



# GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Kairos Prison Ministry E-Newsletter

May 2022

## Day by Day We Grow Stronger

Each day we are hearing of more opportunities for Kairos to serve again. We are incredibly thankful that so many are doing Continuing Ministry as well as the multitude of locations who are planning or have already held a Weekend this year. Or both! We have already had two #1 Weekends this spring and have another two #1 Weekends being held this month.

Oftentimes it is hard for us to see the beauty during the struggle, and we have certainly had our struggles during the past two years, but God has done some really beautiful work in healing and reshaping our ministry during this time.

- He has allowed us time to rest, to have a break so we can regroup and continue serving all three of our Kairos Programs.
- He has pruned us in various ways so we can grow back even healthier and fuller than ever. For example, some locations were struggling to find enough volunteers to serve on the Advisory Council as it starts back up, but God is showing us new people who are willing to learn and to serve which is building us stronger.

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2022  
**Kairos Annual Conference**  
Dallas, Texas  
July 26 - 30, 2022

*Conference Registration is Now Open*

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- He has shown us just how important Continuing Ministry is for each of our programs, causing us to put even more focus on Continuing Ministry going forward.
- He has allowed us the time to create and provide more training tools for the field, with Advisory Council Training, AKT Refreshers, Continuing Ministry trainings, Institutional Liaison Trainings, and more that we will continue going forward.

The break not only gave us rest, but it also gave us the opportunity to regroup, renew, and focus on what really matters which is to grow and prosper as a ministry serving our Lord.

Did we want the Covid break the way it came? Absolutely not! But God uses everything to show us His majesty, strength, guidance, and His perfect will. Take a moment today to think of the new opportunities you have before you within Kairos that may have been missed otherwise and thank God for it.

Now as we start moving in daily service at Kairos to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ; let's do **"more than survive, THRIVE."**

***"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28***

Blessings, Evelyn Lemly, CEO

## Join the Kairos Daily & Monthly Prayer Times

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

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

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**DAILY PRAYER TIME**  
AND  
**MONTHLY PRAYER CALL**

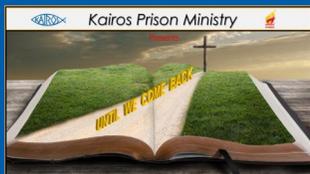
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## Use the “Until We Come Back” Video Series



Kairos created the video series ‘Until We Come Back’ and 25 episodes have been released!

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!

Videos are posted at [www.mykairos.org/until-we-come-back.html](http://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.

# Cover Kairos in Prayer on May 5, the National Day of Prayer

Join Kairos as we celebrate this year’s National Day of Prayer, which is observed on May 5 this year, a day that was created by the White House in 1952 in which the people of the United States turn to God in prayer at churches, in groups, and as individuals. It has been celebrated on the first Thursday of May in the years since.

**Our goal this year is to cover Kairos in prayer for the entire 24 hours of the National Day of Prayer and ask that you go online to [PrayerVigils.net](http://PrayerVigils.net) and commit to a 30 minute prayer block on May 5.** It is preferred that you sign up to pray during an uncovered timeslot, but if that is not possible, please do double up as the power of prayer is not something that can be limited!

We ask that prayers be offered up for those we have served in our three Kairos Programs, as well as those we will serve and who need our ministry.



Prayers are also requested for all Kairos volunteers who are working so hard right now to serve, but also to those who have previously served and may need to be re-inspired to volunteer once again, as well as those who haven’t been recruited yet that they may open their hearts to God’s will. Please also consider praying for Kairos leadership at all levels, the Board of Directors, State, Advisory, and Weekend leaders all need prayer to make the best decisions for Kairos as a whole. We also encourage prayer for prison and juvenile facility staff members as well as the employees of each state’s Department of Corrections, and everyone who has an impact on the way the prison system is run. We pray that they put effort into the wellbeing and rehabilitation of the incarcerated and that faith is a central part of that process.

We also ask that we all go humbly before God and ask for His guidance for the leaders of our nation and for His grace upon us as a people.

