God's Special Time

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Happy Thanksgiving!

From our hearts to yours, we want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and for a day filled with love and gratitude. Especially during the busy Fall season for Kairos, we should remember to give thanks to the One who makes our days, our Weekends, and our ministry possible. Here are a few things we are grateful for:

God's Divine Plan
Our Church
Our Beautiful World
Our Gifts and Talents
Freeing Us
Forgiveness
The Bible
Our Comforter, the Holy Spirit
His Help

And the wonderful way that God works through our volunteers.

NEW TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Here are just a few great new tools now available!

Ezra for Kairos Torch
Kairos is excited to announce the rollout of Ezra for the Kairos Torch program. Ezra is the ministry required tool to assist and guide a Weekend Leader in team recruiting, job/talk/mask meditation/guide & mentor assignments, participant table family assignments, team meeting agenda and instruction, job training, core team preparation, and preparing and managing the weekend schedule. This powerful tool enables the Weekend Leader to systematically facilitate every aspect of the Kairos Torch training and the Weekend with precision.

Videos
Kairos recently released a Kairos Torch testimonial video called "Building a Solid Foundation" with Corry Ebersberger. If you haven't yet viewed it, visit mykairos.org under Newsroom/Videos.

Use this video on your Kairos State website or download for use. We are adding an HD version to our Media I Collection DVD which you can order using the Supply Order Form.

Excellence Initiative
The Kairos Excellence Initiative program is in place to enhance the quality and effectiveness of our ministry by fostering excellence in conducting the program in accordance to the current Program Manual.

Our recently launched next generation Excellence Initiative consists of two sections, Entry and Review. Entry is for the person who did the Excellence Initiative report and Review is for the State reviewer. For more information, visit mykairos.org.

"Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for He has given you the autumn rains because He is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before."
Joel 2:23

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FROM THE CEO

I am thankful God is the God of all comfort as shared in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for our comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort."

Evelyn Lemly, CEO

There have been numerous recent events where we have sought God's comfort: hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, and the list goes on.

We may wonder what is going on? While we may not have answers, what I personally know is that God is in control and He offers comfort, provision, and safety.

Through these challenging times, we have seen communities come together to lend a helping hand; people giving resources to help others from afar; thousands traveling to help with clean up; and thousands helping to fight fires, restore power, and ensure people are safe. In the midst of crisis, we have seen the better side of people coming together to support, love, and pray. Sometimes I wonder why it takes a crisis to encourage people to do this.

Kairos has been blessed by our communities banding together to help one another out, all the while working through their own difficulties and ensuring the ministry continues to operate. I know that prayers are being lifted up for all affected and many are asking how can we help those still in need.

It reminds me that Kairos as a ministry is supportive, loving, and continually working towards positive change -- that only happens because of our caring volunteers!

Our God of comfort does not make our troubles go away. However, He does comfort us by giving us the strength, encouragement, and hope to deal with our troubles. And I think he also gives us each other to help along the way with love, prayers, support, and care.

Our top priority in our strategic plan is the spiritual health of the ministry. We focus on prayer, Bible based devotions, and living for God as we serve in the ministry.

We see His comfort as we prepare the ministry and in the hardships that may occur. When we look closely, we also recognize His miracles. And I know we see both His comfort and His miracles where he provides hope and encouragement for those we serve that are impacted by incarceration.

Praise God for His Comfort!

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

The 2017 Annual Conference, held in Peachtree City, GA with the theme of "Being Present" was a true blessing in so many ways.

First, the entire ministry wants to thank the state of Georgia, along with the staff at the conference center, for "being present" with their hospitality, friendliness, and for being great hosts. Thanks to the Kairos staff, both to the ones who attended and the ones who stayed in the office, for all of their work in making this conference a huge success.

We extend our gratitude to all who spoke at the conference, from those who started each day with a moving worship service and music, to those leading workshops, to the guests speaking at the banquets, to all the leadership, and finally to our CEO Evelyn.

The comments from the 400+ attendees were positive. They felt the conference was empowering and they felt a high energy level and a true joyful spirit. Some did not realize the full scope of Kairos, how the programs are linked, and many cannot wait until next year's conference.

The Holy Spirit being present through the attendees in all the events of the week was truly inspiring. We can carry the theme of "being present" throughout this next year in our Kairos weekends, in the Kairos continuing ministry, in our recruiting, and in our prayers for each other.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

Terry Crockett, Board Chair

We express our appreciation of service to those leaving the Board of Directors (David Garmus, Barb Jensen, and Don Setterlof), as their term has ended. The International Council elected four members to the Board (Dan Preston and Bryan Wheeler, both serving first term; Kathleen Cabraja and Terry Crockett, both serving their second term). Each member has been called and elected into servant leadership to fulfill the Mission and Vision statements of Kairos. As a governing Board, we pray for each other, for each servant/volunteer, staff member, participant, and guest. I encourage each of you to be in prayer as we Listen, Listen, Love, Love to all affected by incarceration.

"Pray for each other." James 5:16

This year we can focus on four areas of "being present":

Honor God – when we put God first in all activities and glorify His presence, God honors us and the ministry.

Honor Kairos – when we strive for excellence in the programs of Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch, results will be present.

Honor the Donor – when we thank the donor and are good stewards of their gifts, resources will multiple and grow.

Honor the I.R.S. – when we follow the financial requirements and be compliant, our non-profit status will be secure.

Finally, on Monday after the conference I experienced a feeling of being overwhelmed and humbled by His presence; actually every day has been about "being present" to serve.

Jesus stated in *Matthew 20:28, "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,"* my sisters and brothers in Christ, we are to have the same attitude as the servant by being present, and to serve our Lord and to honor Him.

Blessings to all of you, and I am praying for each of you to be that servant to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

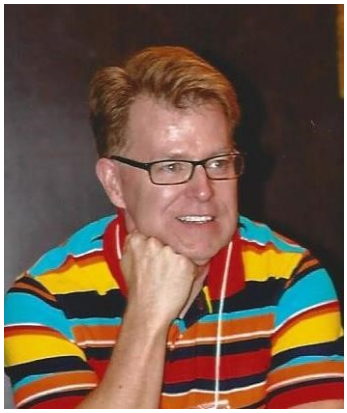
KAIROS MEN'S MINISTRY

By Craig Combs, Men's Program Coordinator

When asked what makes Kairos work, other than the obvious spiritual answers, one of the things that makes my short list is Group Dynamics. Simply put, Group Dynamics is the process of how people come together and what happens. Why is it important? It is a process happening in our lives all of the time - when we join a new church, get a new job, meet our spouse's family, go to the first Kairos team meeting, and when we start each and every Kairos Weekend.

As Kairos volunteers, it helps to have some basic sense of the stages that a typical group moves through. There is a general consensus that there are four stages of Grouping (as can be seen on page 40 of the Kairos Inside Program Manual) and that each stage takes time - approximately 12 hours of being together. This is why team formation takes 34-36 hours, and why the weekend schedule accomplishes awesome community.

1. **Inclusion - also called Forming or Connecting.** This is the stage when a group first comes together. Individually, they are considering questions like, "Do I feel included?" "Do I want to be here?" "Do I want to come back?" It is important for members to get involved with each other at this first stage in team formation meetings. Connecting with others is very personal and powerful. This is why it is so important that everything that the Kairos team does on Thursday night contributes to connecting with our guests. If they feel included, they will return on Friday morning and have a better chance of getting to Stage Four. If they feel pressured, coerced, or overlooked, they might not come back Friday morning.



2. **Power and Control - also called Storming or Engaging.** During this stage, members are beginning to voice their individual differences, join with others who share the same beliefs, and jockey for position in the group. Therefore, it is important for members to continue to be highly involved with each other. The leader should help members to voice their views and stay engaged. This is a time when people begin to individually decrease so the group can increase.

3. **Affection - also called Intimacy or Norming.** In this stage, people have spent enough time together and have worked through the first two stages in such a way that there is usually real intimacy in the group. You probably couldn't start a fight if you tried. It is fun and enjoyable… think of Sunday on a Kairos Weekend. This stage is the time where the group becomes a cohesive unit. Members actively acknowledge what each person brings to the group. A sense of community is established. This stage paves the way for the rest of the journey.

