



God's Special Time

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Kairos Gears Up for the 2015 Annual Conference

Excitement is building for the 2015 Kairos Prison Ministry International Annual Conference. The conference will be held at the American Airline Training and Conference Center in Fort Worth, Texas July 28 through August 1st.

This year Kairos moved from a Winter and Summer conference to just one annual conference to be held during the summer months. Hopefully, this will encourage states and countries to provide for more of their volunteers to attend. So far, registrations are up over previous years, with many states having already registered their state and Advisory Council members.

The theme for the conference is: **Reflections of Light.** Our hope is

that this theme along with corresponding Bible verses, will be incorporated throughout the entire conference, including meetings, workshops, general sessions, etc.

We are excited to announce that Oliver J. Bell, Chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, will be our keynote speaker for the Friday evening general session following the banquet.

Oliver Bell was appointed to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice in February 2004 and was reappointed in 2009. He was elected as vice-chairman in January 2008 and was appointed as the chairman in April 2008.



Mr. Bell chairs the Health Care Committee and is a member of the Audit and Review and Business & Financial Operations committees. He is the Chairman/CEO and

founder of Oliver J. Bell, Inc., and the Chairman/founder of the Texas Labor & Employee Relations Consortium.

This year we have put together a new set of Workshops for our volunteers to attend. We feel honored with the assemblage of presenters and the outstanding workshop content that they will be offering. You can find this listing along with the conference agenda and registration form on the mykairos.org website.



Pictured above is the American Airline Training and Conference Center in Fort Worth, Texas, where the 2015 Annual Conference will be held.

The local Texas Conference Committee, chaired by Steve Newton, is working diligently to ensure that all of our Kairos brothers and sisters have a wonderful experience while learning new information, sharing ideas and enjoying Kairos camaraderie.

....Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Psalm 133:1

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God Continues to Bless Kairos

It is always exciting to hear of the wonderful impacts of the spring Weekends throughout the world. Kairos Prison Ministry is certainly in a wonderful place and the stories that change lives are what keep us all motivated to continue serving. Due to our recent growth in 2014 and continued growth in 2015, we have more volunteers serving in more correctional facilities through Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch, and more serving in Kairos Outside. We have correctional facility leaders asking Kairos to please come into their facility. We have new partners and promotions taking place to help with the recruitment and recognition of the ministry impact.



Evelyn Lemly
Executive Director

Over the past several months, I have been working with a PBS correspondent to create a story on Kairos. After working through the logistics of what were we willing to allow as Kairos and what the Department of Corrections would allow, we were successful in securing a time and place. The Indiana Department of Corrections not only partnered with us but waived all fees to film in prison and a representative was present to be interviewed and to support the filming effort. The Superintendent (Warden) was extremely supportive and enabled the film and interviews

to take place. And the Kairos team was outstanding as they worked through the distraction of the filming at various times throughout the Weekend.

The result is a 7 minute television piece that has been playing across the U.S. on PBS television stations successfully showing the program of Kairos ministry and the positive impact on inmates. This is playing to an audience of one million viewers weekly, having the chance to at least hear about Kairos and see the positive work of the thousands of volunteers across the country. We have churches linking the story to their websites and showing during Sunday morning services, volunteers using it as a recruitment tool for groups and churches, families of the volunteers that are gaining understanding of what Kairos is all about, and on and on. Who knows how God will use this news clip to positively impact His ministry!

As you will see on page 8 of this newsletter, we also have released information on a collaborative effort with Walk to Emmaus. The purpose is to encourage stronger relations at the local community levels to work together to positively impact both ministries. This news release was sent to all

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

This is my last article for the Kairos Newsletter as Chair of the Board of Directors. As I look back, this has been a very fast two years. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this board at this special time in the history of Kairos.

It was just seven years ago, at the Summer Conference in Oakland California that the Kairos Board wisely decided that a restructuring of the ministry's governing body was necessary for Kairos to survive. When I served on the ad hoc Structure Committee I had no idea that I would eventually be on the new 15 member Board. The new governance of Kairos has gone through 5 years of evolving to become what we are today. In just the past two years we have changed from a working board to a governing board.

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Emmaus communities and through their newsletter network across the world, everywhere Emmaus works. I hope this is only the beginning of better partnerships with all of the 4th day communities and pray to work out arrangements with more of the national 4th day groups we are associated with in the future.

