



GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Kairos Prison Ministry E-Newsletter

September 2021

Trust in the Lord

Philippians 4:6-7 says *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

I know I am so thankful that these verses are true. It would be really easy with all that's going on in the world, with COVID spiking again, entry into prisons slowing again, and everything else impacting our ministry, for us to be anxious, troubled, or concerned. Yet the scripture is clear we should not be anxious and trust God. Remember to take everything to HIM in every situation. Ah, that does give me peace. Thank you Jesus.

As we continue to work to recruit volunteers, fundraise, share the great story of Kairos and impact on Participants and Guests lives, **let's ensure part of our planning is prayer!** One of the many great workshops at the Annual Conference was “Planning for Prayer.” I encourage you and your teams to [go watch it](#) (and all the other workshops) too so we are learning and growing daily. They are on MyKairos.org.

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Planning for prayer

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Let's join together in presenting our requests to God for our world, country, friends, family, and Kairos. Let's lift up the inmates and their families, the correctional facility staff, and each other daily. Let's pray for all those Volunteers that are able to do Continuing Ministry now and for the many that are planning fall and/or spring Weekends. Let's pray in every situation to our Father, who art in heaven.

I pray we all live out Philippians 4:6-7

Blessings, Evelyn Lemly, CEO

Continuing Ministry Videos

With the importance of Continuing Ministry becoming clearer day by day, videos have been added which can be accessed via each program's [MyKairos Downloads page](#) or via the Kairos YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/c/KairosPrisonMinistryOrgIntl.

Continuing Ministry videos for all three Kairos Programs are now available:

[Kairos Inside Continuing Ministry Video](#)

Covers the best way to do Prayer & Share, Reunions, and Retreats. It also touches on why Continuing Ministry is needed to ensure the impact of the Weekend is long lasting.

[Kairos Outside Continuing Ministry Video](#)

Goes over the proper way to hold S.W.A.P. Groups and Reunions. Also is how to keep Kairos Outside Guests connected with Kairos.

[Kairos Torch Continuing Ministry Video](#)

Learn how the Kairos Torch mentorship program, Monthly Reunions, and weekly group Bible studies work together to guide the youth through this life changing transformation.

Better Together - When Two Kairos Programs Work Together

Imagine a normal day such as this one. You receive a phone call telling you that your child has been arrested for murder! Your life would be irrevocably changed in ways you could never imagine. This is what happened with Renaldi when her 18 year old son Wes, was arrested for capital murder. Renaldi was a stay-at-home mother who gave her children a good upbringing with love, education, and exposure to God through Vacation Bible School and by going to church. Wes was going through a rebellious teenager phase and was getting into some trouble, but nothing violent and had never been arrested.

She prayed so often for help for her son. Wes was in jail for about 3.5 years before being tried, convicted, and sentenced to death. While visiting her son on death row at Holman Prison, she met Kairos Inside Volunteers who were visiting another inmate who was due to be executed in a couple of weeks. While there, the Kairos Volunteers introduced themselves to her and to the inmate they were visiting who was due to be executed imminently. This experience caused the full weight and impact of her son being on death row to come over her all at once.



“Kairos literally saved my life. Kairos Outside is wonderful and changes lives. Renaldi

After the visit, she went to lunch with the Kairos Volunteers and they introduced her to Kairos and the Kairos Outside Program. They prayed with her and put her in touch with the ladies at Kairos Outside. Renaldi immediately went to the next Kairos Outside North Alabama Weekend over the objections of her husband. She arrived scared and knew nobody at the Weekend, but she met some amazing women, many of whom she still stays in touch with. This was on Weekend #3; they are now planning Weekend #45! She was helped so much on her Weekend that she decided to serve on the next Weekend, then the one after that. Now she has served on over 30 Kairos Outside Weekends! Renaldi also helped out any

Make a Leveraged Gift to Kairos

It isn't the end of the year, but you can still make leveraged gifts to Kairos, where the cost of your donation is less than what Kairos receives.

This is possible because Kairos does not pay income or Capital Gains taxes. Thus donating appreciated assets such as stocks and bonds or retirement funds directly to Kairos allows you to not only avoid paying taxes on the amount, but to also take a charitable deduction. Then when Kairos receives the gift, the assets can be sold without paying the applicable taxes.

For a further look at the options and the mathematics of how much you can save, view our video from Kairos Board Member and attorney Bill Holwager: <https://youtu.be/mlkkhtlc2M>



Planned Giving - Ways to Maximize Your Gifts

Changing Hearts. Transforming Lives. Impacting the World.

To learn more about how you can make a leveraged gift to Kairos, please email legacy@kpmi.org, call 407-629-4948, or visit www.kairoslegacy.org.

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[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 a charity of your choice. 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 966 shoppers who have contributed to us by [selecting Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc](#) 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.



way she could behind the scenes all while giving the Kairos Outside talk at Kairos Inside Weekends when asked. She has also been asked to share her testimony many times to churches in the area.

The impact of the Kairos Outside Weekend on Renaldi was immense and immediate. Everyone was so welcoming, loving, and accepting; both Volunteers and Guests were sharing such personal and private stories solely to help one another. The lack of judgement and having a safe space to share with women going through similar issues was a literal godsend. The dinner was especially powerful as she hadn't been treated as a VIP in years and still remembers how kind the escort and everyone was to her. Renaldi stays in touch with some of the other Guests and often visits them. The specialized training received and the talks all being geared towards the exact situation the Guests are going through provided Renaldi with what was truly needed.

Renaldi received an amazing blessing while she was the Kairos Outside North Alabama #21 Weekend Leader. Wes, on that same weekend, was finally able to attend a Kairos Inside Weekend at the same exact time! He had signed up to attend a Kairos Weekend in St. Clair over a year prior but was only able to attend that Weekend due to the long waiting list. In the evening while leading her Weekend, Renaldi received a call from her son to tell her that he had just been saved by Jesus during his Kairos Inside Weekend! That is surely God giving both Renaldi and Wes exactly what they needed at the exact right time; what a blessing!

[Read the Rest of the Story](#)

2021 Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Conference

General Sessions & Individual Speaker Videos Available to View Now

Both the Thursday & Friday General Session and the speakers are available for viewing at [YouTube.com/c/KairosPrisonMinistryOrgIntl](https://www.youtube.com/c/KairosPrisonMinistryOrgIntl)



Annual Conference General Session Recordings Now Available

The Annual Conference General Session live streams have been available, but now higher quality videos are available, with the accompanying slides shown on site. These videos allow for a much better viewing experience of each Annual Session. Both are available now on our [YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/c/KairosPrisonMinistryOrgIntl).

As a bonus, there are also individual videos of the speakers so viewers are able to share specific testimonies with their loved ones and other Kairos Volunteers. Don't miss out on these amazing stories and how impactful they are to others.

To view these videos and many other Kairos videos as they are released, subscribe to the Kairos YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/c/KairosPrisonMinistryOrgIntl.

Thursday General Session - <https://youtu.be/r3FWGmGuaTk>

Thursday Speaker Allen Franklin - <https://youtu.be/39hC6FAdcrw>

Thursday Speakers Stan & Amy Stever - <https://youtu.be/cY40Qq8Hk3Q>

Friday General Session - <https://youtu.be/YnViSXa5kw4>

A Story of Forgiveness - <https://youtu.be/JE9uPTplqzw>

Request for the Lord's Prayer

As a community, we are asking for everyone to join us in praying the Lord's Prayer.

*"Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from
evil. Amen."*

We ask that you say it when you are able to and as many times as you are comfortable with. But most importantly, pay attention to the words and the meaning. Take time to reflect and fully understand what we are saying to Our Father, and to do better in incorporating the pledge of forgiving those who trespass against us into our lives. To praise Him and put our lives and our souls into His hands.

Offer this prayer up to Him in asking for this COVID increase to decline, to allow Kairos entry into more facilities both for Weekends and Continuing Ministry, and for those impacted by COVID as well as those with concerns about rejoining Kairos due to the health risks.



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 will be a huge priority when Kairos fully re-opens.



Online AKT Registration

There has been a big upgrade in how people register for AKT! No more faxing, scanning or emailing a document! No more hassle of making sure a check has been sent to pay ahead of time.

If you go to the same place the old pdf registration form used to be ([on the AKT Kalendar page](#)), you will find [the link](#). There are six simple screens to enter the information needed. You will enter your personal information, where you serve, the date of the Weekend where you will be the Weekend Leader (if you know), choose the AKT location, enter some information about single or double room or if you are commuting, and if you are driving or flying. Then all you do is click 'submit.'

Your registration will be reviewed by the AKT Coordinator who you can still communicate with and your Financial Secretary for payment approval. You will then get an email back confirming that your registration is complete. **You will no longer have to make sure to get a check mailed to the AKT Coordinator as it will be done electronically after the fact.** What is important now is that the Financial Secretary has the information needed to approve from your Weekend Leader application. This is done after being approved by the State Chapter Committee, or approval from the Advisory Council if you are going for a reason other than being a Weekend Leader, which you can designate on the same screen where you enter the Weekend number.

Help Kairos Stay Top Rated

Kairos has been Top Rated by GreatNonprofits.org since 2017. This is due to supporters such as yourself who have left positive reviews and shared testimony about Kairos. Kairos is not yet Top Rated for 2021; please help in this effort by leaving a review at <https://greatnonprofits.org/org/kairos-prison-ministry-international-inc>.





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. 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 Outside

- [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.

All posted times are Eastern.

[Kairos Torch: Tue. September 7, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm](#)

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

[Kairos Torch: Fri. September 17, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

September 17 - Kairos Outside New Mexico #33 - Agape Email memcady@aol.com

September 17 - Kairos Outside Corpus Christi #19 - Agape Email dottores@yahoo.com

September 23 - Kairos Inside Union CI #89 - Agape Email jaysab18@outlook.com

September 23 - Kairos Inside West TN SP #46 - Agape Email pamperdchefrore@yahoo.com

September 24 - Kairos Outside North AL #45 - Agape Email angeladingler70@gmail.com

September 24 - Kairos Outside Northern AZ #10 - Agape Email rougemont19@gmail.com

September 24 - Kairos Outside Abilene #7 - Agape Email kkkirbyko@centex.net

September 24 - Kairos Outside Amarillo - Agape Email cobykelbitkip@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

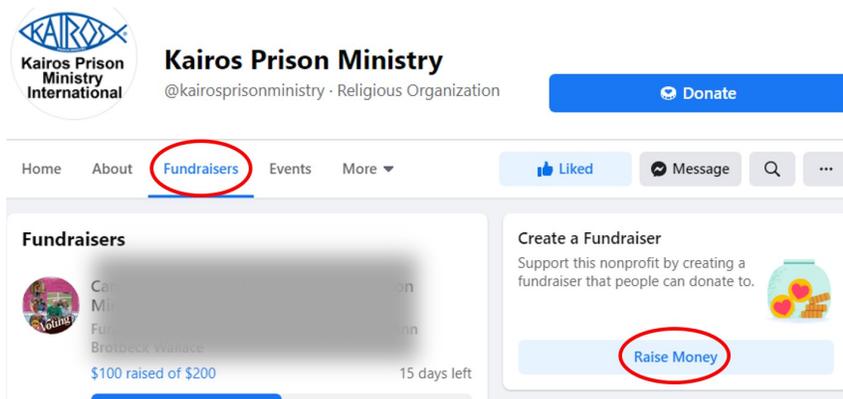
All [Advanced Kairos Trainings](#) are finalized and registration is now done exclusively online. To register for an AKT, visit the [new AKT Registration page on KairosMessenger](#).

- **AKT 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)**
- **AKT Talladega, AL: January 7-9, 2022 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)**

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 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.