



GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Kairos Prison Ministry E-Newsletter

August 2021

We Found the Blessings at Annual Conference

Find the Blessing! It's our focus, it's our theme for the year. With all the things that are "not normal" and with the struggles and divisions of our world, we must stay focused on the Lord, Jesus Christ in our lives, in every day, and in Kairos. Keep looking towards Him my friends, and see God's Blessings in every moment of our lives!

We had a wonderful Annual Conference. It was great to be together as Kairos again. I am sure we are all feeling blessed to be together as the States, Advisory Councils, and teams gather again. Please continue to be careful and stay safe.

At the Annual Conference, there were many blessings to be found. The feedback was very positive and in general people learned a lot, had great fellowship, were energized, and thankful they could attend. If you came please, share with others around you that could not join us.

One attendee shared this feedback:

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Celebrating Jesus with song.

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- If we came to that Conference tired - we were energized!
- If we came confused because of all the interruptions caused by COVID - we left with the much needed affirmation that Kairos is alive and well and still completing its mission.
- If we came looking for guidance - we were taught and reminded of the riverbanks.
- If we came weary in any format - we heard testimonies that reminded us that nothing is impossible for our God!

One item we focused on at the Conference, was Continuing Ministry and the great opportunities to do more of it as we reopen. We do not want to miss the opportunity to do the full Kairos Program as we reopen and we are restarting with Continuing Ministry. It's a great way to gather the Guests and Graduates and get going again. Don't miss what the Lord is doing.

We trust that you are blessed as we share in this newsletter some of the items from the Annual Conference that can be used throughout the year.

Blessings, Evelyn Lemly, CEO

2nd Annual Legacy Luncheon

During the Annual Conference the 2nd Annual Legacy Luncheon was held to celebrate and thank those who have notified Kairos that they have included the organization in their will. This invitation-only event gave donors an opportunity to enjoy a plated lunch with other Kairos supporters and to be personally thanked for doing their part in ensuring our mission can be fulfilled for years to come.



If you have included Kairos in your will or estate planning, please let us know by emailing legacy@kpmi.org so we can invite you to the 3rd Annual Legacy Luncheon next year. If you would like to learn what options are available to add Kairos to your will, or have questions on how to do so, please call 407-629-4948, visit www.kairoslegacy.com, or email legacy@kpmi.org.

2021 Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Conference

General Session Live Stream Replays

Both the Thursday & Friday General Session Events are available for viewing at mykairos.org/conference.html



Annual Conference Live Stream Replay Available on MyKairos

For those who were not able to attend the Annual Conference, Kairos has posted the live stream replays of the evening General Sessions on MyKairos at www.mykairos.org/conference.html!

Included is an update on the financial and overall well-being of Kairos during the past year, skits, song, and many special guest speakers who tell their incredible stories about how God touched their lives through Kairos and how important our ministry is.



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>. See what predesigned Kairos options are available to order for your Advisory Council.

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.



Continuing Ministry

The Heart of Kairos



Continuing Ministry Tools

As you know, Continuing Ministry is the heart of Kairos and one of the blessings to be found in the pandemic was the opportunity to improve engagement in our Continuing Ministry programs. Many new tools and trainings have been created for everyone who isn't familiar, to learn about the importance of Continuing Ministry and the knowledge needed to serve.

Kairos Inside

- The Kairos Inside Continuing Ministry Workshop along with its slideshow presentation is available at www.mykairos.org/conference.html.
- The new [Continuing Ministry overview video for Kairos Inside](#) is now available on MyKairos.
- A new retreat posted about "Crucial Conversations" along with 12 more 1 or 2-Day retreat talk outlines are available at www.mykairos.org/downloads_ki.html.
- Live virtual Kairos Inside Continuing Ministry training courses covering issues not commonly talked about are now available. Registration is available at www.mykairos.org/training.html. Included are:
 - ◇ A sample Prayer and Share schedule.
 - ◇ How to train Volunteers who enter a correctional facility for formal Prayer and Share.
 - ◇ How to train Kairos Graduates to host a Prayer and Share group.
 - ◇ Confusion is clarified between the grouping time at a Monthly Reunion versus Prayer and Share.
- Use of the Kairos Bibles or Discussion Guide lessons in Kairos Inside Continuing Ministry. There are 52 lessons in the Bible and Discussion Guide.
 - ◇ One lesson can be used as a discussion topic during the grouping time at Monthly Reunions
 - ◇ It can also be used to enhance Prayer and Share, especially on Questions #3 & #6 on the Grouping Card.

Join the Conversation with Kairos on Social Media



Stay in-the know with the updates, activities, testimonies, videos, events, and more on the [Kairos Prison Ministry International Facebook page](#). Like our page today as we strive for 10,000 followers.

The [Kairos Facebook Group](#) is a private page exclusively for Kairos Volunteers with over 5,000 members. It is a safe place to ask questions about Kairos programs, volunteer opportunities, for advice, or to request prayer without the general public having access. Join the conversations within the group and invite your fellow Kairos Volunteers to join in as well.



