_registration.html

Board of Directors Update (Terry Crockett, Board Chair)

Christ Has Risen! Christ Has Risen, Indeed!

Luke 24:34, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”

Let us celebrate the “Good News” of Easter because of what our Lord and Savior has done and continues to do for each of us. Many Kairos Weekends are taking place during this time of year; which gives us the opportunity to show the light of Christ Jesus to many.

Thanks to each of you for being the light and representing our Lord in His love for all with no exceptions. You are making a difference in the lives of Guests and Participants; if you don't believe it, just listen at the closing to their stories. Please go and tell what Jesus has done during the Weekends and is doing in the Continuing Ministry of all three programs.

Recently, a person asked what can they do for the ministry and my answer was: to pray for us. We need prayer and to be spirituality prepared for each Weekend, let us always lift each other up in

prayer. I am praying for each of us, "God, help us Listen to you, Listen to others, Love you, and Love others."

International Council Update (Tom McCarty, International Council President)

"Of course I know what a board is and does. But what's this IC that's a part of the ministry?" I'm sure many of you have been asked that question. In a very brief summary, here are the essential differences.

The KAIROS BOARD is legally charged with transacting the business of the ministry. More specifically, it is specifically charged with (1) providing policy direction, (2) ensuring adequate resources, (3) providing oversight, and (4) ensuring proper financial and fiduciary reporting, including an audit for the ministry. In simple terms, it governs. Its operating document is the Bylaws of the ministry.

The INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL (IC) partners with the CEO and staff to advise and assist the carrying out of supervision of the ministry programs. In partnership with the CEO and staff, it also shapes the programs that have been approved by the board. It assists the CEO to ensure that the policies of the board are followed. Finally, it advises the CEO on ways to enhance communication within the ministry. Additional responsibilities include (1) electing the board/ratifying board-selected members, (2) ratifying the board's selection of a CEO, (3) providing advice to the board, (4) providing input concerning the CEO's job performance (if requested), and (5) enacting amendments to the ministry's Bylaws. In other words, it is in charge of programs. It operates in accordance with its International Council Operating Procedures.

I hope this clarifies the differences in tasks.

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

2018 is looking like a great year for Kairos. There are 12 #1 Kairos Weekends in the first half alone! Please go to the <http://mykairos.org/kalendar.html> and make an effort to support these groups by prayer and agape. It is a lot of hard work getting a new prison to the point of having the first Weekend, and it is a lot more work to do a #2 Weekend to keep the momentum going. This is incredibly exciting!

Since there are so many new facilities, I want to talk about Advanced Kairos Training. It is a great tool to help Weekend leaders learn the why's of the Kairos program so they can go home and effectively train their teams. Volunteers need to feel comfortable and confident in the job they have been called to do. There are always new folks on new teams who need to be trained and shown grace when they don't automatically know something. Please come along these people and encourage them. We need them!

I want to challenge you to be working towards next year...I know that sounds crazy but we need to be planning so that folks on your leadership track - who are going to lead in 2019 and 2020, get the necessary experience to lead and start looking at when they can go to Advanced Kairos Training. While you are at <http://mykairos.org/kalendar.html> looking at the #1 Weekends, please look at the AKT schedule for 2018, so you can plan ahead for next year's needs.

Please read the descriptions for each location and note that there is a registration cutoff two weeks ahead of the event (which allows us to get the paperwork completed and the necessary materials shipped.) Notice what attendees should take with them (Program Manuals!) and that they need to stay until noon on Sunday to get completion credit for attending. All this will help planning go a little smoother for the Advisory Councils, the AKT coordinators, the attendees, and ya, for me too. Thanks for all you do!

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

Never Underestimate What God Can Do

Recently I was invited to speak at my church about Kairos. I was excited, and began planning my presentation. I thought about presenting a video, and having the Program Coordinators come, and I was very thrilled about what they were going to let us do.

But, in the end, we didn't present a video, the other Program Coordinators did not come, and I got to speak for 2 minutes during the service.

At first, I was flabbergasted, I thought, "How can one adequately talk about Kairos in 2 minutes?" But as I stood on the stage God took over. I stated the Mission of Kairos, talked about the many volunteer opportunities we have, and shared 3 powerful testimonies.

Because of speaking 2 minutes at 3 services, the church has received 25 inquiries about volunteering for Kairos, 4 ladies have asked me about attending Kairos Outside, the church has pledged \$100.00 a month to the ministry, and they have included Kairos in the materials they give their new members. We are listed as a local volunteer opportunity, a way to fulfil Matthew 25:36.

Recruiting new volunteers, and Guests is every Kairos volunteer's responsibility. We need to be recruiting all year round – not just several months before a Weekend. The Kairos method calls for the team to be made up of one-third NEW, first-time volunteers. The life and success of the ministry depends on active recruitment by our volunteers.

Be on the look-out for opportunities to speak about Kairos, always be ready to share a testimony about how God moves and works on our Weekends and because of our continuing presence. There are plenty of recruitment tools available at mykairos.org.

And never underestimate what God can do, even if you only have 2 minutes.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

A gentle reminder to all Kairos Torch Weekend Leaders that "Ezra", the required Kairos Leader's Assistant software tool, is now available. Ezra is a wonderful assistant to the overworked Weekend Leader and puts all of the training/weekend materials and tools at your fingertips.

To order EZRA, complete the EZRA Order Form found at http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/ezra_order_form.pdf. Return instructions are on the form and if you have any questions you may call 407-629-4948 (ext. 21).

Agape Contacts

A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is 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 so that you can easily download it. 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."

New Documents Available on MyKairos.org

Agape from North Carolina

Agape from Virginia

New Kairos Outside Video

Kairos Facebook Group

Many items of interest such as upcoming Weekends, prayer requests, and inspirational stories are shared in our Kairos Facebook group. If you aren't already a member, you can request being added here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational>

Is Your Weekend Listed?

If your upcoming Weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration on the www.mykairos.org website so we can publicize your Weekend. **This is especially important for #1 Weekends.** We create a banner advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends on mykairos.org, and we actively promote #1 Weekends through local media and social media.

Spanish Translation of the E-News

A Spanish translation of E-News (E-Noticias) is also published monthly. If you would like to view previous issues or subscribe to future E-News in Spanish, please go to: http://www.mykairos.org/news_enevs-sp.html

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