On another note, United Kingdom Kairos volunteers recently completed a 28 day walk "Bearing the Cross" across southern England. This brought name recognition, people asking about Jesus, news stories, and

The Board has successfully made this transformation due to the efforts of many. It's no coincidence that this change began to take place two years ago when Evelyn Lemly was hired as our Executive Director. She has inspired us, through her striving for excellence, as she carries out her duties and we have sought to carry out excellence as we pursue our role as your Board.

My two predecessors, George Brown and Ed Keefer, led our Board through some rough times as we stretched and grew into the body we are now. Their leadership showed their passion and dedication for Kairos. And, I cannot adequately express the

new volunteers interested in Kairos.

In addition, they now have seven new prisons (five adult and two youth) that are interested in Kairos programs starting in their facilities. And they have a group of women who want to start Kairos Outside. God is at work growing Kairos in the U.K, where we currently have three prisons we work in and a new potential of 10.

Kairos is a wonderful ministry that is doing very positive work to serve the incarcerated. The better we positively tell the story



**Jim Hankins,
Board Chair**

admiration and thanks I have for the Board members I have served beside. God chose these women and men and they have been worthy of the call. They have been willing to "die to self" that they might be responsive to God's guidance concerning His Ministry.

I am forever grateful that I was called into this ministry and am humbled to have served as Chair of the Board of Directors. I do look forward to one more year as a member on this wonderful body as we are led by the next Chair. But as always, my greatest joy comes in serving my Lord, sitting beside those who are lost, and sharing His hope.



of Kairos on the local and national levels, the more we can recruit volunteers to fulfil the need for Kairos programs to function with excellence and to grow into new locations.

We are blessed that our reputation is very positive and with a ministry that works. Let's ensure we give God all the glory for this wonderful ministry, each volunteer, and every opportunity we have to serve Him daily. And most of all, to praise our Lord for all those impacted by incarceration that are being touched with His hope, truth and love.

Prayer and Share, are you a “Visitor”?

By Ken Rocks,
Men's Ministries Coordinator

The very heart of what we do in Kairos Men's Inside is establish Prayer and Share Communities within an institution. Kairos is continuing ministry. These communities are the result of what happens on the 3 ½ day Weekend and the 4th day Instructional that follows. Traveling to various Weekends recently, I have noticed that Prayer and Share isn't being done as intended. I thought I would describe in some detail what is supposed to happen. My guess is that some volunteers don't know any different.

Now a little history as to how we got where we are today. Kairos, of course, started as a Cursillo movement within prison. Cursillo teaches that like other 4th day movements, grouping is a way to form accountability groups. These are safe places of confidentiality for graduates of the program to share amongst themselves their needs and express possible successes and failures within their Christian walk. In 1979 Kairos officially separated from Cursillo. We kept many of the same processes and configured the program for a very different place, prison.

Our 3 1/2 day Weekends are the beginning of the program, not the end. What follows the Weekend is the Prayer and Share groupings that are part of our continuing ministry. Monthly Reunions and 2 day retreats are others as well.

Within the small 3-6 person Prayer and Share group, Kairos graduates learn to pray for one another, the administration, and the staff. As a result, the prison environment begins to change. Visible changes are seen in the individuals who begin to care about one another and take those first steps to practice their faith through ministry to others in the prison. Jesus becomes the focus of their lives

No matter how much it is appreciated by the residents, a volunteer's presence in their Prayer and Share fellowship inhibits the openness and vulnerability of the small group members. In other words, the volunteer is an outsider who will have a detrimental impact on the intimacy of the group. The Weekend and the Instructional Reunion prepare the residents to become part of a small group in which they can be vulnerable, open and honest with each other as they grow in Christ. It is to be noted that this is a small group of residents, not residents and team members.

The previous two paragraphs are straight out of the Program Manual. There is no accountability possible between a free world person and an incarcerated resident. If you think about it, we know that graduates can talk with a person in their group when they see their behavior on the yard that bears a conversation. Where is the free world person when that is going on? In reality, our program is not about us. It is about our

Kairos Graduates. Prayer and Share becomes a “visit” when a Kairos volunteer is involved in the group. I know this to be true because I have been told that by our graduates. The quote goes like this... “if it wasn't for Kairos volunteers, I wouldn't have any visitors. My whole family has abandoned me.” In those prisons where our Kairos volunteers are immersed in Prayers and Share groups, the numbers are declining. Where the Prayer and Share grouping involves only the graduates, the numbers are growing.