4. **Performing (also called Serving or Continuing) or in Kairos, Continuing Ministry.** I have read that if we don't go through the previous three steps to get to this stage, then we will never take our eyes off of ourselves. To serve others, it can't be all about me. In Kairos, our goal is to create Christian community that changes attendees more into the image of Jesus; that can happen by serving each other and praying for each other. At the end of a Weekend, our guests don't want to leave Kairos…they feel included like never before, and they feel affection anew, which has the purpose of readying them for Prayer and Share.

KAIROS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

By Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator

Recently, I served on several Weekends where the majority of the team had never observed a Kairos Weekend, but had served on a Walk to Emmaus Weekend. Throughout the team formation process, questions came up regarding Kairos and Emmaus. While most Kairos volunteers are aware of the similarities and differences, I think we tend to forget them the longer we serve in Kairos. I know that there are other "4th day" communities, but here I am focusing only on Emmaus.

Both ministries introduce their participants to their ministry through a Weekend, which is often referred to as a short course in Christianity. The Weekends are comprised of carefully structured talks given by lay people and clergy, discussions, chapel meditations, and music. Both seat participants in small groups or table families, have Agape, and focus on the importance of continuing ministry.

How the Programs Differ

Both Kairos and Emmaus sprang from the Catholic Cursillo movement. However, since the late 1970's both programs have adapted to meet the needs of their target audiences, which are very different. The audience for Kairos is incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families. The audience for Emmaus is Christian members of local churches. The Kairos Inside program strategy brings positive and negative leaders of an institution together with a desired goal of forming a Christian community. For residents, their Kairos experience may create the desire to become a Christian or to grow their spiritual life. The Kairos Outside program demonstrates God's love through Christian support for women who have relatives or friends who are or who have been incarcerated, or to formerly incarcerated females who did not have the opportunity to attend a Kairos Inside Weekend.

The ministries also have completely different missions. The mission of 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 becoming loving and productive citizens of their communities.

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders, and it is their mission to empower those leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ in mission to the world. Emmaus offers its participants an opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain a fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and offers them an opportunity to form friendships that foster faith and support mutual spiritual maturity. Emmaus provides a pathway to the mountaintop of God's love, and supports the participant's return to the world empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the love they have received with a hurtful and hurting world.

Kairos Works For Its Audience

Activities done in one Ministry don't always translate well to the other. Because something at an Emmaus weekend was fun and impacted us, doesn't mean it is appropriate to do it on a Kairos Weekend. Many things are similar but have been changed to have a better or different outcome for our target audience. The Kairos founders knew this, and carefully wrote the Kairos program which still works 41 years later.

We should resist the temptation to change Kairos to look like Emmaus. We must remember our audience. Kairos Inside Weekends are conducted in correctional facilities which have their own rules, and Guests on our Kairos Outside Weekends have very unique needs. Our Participants and Guests are dealing with issues specifically related to being incarcerated or to supporting someone who is incarcerated and our programs, as they are written, take all these things into consideration.

Mentors Wanted! By Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator

In 2011, America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being reported that there were 74.2 million children between the ages of 0-17 in the United States, or 24% of the population. Through the juvenile and the adult criminal justice system, the United States incarcerates more of its youth than any other country in the world. **The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Statistical Briefing** indicates approximately 500,000 youth are brought to detention centers in any given year. Of this segment of the population, some are acting out a lifestyle that is anti-social or destructive to them or their environment. Some may be trapped in gangs, addicted to drugs, involved in sex favors, involved in crimes of greed, or in trouble because of uncontrollable anger. Traits that many troubled youth share are the lack of positive adult male role models, a mistrust of adults, and a hatred for authority. These qualities contribute to a lack of identity and a failure complex. Along with emotional, physical, and spiritual damage, youth often respond through the filter of deep-seated anger.

Data collected from youth in detention centers indicates a majority of young offenders come from dysfunctional families. Some have family members who have mentally, physically, or sexually abused them. This leads them to mistrust others, especially adults and authority figures. They often feel unsafe and use aggression as a way of protecting themselves. The failure complex is evident when the average resident has nine years of education, but can only function at a seventh grade level. Little vocational training and minimum wage jobs have left the mark of "loser" in their minds. They have lost their sense of self-esteem.

Studies of the effects of incarceration indicate that the most visible effects on incarcerated youth are that they develop great abilities to mask their emotions often because of the need to appear strong to those around them. If they appear weak or vulnerable, the possibility of abuse or being taken advantage of is very real. Because these youths develop the tradition of concealing their emotions, once released they are often emotionally hardened. (Children Behind Bars: Youth Who Are Detained, Incarcerated and Executed by Susan Kilbourne).

Another consequence of imprisonment is the lack of good role models. During adolescence, youth are discovering who they are; people around them are of great influence to them. In juvenile detention centers, youth are housed with negative role models. It is a challenge to resist the negative behaviors exhibited around them (Youth in Prison by Rodger Smith & Marsha McIntosh).

Additionally, incarceration is a very controlled experience and full of routine. It is reported that those in prison make 22 decisions per day while those in the free world make 200 decisions per day. When juveniles leave detention centers, they sometimes have a hard time making decisions on their own. In Children Behind Bars, psychologist David Lowenstein explains that teen years are a time for psychological change and growth. Trying new roles and defining identity is necessary for a teen to be able to leave the family and become a self-sufficient adult. Teenagers in youth detention centers struggle with making many choices and establishing a sense of self.

Incarcerated youth realize the impact of loneliness and isolation while being separated from family and friends. They miss the ordinary, routine life events which go on within family and community. Incarcerated youth are denied equal access to a general population where it is possible to develop interpersonal relationships across genders, generations, and social contexts. They are unlikely to develop empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills associated with social competencies. They often feel that they are victims of injustice. They find it hard to face that they are personally responsible for their imprisonment, and they want out. Some youth fall into the "prison games" in an effort to beat the

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system of justice that has deprived them of their liberty. If they had some religious training in their childhood, they may now feel that God has let them down. They doubt their own security as a believer and are not at all sure that God will hear and answer their prayers. If they have never had any Christian training, they will assume that God and church are for others—not for them. They do not understand the "Good News of the Gospel."

Across areas of research, scholars agree that mentoring can be associated with a wide range of positive outcomes for protégés. Mentoring has been discussed as a strategy for positive youth development and as a deterrent of risky youth behavior (DuBois & Karcher, 2005). Research has also shown that ***prison visitation specifically by clergy and mentors*** are associated with reduced recidivism.

The outcomes show that community volunteer visits significantly reduced all three measures of reoffending. The positive effect on recidivism grew as the percentage of community volunteer visits to all visits increased. The findings suggest community volunteer visits should be conceptualized as a programming resource to be used with higher risk offenders who lack social support (Duwe & Clark, 2013).

As we continue to look at national studies and compare them to our evidence-based behavior modification programing, it's apparent that Kairos Torch is uniquely designed to address the essential needs of these youth at their very core. The holistic approach of ministering to the total person (body, soul, and spirit) is crucial to inner healing and positive behavioral changes.

God has equipped us with the technique and know how; all we need are the mentors!

About #GivingTuesday

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday has become a movement that supports giving and philanthropy. #GivingTuesday harnesses the generosity of people around the world to bring about real change in their communities; it provides a platform for them to encourage the donation of time, resources and talents to address local challenges. As a global movement, #GivingTuesday unites countries around the world by sharing our capacity to care for and empower one another.

At Kairos, What Do We Need?

We need the resources to recruit more volunteers and enter more communities. Through God's grace, prisons are continually asking for our help due to the effectiveness of our programs. We are thankful for all our volunteers efforts...they all share a desire to follow Christ's instruction in Matthew 25:36, *"I was in prison and you visited me."*

How Can You Help?

Donate Today. The sooner we reach our goal, the sooner we can make a difference in people's lives. Please choose to donate on this day or sign up to become a monthly donor.

Become a "Kairos Brand Ambassador" and recruit 7-10 people to also help us reach our fundraising goals. We'll even thank you with an official Kairos Brand Ambassador t-shirt!

Pray that God will continue to open doors so that more lives can be transformed.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Be The One! By Tom McCarty, International Council President

My pastor is fond of using the term "earworm" for something - often a song - that keeps buzzing in his head, a tune, lyrics, anything that he can't forget, try as he might.

As I begin this, my first submission to our quarterly newsletter, my particular earworm is the song "Be the One." Written and performed by Al Denson back in 1990, it almost serves as my pledge of allegiance to this wonderful ministry that I am privileged to be a part of.

I present the words to you, unapologetically borrowed, but very gratefully set down. Read. Take to your head. Move to your heart. Walk them with your feet.