[Kairos is also on twitter](#), follow us to ensure Kairos information is on your newsfeed so you can join the conversation by commenting or sharing with your followers with a retweet.



[Subscribe to the Kairos YouTube Channel](#) to receive notifications when there is a new Kairos video posted.

Official Kairos Apparel and Promotional Items

Kairos Prison Ministry Store - www.kpmistore.com

The 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, 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](#).



More Continuing Ministry Tools

Kairos Outside

- The Kairos Outside Continuing Ministry Workshop along with its slideshow presentation are available at www.mykairos.org/conference.html. Learn why Continuing Ministry is so important, who has what responsibilities, and how it is conducted.
- S.W.A.P. Strategy is a new document found on www.mykairos.org/downloads_ko.html that details the steps needed to create an effective S.W.A.P. (Share, Witness, Account, Pray).

Kairos Torch

- The Kairos Torch Continuing Ministry Workshop and its corresponding handout and presentation are available at www.mykairos.org/conference.html. Learn how to do Continuing Ministry to benefit the youth through mentoring, which assists them in their journey towards abundant living.
- The Kairos Torch Job Description of Mentors document is available on www.mykairos.org/downloads_kt.html provides the eligibility, responsibilities, and benefits of being a mentor for Kairos Torch.

Find the Blessing



Kairos Obituaries

Let us Pray for & Remember Those Who Have Been Called By God to Heaven

To commemorate our Kairos Family members who have passed away, please visit the [Kairos Obituaries page](#) and view each listing and pray for each of those who have been called to be with our Heavenly Father and for their families who are in mourning.

If there is someone who has passed that should be recognized, please email their obituary to marketing@kpmi.org.

[View all Obituaries](#)

Continuing Ministry Training Available

Kairos now offers virtual Continuing Ministry Training to any Kairos Volunteer who is interested. Continuing Ministry is the heart of Kairos; the Weekends are important, but the introduction to Christianity is not likely to be sustained without reinforcement. With many locations still not able to hold Kairos Weekends, now is a great time to learn more about how you can continue serving.

Click on the link of the date you would like to register for to be taken to the registration page for that training. All Kairos training courses and registration links are listed at www.mykairos.org/training.html.

Kairos Inside

- [Sat. August 7, 9:00 am - 11:00 am](#)
- [Mon. August 16, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm](#)
- [Wed. September 1, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)
- [Wed. October 6, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)
- [Mon. November 15, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

Kairos Torch

- [Sat. August 14, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. August 28, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. September 11, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

Kairos Outside

- [Sat. August 14, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. September 18, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. October 16, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. November 13, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. December 11, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

Kairos Outside Lowcountry Featured on Podcast

The Advisory Council Chair of Kairos Lowcountry in South Carolina, Joyce Harder and our Women's Ministries Coordinator Ruby Burris were delighted to be guests for a podcast called Recidivism Crushers.

The podcast is hosted by Caroline Johnson, a Kairos Inside Graduate, who interviews advocates who are fighting the cycle of prison recidivism. The Kairos Outside episode is [available to listen to online](#), as well as through wherever podcasts are found such as the [Apple Podcast app](#).

It was such a blessing to be able to spread awareness of Kairos to an audience that is ready to accept. This podcast has already blossomed into a partnership with Caroline's non-profit [Tubs of Love](#) and the Kairos Outside Lowcountry team.



Do some research near your location to see if there is a local podcast about prison ministry, service to the community, or Christianity and faith, to see if Kairos can be featured.

Prayer Vigils

In response to the lack of support for the prior prayer vigil website, Kairos has found a new home for Advisory Councils to post and sign up for timeslots, www.prayervigils.net.

Some Advisory Councils have already been using www.prayervigils.net to cover their Kairos Weekends in prayer. The Annual Conference prayer vigil was setup through the website and all timeslots were filled, so the entire conference was covered in prayer 24/7 through its duration. Due to this very successful test run, it is the preferred prayer vigil site for Kairos.

Bookmark www.prayervigils.net and check in to see what Kairos Weekends and events are requesting prayer. There are currently a handful of Advisory Councils asking for prayer for their upcoming Kairos Weekends and many more prayer warriors are needed. Sign up for your time slots today.



AKT Refresher Courses

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. All Kairos training courses and registration links are listed at www.mykairos.org/training.html.

[Kairos Outside: Sat. August 7, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)

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

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

[Kairos Outside: Sat. September 11, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Outside: Sat. October 9, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Outside: Sat. November 6, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Outside: Sat. December 4, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

Kairos Torch 101 Presentations

Kairos Torch 101 is a broad overview of the Kairos youth program from initial volunteer recruitment to mentoring. It is designed to give new volunteers an understanding of the requirements and key elements of Kairos Torch through the use of many visual and interactive demonstrations. This presentation has proven to be an excellent recruiting tool – inspiring and encouraging volunteers to become committed team members and mentors. Kairos Torch 101 is especially beneficial for “new start-up” Weekend Leaders before attending Advanced Kairos Torch Training.

