



GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Kairos Prison Ministry E-Newsletter

December 2021

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

It is hard to believe we are at the end of 2021. It is a special time to remember the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we remember our Lord and reflect on what He has done for us as His children, let's remember all those impacted by incarceration. Pray for them, recruit new team members for them, fundraise for them. As we do these things to enable Kairos to operate, we are honoring our Lord and preparing to do the work He has called us to do at Kairos.

Remember there are variances allowing us to create health packages or baked goods for those inside. We also have a video series for them – “Until We Come Back” that is available at www.mykairos.org/until-we-come-back.html.

If your facility won't allow these videos, then do a prayer vigil for the facility and those incarcerated.

It is also Kairos election time and elections should be completed and results entered into KairosMessenger in December. We want to start off 2022 ready to go and prepared for God's opening of doors for us. Many states are seeing opportunities for new facilities to open for Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch, and there are new Kairos Outside communities starting as well. **2022 will start with major**

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Celebrate all Jesus has done for us

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recruiting to stabilize the locations we are in and to add new locations. We praise God for these opportunities and pray for the new volunteers we need to walk through the doors He is opening. We also praise God for the steadfast volunteers we have that keep us going daily.

At Christmas, let us remember that God is in control and He will open doors for us to share His transforming love and forgiveness as Kairos – let's be ready! **PRAY, PLAN, PREPARE, RECRUIT, PRAY.** He's got us in His hands.

God bless you and your family during this Christmas season.

Evelyn Lemly, CEO

Order Prisoner to Prisoner Devotionals for 2022

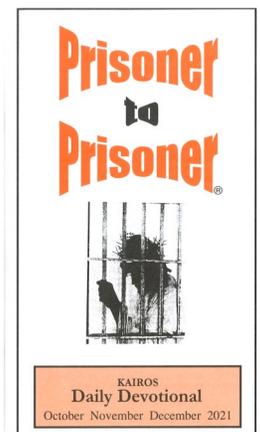
If your Advisory Council is seeking ways to minister to inmates, consider ordering Prisoner to Prisoner devotionals (also known as P2P). This is the only known devotional written by prisoners for prisoners. This makes it more than a devotional, but a written account of the lives, experiences, and heartfelt feelings of those who are incarcerated, making for unique and relatable content.

This quarterly devotional is perfect for ordering to distribute to your church, to Christian friends, or directly to a prison chaplain in your area. Orders can be recurring or one-time. Ask your Advisory Council to order via the Kairos supply order form by the following dates:

1/17/22 order deadline for the April/May/June Issue

4/11/22 order deadline for the July/August/September Issue

7/18/22 order deadline for the October/November/December Issue



Kairos Elections Should Be Completed

Elections should be taking place for the Advisory Council and State Chapter Committee for 2022. Everyone takes office on January 1, 2022. Elections must be completed by December 1, 2021 and **entered into KairosMessenger by December 31, 2021.** If assistance is needed, please contact andy@kpmi.org.

Updated Financial Policies & Practices for 2022

There have been several updates to the Kairos Financial Policies and Practices for 2022. Please take the time to review this document on MyKairos at www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/fpp.pdf.

When Death Row is a Good Option

The Kairos team at the Polunsky Unit in Texas had the issue many places are having, trying to minister to inmates without being able to hold a Kairos Weekend due to volunteer access limitations. The Kairos team thought of what could be done and approached the chaplain (who is a former Kairos volunteer) and the warden, and the idea of a Kairos Weekend for the death row inmates was born. These inmates were not able to leave their cells, which made for some logistical issues such as each inmate being at his own Kairos table.

This creative solution was fully supported by the warden and chaplain so much that they both attended the Weekend. The 14 men who participated were overjoyed that people cared for and loved them.

[Read the Rest on Our Blog](#)

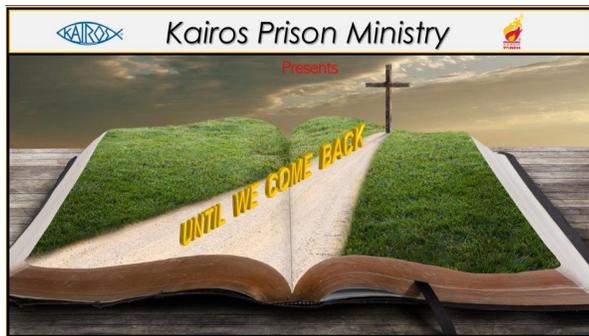
Make Your Year-End Tax-Deductible Gifts to Kairos by Dec. 31

There are so many Weekends scheduled for the spring and a multitude of new starts in the works, and they all cost money.

Make sure you donate to Kairos by the end of the year to decrease your taxes for 2021.

You may donate cash via a check or through [our donation page](#). Appreciated stock can be donated directly to Kairos by calling 407-629-4948 or emailing becky@kpmi.org. Donations can also go directly to your state or Advisory Council.

Are You Using the Brand New 'Until We Come Back' Video Series?



Kairos has launched the video series 'Until We Come Back' and 7 episodes have been released plus an introductory video! This series of videos is made for facilities housing men, women, and youth, to engage them by offering words of encouragement, hope, and blessings. These short videos include messages from Kairos to let the inmates know they are not forgotten and they are still being loved and prayed for. Facilities that aren't allowed to admit volunteers are requesting some way for Kairos to be inside, and this is one of those ways!

The first series related to Thanksgiving has already been released and **the second series related to Christmas is out today!** Videos are posted at www.mykairos.org/until-we-come-back.html where they can be downloaded directly, to be given to facilities for play on their closed circuit systems.

Upcoming Kairos Weekends

As some states are easing restrictions and allowing volunteers back into facilities. **Weekends can be found on the [Kairos Kalendar](#).** Please pray for each Weekend and consider submitting agape.