In a world full of broken dreams,
Where the truth is hard to find,
For every promise that is kept
There are many left behind.

Though it seems that nobody cares,
It still matters what you do;
'Cause there's a difference you can make
But the choice is up to you

Will you be the one
To answer to His call?
And will you stand
When those around you fall?

Will you be the one
To take His light
Into a darkened world?
Tell me—will you be the one?

Oh, sometimes it's so hard to know
Who is right and what is wrong;
Where are you supposed to stand
When the battle lines are drawn?

There's a voice that keeps calling out
For someone who's not afraid
To be a beacon in the night
To a world that's lost its way.

Will you be the one
To answer to His call?
And will you stand
When those around you fall?

Will you be the one
To take His light
Into a darkened world?
Tell me—will you be the one?

There are still some battles
That I must fight from day to day;
Yet the Lord provides the power
For me to stand and say…

Yes, I'll be the one
To answer to His call;
And I will stand
When those around me fall;

I will be the one
To take His light
Into a darkened world;
Will you be the one?

I **WILL** be the one!!!

Ways to Give

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Have you thought about leaving a gift to Kairos in your will? If not, we pray that you will consider leaving a real legacy with lasting positive impact that continues beyond your lifetime in the form of a ***Legacy Gift***.

Another way to give to Kairos Prison Ministry is through ***Appreciated Stocks***. Giving appreciated stock is a great way to both reduce your taxes and give more generously.

WHO WE ARE

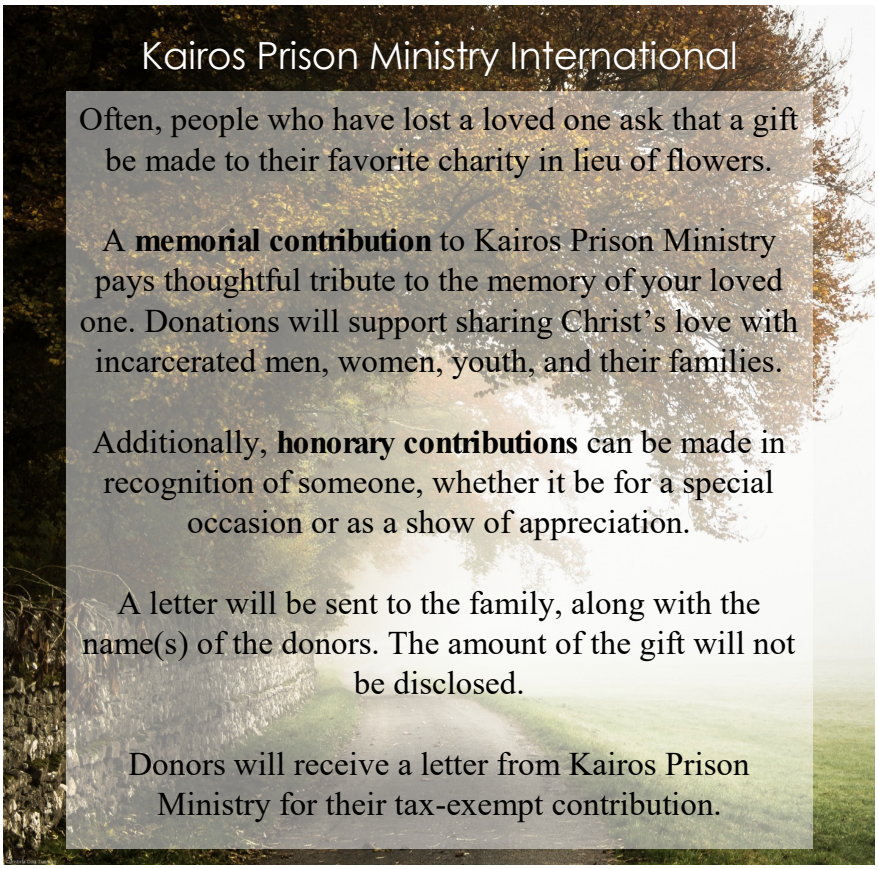
We have been honored with one of the first Top-Rated Awards of 2017 from GreatNonprofits! We appreciate all of your contributions and inspiring stories which have designated us as a 5-star nonprofit.

Here are some of the wonderful testimonials that have been posted:

"It is my opportunity to see God in action as we help the incarcerated." Carol

"One of the most rewarding programs I know of. Many men and women after being released have rebuilt their lives. Also many have found a way to live a better life inside prison." David B.2

"Absolutely by far the most beautiful and blessed ministry I have ever witnessed! God takes broken and often angry men and washes them in the love and blood of Jesus right before your eyes! Miracles are happening during these Kairos Weekends, not only for the men and women being ministered to but also for the Kairos Team!" Writer



"Kairos is spiritually strong. Miracles happen. This group is scriptural. They have a solid stand on the Bible and are in unity with a variety of Christian denominations that share a common solid rock. This group is has a great amount of safeguards, and accountability checks... If you are called, there are long term commitments that will help you to do God's will for others...There is a vast amount of prayer support for this ministry. There is plenty of training. It is handicap accessible. You can do this." JamesK3

"Experiencing Kairos gave me hope. It made me know I was not alone, God was always with me. Through the weekend, Prayer and Share, reunions and retreats, I was strengthened and encouraged. I've been home over 4 years. I give talks at churches, bake cookies, make agape and sign up for prayer chains. I learned you don't just leave prison, you share the gift you've been given to help the next person. God is good, all the time. What a blessing Kairos is!" mimifran

"I am very thankful for Kairos. This ministry changed not only my life, but my husband's too. He loves that I am involved and I have a passion for serving others experiencing the same thing I have." Stephenie S.

"If you want a front row seat to a transformational ministry, join a Kairos Team. Kairos International is superior in supporting the ministry to the incarcerated and their families." Steve W.1

Read more testimonies at
https://greatnonprofits.org/org/kairos-prison-ministry-international-inc

Carl Monnin, 83, passed on May 18 in Austin, TX, with his family by his side. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, his two daughters and one son, five grandchildren, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and several extended family members.

Carl was born in Russia, OH in 1934. When he was 6 years old, he moved to Dayton, OH and attended St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School and Chaminade High School. He earned a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the University of Dayton, and an MBA from Xavier University.

In 1963, Carl moved to New Britain, CT, where he met his future wife, Pat. They were married in 1966. Carl and his family moved to Austin, TX in 1981, calling this 'home' for the last 36 years. In 1984, Carl and his wife founded Corporate Investment International, a prominent and successful business brokerage firms. Carl retired in 2004, but continued to share his vast business and financial experience. He was a volunteer counselor for the SCORE Association (Service Corps of Retired Executives), an organization that provides guidance to entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Carl leaves behind a legacy of faith, fellowship and service. He was a devout member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church and participated in various parish ministries. He was a founding member of the SJN choir and continued to sing for more than 20 years. Carl was also a lector, involved in RCIA, Knights of Columbus and CRHP. His generous spirit was exemplified through his volunteer work with Mobile Loaves & Fishes, The Gabriel Project Life Center and Kairos Prison Ministry. He served with Kairos since 2008 at the Hughes Unit. Finally, one of Carl's favorite activities was his weekly Tuesday morning visit to The Summit retirement center to sing for and worship with the residents.

Those who knew him well would describe him as intelligent, passionate, driven, hard working, persistent and courageous. He had a bright, warm smile, a resounding laugh, and an endearing, silly sense of humor. His greatest pride and joy, by far, was his family. Undoubtedly, Carl would be happiest being remembered by all who knew him as a man who vehemently loved his family.

Wayne Radwanski said, *"He was a great Christian brother, always volunteered for anything that would serve Our Lord, that's why I knew he would join the Kairos Prison Ministry. He's the only one I have ever heard sing the St. Francis prayer on the Kairos weekends. And it was beautiful!*

He is missed by all his brothers and sisters in Christ. We shall meet again."

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Bernard A. (Bud) Thompson, 79, died on June 8 in Suttons Bay, MI. Bud was born in 1937 in Saginaw, the son of Bernard G. and Marian E. (Garner) Thompson. In 1960 in he married Mary Jean Ackerman, who survives.

Bernard A. Thompson, M.S.W., A.C.S.W. obtained a Bachelors Degree in Science from Central Michigan University.

He secured a position as Juvenile Probation Officer with the Saginaw County Probate Court in 1960 where he met his future wife. In 1961, they moved to Michigan State University where he received a Masters Degree in Social Work.

