



GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Kairos Prison Ministry E-Newsletter

October 2021

Pass It On

One of my favorite songs as a child was 'Pass it On'. Not only did I like the tune but the words to the first verse spoke to me.

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it,
You spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.*

We certainly have experienced what's expressed in this first verse here in Kairos. We see it as we conduct the programs and how the men, women, or youth warm up and experience God's love. We see it in our team formation meetings as we bond and share. We see it in how we hold meetings, prayer vigils, events, and work to serve the Lord daily.

It seems this also applies to recruiting volunteers and donors. Those people we tell about how God's love

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Pass it On!

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is spreading to all those around through Kairos and asking them to help us with the gift of their time or finances.

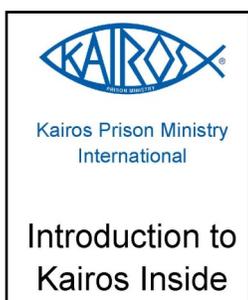
Our theme for the year is “Find the Blessing.” We are focused on looking for the many blessings God is providing even during this COVID time. We need to remember all He is doing and “Pass it On.” If we do then others can experience it – His love.

Pass it on by sharing how Jesus Christ has impacted your life and others lives at Kairos and invite them to share their love by serving in Kairos. Hey, and don’t forget to share that love with other volunteers/past volunteers as sometimes they need a spark too.

Blessings, Evelyn Lemly CEO

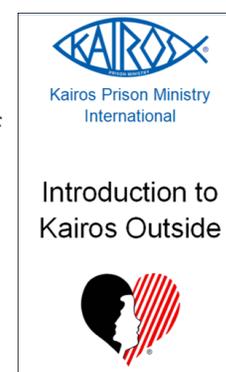
Kairos Introduction Booklets

Kairos has recently made introduction booklets available to Advisory Councils for both Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside. **Both of these items are available on the [updated supply order form available on the MyKairos.org website.](#)**



Both the Introduction to Kairos Inside and Introduction to Kairos Outside booklets have a twofold purpose. On one hand they can be used while recruiting to give a 30,000 foot view of the program and to peak interest. The booklets can also be used as a tool to help volunteers become familiar with the program. The idea is that the new volunteer would be given this booklet and assigned a veteran team member as a

mentor. They would then meet together and review the items in the booklet while directing them to the Program Manual where they can get more information.



Kairos Outside Lubbock Continuing Ministry

Every Kairos Advisory Council has had to face many obstacles in the past year and a half, one of which is engaging volunteers when there may not be much that can be done in-person and with no Kairos Weekend on the horizon. Another important part of the ministry that has been very difficult to achieve has been to continue serving our Graduates and Guests. The ladies at Kairos Outside Lubbock have been doing an amazing job in safely solving these issues, no matter the restrictions they have to work around.

Along with the rest of Kairos, they were stopped in their tracks in March 2020, but it wasn't long before plans were formulated to get monthly Reunions going again. By June of that year, the Kairos Outside ladies had come up with Praise, Pizza & Prayer. This version of the monthly Reunion was initially held in the parking lot of the church that was used for meetings. The Guest would drive up and be greeted by a team member, provide any prayer requests that they had, were given pizza and bottled water to everyone in the car including children, and popsicles to the young ones. While staying in the cars, the group would pray together for each prayer request and then everyone would go home. The Praise, Pizza & Prayer was successfully held through September with about 10-15 Guests, sometimes more attending each month; it was only put on hiatus due to a colder than usual winter. They have since found a new indoor meeting place, are holding Reunions with 30-40 Guests each month, regularly scheduled S.W.A.P Groups are being held, and their next Weekend begins October 1!

This story of success is based on a few simple key concepts that any Advisory Council can employ. Communication is needed to make sure both the volunteers and Guests have the needed information, have Kairos on their minds, and are engaged to know they are doing God's work through Kairos and not drifting away due to inactivity. Another key to success is flexibility. When meeting inside wasn't possible, they met in the parking lot; when that wasn't ideal they moved to the local park temporarily so the kids could play while the ladies prayed and ministered to each other. The last key is persistence. To truly minister to the Guests there has to be a concerted push to persevere and find a way to fulfil this mission.

[Read the Rest on Our Blog](#)

Are You 72? Turning 72 Soon?

If you are age 72 or older, you are required by the IRS take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA. **Did you know you can donate all or part of your distribution directly to Kairos?**

By donating your RMD to Kairos you will see your gift put to use, immediately making a difference in the lives of those impacted by incarceration and **avoid paying income tax on your gift** if it is sent directly to Kairos from your plan.

To enable this giving opportunity, please contact your retirement plan administrator or Kairos at legacy@kpmi.org or by calling 407-629-4948.





How Have Kairos Weekends Been Going?