Thank you for your willingness to do your part in ensuring Kairos has constant prayer the entire day. **Please share the URL [www.prayervigils.net/vigil.php?pvId=597](http://www.prayervigils.net/vigil.php?pvId=597) with others so they too can join us during this blessed day.**

*“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7*

## Use Amazon Smile When Shopping Online

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

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# Find the Blessing

Share with us your stories of blessings you have found in Kairos by emailing [marketing@kpmi.org](mailto: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?

- Kairos Torch was given the green light for Kairos Torch to be the first volunteers to re-enter the Atlanta Youth Development Center, and a Weekend was quickly and properly put together and held. For this we give God the glory.
- The following letter was received from a prison chaplain after a Kairos Advisory Council sent in Easter gifts to the inmates of the facility:  
*“With grateful hearts, the inmates would like to again thank you for your ongoing generosity. As we began distributing the gifts on Palm Sunday, some of the girls cried when I reminded them that they had not been forgotten. To give them such specific gifts for girls such as the pretty pastel Easter bags and label, the precious letter, the fun jellybean bookmark, and the yummy candy. It’s easy for a girl to become hardened in a prison environment and you continually help to touch the softness of the little girl that still resides buried in each one of them. God bless you for your unspeakable ministry to the women incarcerated here.”*
- **Kairos had its first Kairos Weekend in over 5 years at Tomoka Correctional Institution in Florida.** While Continuing Ministry had been taking place, it was still a monumental milestone to hold a full Kairos Weekend. We were blessed with having every single Weekend participant speaking at Closing about how impactful the entire Weekend was. Also, at least 3 of the 18 participants were able to successfully refer a loved one to Kairos Outside and will attend an upcoming Weekend. Kairos works Better Together!

[See More Blessings](#)

# Doing Kairos Inside Weekends in a Post-Covid World

Want some good news? **We have already had more Kairos Inside Weekends this year than in all of 2021!** I think most places can see the light at the end of the tunnel with respect to their next Weekend, even if it is in the fall.

Having just worked a Weekend at the Tomoka Correctional Facility in Daytona FL, I have some observations to pass on to those of you who haven't had your first post-Covid Weekend. It was very clear that the staff at the facility was not familiar with Kairos. That meant that the usual "oh it's Kairos so it's ok" wasn't in play. They were uncomfortable with food coming inside. They were curious both in good and bad ways about what was going on. The participants were scrutinized more closely. The Chaplain had to go to bat for us a few times with some officers. All this to say, the landscape isn't the same and you need to plan and discuss every detail with the facility before you ever get to the gate.

For those of you who do homemade food and cookies, that might not happen. Guess what? We had Oreos and they were awesome. (We also had Mint Girl Scout cookies which are always the best!) Our food was simple because it had to be. Be willing to go to the dining hall if you have to do that. This Weekend had been rescheduled 2 times before it happened, so it was in a totally different month, which was fine. We only had three family tables since we didn't have as many volunteers as in the past. **It was perfect and we didn't have to change the program at all.**

So my challenge to you is... **be flexible.** Some things are not negotiable, but a lot of things that I am hearing that you may think are deal breakers are not at all. You can do the complete Weekend program and it can be incredibly impactful both to the individuals and to the compound even if it is in a different month, with different (or no) food, or with fewer families if you have fewer volunteers than usual. It is much easier to drive a moving vehicle than a parked one. **After you do the first Weekend post-Covid, it will be easier to do the next one!** It will be easier to recruit and raise funds and you can talk with the prison about what went well and what didn't so it can be better the next time, and the facility staff can become more comfortable with Kairos.

## Gather 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](http://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



## Official Kairos Apparel and Promotional Items

### Kairos Prison Ministry Store -

[www.kpmistore.com](http://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](http://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](#).



## Registration is Open for the 2022 Kairos Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas!

July 26-30, 2022

Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport

The Annual Conference [Preliminary Schedule](#) is now available on [MyKairos.org](http://MyKairos.org).

Registration is open now via the [2022 Annual Conference Registration Form](#).