He then became Chief Social Worker at Winnebago State Hospital in WI in the children's department. He was then hired as

Ronald W. Erickson, 70, of Greensboro, NC, passed away peacefully on July 15, surrounded by his family and friends. Born in Shell Lake, WI, he was the son of Rudolph and Dorothy Erickson.

Ron was married to his best friend, Bernice "Bernie" Tate Erickson, for more than 47 years. He was principal and founder of EMM Financial Services, Inc. with a focus on business succession, estate, retirement, investment and selective executive compensation planning. Ron served in various leadership roles in his community. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Superior, where he was class president. He served as Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity's 23rd national president. He was the 66th president of NAIFA-NC and was named their 2009 Advisor of the Year. Ron was a devoted member of Christ Lutheran Church in for more than 40 years and served on their church Council.

Ron also served in Kairos since 2014, where he was a positive influence to many young men.

Jim Hayes said, *"Ron was loved by all. He was a great guy, always with a smile and a story to tell. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and he loved serving his God, especially in the Kairos Ministry. Ron was faithful about attending our monthly reunions at Foothills and the Kairos graduates always liked it when he sat at their table for discussion. He is already missed. "*

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, sister, and two brothers, Ron is survived by his loving wife, Bernie, son, and two daughters. Ron was a self-proclaimed obnoxious grandfather to seven grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, brother-in-law , mother-in-law, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

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Colonel John Johnston Petty, of Midlothian, VA passed on July 24, doing what he loved, sailing at Sunset Beach, NC. John was born in 1947 in Greensboro, NC, the son of James Chalmers Petty and Katherine Johnston Petty.

John was a graduate of the US Air Force Academy and went on to get his MBA during his 27 year career in the Air Force. Following his retirement from the Air Force, John was employed by Management Analysis Inc. for 16 years.

John enjoyed connecting and mentoring people which was displayed by his involvement in men's ministry and the Kairos Prison Ministry for more than a decade.

He cherished his longtime involvement at Truro Church in Fairfax, VA, and more recently at the Brandermill Church in Midlothian, VA. He loved all things nautical, especially sailing. His love of boats led him to start his own repair company, Watercraft Solutions, Inc. Following his retirement, John enjoyed fishing with his brothers, traveling far and wide with his much-beloved wife, and the occasional motorcycle ride.

Most of all John will be remembered as a kind, enthusiastic, adventurous, and generous person that loved to create rich experiences for others. He will be greatly missed.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, three children, and three brothers. In lieu of sending flowers, the family asks to consider making a donation to Kairos Prison Ministry.

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JoAnn Patterson Hood, 74, of Portland, TX was taken to heaven on July 23.

Mrs. Hood was born in 1943 to Agnes and William Patterson in Corpus Christi and was a member of First United Methodist Church Portland. She was a past chair of the Missions Committee and involved in many missions and

ministries at the church, such as a Community Health Fair and Back to School, Christmas and Easter donation drives benefitting San Patricio County's CPS children.

Her hobbies included Bunco groups, Women of The Well Emmaus Reunion group, Kairos Prison Ministry (Inside and Outside) since 2004, and the Sons of Hermann Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, two sisters, and her son.

Survivors include her husband, LF "Paul" Hood of Portland, who is also active in Kairos; daughter, two step-daughters, one step-son, two grandchildren, nine step-children, 13 great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

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Geri Elaine McClusky, 48, of Columbus, MS died Aug. 1st at her home surrounded by family and friends.

The daughter of Jerry and Elaine Rickard McClusky, Geri was born in 1969 in Columbus. She was loved by so many.

Her legacy has personally touched those who were impacted by her willingness to serve the Lord. Geri's journey began when she was placed as the "House Mother" of the Avante' House, pouring her loving spirit into the hearts of many women for the glory of God. Her journey continued with the Kairos Prison Ministry in the Kairos Outside program and as a pilgrim on her Walk to Emmaus #314. She was a member of the North Mississippi Emmaus Community.

She strived to walk with her Lord, and many others found their faith through a vibrant woman of God.

"Geri was a true example of faith. It never mattered what the doctor said she kept the faith and fought the good fight to the end. Each day she would share encouraging words and scriptures via Facebook. I had the opportunity to visit Geri in the final days and she told me I'm done fighting I'm ready to go home. She knew without a doubt that she was going to see Jesus," said Layne Herr.

She was predeceased by her grandparents. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her daughter, three grandchildren, her sister, her niece and nephew, and one great niece and one great nephew.

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Robert Bruce MacMillan, 78, of St. Indigoes, MD passed away on Aug. 11th at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in 1939 in Bay Shore, NY to the late John Joseph MacMillan and Esther Verspoor MacMillan.

Robert earned his B.S. degree from Drexel University in mechanical engineering. After graduation from college, he was drafted into the United States Army. He proudly served his country as a Specialist until his honorable discharge in 1965. In 1965 he married Joan MacMillan in Alexandria, VA. And they celebrated over 51 wonderful years of marriage.

He was employed for more 30 years as a dedicated regional supervisor for the New York Department of Environmental Conservation until his retirement.

Upon retiring, he moved to St. Indigoes, where he enjoyed spending time on his boat and fishing. He was a member of the United Methodist Men, Ducks Unlimited, volunteer for Christmas in April and Habitat for Humanity. He and his wife made many trips repairing homes all over the United States and Canada. He was an Elder/Deacon at New Hurley Reformed Church in New York, volunteered with Stephens Ministry and at Kairos Prison Ministry. He completed the Walk to Emmaus.

In addition to his beloved wife, Robert is survived by two children, two sisters, five grandchildren, and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his sister.

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John M. Whalen, 71, of Auburn, ME died peacefully at his home on Aug. 12. He was born in Newton, MA in 1946 to the late Maurice and Kathryn (Keefe) Whalen.

John was educated at Boston College, Georgetown University and University of Maine where he received a Juris Doctorate. John practiced law with the Judge Advocate General Corp of the United States Army. He was honorably discharged from the JAG Corp at the rank of captain then practiced for many years until his death.

His passions included playing drums, running, hiking, and reading. He will be remembered for his community service and unwavering kindness. John was a member of the Maine Bar, The Board for Music Healing, The Cursillo movement, Kairos Prison Ministry, a board member at St. Catherine of Seana Woman's Residence, Committee of Catholic Appeals, and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his sister, brother, two sons and a daughter. He is predeceased by his wife Kathleen and his brother.

"John had just returned from AKT in Buffalo, NY less than two weeks before. He was had already accepted the role of observing leader for Maine's Kairos #34 at the Maine State Prison in Warren. There was a Mass for him and that of another longtime Kairos volunteer inside the prison. At that time and at the next reunion for Kairos #33 (John was the inside coordinator for K33) the residents and volunteers took time to sign the cajon box drum he used at Kairos weekends and reunions. Many residents asked about him, wanted to be remembered to his family, and were quite moved by his passing. The drum is now covered with kind words and wishes for John and his family.

John was a constant source of inspiration of the men and women involved in Kairos. His unyielding generosity and inability to say "no" were among his best qualities. We will miss him dearly and ask that the Kairos community pray for our team and John's family."

Respectfully submitted, this 2nd day of Oct., 2017. Henry Lyons, JD, Observing Leader, Kairos #34.

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Robert "Bob" Emanuel D'Antoni , 62, of Dyersburg, TN and formerly of Bel Air, MD departed this Earth to be with his Heavenly Father on Aug. 18. He is the son of Thomas and Nellie D'Antoni.

Bob is survived by his wife of 42 years, Barbara, four children, one sister, one brother, 15 grandchildren and one great grandson.

"Bob loved Jesus and He loved leading worship, and while he never served on a Kairos Weekend, Bob's wife Barb was a very active Kairos volunteer at MCIW in MD and Bob supported Kairos by supporting Barb. He was also an avid prayer warrior, and his name

was often found on our Kairos prayer vigils," said Gina Brockmeyer.

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Charles E. "Charley" Blaes , 80, departed for a joyful reunion with his heavenly family on Sept. 17.

Remaining are his four children and ten grandchildren. Charley always felt blessed by his children for their generosity, intelligence, good health, and sense of responsibility.

He also left behind his sister and brother, and his soulmate, Bonnie L. Howard.

The son of Emmet and Ann Blaes of Wichita, KS, Charley graduated from college in Rome, Italy and took post-graduate studies in theology and social services in St. Louis, MO, earning degrees in liberal arts, philosophy and social work.

Following brief employment in public welfare and Catholic Social Services in Wichita, Charley relocated to Mobile, AL to assume the role of director of Social Services for the Catholic Archdiocese of Mobile, a position that he held for 16 years. During that time, he served on numerous local, state and national boards and committees.

He developed a strong attachment to the work of Alcoholics Anonymous and Kairos. He devoted more than 25 years to ministering to inmates at Fountain Correctional Center and death row at Holman Prison.

In addition to participating on more than 50 Kairos teams inside the prisons, he served on all of the administrative levels of the Ministry, including its international board of directors.

Always fond of the outdoors, Charley's favorite recreational activities were hunting, fishing and camping. It was in these mountains that he was often overwhelmed and inspired by the majesty of his Creator's works. He's probably there now.

Ray Powell remarked, "*He was instrumental in starting our ministry at Fountain CF in Atmore, AL 32 years ago and remained active until health issues prevented his participation. Charley also helped start the death row program at Holman (also in Atmore) and, in addition to local Advisory Councils, he served Kairos at the State level as well as the International board.*

Charley requested people wishing to do so donate to their favorite charity or to his - Kairos Prison Ministry."

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Warren Oliver Druetzler, 88, of Indianapolis passed away on Sept. 21. He was born in 1929 to Charles and Ruth Druetzler in Chicago, IL. He spent summers on the family farm near Plymouth, IN. During high school, running became a passion. His IL state high school record for the mile run stood for 23 years.

He earned a scholarship to Michigan State University. Warren was on a 4x880 relay team which set a world record. He was an NCAA champion in steeplechase, cross country and mile run events.

Warren served in the Army after college completing his duty at the rank of captain. While stationed at Fort Lee, VA, he qualified to represent the United States in the 1952 Olympics in the 1500 meter run.

After the Olympics, Warren proposed to his college sweetheart,

Warren's life centered on living out his faith in Jesus, his Lord and Savior. Warren was an active member of Southport Presbyterian Church serving as an Elder and at many Great Banquet events.

In the Christian Business Ministry he helped those seeking work to write resumes and polish their interviewing skills. Upon retiring from Inland Container, Warren enjoyed ministering to offenders through numerous Kairos Prison Ministry weekends.

Warren loved fishing, sailing, sports, golfing, reading and traveling to Florida. Warren never met an enemy and enjoyed witty conversation referred to as "Warrenisms" by all who loved him. His contagious optimism encouraged others as he would often say, "I'm not in control, Jesus is."

Roger Bough, Indiana State Chair, said, *"Warren Druetzler was a true servant of God with his family, his church and with Kairos. I had the pleasure of serving with Warren in Kairos at the Putnamville CF for men. He was always warm, witty with a dry sense of humor, a mentor, full of the wisdom and compassion of God. Many times Warren and I were among a small group of volunteers for weekly prayer and share. His earlier years as an Olympic athlete runner always showed at the end of the evening as he was difficult to keep up with when walking back to the sally port. I miss him and know that God's impact through Warren will be well known in heaven and throughout eternity. Privileged to call him friend."*

Warren was preceded by his parents and daughter. He is survived by his wife, brother, sister, three sons, son-in-law, two daughters, 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

JoEllen Rowe said, *"He was one of the finest Kairos volunteers that I ever worked with, certainly the only 1952 Olympic miler who even ran against Roger Bannister, the first man to ever run a 4 minute mile."*

Memorial contributions may be given to Southport Presbyterian Church or Kairos of Indiana www.kairosofindiana.org.

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Chaplain Bill Lindsey, of Hueytown, AL, passed on Sept. 27. He is preceded in death by his parents and also by his loving wife of 62 years, and his grandson. Survivors include his two sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other loved ones.

According to friend Charles Beavers, Jr., *"I knew Chap well for many years and can say that he loved the Men in White, and, beneath that gruff exterior, he was a kind and loving soul. And he was true to the Gospel and longed for each man under his care to know the Lord as Savior. Chap was a huge supporter of the Kairos ministry and was very hands on with us---spending as much time as he could with us during the Kairos weekends and other events. Chap was a man of God and a servant to the Men in White. Chap was ready to go -- he missed his bride and his health was not good. Our loss, his great gain!"*

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Silas Evans "Sonny" Etheredge, 82, of Eldorado, TX went to meet his Lord and Savior on Oct. 7th. He passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by family.

Sonny is survived by his wife, Jerry Caldwell Etheredge, as well as his three children, and his brother. Sonny also loved and cherished 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Sonny was born in 1934 to Evans and Ethel Etherege of Eldorado, TX. In 1953, Sonny graduated from Eldorado High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Jerry, on Oct. 13, 1956 and they celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Sonny owned and operated C&C Coating Inc. in Midland, TX for 42 years and then returned to Eldorado for the remainder of his days.

Sonny was an accomplished artist and gun and knife engraver. He was

an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved a good cup of hot coffee, Bit O' Honey candy, and convenience store junk food. His fondest memories would be mission trips in Mexico, and he loved almost any kind of homemade pie.

However, in the last 17 years of Sonny's life, he found his true purpose in Kairos Prison Ministry. He had a love for prison inmates that was truly remarkable, and believed that God's grace is available to anyone that accepts it. He has spent countless hours writing and ministering to men that were incarcerated.

A perfect day for Sonny would be enjoying a meal of venison with biscuits and gravy, surrounded by the whole family. He loved spending time with his family, watching his grandkids play, and was dedicated and determined to make sure each one of us experienced a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Russell F. Walthour, 90, of Orange Park, FL passed into eternal life on Oct. 19. He was born in 1927 in Wahiawa, Oahu, HI, the son of the late Col Russell F. Walthour and Anne Perry Walthour.

Russell graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with the class of 1951. He served in the Army as an enlisted man at the end of World War II and as a First Lieutenant Infantry Platoon Leader during the Korean War. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborn Division at Fort Bragg upon his return from Korea. He received the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and The Combat Infantry Badge.

In 1963, he married Shirley Shelton. They had 2 children. He was predeceased in death by his younger brother, who was killed in the Korean War in 1950.

He resigned from the Army in 1954 and moved permanently to Jacksonville, FL. He was in real estate with Stockton, Whatley, Davin Co. for 10 years. He then went into commercial real estate with his partner Stewart Ira for 23 years. In 1996, he joined Gate Petroleum Co where he remained for 15 years until his retirement in 2009.

In 2003, Russell married his loving wife, Nancy Ruth Gallagher. During their 18 years together, they spent many wonderful times traveling the world.

Surviving is his wife, two children, two stepdaughters, nine grandchildren, and two sisters. His family feels blessed to have known and loved him as he always brought a smile to those he knew with his quick wit and charm.

Russell was a faithful member and Elder of St. Johns Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army in Jacksonville or Kairos Prison Ministry of North East Florida.

Bill Van Duyn said, *"Russell was a long time Kairos volunteer and Rector at UCI and was very well known in the Kairos community when he was active, before retiring due to old age and declining health. He lived an exemplary Christian life and influenced many for Christ, inside and outside of prison. He was a West Point graduate, resided in Orange Park and was a former vice president for real estate at Gate Petroleum. I and many others will miss him."*

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Parker Lee Wilson, 76, of Highland Haven, TX, passed away on Apr. 5.

Parker was born in Hubbard, TX in 1940. He attended Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, OK, where he met, Mary, his wife of 54 years. Parker and Mary moved to Houston, TX in 1964 and lived there until they retired in 2009.

He will be missed by his friends and family. Parker described himself as a "people person" and was always on the go trying to spend as much as time as he could in the community, at the local schools' sporting events, and in various ministries.

A teacher with Galena Park Independent School District for more than 30 years, he worked in the CATE Department teaching many young people valuable skills for life.

He was also very active in the Church of the Nazarene and became an ordained minister after retirement. He continued mentoring young men right up until his death in the Kairos Hughes Unit Prison Ministry and in his church. He touched the lives of countless people during his years of service.

Parker is survived by his wife, son and daughter-in-law; daughter and son-in-law; three grandchildren; one great-grandson, and his uncle. He will also be missed by his three brothers, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Parker is pre-deceased by his mother and step-father, father, a great granddaughter, a niece, and aunt.

The family requests donations for the ministry that Parker loved: Hughes Kairos, PO Box 99, Dripping Springs, TX 78620.

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Judith Davis Haskell, 69, of Summerville, SC, wife of Samuel R. Haskell, Jr., entered into eternal rest Oct. 13.

Judith was born in 1948 in Guyton, GA, daughter of the late Theodore Davis and Arlene Gracen Davis.

She is survived by her husband, Samuel R. Haskell, Jr., three sons, six grandchildren; and two sisters.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to kairosprisonministry.org.

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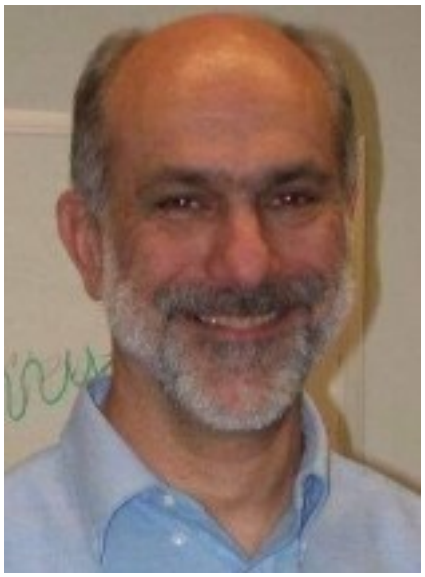
Douglas Bruce "Doug" Missman, 59, of Sunbury, OH was called home by his Lord and Savior Sept. 5th, surrounded by his loving family at his home after an inspiring 8-year battle with stomach cancer.

He was born in 1958 in Glen Ellyn, IL the son of the late Everett and Gertrude (Kunz) Missman. Doug received his Bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Criminal Justice and later his Master's in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Dayton.

He worked for more than 20 years as the Chief Probation Officer, Intensive Supervision, for the Delaware County Common Pleas Court. More recently he worked as a Counselor in his private practice, Passages Counseling Services, LLC where he employed the skills cultivated while working with Delaware County Common Pleas Court Intensive Supervision.



In 1989 Doug married Susan (Hively) Williamson of Portland, Oregon in Bremen. They spent 28 years together, sharing many wonderful memories, as husband and wife, best friends, and parents.

Doug was a member of the Sunbury United Methodist Church for more than twenty years. His deep faith led him into Kairos Prison Ministry International. He was an avid bicyclist and a stout supporter of

the Pelotonia. His love of the outdoors extended to hiking, camping, as well as his vegetable and in his words, “weed garden”.

He will be dearly missed by his wife, daughter and son-in-law, siblings, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law.

Memorial contributions, may be made to Pelotonia at www.mypelotonia.org or Kairos at www.kairosprisonministry.org.

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Gaines Linwood Watts, passed away on Aug. 13. He was a man of God who loved his family, friends and his church. He worked for 20 years ministering to inmates at the city jail and for 20+ more years working Kairos at Limestone Prison.

He loved cars, Formula 1 racing, ballroom dancing, having lunch with his buddies at work, singing in the choir, meeting with his Cursillo Reunion Group, teaching Sunday School and serving on the Outreach committee at the Church of the Nativity.

Gaines was a graduate of the University of Alabama, worked at NASA for 39 years, and Qualis for over 10 years. He is survived by his wife of almost 20 years, two daughters, two stepsons, eight grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

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Wellington M. “Mackie” Manning Jr., 81, passed away peacefully on Aug. 12. Born in 1936 in Clio, SC to the late Doris McQuage, he went on to attend Clemson University, graduating in 1958 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. In 1990, he received his alma mater's Distinguished Service Award, the university's highest award bestowed on an alumni.

Mackie worked as an engineer before entering law school at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He graduated in 1965, working briefly in corporate law before moving with his young family to Spartanburg. He worked as a patent attorney for Milliken before opening a small, private practice.

In 1984, Mackie co-founded Dority and Manning, P.A. in Greenville, today the Southeast's largest boutique IP law firm. Respected and lauded in the field of patent and trademark law, both locally and nationally, Mackie received numerous awards and distinctions, but his humility remained constant.

He could talk to anyone, and this gift—coupled with his unwavering faith in God—led him to become involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry for 19 years. He impacted countless lives, but Mackie would deny this by saying that he was, "merely the conduit," for passing along a message.
An avid "social fisherman," as his wife, Sue, named his hobby, he would spend hours on the Pawley's Island Pier, where the thrill of hooking a big flounder was undeniable, but his lure was to talk to old friends and strangers, alike.
Mackie was a talented artist with a

penchant for watercolor, and his barbecue, which had an international following, was second to none. He was a longtime member of Buncombe Street UMC, and a Rotarian for over two decades.

Despite his myriad professional successes, Mackie would never forget his humble roots. He spoke with great pride and fondness of his hometown, and compiled wonderful childhood stories, both humorous and touching, into a small book for friends and family.

Mackie is predeceased by his daughter and is survived by his wife, Sue Benton Manning, his two daughters, his sister and brother-in-law, and his seven grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Shriner's Children's Hospital or to the Kairos Prison

Ministry of South Carolina.

"*Although Mackie was an instrumental part of Dority & Manning's success, his impact outside of the firm was equally significant,"* said Stephen Bondura, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Dority & Manning. *"Mackie's unwavering faith led him to impact countless lives as part of the Kairos Prison Ministry that he participated in for so many years. All who knew Mackie will miss him dearly."*

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H. Peter Muth, 78, of St. George, ME passed away peacefully July 29, following a brief illness.

Born in Berlin, Germany, in 1939, he was the son of Alois and Elsa Keller Muth. He earned his B.A. in Economics and Finance from Hamburg University in 1960. He continued his education, completing PhD research in France, as well as earning a PhD in Political Science from Columbia University, New York in 1969.

On December 23, 1961, Mr. Muth married his best friend and love of his life, Marilyn Gleason. Together they have enjoyed a life filled with travel, togetherness, and family.

An extremely intelligent man, Mr. Muth was a natural leader. He has held numerous positions with companies, organizations, banks and governments all over the world. Working in more than 70 countries throughout his career, he has led many multi-disciplinary and multi-national professional teams, managed financial and financial services companies from start-up through operations, researched, written and edited several books, manuals and articles, as well as organizing and speaking at international conferences and seminars on a variety of development subjects.

After being diagnosed with cancer ten years ago, Mr. Muth's life path took a different course. In his own words, he shifted his focus from being career and goal oriented, to allowing faith and charity to take over his life.

He began volunteering his time, working and singing with Kairos Prison Ministry International, teaching two business courses at Maine State Prison, serving as a counselor with the Augusta Chapter of SCORE, serving as a board member for WindowDressers, and founding and managing 'The Caring Fund' at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish.

He said he became truly fulfilled once he retired and allowed these things to take over his life. His final wish was to be remembered with joy and celebration.

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10 Thanksgiving Verses

Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

1 Thessalonians 5:18: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Colossians 3:16: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

1 Chronicles 16:34: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Psalm 9:1: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

Ephesians 5:4: "Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving."

Psalm 100:4: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Colossians 4:2: "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Psalm 95:2: "Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."

Psalm 34:1: "I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips."

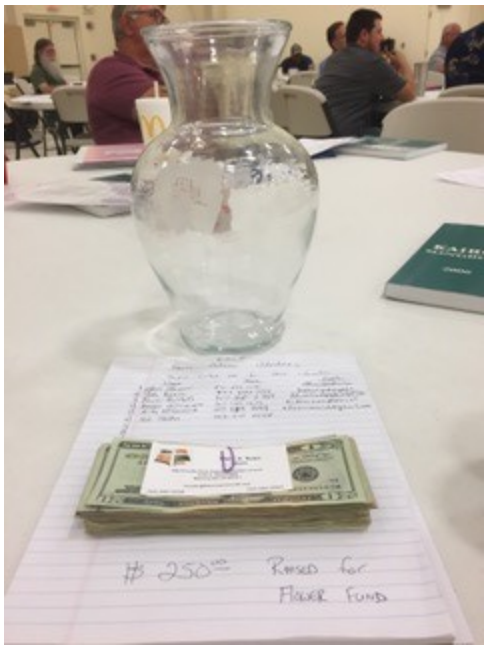
Tips for Working Together

Michael Dyer, Kairos of Indiana IC Representative, recently submitted this information for fundraising and recruiting.

During a Kairos Inside Team Formation meeting for Plainfield Heritage Trail, I used an empty flower vase showing how many flowers Kairos Outside participants probably receive for their birthday, anniversary, or Valentine's day each year while a loved one is incarcerated (most likely none). As Christians we have the opportunity to show others unconditional love by bringing a smile to these ladies faces during their time of struggle.