Kairos Outside has held 3 Kairos Outside Weekends so far this fall serving 36 Guests in total. Here are some comments from those volunteers:

- There is no way I can put into words how awesome this Weekend was! “Best Ever”
- We could see and feel God moving in the hearts of our Guests and our team and our closing was awesome. I have worked many, but I have never seen every single Guest stand up and share.
- Every Guest spoke at the closing and shared what the Weekend meant to them and how their lives and relationships have changed.
- Due to the number of tables and the community room looking empty, the table leaders who were not needed and the table servers made their own table and the Guests had no idea.
- Temperatures were checked daily and each Guest had their own room. Social distancing was not a problem.

By the time you read this, there will have been 6 **Kairos Inside** Weekends held in September! There are 15 more on the Kairos Kalendar for October (Please check www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html for accuracy if you have Weekend planned in October).

- Huntsville #31 (TX) was held with 41 new Kairos Graduates. The team all tested negative for COVID before entering the prison, they were allowed to bring in outside food and cookies, and they were allowed 25 Guests at closing. They are going to hold their Instructional Reunion on Oct 3rd.
- West TN SP #46 (Men) was held with 18 participants and the team was allowed to take in food. The report was the music was the best the residents had enjoyed in a long time!

The Weekends starting on 9/30/2021 are a mens Weekend, Century #48 (FL) and three womens Weekends: Hernando #47 (FL), Mabel Bassett #50 (OK), and West TN (Women’s Therapeutic) #7. All are thrilled to be again going inside to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus. Please stop and take time right now to pray for the impact of these Weekends!

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Kevin Resover, The Cunninghams, Efrain Rivera

Visit the KPMI Office

It has been quite a while since there have been any Kairos volunteers stopping by to visit the Kairos Prison Ministry International office in DeBary, FL just outside of Orlando. However, in mid-September that changed in a big way as two separate volunteer visits occurred on the same day!



In the morning Steve Ragsdale, the State Treasurer for Tennessee, and his wife Deborah visited as a part of their vacation to Central Florida. They had met some of the staff at the Annual Conference in Louisville, but wanted to meet Kris Buchanan, the Kairos National Controller as Steve often works directly with her. They were able to meet the entire staff in-person, get a tour of the building, and talk Kairos business for a while before heading to the beach.

A few hours later Carlos Cunningham and his family visited the office along with local Kairos Torch volunteer Efrain Rivera. The Cunninghams traveled all the way from Costa Rica where Carlos is the leader of Kairos Costa Rica. He also wanted to visit Kairos while on vacation and made time between theme park excursions. With travel and safety restrictions in place, Carlos was not able to attend the Annual Conference but wanted to meet everyone and speak with Kevin Resover about some Kairos opportunities.

You are invited to visit the Kairos office at 100 DeBary Plantation Blvd, DeBary, Florida 32713. You may drop by unannounced or (preferably) let someone at the office know when you plan on visiting.

Kairos Named a Top-Rated Nonprofit!

Kairos Prison Ministry International is honored to have been named a 2021 Top-Rated Nonprofit by GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews of charities and nonprofits. This marks the 5th straight year Kairos has been the recipient of this title.



To read more about this award, visit the Kairos blog at www.kairosprisonministry.org/blog/kairos-named-top-rated-nonprofit-in-2021.

Election Training for Advisory Council Secretaries

Training sessions for the Advisory Council elections are currently being offered. The sessions are about 1 hour long and are followed by a Question & Answer session. There have been several updates to the Advisory Council Operating Procedures for 2022. Additionally, changes have been made to the KairosMessenger election process. All Advisory Council Secretaries are encouraged to attend one of the sessions. Additional training sessions may be added so please check the Training tab on www.mykairos.org.

[Sat. October 2, 3:00 pm Eastern](#)

[Wed. October 6, 10:00 am Eastern](#)

[Thu. October 7, 10:00 am Eastern](#)

[Sat. October 16, 10:00 am Eastern](#)

If you are unable to attend a training session, the recording of the training along with the handouts are available at www.mykairos.org under the Elections tab.

Updated Advisory Council Operating Procedures

Advisory Council Operating Procedures for 2022 are updated and available [on MyKairos.org](http://www.mykairos.org). A change in structure is in place: the Advisory Council Chair is the representative for the Advisory Council to the State Chapter Committee so there are now 13 positions on Advisory Council, and quorum is now 7. This change will streamline communications and interaction with the State and Advisory Council and better equip the Advisory Council Chair. Please make a note of this when doing elections this fall. See www.mykairos.org/docs/ac/acop.pdf.

Elections should be taking place for the Advisory Council and State Chapter Committee this fall 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.

ADVISORY COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES



Vision

A Community
Spiritually Freed
From the Effects of Imprisonment
Reaching all Impacted by Incarceration,
Through the Love, Hope, and Faith
Found in Jesus Christ.

The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

Support Kairos This Giving Tuesday

Kairos is proud to be participating in GivingTuesday on November 30, 2021. GivingTuesday is a global day of generosity and inspiring everyone to donate and give back to their community. Following Black Friday and Cyber Monday, GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable giving season.

Kairos is asking for your support on GivingTuesday. Visit

www.kairosprisonministry.org/givingtuesday.php to donate to Kairos for GivingTuesday and www.mykairos.org/givingtuesday.html for ideas, and for tools on how to amplify the reach of this fundraising campaign. Included are email templates, social media posts, calendar invitations, and more!



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?

- The chaplain at Autry State Prison in Georgia has confirmed that 9 inmate graduates of a local theological seminary have been leading worship services in the prison as well as Kairos Prayer and Share. All of them are Kairos Graduates!
- A Kairos clergy volunteer was able to return to church recently and deliver a short speech to the congregation. He was in the hospital with COVID for 3 months during which time he was unable to minister to his congregation or Kairos. God answered the many prayers for his recovery and will soon return to the Kairos team at Evans CI in South Carolina.
- Kairos Outside of Northwest Georgia came together for an outing at Red Clay Historical State Park. They chose to go with a picnic themed gathering. The gathering was well attended. Those that chose to attend enjoyed reconnecting with one another in person, enjoying the lovely outdoors and amazing food! The attendees also took some time out of our gathering to reflect on our blessings and prayerfully remember our Kairos family that were not able to attend. We Are Stronger Together!!! Let's Keep Going and Connecting!!!

[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](#) 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

- [Wed. October 6, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)
- [Mon. November 15, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

Kairos Outside

- [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](#)

Online Recruitment 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 is a huge priority right now as more and more Advisory Councils are scheduling Weekends



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:

[Kairos Inside: Mon. October 4, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm](#)

[Kairos Inside: Sat. November 6, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm](#)

[Kairos Inside: Wed. January 12 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm](#)

Kairos Outside:

[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:

[Kairos Torch: Sat. October 9, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Torch: Tue. October 26, 5:00 pm - 9:00 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 or had 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](#).**

October 1 - Kairos South AL #5 - Agape Email agapekosa@gmail.com

October 1 - Kairos Outside Eastern TN #33 - Agape Email easttnkairosoutside@gmail.com

October 1 - Kairos Outside Northeast TN #20 - Agape Email kairoswk20@gmail.com

October 1 - Kairos Outside Houston #40- Agape Email curefan23@gmail.com

October 1 - Kairos Outside Lubbock #21 - Agape Email lorillusk@gmail.com

October 7 - Kairos Inside Putnam CI #38 - Agape Email garmus@comcast.net

October 7 - Kairos Inside Shawangunk CF #23 - Agape Email stuartrk@frontiernet.net

October 8 - Kairos Outside Central FL #43 - Agape Email kmcmaster1@cfl.rr.com

October 8 - Kairos Outside Southwest FL #24 - Agape Email melanieatfmb@yahoo.com

October 8 - Kairos Outside Western MO #13 - Agape Email kcbroncofan@gmail.com

October 8 - Kairos Outside Adelaide #33 - Agape Email kowAdelaideAgape@kairos.org.au

October 14 - Kairos Inside Avon Park CI #53 - Agape Email davidu1316@comcast.net

October 14 - Kairos Inside Desoto CI #73 - Agape Email kairosdci@gmail.com

October 14 - Kairos Inside Northeast CX #40 - Agape Email cgshawley@comcast.net

Kairos Outside - # of Guests

One of the questions we continue to receive is in regard to the number of Guests that can be on a Kairos Outside Weekend. The easy answer is: **as many as God provides**. The manual states a community must have **AT LEAST 24** confirmed Guests 30 days prior to the Weekend. But it doesn't say anything about a maximum number. That number is decided by a couple of things: How many women can the facility accommodate? How many woman can the team accommodate? While there is historically a 50% drop off rate for Guests, we have found that communities who have Team Contacts frequently in touch with Guests and who make steps to engage potential Guests before a Weekend (like a meet and greet or potential Guest S.W.A.P. Group) have fewer Guests drop off.



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 its 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

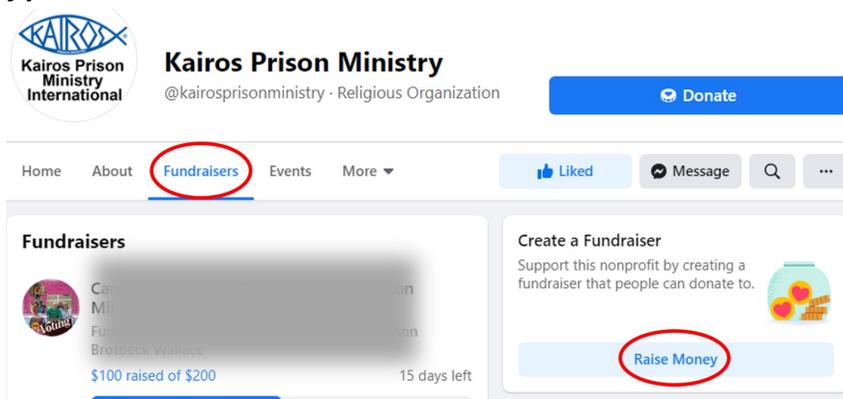
All [Advanced Kairos Trainings](#) are finalized and registration is now done exclusively online. To register for an AKT, visit the [new AKT Registration page on KairosMessenger](#).

- **AKT Waxahachie, TX: Nov. 19-21**
(Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch)
- **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.



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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.