**The deadline to register is June 5, 2022.** Please contact [Andy Perry](#) with any questions regarding conference registration. Many of your questions will be answered in our [Frequently Asked Questions document](#) on MyKairos.org

Stay updated as more details are released on [social media](#), in next month's edition of God's Special Time, and [via MyKairos.org](#).

## Follow Kairos on Instagram

See the current images and happenings with Kairos by [following Kairos Prison Ministry International](#) on Instagram.

Kairos currently has only 275+ followers in this fairly new account, but it is a great place to check out our images and short videos.





## 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](mailto: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](http://www.mykairos.org/training.html).

### Kairos Inside

[Wed. May 11, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

[Thu. June 9, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)

### Kairos Outside

[Sat. May 21, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

## Upcoming #1 Kairos Weekends

To further the reach of Kairos this year, God has blessed Kairos with a **#1 Weekend** scheduled for **May 12** at the **Lawtey Correctional Institution in Florida** as well as in the **Atlanta Metro Reentry Facility!**

Last month we held successful #1 Kairos Weekends in Texas and South Africa, and are so excited to add two more locations!

It shows that God has a plan for Kairos, and that there is a demand for Kairos, especially after the pandemic.

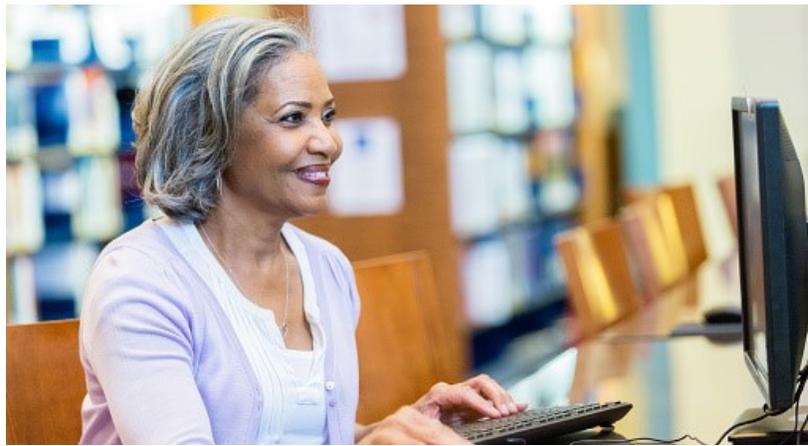
With restrictions being lifted in more and more states, there are many new opportunities. Don't wait for the restrictions to be lifted to begin your preparation, be ready now!

## 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](#).

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.



## 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 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](http://www.mykairos.org/training.html).** *All posted times are Eastern.*

### Kairos Inside:

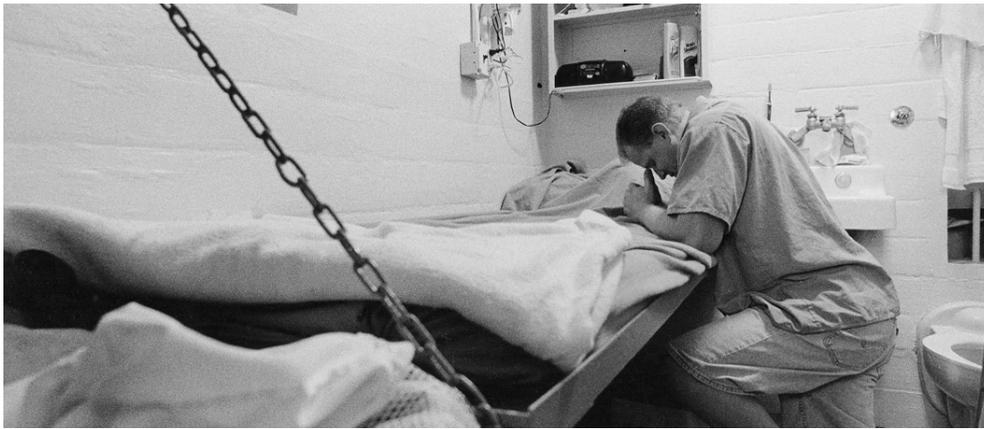
[Mon. June 13, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm](#)

[Tue. August 16, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm](#)

## Kairos Board of Directors Holds Annual Spring Retreat



The 16 person Kairos Board of Directors met in late April at the International Office in DeBary, FL to ensure that the organization is run smoothly, efficiently, responsibly, and is in line with the ministry's mission. The ability for the Board to come together and also interact with the KPMI staff was invaluable.



## Upcoming Kairos Weekends

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

May 5 - Menard CC #18, IL - Agape Email [juliojuansantiago@hotmail.com](mailto:juliojuansantiago@hotmail.com)

May 11 - Beto Unit #62, TX - Agape Email [pcp22usmc@gmail.com](mailto:pcp22usmc@gmail.com)

May 12 - Central FL Reception Center #15 - Agape Email [edward.dupre@yahoo.com](mailto:edward.dupre@yahoo.com)

May 12 - Lawtey #1, FL - Agape Email [rickbohler@me.com](mailto:rickbohler@me.com)

May 12 - Atlanta Metro RF #1 - Agape Email [harrybooth@aol.com](mailto:harrybooth@aol.com)

May 12 - Okeechobee CI #82 - Agape Email [jamestobinparker@gmail.com](mailto:jamestobinparker@gmail.com)

May 12 - Sumter CI #31, FL - Agape Email [mcupp2@verizon.net](mailto:mcupp2@verizon.net)

May 12 - Chillicothe CC #16, MO - Agape Email [greenbnky@gmail.com](mailto:greenbnky@gmail.com)

May 12 - Concord SP #67, NH - Agape Email [shoebox@shoeboxnh.com](mailto:shoebox@shoeboxnh.com)

May 12 - Terrell Unit #10, TX - Agape Email [charlie\\_e60@hotmail.com](mailto:charlie_e60@hotmail.com)

May 13 - Kairos Outside Adelaide #34 - Agape Email [redkylie99@gmail.com](mailto:redkylie99@gmail.com)

May 13 - Kairos Outside North AL #46 - Agape Email [becka373@bellsouth.net](mailto:becka373@bellsouth.net)

May 13 - Kairos Outside West KY #5 - Agape Email [stephanienimmo733@gmail.com](mailto:stephanienimmo733@gmail.com)

May 13 - Kairos Outside Wichita Falls #26, TX - [ralaurab@yahoo.com](mailto:ralaurab@yahoo.com)

## Avoid Taxes, Gift Appreciated Stocks to Kairos

If you are seeking a way to support Kairos without writing a check, a simple way is to directly donate appreciated stocks or bonds to Kairos.

**This process allows you to avoid paying the capital gains tax on the sale of the stocks or bonds, receive a charitable tax deduction for the full market value at the time of the donation, and furthers the mission and reach of the ministry.**

To learn more about these giving opportunities, please contact your financial advisor or email [becky@kpmi.org](mailto:becky@kpmi.org).



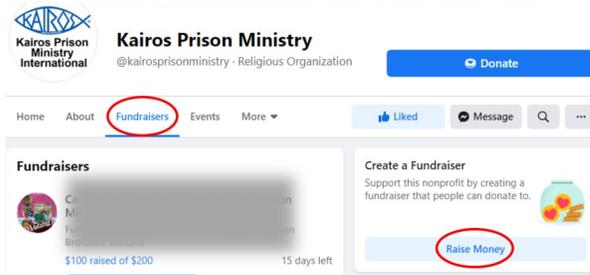
# Advanced Kairos Training Dates & Registration

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

- AKT Huntsville, TX: June 3-5 (**Kairos Inside**, **Kairos Outside** & **Kairos Torch**)
- AKT Raleigh, NC: July 8-10 (**Kairos Inside** & **Kairos Outside**)
- AKT Jacksonville, FL: August 19-21 (**Kairos Inside**, **Kairos Outside** & **Kairos Torch**)
- AKT Indianapolis, IN: October 7-9 (**Kairos Inside**)
- AKT Columbus, OH: October 21-23 (**Kairos Inside**)
- AKT Waxahachie, TX: November 11-13 (**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](#).

***P.S. Ensure the Name of your Advisory Council or 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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational).