



GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Kairos Prison Ministry E-Newsletter

January 2023

Fresh Start in 2023

Happy New Year! A new year is a time for a fresh start and to truly get into action by doing the ministry of Kairos in 2023. Thankfully, we will be fully operating in most states and countries in 2023. In some ways it's an unwanted fresh start as we work with new facility administration, Graduates have been moved around, and we have lost some volunteers. **But we have the choice of looking at these as issues or as opportunities!** A fresh start is truly an opportunity to regroup and to do the ministry of Kairos in the best possible way, to bring in new volunteers, to reestablish relationships with each other and with facilities, and to even expand to new locations.

We know our Kairos programs work well and make a major impact on individuals, families, and the facilities. We also know that we need volunteers to carry out these programs with excellence, and we need to properly train each for their role. New and current State Chapter and Advisory Council persons take on their roles and need to be trained and review their roles. New teams are formed to do the Weekends and they need to fully engage in team formation meetings. Let's make this fresh start great! And let's recruit, recruit, recruit so the 2023 fresh start is fulfilling the opportunities that the Lord has put before us to share His Love and Forgiveness.

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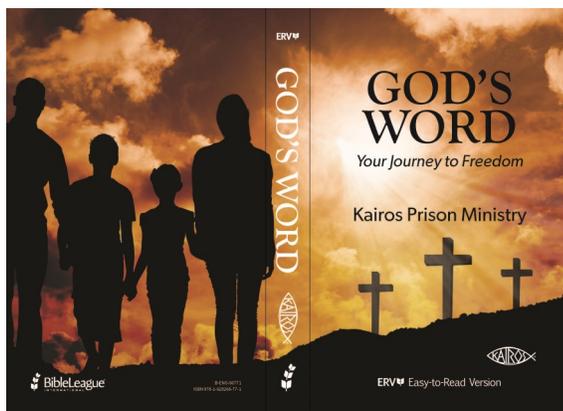
Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed 2023

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2023 can be even better than any year – why? Because we keep the Lord in the very center of it all and we trust His promises we find all throughout the scripture such as Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Blessings, Evelyn Lemly, CEO

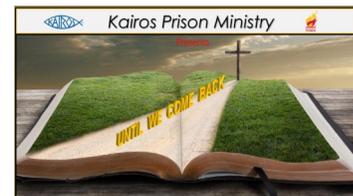


Kairos Bibles & Discussion Guides

We all know that Kairos is not a Bible study, but we also know that being in the Word is necessary for growth and change. So, we always want to encourage Kairos Graduates and Guests to be in the Bible. Kairos has a Bible called “God’s Word - Your Journey to Freedom” which is available with a special Kairos cover. **You can order a case of 32 of these Bibles for free on the [Kairos Supply Order Form](#) and only pay shipping!** The only thing required is to send back testimonies or stories of how they were used. We have received a lot of amazing stories! The organization that prints the Bibles gives them to Kairos and only asks for the stories in return.

At the front of the Bible there are 52 lessons. We have pulled the 52 lessons from the Bible and placed them in a separate “Discussion Guide.” By having both the Bible with the 52 lessons and the 52 lessons separately available as a discussion guide, it gives Kairos communities flexibility of use. If the Participants need a Bible, then you give them the Bible with the lessons; but if they already have a Bible and are only allowed to have one, then give them the discussion guide. The 52 lessons complement our Weekend materials and our Continuing Ministry topics. The lessons address practical everyday issues, and using these lessons in your Continuing Ministry will reinforce what Participants learned on their Weekend. All three Kairos Programs use the Bibles, and often give them as agape to the Kairos Graduates on their Weekend. The new year is a great time to remind you of this amazing resource we have been gifted.

Use the “Until We Come Back” Video Series



Over 40 episodes of the ‘Until We Come Back’ video series have been released by Kairos!

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. The videos released in December cover each of the weeks of Advent.

These videos are posted at www.mykairos.org/until-we-come-back where they can be downloaded directly and given to facilities to play on their closed circuit systems.

Kairos Elections Have Been Completed

Elections have taken place for the Advisory Council and State Chapter Committees for 2023. Everyone takes office on January 1, 2023. Elections are to have been entered into KairosMessenger already. If assistance is needed, please contact andy@kpmi.org. The month of January should be used to transition members into their new roles. Previous members have access to KairosMessenger until 1/31/23 to assist in the transition.

If your Advisory Council did not enter elections in 2022, please email the roster to andy@kpmi.org.

DISTANCE FOR DELIVERANCE

Organize a Walk for Your Advisory Council This June



Walk With Kairos in Your Community

Walk with Kairos in your community this summer by holding a ***DISTANCE FOR DELIVERANCE*** walk for your Advisory Council! Raise funds and awareness for Kairos with this event.

The 2022 ***DISTANCE FOR DELIVERANCE*** Walkathon was virtual, but this year there will be physical walks. These walks may be scheduled at any date between June 9 - 18, 2023 with raised funds going to your Advisory Council. Start now by finding a team or point person to organize the walk and start looking at locations it can be held. More information, tools, and resources will be released soon, so stay tuned.

For questions about how to organize your walk, please email marketing@kpmi.org. More tools and information will be posted online and shared to ensure you are able to host your walk and get the entire community involved while funding your fall Kairos Weekends and events.

The 2023 Kairos Annual Conference will be Held in Indiana

Save the dates of 7/25/23 - 7/29/23 as the Kairos Annual Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana!

More information will be included on the www.mykairos.org website and in the next newsletter in February!



DAILY PRAYER TIME
AND
MONTHLY PRAYER CALL



PRAY DAILY AT NOON
AND
**JOIN OUR PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL
AT 12PM ET THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH**



DIAL 301-715-8592

**MEETING ID:
320 251 8737#**

**PASSCODE:
215540#**

Join the Kairos Daily & Monthly Prayer Times

We are asking every volunteer to pray for Kairos daily at noon (your time). Plus, we begin each month with an organizational prayer via conference call.

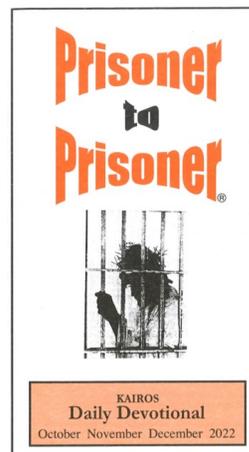
A Kairos corporate prayer conference call is held on the 1st day of each month at 12:00 pm (noon) Eastern Time for 15 minutes. A designated Kairos leader leads us in prayer each month. This call is open to everyone in Kairos!

**Dial: 301-715-8592 • Enter meeting ID: 3202518737# •
Enter passcode: 215540#**

Order Prisoner to Prisoner Devotionals for 2023

Consider ordering Prisoner to Prisoner devotionals (also known as P2P), the only devotional written by prisoners for prisoners. This uniqueness 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, Christian friends, or directly to the 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:



1/23/23 order deadline for the April/May/June Issue

4/24/23 order deadline for the July/August/September Issue

7/24/23 order deadline for the Oct./Nov./Dec. Issue

Become an Ordained Chaplain

Kairos has partnered with Christian Chaplains & Coaching to provide online opportunities for persons to become ordained Chaplains. Upon completion of the courses, a person would be approved as a Clergy/Spiritual Director for Kairos.

Visit

www.ChristianChaplain.org/Kairos to receive more information and to inquire how to get started; or [view our brochure](#).

All costs and responsibility to obtain training is that of the individual, not Kairos.



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

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.

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Ways We Thrive

Share with us the ways you are thriving in Kairos by emailing marketing@kpmi.org so we can share them with the Kairos Family. As you read you will see we how often we are thriving, are you?

- The Kairos team at Bledsoe BCCW-X in Tennessee was able to start Prayer & Share for the first time in the 6 years that Kairos has served in the facility. An example of perseverance and growing the ways Kairos serves.
- The Kairos team at Camille Griffin CI in South Carolina put together hygiene bags for the residents. Each were given a bag containing a scripture card, shampoo, deodorant, soap, lotion, a toothbrush, and toothpaste.
- Kairos Outside Central Florida, Central FL Torch, and Kairos Inside Tomoka held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at a local church. This joint fundraiser included a welcome presentation, an invocation, devotion, testimonies from each of the programs, and of course a delicious dinner followed by plentiful chocolatey deserts. All were nourished in body and soul, and information about Kairos was plentiful and at every seat. There was even a kids table with coloring and other activities. It was another great example of how the three Kairos programs are Better Together and a reminder that working with another Advisory Council nearby can be very beneficial.





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. Be ready and 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

[Wed. Jan 18, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)

Gather and Submit Kairos Outside Guest Forms

Looking for ways to help Kairos? Kairos Outside is always in need of Guest Referrals. By referring potential Kairos Guests to your local Kairos Outside Program you are helping to further the work of Kairos Prison Ministry! 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 a Kairos Outside Guest Reservation form and submit it to Kairos with no hassle. There is also a [flyer with a QR code to this page that can be found on mykairos.org](#) that you can hang up any and everywhere. Any female who is at least 20 years old and has been impacted by incarceration is eligible to attend a Kairos Outside Weekend.