By easing out of the Prayer and Share grouping and educating our graduates on what our program is really about, you can give them the legs to walk with Christ on their own. Enabling a dependence on us is not healthy for them, or us. We can always be friendly, but they are not our friends. From a security perspective, over familiarity can get our volunteers in trouble.

So to sum it up, step back from the weekly Prayer and Share groups and let the Holy Spirit work amongst our Kairos graduates to build their community. Our volunteers still need to be present in the room to supervise our program. While few volunteers are needed, they can be silently praying for the Holy Spirit to fill hearts during this sharing and accountability with their brothers in Christ. Doing weekly Prayer and Share grouping the right way is a God honoring way of true Ministry Excellence for our Kairos Graduates.





Why There Are Rules.....

By Gina Brockmeyer,
Women's Ministries Coordinator

As Program Coordinators, we receive many questions about the rules related to running a Kairos Weekend. We spend a good part of each and every day clarifying rules or addressing issues that are not clearly defined in the program manual. Often we must address the "spirit" of what the manual intends because an issue is not clearly defined, and frequently the decisions that we have to make are hard and sometimes unpopular.

But our rules and the decisions we make are necessary to operate the Weekends with consistency across the 435+ programs operating in 35 states and 9 countries including Canada, United Kingdom, South Africa, Australia, Costa Rica, Dominica Republic, Honduras, Peru, and Nicaragua. With a few exceptions for local Department of Correction Rules, a Kairos Weekend done in California should look exactly like a Kairos Weekend in Georgia.

It is also important for Kairos volunteers to remember that all the rules and regulations are not made by the staff at Kairos Prison Ministry International – they are made by Kairos volunteers who make up our Board of Directors. The staff at Kairos is charged with implementing, and for lack of a better word, enforcing the rules. Not an easy job, but one that must be done.

The reason for having the Kairos Program Manuals is to protect and maintain the spiritual principles

that are vital to fulfill our mission, sharing the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts of the men, women and youth, as well as their families, who attend a Kairos Weekend. Those principles are the basis for everything done on a Weekend including the talks and meditations as well as when those talks and meditations are delivered on the Weekend. The program manuals are based on prayer-soaked works and God-inspired decisions by founders of Kairos and from Godly wisdom gleaned doing Kairos Weekends since 1976.

Each day of the Weekend has a guiding purpose or a focus. The activities are designed to support the day's focus, and as the activities for each day unfold, a building process is occurring. The participants are led, step by step, through a growing understanding of the focus for that day, guiding them to a better understanding of the Christian's life. That is why Kairos is such a structured program, and why it is critical that the program be conducted as it is written without changing any part of it. Everything on the Weekend has a place and an order.

The other key component to Kairos, which dictates many of our policies, procedures and rules, is that Kairos is an interdenominational Christian ministry, commonly referred to as ecumenical. Ministering in an ecumenical/interdenominational setting requires sacrifices. Team

members come from a variety of denominations and they must be willing to refrain from activities that are practiced by their own denomination, in contrast to others, while serving as a Kairos volunteer. Only broad based, mainstream Christian teachings which we, as Christians hold as "common ground," are used at Kairos.

Kairos volunteers present Christ's love, understanding, forgiveness and acceptance. We conduct ourselves according to the love of Jesus Christ as demonstrated in the Scriptures. We are called to lay down private agendas as we serve Jesus Christ while conducting Kairos Weekends. Kairos volunteers must stand united in God's love and grace and avoid doing anything that separates them as the unified Body of Christ while conducting a Weekend.

The bottom line is that when we are serving in Kairos we must die to our self, and follow the rules that have been established. Following the rules will not always be easy, and every man and woman often desire to do things their way. But God tells us in Galatians 5:16, that

"we must not yield to our nature, we must let the Holy Spirit guide your lives"

and in doing so we will be used by Him and will bare much fruit. Following the rules means we will have **R**eassurance, **U**nity, **L**aborsaving, **C**hrist **E**difying, **S**piritual Weekends that will honor and glorify Him.