[Saturday, August 14, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

[Saturday, August 28, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)



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 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 through the fall. Please pray for each Weekend and consider submitting agape. **All Weekends can be found on the [Kairos Kalendar](#).**

August 20 - Kairos Outside Southwest FL #24 - Agape Email melanieatfmb@yahoo.com

August 26 - Kairos Inside ODI Prison #22 - Agape Email jurievdspuy@yahoo.com

August 26 - Kairos Inside Wakulla CI #37 - Agape Email cking@ene.com

September 9 - Kairos Inside Jordan Unit #48 - Agape Email janellschumacher@yahoo.com

September 9 - Kairos Inside Women Hilltop Unit #5 - Agape Email cryouttojesus247@yahoo.com

September 10 - Kairos Outside South Coast #4 - Agape Email kowsouthcoast@kairos.org.au

September 10 - Kairos Outside Kansas # 24 - Agape Email janettorkelson@yahoo.com

September 10 - Kairos Outside West KY #5 - Agape Email stephanienimmo73@gmail.com

September 13 - Kairos Inside Parklea CC #11 - Agape Email kiparkleaagape@kairos.org.au

September 16 - Kairos Inside Huntsville Unit #31 - Agape Email huntsvillewalls@gmail.com

September 17 - Kairos Outside Southern IN #21 - Agape Email joanie23simmons@yahoo.com

September 17 - Kairos Outside Northern MS #5 - Agape Email akra1959@gmail.com

Kairos Inside 1 & 2 Day Retreat Talk Outlines

Since some Advisory Councils will be re-opening with Continuing Ministry before they can hold a Weekend, there is a new Retreat posted on MyKairos under the [Kairos Inside Downloads page](#) along with many other Retreat ideas for you to use. Although having a Weekend is the best option, if you can't do that, a retreat would help re-energize the Kairos Graduates and allow for more time interacting with them than a Monthly Reunion.

Included are Retreat topics such as Crucial Conversations, Practical Christian Encouragement, The Lord's Prayer, Forgiveness, Discipleship, Shame, and more available at www.mykairos.org/downloads_ki.html.



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.

Click on the link below for the date you would like to register for to be taken to the registration page for that training. All Kairos training courses and registration links are listed at www.mykairos.org/training.html.

[Kairos Inside: Tue. October 5, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Inside: Tue. November 2, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm](#)

"I attended the Kairos Institutional Liaison Training course through Zoom and it was a great class, the best I have had through Zoom." Joyce White

Stay Updated on Social Media

Stay in touch with your Kairos Family on social media and be the first to find out about updates regarding our ministry.



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www.youtube.com/c/KairosPrisonMinistryOrgIntl



www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational

Advanced Kairos Training Dates & Registration

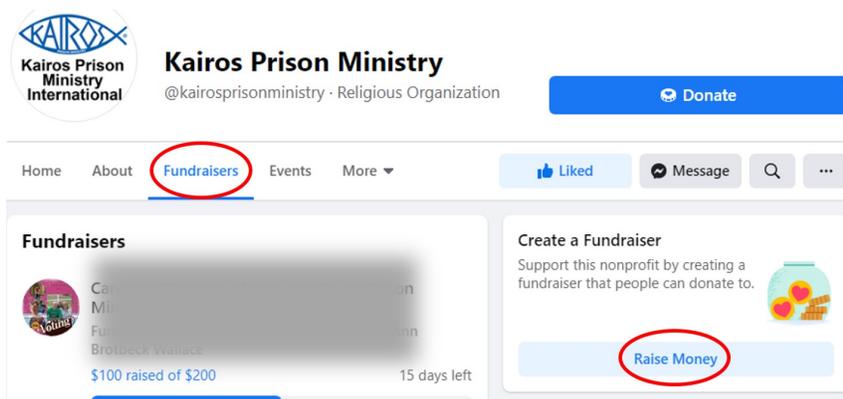
All [Advanced Kairos Trainings](#) are finalized and registration is now done exclusively online. To register for an AKT, visit the [new AKT Registration page on KairosMessenger](#).

- **AKT Jacksonville, FL: Aug. 20-22**
(Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch)
- **AKT Columbus, OH: Oct. 22-24** (Kairos Inside)
- **AKT Indianapolis, IN: Nov. 12-14**
(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 are held. 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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To access a wealth of information, tools, videos, forms, prior editions of our newsletters, and more, visit www.mykairos.org, the Kairos website designed specifically for Kairos Volunteers.

Kairos Facebook Group

Many items of interest such as upcoming Weekends, prayer requests, and inspirational stories are shared in our Kairos Facebook group. Request to be added, at www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational.