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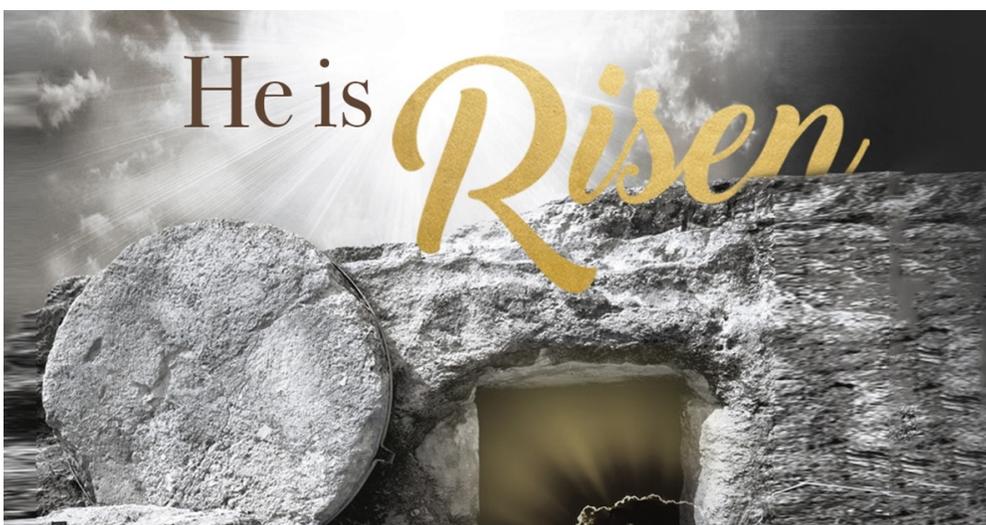
Happy Easter - He is Risen!

As Kairos begins to re-open, with Continuing Ministry being planned in many locations and Weekends in a few, we are so thankful for the Lord carrying us through this past year. A year ago we would never have imagined where we would be in 2021. We have been blessed in many ways and God is going to use all of this for His glory. I trust we will have even more opportunities to do our full program (Weekends + Continuing Ministry) and help impact lives with the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. At Easter, we remember what He did for us – death on the Cross, on the third day He rose again, ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father. Every day we remember He is our Lord and provider and we trust that He will bless his people and his ministry of Kairos. So as we go forward, remember to “Find the Blessing” and share it, so we are praising Him day and night. Look for the opportunities He is putting in our path and let’s ensure we are ready with the people, training, and funds needed to conduct Kairos programs with excellence.

Blessings,

Evelyn Lemly, CEO

“Every day we remember He is our Lord and provider and we trust that He will bless his people and his ministry of Kairos.”



“You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen; he is not here.” Mark 16:6

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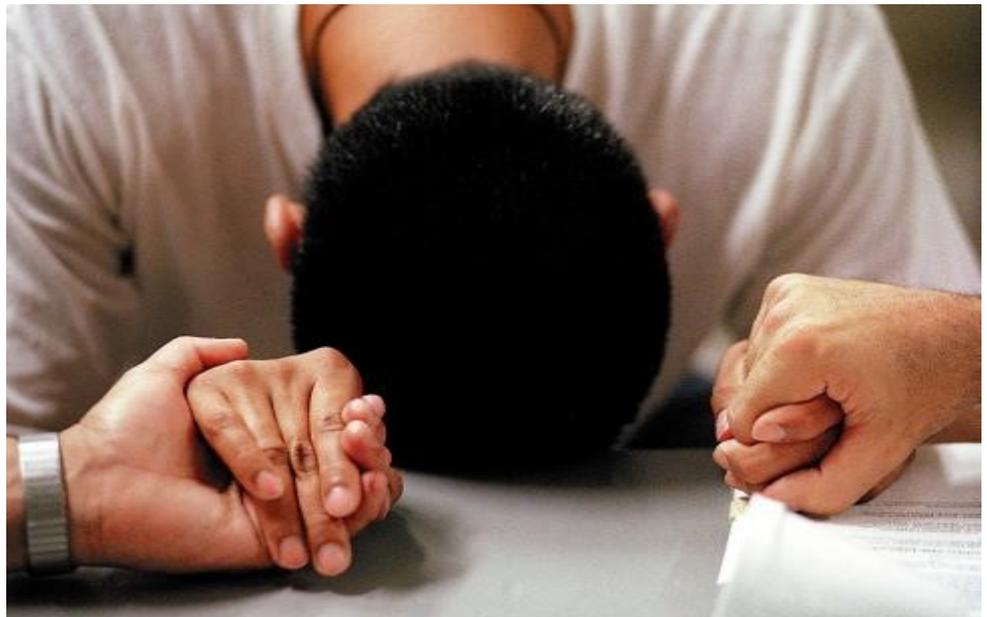
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Continuing Ministry is the Heart of Kairos