Updated Supply Order Form

The Kairos supply order form has been completely changed, so **please ensure you are using the [updated version on MyKairos](#)**.

The hyperlink is the same, but if you have a previous version saved on your computer that you use, please delete it and replace it with the new version!

Upcoming Kairos Weekends

As states ease restrictions and allow volunteers back into facilities, there are Kairos Weekends on the calendar through the end of the year and into 2023. Please pray for each Weekend and consider submitting agape. The full list of [agape emails](#) is available. **All Weekends can be found on the new [Kairos Kalendar](#) based in KairosMessenger!**

Remember to register your Weekend at www.kairosmessenger.org/kairosweekend.

Date	State	Advisory Council	Weekend #	Weekend Leader	Agape Email
1/2/2023	Queensland	Wolston	#12	David	kiwacol@kairos.org.au
1/6/2023	Queensland	Kairos Outside North Queensland	#10		konorthqld@kairos.org.au
1/19/2023	TX	Estes	#20	Kenneth Woods	cynthia4053@yahoo.com
2/2/2023	FL	Jefferson CI	#29	Frank Risech	frisech1@gmail.com
2/2/2023	FL	Moore Haven CI	#54	Steven Vidaurri	john.molineaux@verizon.net
2/2/2023	TX	Wallace	#44	Mike McNeely	mikemcneely50@yahoo.com
2/2/2023	TX	Ferguson	#70	Matt Boecker	mjb122287@yahoo.com
2/7/2023	SC	Trenton	#1	Jeff Newman	tjambaston@aol.com
2/9/2023	AR	Tucker Unit	#45	Thomas Harding	tomh5176@gmail.com
2/16/2023	TX	Hutchins	#31	Tom Hanson	tgh767@gmail.com
2/17/2023	CA	Central CA Women	#25	Nancy Horn	genjohnson95@gmail.com
2/17/2023	CA	San Quentin	#55	Curtis Weddington	maxadreyer@gmail.com
2/17/2023	CA	Valley State Prison Men	#14	Jim Millie	bsumlauf@hotmail.com
2/21/2023	Aus	Dillwynia	#20	Debbie	debbie.joy.ryan@gmail.com
2/23/2023	AL	Aliceville	#14	Susan Kizziah	lorahhubbard@att.net
2/23/2023	AR	Pine Bluff Unit	#51	John Pownall	richard.allen@dhs.arkansas.gov
2/24/2023	TX	Kairos Outside Central Texas	#13	Mona Trevino	rmntrevino@gmail.com

Reminder: Send Year End IRS Donation Receipts

Ensure your Donor Coordinator prints your 2022 tax deductible receipts for your donors and mails them before **1/31/23**. Kairos Prison Ministry International will mail its tax deductible receipts by 1/27/23 to everyone who donated to KPMI in 2022. We are so thankful and blessed by your continued financial support of Kairos throughout the year.

Advanced Kairos Training Dates & Registration

Reminder! All [Advanced Kairos Trainings](#) registrations are now done exclusively online. To register for an AKT, visit the [AKT Registration page on KairosMessenger](#). Ensure all Weekend Leaders attend AKT within 24 months of their Weekend. Deadlines are firm so please plan ahead.

- **AKT Richmond, VA: February 3-5 (Kairos Inside)**
Registration deadline: 1/20
- **AKT Indianapolis, IN: February 10-12 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, & Kairos Torch)** Registration deadline: 1/27
- **AKT Applewood, CA: February 10-12 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)** Registration deadline: 1/27
- **AKT Amarillo, TX: April 28-30 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)**
- **AKT Huntsville, TX: June 2-4 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)**
- **AKT Baltimore, MD: June 9 - 11 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)**
- **AKT Raleigh, NC: July 15 - 17 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)**
- **AKT Jacksonville, FL: August 18-20 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, & Kairos Torch)**

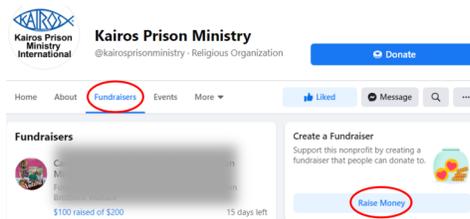
Raise Funds with Facebook Fundraisers

Take this time to easily raise funds for your Advisory Council so it is fully funded for when 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](#).



Contact Kairos

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

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marketing@kpmi.org

Visit us online:

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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.