Passing the vase around the meeting, the men raised $250.00 in donations towards Kairos Outside Central East flower expenses for the upcoming Weekend.

I also passed around a contact sheet for men to volunteer to provide transportation, cook or talk to their wives about volunteering in Kairos Outside. The KPMI conference gave us a deeper perspective of how Kairos programs should be helping each other. All it takes is Christian Action!



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

Community Building In Unexpected Places

An Inspirational Story of How Kairos Affected A Chaplain's View On Prison Ministry

After 35 years of chaplaincy in county jails and larger correctional facilities, I wish to state that a recent three day weekend was an exceptional highlight within the framework of all those years. I was blessed beyond all expectations.

Since moving to Florida, I had longed to do some kind of jail/prison work again. A kind word was extended to me to become part of a team with Kairos Prison Ministry during a scheduled weekend ministry in a maximum prison not far away. I thought I'd try it...why not? I had heard the name a few times over the years but knew absolutely nothing about it.

As I type my reflections of that weekend I have come away convinced that Kairos is one of the most impacting outreaches to the incarcerated that I have ever observed. All of the elements that are included in the weekend (Thursday through Sunday), and through the program, give the possibility of creating an authentic Christian community for inmates while they are still inside.

In my experience, outreaches to prison and jail populations tend to be primarily evangelistic with little emphasis on spiritual growth, education and most of all, discipleship. These very basics are the ingredients that are stressed during the time spent among the volunteers and inmates.

The 'evangelistic' approach, however, is usually made up of three steps comprised of enthusiastic music, a Gospel message, and an invitation with an opportunity to "accept Jesus". I have occasionally heard volunteers remark something like this, "Did you see how many got saved?"

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Reverend Bob Reed

After giving hugs or shaking hands the volunteers leave and the inmates go back to figuring out how this should all work. No chaplain can follow up on all those who want to be strong Christians. This weekend spent with other volunteers from all walks of life has shown me that the key is to incorporate Christianity in such a way that one on one relationships are the building blocks of the foundation that gives the inmate a fighting chance in a society that is less and less friendly to Christians.

My Kairos Weekend Experience

With Kairos, the inmate selected usually has little knowledge of his fellow participants. They sign up wondering what will happen next. By the end of the weekend they discover a groundbreaking experience with the Lord, fellow inmates, and volunteers, who reach out with love and concern. Twice I heard an inmate express surprise that these people would "give up their time" for prisoners.

The days are carefully scripted so that every minute is used. There is much interaction with speakers, then times around tables for discussion where everyone has an opportunity to share. Subjects are chosen to elicit conversation which occurs more easily as time goes on. Enthusiastic music is enjoyed by all, meals are eaten together (I might add here that some inmates are in shock that volunteers eat the same meals as they do). Times of prayer are powerful and the inmates feel God's presence as their need and the needs of others are lifted up to the Lord. There are many more elements involved, essentials that give them an understanding of what a life of commitment to Jesus looks like and what surrender actually entails. Ample scripture is given by each speaker and each talk clarifies the decision before them.

What makes this such a powerful event is its simplicity and lack of spiritual celebrities to stimulate attendance. It is the

volunteer that ends up being the tool God uses in a profound way. I did observe that there is a great need for younger men as volunteers to relate to the younger incarcerated men.

Kairos As Continuing Ministry

The end result is that a cohesive community has begun in Kairos and is established within the facility, a family built in hope and the love of Jesus. This family can pray and care for one another while still within the prison walls. Kairos returns at regular times to encourage those who have been a part of the event. Follow up is a big component in order to continue to encourage those who have joined the family.

In all, I highly recommend this multi-faceted Christ-centered ministry and I pray that clergy and lay people make time to be that hand extended in Christ's name. In closing these remarks I do have one regret. It is this....I regret that I didn't look into this ministry years ago and then incorporate it into our programs.

I do leave you with one of my favorite sayings, "I am just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread!"
- Reverend Bob Reed

God's Economy - *A Story Of Selflessness and Generosity Sent From a Kairos Volunteer*

In my home Advisory Council (Valdosta, GA) there is a Kairos volunteer that serves at a homeless shelter. Recently he talked to the men there about tithing. They really took to heart what he had to say and between them (about 25 or 30 men) they came up with $20.

This from guys that have all their belongings in grocery sacks. When asked what they wanted to do with the money, they all agreed that they wanted to sponsor a participant on a Kairos Weekend. Roy said that was fine but that it did take a little more than $20 to do that, so they decided to go out and take some odd jobs to raise some more money. Roy said they really got excited about this challenge...that it was good for them.

When some of the other volunteers in the Valdosta Kairos Community heard about this, they offered to match, either in part or in whole, the sum raised by the homeless guys. Well...the homeless guys raised $1200.00.

So when all of the monies come in (most already have) there should be about $4000.00. Isn't that a magnificent story of the difference God can make in hopeless and homeless men's lives? And all it took was one volunteer teaching on some scripture about tithing and God did the rest. That is God's economy.

Moving to A Higher Realm of Faith - *A Letter To Kairos From An Inmate*

I want you to know that you have helped change my life in a very profound way. I will never compromise my integrity ever again to let a substance to be a part of my life. I want you to know when I went to Kairos, it was the beginning of letting go of the pain of people who had hurt me.

When we wrote the people's names on the rice paper and forgave them, that is when Christ allowed me to finally see I had been hurting myself. I know now He, Christ, was always with me but I wouldn't allow him to heal me the way I am now. I can honestly say God has completely changed my heart so I can love everyone of God's creatures. I am a totally new man through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior.

KAIROS TRAINING

Advanced Kairos Training is for Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch volunteers who are in or will be in a Weekend leadership role, including Advisory Council or State Chapter positions, anywhere within the Kairos program.

Advanced Kairos Training gives the what, who and why of the Kairos ministry. **Kairos policy requires that all Weekend leaders must have completed the entire training course 12 to 24 months prior to leading a Weekend.**

PRINCIPLE STATEMENTS CONCERNING ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING EXPENSES

1. All Advanced Kairos Trainings are essentially free to any and all attendees. However, paying the expenses of an attendee for training is borne by the state sending its volunteers to a training in or out of its local state. This means that all Advisory Councils or State Chapter Committees should be budgeting for any training expenses deemed necessary for their future Weekend Leaders or other attendees that the Advisory Council or State Chapter Committee wants to attend.

2. Advisory Councils or State Chapter Committees should encourage their volunteers (who may have been used to paying out of their own pocket previously to a Host State) to make their donations to their local Advisory Council instead to help build the budget to allow for more volunteers to attend trainings.

Be Sure to Bring Your Training Manual With You to Training!

You must complete the entire Advanced Kairos Training in order to receive your certificate and become a Weekend Leader.

UPCOMING ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING SCHEDULE

November 10, 2017	**WAXACHACHIE, TX**	**Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch**
January 12, 2018	**COLUMBUS, OH**	**Kairos Inside**
February 2, 2018	**RICHMOND, VA**	**Kairos Inside**
February 9, 2018	**INDIANAPOLIS, IN**	**Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch**
February 16, 2018	**HAMPTON, GA**	**Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch**
March 16, 2018	**AMARILLO, TX**	**Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside**
March 23, 2018	**KANSAS CITY, MO**	**Kairos Inside**
March 23, 2018	**POMONA, CA**	**Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside**
May 18, 2018	**DENVER, CO**	**Kairos Inside**
June 1, 2018	**HUNTSVILLE, TX**	**Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside**
June 30, 2018	**JACKSONVILLE, FL**	**Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside**
July 20, 2018	**BUFFALO, NY**	**Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside**
July 20, 2018	**RALEIGH, NC**	**Kairos Inside**

Detailed information for each training, including costs, facility, and registration can be found on the Kairos Kalendar at www.mykairos.org.