45 years ago when Kairos began, the founders clearly stated that the Weekend is the prep work and the rest of the program is where the real change happens. How are we doing today with making real change happen in the lives of those we serve? God has given us a true opportunity to get our full program in line as most locations will be allowed to go in slowly. This means the first things we will be able to do are Prayer and Share and Reunions for Kairos Inside which require fewer people. Let's make sure we are not missing this great opportunity to reinforce the messages and help those who have already attended Weekends to grow and further live out their relationship with Christ. After all, that's what a 4th day ministry like Kairos is – living it out each day thereafter.

This emphasis on Continuing Ministry also applies to Kairos Outside (S.W.A.P Meetings and Reunions) and Kairos Torch (Mentoring and Reunions). The importance of ensuring we conduct the Continuing Ministry of all programs well is how we share the forgiveness and love of Jesus and impact lives for the men, women, and youth right where they are.

Kairos will be making an even bigger emphasis on Continuing Ministry for the three program starting immediately, with this wonderful opportunity to restart our programs with Continuing Ministry. We will begin tracking attendance to Continuing Ministry events in KairosMessenger. Training for the Continuing Ministry Coordinator will be launched soon and the simple steps of reporting will be shared. This will let us know the Continuing Ministry elements we are doing and the attendance numbers, which affords us the opportunity to enhance the impact on the individual and the community they are in. Long term, this information helps support the sharing of the recidivism and reentry impact of Kairos to Department of Corrections/Department of Juvenile Justice and others.

If Continuing Ministry is the heart of Kairos then let's take it more serious, and let's ensure we are doing it well and honoring God in our service daily.



Union CI Kairos Inside Weekend #88 Was a Success!

The first ever Weekend was held at Union Correctional Institute in Raiford Florida 45 years ago, and now the first Kairos Inside Weekend in the United States in over a year was held at Union CI. Sometimes God sends a clear signal such as this that can't be mistaken!

The Weekend itself was largely the same, with the most obvious difference that only 18 Participants were signed up as opposed to the usual of up to 42. The program was still presented according to the Program Manual and the reactions of the participants were similar as well, very emotional and powerful. The feelings for the Kairos Volunteers was stronger than most Weekends as everyone appreciated how special each and every Kairos Weekend is, and the journey they had all been on was a unique challenge.

18 Participants graduated on Sunday. Four Families sat in 9 member groups around tables, with the tables themselves being socially distanced a bit more than usual. Masks were worn by everyone as they moved about the room, and regularly scheduled cleaning and sanitizing breaks were worked into the days. The warden visited twice, which has never happened, and offered to help and the correctional staff was very accommodating. At closing, the 18 Kairos Graduates attended, but guests were limited as a COVID restriction capped capacity to 50 people in the room.

Praise God that Kairos was able to "re-start" the Kairos Inside Program where it all started 45 years prior. All this time away has provided the perspective of how important each and every Kairos Weekend is and how much both the Participants and Volunteers gain from the experience.

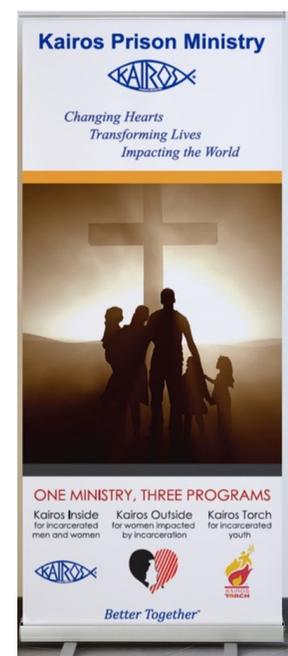
"The best three days of my adult life"

Union CI #88 Participant

New Banner Stand Store is Open

Kairos has changed banner stand vendors to lower the cost, increase the ease of ordering, and the products available. All banner orders are now able to be made directly online at <https://kairos.go.customprintcenter.com>. Create a login and see what predesigned Kairos designs are available to order.

Enhance your State and Advisory Council recruiting by ordering predesigned retractable banners, whether table top or full height, table runners, or table coverings, all at lower costs than before, plus free shipping! Discuss these options with your Advisory Council as recruiting will be a huge priority when Kairos fully re-opens.