God's Tattoos

"Behold, I have graven thee (your name) upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."
Isaiah 49:16

By Kevin Resnover,
 Youth Ministries Coordinator

The first talk on a Kairos Torch Weekend is given through the use of a video presentation called "Creation". This presentation is designed to follow the account of creation found in Genesis 1:1-31. The video begins by showing a bright beam of light breaking through total darkness. Immediately following is the spectacular creation of various planets; the formation of the ocean; the construction of the beautiful mountains and lavish lands; the development of the various plant life; the materialization of insects, animals and finally the incredible creation of mankind.

The pictures and/or names of the Weekend Participants are interspersed throughout this part of the video where mankind is displayed while Psalms 139 is being read. One purpose behind this presentation is to reinforce the message of the meticulous care God took to create the universe, specifically for us to "richly enjoy". This presentation also emphasizes the message of God's intentionality in uniquely creating each person and calling us His **ultimate** creation!

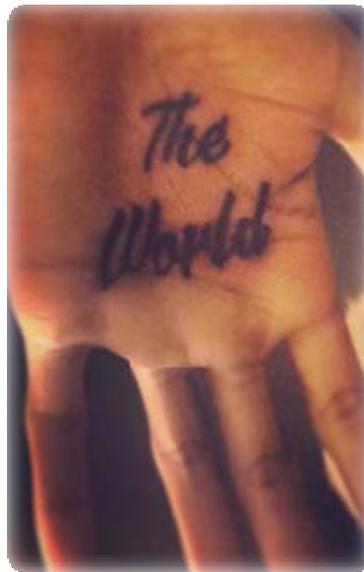
It's always exciting to see the youth's face light up as their picture or name is displayed on the big screen. Often times there will be an eruption of applause with each youth's photo and the realization that God was detailed in creating each of us different from one another but intimately loves us as if we were the only person He created.

Each youth is assigned their own personal Guide throughout the Weekend that often becomes their mentor after the Weekend experience. This display of care reinforces the message to each youth participating in the Kairos Torch program that God has a special and personal plan designed

for their life that is full of hope and a very bright future.

Prior to watching this video the guide spends several minutes getting to know the youth and formally introduces them to the whole group by sharing their name and something positive that the youth has done or is aspiring to. After the video presentation everyone reintroduces

themselves and ends their introduction by saying "***I am a special creation of God***". Again, this is the time for loud and encouraging applause from all.



All throughout the Torch Weekend the participants are reminded of God's love for them and that we, the church (the body of Christ), are His hands and feet acting out that love to

them with great joy. Each of the seven talks and every activity within those 2½ days are scripted to ensure that the youth know they are of great importance and highly valued. Over and over again, and in various creative ways the message of God's affection for each of the youth is bolstered.

On Saturday night, as part of the "Forgiveness Service," a man stands in proxy of all fathers and offers a message of forgiveness to each of the youth and then invites each youth to turn to any adult male present to receive a fathers blessing. Little can compare to hearing and seeing godly

men speak the Aaronic prayer (Numbers 6:24-27) over a room of hurting youth. This is often a very emotional time for the youth as they tearfully embrace God's loving declaration.

On Sunday, the final day of the Weekend program, the participants are given several expressions of love in the form of letters from each team member, a personal Bible, and a personalized birthday cake with their name written in icing. For many of the youth it is the first time they have ever experienced a personal celebration of life.

As each youth tearfully receives their Bible and birthday cake, the Weekend leader reminds them that "...*the Bible also tells us that you are so special to God, and God is so proud of you, that He has your name carved on the palms of His hands. Your name, on the palm of God's hands! God loves you!*" I never imagined God having tattoos, but how awesome is it that He not only knows us by our individual name, but He has our name tattooed in His palms!



Kairos Recognized by Indiana Department of Corrections

Kairos Indiana State Chair, Michael Dyer, was asked to speak at the Indiana Department of Corrections Leadership Symposium representing Kairos. The event was held April 29th with approximately 100 people in attendance, including all facility superintendents.

Michael's presentation was based on "Kairos it works!" along with highlighting and explaining a few of the aspects of the Kairos programs:

- 1) The Love of Jesus Christ
- 2) IDOC leadership
- 3) Kairos Volunteers

"I share this with you as believing relationships matter with Department of Corrections facilities and taking effort in establishing credibility, integrity and trust. I believe States running successful Kairos





Kairos Prison Ministry International

In Loving Memory

Often, people who have lost a loved one ask that a tribute gift be made to their favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

A memorial contribution to Kairos Prison Ministry pays thoughtful tribute to the memory of your loved one. Donations will support sharing Christ's love with the incarcerated.

A memorial letter will be sent to the family of the bereaved, along with the name (s) of the donors. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed.

Donors will receive a letter from Kairos Prison Ministry for their tax-exempt contribution.

programs are meeting with DOC officials on a regular basis," stated Dyer.

After the presentation, Commissioner Lemmon presented Roger Bough, Frank Rowe and Michael, all three active Indiana Kairos volunteers, with the Commissioner's Coin (size of silver dollar) honoring outstanding performance.

Dyer commented, "We accepted this token as it honors all of the Kairos of Indiana volunteers past, present and future. It's very humbling. It really is a partnership between the three of us (God, IDOC & Kairos) and is awesome to see how valued the Kairos Prison Ministry program is to the Indiana Department of Corrections.



**Partnership in Ministry:
Walk to Emmaus and Kairos Prison Ministry International
Sign Memorandum of Understanding**

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Walk to Emmaus and Kairos Prison Ministry International announce the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two ministries in order to **celebrate** the partnership between the organizations, **invite** local Emmaus and Kairos communities to collaborate and form new partnerships, and **encourage** Emmaus and Kairos communities to engage in conversations that will advance the purpose of sharing God's love with all.

Both Walk to Emmaus and Kairos Prison Ministry International have been working together for many years. Many who have participated in a weekend Walk to Emmaus and are currently serving in Emmaus are active in Kairos Prison Ministry teams—groups that offer Christ's love and forgiveness to incarcerated individuals and to their families. As a vital Fourth Day movement, Kairos Prison Ministry International volunteers host weekend and follow-up ministry events inside prisons, minister to youth offenders, and work with female loved ones of incarcerated men, women, and youth.

The Memorandum of Understanding states that Walk to Emmaus and Kairos Prison Ministry International acknowledge that the two organizations journey together as covenant people in community, seeking spiritual growth and transformation under the guidance of Jesus Christ. **The Emmaus and Kairos ministries seek to learn together and to strengthen each other so that more and more people will receive the grace and love of God.**

"We rejoice together as God changes and transforms lives through our program ministries and partnerships," said Evelyn Lemly, CEO/Executive Director of Kairos.

"It is our hope," said Stephane Brooks, Director of Emmaus ministries, "that in the context of this newly signed memorandum both ministries will invite their community leaders to contact their respective offices to discuss local Emmaus and Kairos ministries."

For more information about Kairos Prison Ministry International, visit: www.kpmi.org or call 407-629-4948.

For more information about Walk to Emmaus and other Emmaus ministries, visit: emmaus.upperroom.org or call 877-899-2780.

Pictured right (from left to right):

Kate Dickinson, Associate Director, Emmaus ministries, Stephane Brooks, Director, Emmaus ministries, and Evelyn Lemly, CEO/Executive Director, Kairos Prison Ministry International



“He is My Rock!” Kairos Outside Weekend #18

He is my rock! This is the theme for Kairos Outside Weekend #18. When I was asked to lead the Weekend, I initially declined - that was several years ago. I had numerous excuses that I offered as to why I couldn't lead a Weekend at that time. Things like, I don't have enough time, I don't like talking in front of people, I'm not computer savvy, I don't think I would be a good leader and on and on.

Eventually, I became the chair of the advisory council, which gave me another excuse as to why I couldn't lead a Weekend. The advisory council chair, per the guidelines from Kairos Prison Ministry International states that an advisory council chair cannot be a Weekend leader. Alleluia - I had a “legitimate” excuse as to why I couldn't lead a Weekend.

Then one day, as I was talking to a potential candidate to lead a Weekend in 2014, she said something very profound and very true. “I will be obedient to God and accept this blessing that He has laid before me!” Wow - that one statement spoke to me. How could I not be obedient to God's calling and how I could I not see this as a blessing? I felt ashamed and guilty for my declining to lead a Kairos Outside Weekend because I was too fearful of failing.

After the new advisory council chair took over I emphatically let her know that I wanted to lead a

Weekend. I knew almost immediately what the scripture was going to be “Be Still and Know That I am God” Psalm 46:10 and I also knew that in order to do all the things necessary to conduct a Weekend, I would need to rely on God, who is my rock.