December 27 - Kairos Inside Wolston CC #12 -
Agape Email dabrural@gmail.com

Take Advantage of an Expiring Tax Deduction

This is the last year you can deduct charitable donations without having to itemize your tax deductions.

Until the end of 2021, each person may donate and deduct up to \$300 from their taxes, and \$600 for each married couple filing a joint return in addition to your standard deduction.

This deduction is in addition to your standard deduction!

For example, on a \$300 donation to Kairos:
\$300 tax deduction
x 33.3% estimated tax rate
= \$100 saved on your taxes owed.

This means you gave Kairos \$300 but it only cost you \$200!



Use Amazon Smile When Shopping Online

Support Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc..

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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When doing your regular shopping on Amazon, use smile.amazon.com instead of the regular site and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Kairos. It is **not an extra cost**, you pay the same price and the donation is made by Amazon! The items and prices are all exactly the same as the regular Amazon site. Join the 1,000+ shoppers who have contributed over \$2,000 over the past year to Kairos by [selecting Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc](https://smile.amazon.com) as your charity of choice, as every little bit adds up to thousands of dollars.

Amazon Smile is also available on the Amazon app under Settings.

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.



Find the Blessing

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

- There have been some very encouraging conversations about getting Kairos Outside Northern Indiana off of the sidelines and getting S.W.A.P. groups going in the same area.
- In 2020, Kairos Outside in Texas conducted 5 Weekends and made a difference in the lives of 74 Guests. In 2021, Kairos Outside has conducted 14 Weekends so far, with 3 more planned, and has already served 203 Guests! A 174% increase to date in spite of COVID through adaptation to the circumstances they were dealt. This includes 123 new volunteers in 2021 who served on a Weekend!
- A Kairos Inside team in Tennessee wanted to do something for the residents and staff at their facility and asked the Chaplain what they could do. The Chaplain said cookies would be a great treat but would have to be provided to everyone, about 2,300 dozen cookies. After prayer and some emails to other local Christian groups, they were able to deliver 2,500 dozen cookies to the prison during the week of Thanksgiving. God is still at work!
- Our Kairos Family was able to bless our Kairos sisters at Pulaski State Prison in Hawkinsville during 20-21 year. We sent Christmas cards in December 2020. We also gave donations to be able to provide the ladies with toiletry items. In May 2021 we were able to bless not only our Kairos sisters on the inside with cards of encouragement, but EVERYONE at Pulaski! We had enough cards of encouragement to give to the entire prison and to include the staff, as well. What a blessing it was for these ladies to feel love and encouragement.

[See More Blessings](#)



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](#).

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

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

[Tue. January 25, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm](#)

[Tue. February 22, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

[Tue. March 8, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

Kairos Outside

[Sat. December 11, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

Kairos Institutional Liaison Training

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. January 13, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm](#)

[Kairos Inside: Sat. February 19, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Inside: Mon. March 14, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

Kairos Face Masks Are Now Available

Kairos face masks are now available for only \$2.50 each!

The [Kairos supply order form](#) has been updated to include these reusable one size fits all masks.

Add a Kairos mask to your wardrobe when going out, as you never know when someone will ask about Kairos and what we do; give them a reason to.

Items from the Kairos supply order form may only be ordered by your Advisory Council, not by individuals. If you would like a Kairos mask, contact your Advisory Council Chair so they can add it to their next supply order.



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 Zoom 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.**

All posted times are Eastern.

Kairos Inside:

[Tue. January 18, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm](#)

[Thurs. February 10, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

[Thurs. March 10, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

Kairos Outside:

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

[Sat. January 22, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

[Sat. February 19, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)

[Sat. March 19, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

Kairos Torch:

[Mon. December 6, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)

[Wed. December 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm](#)

[Wed. January 5, 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm](#)

[Sat. January 15, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm](#)

Advanced Kairos Training Dates & Registration

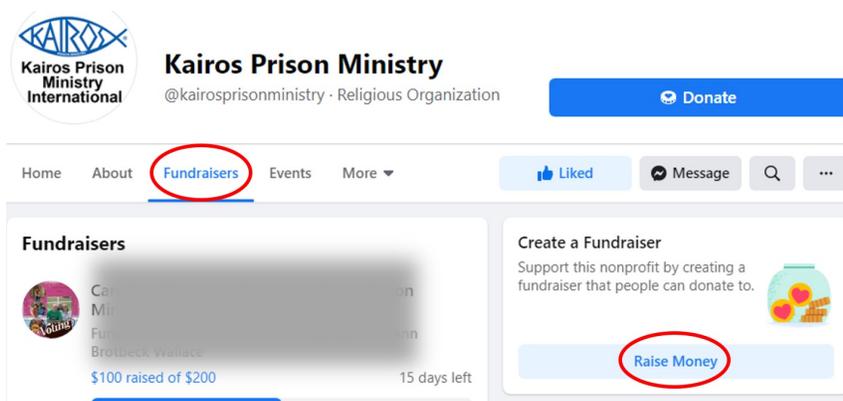
All [Advanced Kairos Trainings](#) are finalized and registration is now done exclusively online. To register for an AKT, visit the [new AKT Registration page on KairosMessenger](#).

- **AKT Talladega, AL: Jan. 7-9, 2022 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)**
- **AKT Richmond, VA: Feb. 4-6, 2022 (Kairos Inside)**
- **AKT Indianapolis, IN: Feb. 11-13, 2022 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)**
- **AKT Kansas City, MO: March 22-24, 2022 (Kairos Inside)**

Raise Funds with Facebook Fundraisers

Take this time to easily raise funds for your Advisory Council so it is fully funded for when its 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.



Contact Kairos

To submit stories and photos or to contact Kairos leadership and staff:

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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.