It's Tax Season Donate to Kairos and Reduce Your Tax Burden

As we all file our taxes, some of us may receive a larger tax bill than anticipated, or a smaller refund than expected. Let Kairos help you find one of the many ways to support our ministry and save on your taxes.

There are a number of ways to make a planned gift to Kairos including the donation of appreciated stocks, the gifting of IRA & 401k distributions, gifts of life insurance policies, and more.

To learn more about how you can save on your taxes by making a planned gift to Kairos, please contact us at legacy@kpmi.org, by calling 407-529-4948, or visiting www.kairoslegacy.org.

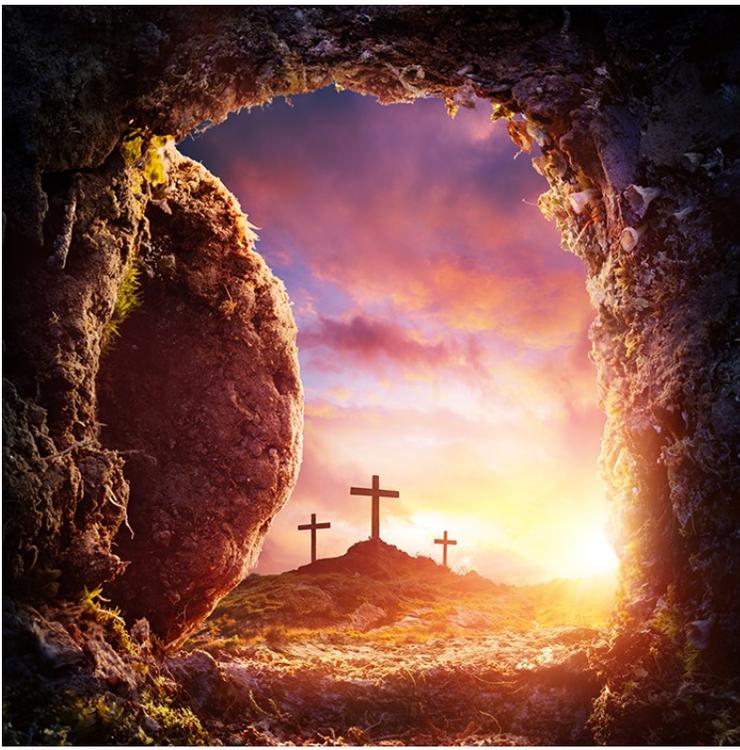


Find the Blessing

In 2021 we are focused on how to “Find the Blessing.” We know God is in control and is using all of us to work for His purposes. We want to share across Kairos all the wonderful things that are happening, especially when we cannot be fully doing the ministry as we had planned.

Share with us your stories of blessings you have found in Kairos so we can share them with our entire Kairos Family. As you read the articles below you will see we have many blessings at Kairos – what’s yours?

- The Sumter CI team went into the facility for the January Reunion for the first time in 10 months! Only two volunteers were allowed inside and 9 brothers-in-blue were able to attend, but everyone had an awesome experience of prayer, sharing, teaching and praise. The team returned again in February and had six volunteers and 29 brothers-in-blue! An even better time of prayer, sharing and teaching with great music and praise. The entire Sumter CI team is doing as much Continuing Ministry as possible and plans on having an in-person Reunion every month with hopefully more Volunteers and Graduates attending each month. The brothers-in-blue missed Kairos and were excited to see Kairos return. All of the COVID protocols were followed and still everyone enjoyed the visit. Kairos of Connecticut has been holding a monthly volunteer call for Kairos Volunteers across the state to gather and share their experiences while also having prayer, music, and testimony.
- Although unable to be together physically for health safety, Kairos Outside of Colorado has shown God’s Love to former and future Kairos Weekend Guests, as well as our Weekend planning team, by sending small agape gifts monthly throughout 2020 and 2021. Staying connecting with the Kairos Outside community has maintained and strengthened both the Guests and Volunteers during these difficult months.



Find the Blessing

- The State Chapter Committee and the Advisory Councils in Maine recently undertook an effort to contact all active and many inactive volunteers to determine how they were doing and to ask for any of their prayer requests for the ministry. Following this, Vice Chair Russ Halm lead a Zoom prayer event where the prayer requests were shared. The participants also spoke about the blessings they received from their involvement in Kairos. The Kairos of Maine Volunteers are currently sending Agape letters to every Graduate who remains inside at this time. Those letters are intended to share God's Love with the inmates, provide encouragement, let them know they are not forgotten and are in our prayers.
- The Kairos team at Western Tennessee State Penitentiary went through the inside supplies and pulled out placemats accumulated over the last few Weekends. They were sorted, stamped with a Kairos stamp, and over 700 were delivered to the prison. It is a great idea to pass this along to other Advisory Councils as a way to keep Kairos in the thoughts of those on the inside. The prison chaplain thought this was a GREAT idea.
- A Sunday school class was using a program called Adult Bible Studies for their weekly lessons. In one week's lesson, called "Physical Holiness", the author mentions Kairos in a very positive way. Here is one of her quotes – "It is a powerful image to think of the members of a Kairos team as temples of the Holy Spirit going into the prison environment to be the physical presence of the Holy Spirit". What an amazing blessing as lots of people around the country/world who studied this lesson got a glimpse of the spiritual power of Kairos.

[See More Blessings](#)

Kairos Outside of Southern Alabama Weekend #4

After being rescheduled twice, God's Weekend happened and man did He show out! Like all communities, we spent extra time preparing and keeping all involved safe. We were diligent about making sure everything was sanitized and we rearranged how we did meals. God had just the right number of guests for us. We were able to give them personal attention and God really met each one where she was. God was the ONE who held the Weekend in the palm of His Hand. We prayed and asked for His Presence and He came. To God be the glory! We all have a grateful heart for being able to have Weekend #4.



Official Kairos Apparel and Promotional Items



Kairos Prison Ministry Store - www.kpmistore.com

The newly launched Kairos online store offers a variety of apparel including t-shirts, polo shirts, hats, and jackets in both male and female models, plus an ever growing number of promotional items such as canvas bags, water bottles, and more!

Kairos Threads - www.kairosthreads.com

Bob and Diane Crane have volunteered with Kairos Prison Ministry for over 10 years and since 2012 have produced quality, custom machine-embroidered Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch apparel and accessories.

New Thread Designs Etsy Shop

Longtime Kairos volunteer Scott Maycumber offers a variety of quality Kairos products in his [Etsy store](#).



AKT Refresher Courses Available for Registration

Kairos is currently offering Advanced Kairos Training Refresher Courses, with registration open now. These virtual courses are for Weekend Leaders, Observing Leaders, and Advising Leaders who had already gone to AKT but their Weekends were cancelled due to COVID. **These are not a replacement for AKT. If you have yet to attend an AKT, do not register for a refresher course.** Each course is limited to 30 participants and **registration is required**. Register soon to ensure your place in your preferred course by clicking on the course and submitting your registration information online. More AKT Refresher courses will be added if needed due to high demand.

[Kairos Outside: Sat Apr. 10, 12:00 pm - 4:00](#)

[Kairos Outside: Wed Apr. 21, 12:00 pm - 4:00](#)

[Kairos Outside: Wed May 12, 12:00 pm - 4:00](#)

[Kairos Outside: Sat May 22, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Torch: Sat May 22, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Inside: Wed May 26, 9:00 am - 11:30](#)

[Kairos Torch: Thurs May 27, 5:00 pm - 9:00](#)

[Kairos Torch: Sat June 12, 12:00 pm - 4:00](#)

[Kairos Inside: Mon June 14, 12:30 pm - 3:00](#)

[Kairos Inside: Thurs June 24, 9:00 am - 11:30](#)

[Kairos Inside: Thurs Aug 12, 6:30 pm - 9:00](#)

[Kairos Inside: Wed Aug 18, 12:30 pm - 3:00](#)



Gather and Submit Kairos Outside Guest Forms

If the pandemic has kept you locked out of your Kairos Inside or Kairos Torch facility, how can you contribute to Kairos? By referring potential Kairos Guests to your local Kairos Outside Program! The process has been simplified, just direct a potential Guest to www.kairosoutside.org, that's it!

This new page on our website offers the ability to fill out and submit a Kairos Outside Guest Reservation form and submit it to Kairos with no hassle. Any female who is at least 20 years old and either has a loved one in prison or was incarcerated and did not attend Kairos Inside is eligible.

Upcoming Kairos Weekends

Slowly more and more states are easing restrictions and allowing volunteers back into facilities. As such, there are Kairos Weekends on the calendar for this spring. Please pray for each Weekend and consider submitting agape. All Weekends can be found on the [Kairos Kalendar](#).

April 15 - Avon Park # 52 - Kairos Inside - Agape Email davidu1316@comcast.net

April 16 - Kairos Outside Houston #39 - Agape Email mc04399@aol.com

April 16 - Kairos Outside Wichita Falls #24 - Agape Email blairhaile@yahoo.com

April 19 - Adelaide YTC #5 - Kairos Torch - Agape Email torchadelaide@kairos.org.au

April 23 - Kairos Outside North Alabama #44 - Agape Email alford610@yahoo.com

April 30 - Kairos Outside Amarillo #36 - Agape Email kairosoutsideamarillo@gmail.com

April 30 - Kairos Outside Lubbock #20 - Agape Email jmarthisen@sbcglobal.net

May 21 - Kairos Outside North East FL #28 - Agape Email davidnkim05@gmail.com

June 11 - Kairos Outside East Texas #13 - Agape Email chrisjeriannsummerville@hotmail.com

June 25 - Kairos Outside Illinois #7 - Agape Email godsproperty95@yahoo.com

COVID Related Health Requirements

Please remember that for all approved events, the volunteers (and guests for Kairos Outside) must sign the health requirements document. At every meeting, these rules must be reviewed and followed. If someone has been directly exposed to COVID, they must quarantine for 14 days, even if they themselves received a negative test. If a person lives in the same household as someone with COVID, we must be extra careful to adhere to the rules, and the 14 days is from the time all persons are clear from COVID. Facemasks and social distancing is required at Kairos events.



Kairos Institutional Liaison Training

The Institutional Liaison Coordinator for the Advisory Councils of Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch are always important. In 2021, these positions are even more important as we work to reenter the adult and youth facilities. Volunteers, who have done the role, have developed training for the Institutional Liaison Coordinator to better understand the relationship with the facility and key topics to cover, which enables Kairos to operate at it's very best. Sign up for this virtual training by clicking the link and registering. An email confirmation will be sent to you for joining the 1 ½ hour training.

[Kairos Inside: Thurs. Apr. 8, 1:00 pm - 3:30](#)

[Kairos Inside: Tues. Apr. 13, 1:00 pm - 3:30](#)

[Kairos Inside: Sat. Apr. 24, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm](#)

[Kairos Inside: Wed. May 5, 1:00 pm - 3:30](#)

[Kairos Torch: Sat. May 8, 1:00 pm - 3:00](#)

[Kairos Inside: Thurs. May 13, 1:00 pm - 3:30](#)

[Kairos Torch: Thurs. May 13, 6:30 pm - 9:00](#)

[Kairos Inside: Tues. May 18, 6:30 pm - 9:00](#)

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[Kairos Torch: Sat. June 5, 1:00 pm - 3:00](#)

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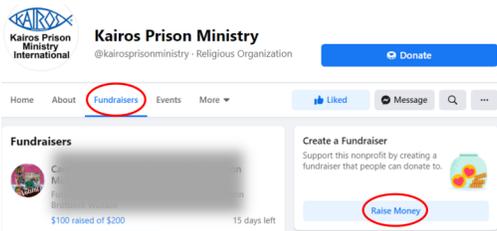
www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational

Advanced Kairos Training Dates

All [Advanced Kairos Trainings](#) are finalized except those in red which are tentative and in the process of being finalized.

- **AKT Amarillo, TX: Apr. 23-25**
(Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)
- **AKT Indianapolis, IN: May 14-16**
(Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)
- **AKT Denver, CO: May 21-23 (Kairos Inside)**
- **AKT Huntsville, TX: June 25-27 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)**
- **AKT Raleigh, NC: July 9-11 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)**
- **AKT Georgia: Aug. 6 OR 13 (Kairos Inside)***
- **AKT Jacksonville, FL: Aug. 20-22**
(Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch)
- **AKT Canton, MS: Sept. 10-12**
(Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch)*
- **AKT Columbus, OH: Oct. 22-24 (Kairos Inside)**
- **AKT Waxahachie, TX: Nov. 19-21**
(Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch)

Raise Funds with Facebook Fundraisers



Take this time to easily raise funds for your Advisory Council so it is fully funded for when it's Kairos Weekends begin again. One simple way to do this is to [setup a Facebook Fundraiser](#) and invite your friends and family to

contribute to our ministry. Unlike most online donation sites, Facebook doesn't take out any fees, so 100% of your donation goes to Kairos. Assistance in setting up your Facebook Fundraiser is [available on MyKairos](#).

P.S. Ensure the Name of your Advisory Council and State are in the title of your Facebook Fundraiser

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