Psalm 46:10 literally fell onto my lap one day when I was at church, waiting for our Sunday School Class to gather. I had arrived a little early and was leafing through an old bible that was on the bookshelf. My thoughts were focused inward, worrying about all the troubles that I was experiencing at the time, wondering if my prayers were doing any good. I was even questioning whether God existed. At that moment I opened an old Bible and a newspaper clipping fell out and landed on my lap. The article

started with Psalm 46:10. “Be still, and know that I am God.” I smiled as I read the article and I knew that God was real and He was speaking to me through that article.

I kept the article. It's tucked away in my Bible and I carry it with me. Whenever I need a reminder that God is real and that He is with me, I read the newspaper clipping and I remember that day, sitting quietly in a Sunday School Classroom, just God and myself, having a quiet moment together.

He is my rock... the one I turn to, the one I rely on, the one who hears me, the one who has redeemed me, and the one who loves me.

*Barbara Jensen,
Kairos Outside #18 Leader*

In the Mail Box

I would like to thank you for the experience my fiancé had in Hagerstown facility this weekend. I just got off the phone with him beaming about the power of God he experienced and the multitude of Gods love that is in him. I would like to request applications for his mother and I for the women's experience.

Thank you and God bless

I thank God, Himself, for you to come and spend time, to feed us with God's word, to give agape love, to share fellowship, to share how God, Himself, touched your lives when you share your testimony—I know that was hard to do.

Your brother,

Benjamin

And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Luke 23:43

Myreta M. Holbert, Virginia Beach, VA, 82, went home to be with our Lord on October 18, 2014. She was born August 4, 1932 in Augusta, MI. Myreta had a love for God, life and family. She was predeceased by her husband, Cdr. William H. Holbert Jr., USN Ret., and a daughter Holly Holbert. Left to cherish her memory are her children, William Holbert III and wife Debra of Citrus Heights, CA; Kevin Holbert and daughter Heyleigh-Lyn Holbert, of Virginia Beach. Myreta was a long term volunteer with Contact Tidewater, CREDO, KAIROS Prison Ministry, and the Emmaus community. Myreta served on many of the Kairos Women's Inside teams at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women in Troy, VA.



Austin Forrest Anthis, Jr., born September 28, 1928 went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on April 22, 2015

at the age of 86. He attended Rice University where he earned a BS degree in Chemical Engineering in 1950 and then went to Lawrence College in Wisconsin and graduated with both a Masters and PhD in Chemical Engineering. After graduation, while working in Houston, he met his beloved wife, Norma Ann at South Main

Baptist Church and they were married in August of 1959 and later moved to Baton Rouge and eventually back to Houston in 1978.

Austin was a faithful husband and father who loved spending time with his family. He served his family and others with a kind and gentle spirit that was admired by all those who knew him. More than anything he was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. He was a long time dedicated member of Houston's First Baptist Church where he was active in Stephen's Ministry, missions, and various Bible study and prayer groups.

In his retirement years, he found great joy in prison ministry and Christian discipleship through InnerChange Freedom Initiative and Kairos Prison Ministry. He is survived by his daughter Laurie Anthis Kattner and her husband Kenric, his son Joel N. Anthis and his wife Cindy and their four children.

Austin was a Kairos volunteer at the Carol Vance Unit from around 2000-2006, up until he underwent brain surgery. He loved his time volunteering with Kairos so tremendously and it was one of the greatest joys of his life. He continued to want to go down to the prison and volunteer and expressed an intense desire to do so on nearly daily basis.



Michael "Emil" Liptak, age 73, Black Mountain, NC passed on Saturday, May 2, 2015. A native of Pittsburgh, PA,

he graduated from Allegheny High School in Pittsburgh, PA in 1960, joined the US Navy in 1961 and served as an Aviation Structural Mechanic. In 1975, Emil received his masters from Lawrence Institute of Technology in Detroit, MI. He enjoyed a career as a Physicist working in Aerospace and while working for NASA, he assisted on the Hubble Telescope project. He retired to NC in 2005.

Emil served on a team for Kairos Prison Ministry, where as a born again Christian he was passionately involved with his local chapter offering assistance to many incarcerated men. His love for humanity also compelled him to spend his time serving others with Maryland Credo Recovery Ministry.