Kairos Weekends through March 31, 2018

Date	State/Country	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Program
11/9/17	FL	Marion CI	14	Bob Matthews	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	FL	Putnam CI	33	Mitch Flemmer	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	FL	NW Florida Reception Center	23	Michael Nelson	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	FL	South Bay CF	33	Walter Barrows	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	GA	Calhoun SP	23	Charles Ivy	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	IL	Western IL CC	10	Howard Woolard	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	LA	LA State Pen. Angola	40	Laine Leger	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	MD	MD CI-Hagerstown	27	Jaime Hernandez	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	PA	SCI Green	22	Ian Lindsay	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	SC	Allendale CI	22	Daniel Greathouse	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	TN	Riverbend Maximum SI	6	Jim Melrose	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	TX	Beto Prison	57	Buxx Barton	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	TX	Clemens Prison	21	Mark Rouse	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	TX	Dalhart Prison	36	Cody James	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	TX	Montford Unit	37	Brent Staggs	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/9/17	AR	McPherson Womens Unit	36	Rosemary Fortner	Kairos Inside - Women's
11/9/17	AZ	Perryville SP	3	Chris Simpson	Kairos Inside - Women's
11/9/17	MO	Chillicothe CC	11	Judith Lee	Kairos Inside - Women's
11/10/17	CA	CA Med. Facility	49	Jeff Buonaccorsi	Men's Inside
11/10/17	AUS	Adelaide	27	Kathy Moore	Kairos Outside
11/10/17	AUS	Riverina	11	Marelene Collins	Kairos Outside
11/10/17	IN	Central Indiana East	3	Kara Jones	Kairos Outside
11/10/17	MD	Maryland	23	Veronica Reed	Kairos Outside
11/10/17	NY	NYC	16	Geraldine Lorde	Kairos Outside
11/10/17	SC	Upstate	14	Georgia Ricketts	Kairos Outside
11/10/17	TX	North Texas	41	Kacey Claiborne	Kairos Outside
11/14/17	UK	Maghaberry Prison	14	Colin Maxwell	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	AL	Staton CF	34	John Morris	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	CAN	Beavercreek CI	5	Bob Flynn	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	FL	Central FL Reception Center	9	Carlos Benitez	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	FL	Sumter CI	25	Dudley Savage	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	GA	Hancock SP	48	Lou Carreras	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	GA	Rogers SP	36	Mark Anderegg	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	**MD**	**Jessup CI (JCI)**	**1**	**Jonathan Kieffer**	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	**NC**	**Craggy CC**	**1**	**John Klees**	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	NM	Southern NM CF	26	James Thomas	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	TX	Neal Prison	38	Ray Saavedra	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	TX	Telford Unit	3	Robert Salgado	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	VA	Nottoway CC	38	David Dalton	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/16/17	D R	Bani Women	4	Melkys Mena	Kairos Inside - Women's
11/16/17	NY	Albion WCF	75	Karen B Tanner	Kairos Inside - Women's
11/17/17	MO	Eastern Missouri	30	Marian Crosby	Kairos Outside
11/17/17	TX	San Antonio	33	Rose Mary Vega	Kairos Outside
11/23/17	D R	Najayo CCR17	3	Felix Javier	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/23/17	D R	Najayo CCR20	2	Raul Estevez	Kairos Inside - Men's
11/24/17	AUS	Sydney	38	Margaret Irwin	Kairos Outside
11/27/17	NIC	La Modelo Prison			Kairos Inside - Men's
11/30/17	OK	Dick Conner CC	26	James Hughes	Kairos Inside - Men's
12/1/17	MD	Silver Oak Academy	5	Philip Pascoe	Kairos Torch

KAIROS KALENDAR

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12/7/17	AR	R.L. Williams Unit	10	Peter Matousek	Kairos Inside - Men's
12/7/17	NY	Wende CF	61	Brian Bunny	Kairos Inside - Men's
12/14/17	TX	Estes Unit	15	Bryan Bruton	Kairos Inside - Men's
12/28/17	TX	Ferguson	64	Randy Nettles	Kairos Inside - Men's
12/31/17	AUS	Wolston CC	9	Brian Stone	Kairos Inside - Men's
01/12/18	IL	Illinois	5	Carol Prunty	Kairos Outside
01/19/18	ME	Maine CC	5	Amanda Seekins	Kairos Inside - Women's
01/25/18	TX	Wallace Unit CF	38	Ron Bearden	Kairos Inside - Men's
02/07/18	NC	NC Central Prison	47	Raymond LaCroix	Kairos Inside - Men's
02/08/18	AK	Wildwood CC	12	Ronald O'Lena	Kairos Inside - Men's
02/08/18	AL	Aliceville FCI for Women	9	Tricia McBride	Kairos Inside - Women's
02/13/18	TX	Jester Prison III	2	Jeff Eby	Kairos Inside - Men's
02/15/18	FL	Jefferson CI	23	John C. Hess	Kairos Inside - Men's
02/15/18	NC	Alexander CI	26	Ritch Bolick	Kairos Inside - Men's
02/15/18	TX	Hutchins State Jail	25	Steve L. Whatley	Kairos Inside - Men's
02/16/18	PA	FCI Allenwood	8	Park Williams	Kairos Inside - Men's
02/16/18	CA	Central California WF	20	Terri Caruso	Kairos Inside - Women's
02/22/18	AL	Bibb County CF	34	Stephen L Frost	Kairos Inside - Men's
02/22/18	AL	Elmore CF	17	John Alexander	Kairos Inside - Men's
03/01/18	TX	Hughes Unit	41	Hugo Naumann	Kairos Inside - Men's
03/01/18	TN	West Tennessee SP	41	Kenny Futrell	Kairos Inside - Men's
03/01/18	TX	Stevenson Prison	27	Coleman Nalls	Kairos Inside - Men's
03/4/18	CT	Manson Youth Institution	11	Craig Trent	Torch
03/08/18	TX	Jordan Unit	43	Mack Shirley	Kairos Inside - Men's
03/08/18	SC	Camille Graham CI	58	Dianne Boykin	Kairos Inside - Women's
03/08/18	**TX**	**Hilltop Unit**	**1**	**Pat Evans**	Kairos Inside - Women's
03/09/18	MS	Central Mississippi	27		Kairos Outside
03/13/18	VA	Augusta CC	39	Douglas Gaskell	Kairos Inside - Men's
03/15/18	AR	Ouachita River CU	22	David Keesee	Kairos Inside - Men's
03/15/18	GA	Walker SP	18	Jim Fugate	Kairos Inside - Men's
03/15/18	LA	David Wade CC	43	Paul Moore	Kairos Inside - Men's
03/15/18	NC	Pender CI	34	Jim Linton	Kairos Inside - Men's
03/15/18	OH	Dayton CI	12	Patricia Crotty	Kairos Inside - Women's

To post your Kairos Weekend or receive more Weekend information go to www.mykairos.org

Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends:

A list of agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is located at the top of the page on the Kairos Kalendar page of mykairos.org.

This information is available in Excel format so you can download it and have all of the contact information.

In order for this to be effective, **please be sure your Weekends are posted well in advance of their actual dates and your agape contact and their email address are included in the posting.**

Also, please remember to send in your agape for posting to agape@mykairos.org.

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Our **Facebook** page has OVER 4,500 fans — are you one of them? If not, you're missing out on Kairos news, blogs, and inspirational messages! "Like" our page at facebook.com/kairosprisonministry. SHARE our posts with your friends! This is a great way to spread the Kairos message.

Our **Facebook "Group"** page for volunteers has been transformed into a NEW page with 2,800+ members, are you one of them? This is where we share Kairos topics of prayer, encouragement, stories, etc.! Come "Join" our group at facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational. Let your voice be heard!

Follow us on **Twitter** at @kairosprisonmin — Send us a tweet and let us know what you or your ministry is doing, or what prayers are needed. We "RE-TWEET" other @Mentions of Kairos Prison Ministry and its a great way to find out more about Kairos around the world!

Are you on **Google+**? We would love to have you follow us and connect with you there too! You can find us google.com/+KairosprisonministryOrgIntl

Have you seen some of the powerful testimony videos and transformational change that happens when God uses our Kairos team? Subscribe and watch us on YouTube @KairosPrisonMinistryOrgIntl.

Are you a member of **Kairos E-News?** We send out a quick update for our volunteers on the first of every month. To sign up, visit mykairos.org and fill out the Kairos E-News Form at the bottom of the home page.

Sharing and re-posting about Kairos Prison Ministry makes a greater impact on our ministry.

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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.

Our Vision is a community spiritually freed from the effects of imprisonment reaching all impacted by incarceration, through the love, hope, and faith found in Jesus Christ.

Core Values:

- Lay led Christ Centered Ministry
- Empowerment While Building Accountability
- Continuing Ministry Model to Build Community
- Trustworthy
- Respect and Love
- Stewardship