Emil is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Carol Liptak; three children, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren and his mother. Emil loved sailing and the outdoors. He was fortunate to hike in many beautiful places. Always one to never meet a stranger, he quickly made friends wherever he went. He dearly loved his family and

treasured spending time with all of his kids and grandkids. He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kairos Prison Ministry, 100 DeBary Plantation Boulevard, DeBary, FL 32713.



Elizabeth M. Bischoff, 89, of Lynchburg, VA died Monday, May 4, 2015. Born March 10, 1926 in Perth

Amboy, N.J., Elizabeth was a daughter of the late Christian L. Bischoff and the late Elsie Walter Bischoff. She leaves behind friends and family whom will miss her dearly. Please remember them in your prayers.

Elizabeth was a lifelong educator, having taught German, French and English in a variety of places and settings. She moved to Lynchburg to teach at Randolph Macon Woman's College, and retired from teaching at Heritage High School.

She was a strong Christian, a devoted aunt, sister and friend. She had a full, rich life and will be missed by those who loved her. She was also a Kairos Prison Ministry volunteer. Memorial contributions may be sent to Kairos Prison Ministries Foundation, 100 DeBary Plantation Boulevard, DeBary, FL 32713.



Sally LaRue Suckling,

Odessa, TX went home to be with the Lord in the early hours of May 5, 2015.

Sally was born on March 27, 1946 in Altoona, PA to Herbert and Winifred Suckling. The family moved to Odessa when she was two. She graduated from Odessa High School in 1964. After graduation Sally got her Associates degree from Odessa College and attended Texas Tech University before moving to Austin In 1967 to attend the University of Texas. She returned to Odessa in 1984 to raise her daughter Chloe.

Sally spent most of her life as a bookkeeper for commercial real estate companies in Austin and Odessa. Sally was actively involved at Belmont Baptist Church and a member of Kairos Outside. She loved being of a part of the Kairos ministry and helping the families of those who were incarcerated.

She had just returned from a Kairos Weekend just before her death. Sally was preceded in death by her parents Winifred and Herbert Suckling. Please keep her daughter, Chloe Suckling, and the rest of her family in your prayers. Sally had many friends who she loved with all her heart. She had a love for life and will be missed by all who knew her.



Marlin "Frenchy"

Lemieux, age 75, Wheatfield, NY, died May 13, 2015 at Mt. St. Mary

Hospital in Lewiston, NY after a long illness. Born in Tonawanda, NY, he was the son of the late Thancrede and Magdalena (nee Lang) Lemieux and had been a Navy Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen three children, and eight grandchildren.

A resident of Wheatfield for more than 48 years, Frenchy had been employed with Steamfitters' Local 22 in Buffalo before retiring. Mr. Lemieux had been a member and past vice-president of the George Washington Club in Riverside, a member of the Cursillo movement and the Kairos Prison Ministry, and had been an active member of St. Christopher Parish. Memorials to Kairos Prison Ministry International.



Cary Gooch Shepherd,

age 71, died May 18, 2015 at her residence in Columbus, MS. She was born on July 26, 1943 in

Columbus, to the late Albert and Catherine Gooch. She guided the New Hope slow pitch team to 18 playoff appearances, 19 division titles, 13 North State crowns, three state runner-up finishes and an

amazing 9 state championships. Her fast pitch squads at New Hope had 10 playoff appearance, 4 district crowns, 1 North State title, and 1 state runner-up finish. Overall, her New Hope softball teams had a record of 861-263 with 9 state championships. Under her guidance, New Hope's slow pitch squad the only school to play in all four overall state title games from 1988-1991, and the first team to win six consecutive state championships from 1997 to 1995.

Coach Shepherd's Lady Trojans tied for fourth for most consecutive wins in National Federation of High School records. She also led a team to the 2005 ASA Slow Pitch National Championship. Her numerous coach of the year honors include the National

Federation of High School Coaches (2003), the MHSAA (2003), the MAC (1986—first ever MAC softball coach of the year, 1989, 1990, 2002 — first ever four-time softball coach of the year), the Jackson Clarion Ledger (2005), and the Columbus Commercial Dispatch (6-time area coach of the year, top ten stories, most wins in girls' sports).

Shepherd has received resolutions from the Lowndes County Supervisors, School Board, and the Mississippi Legislature. She has served as an All-Star coach in 1987, 1990, 1998 and 2006. 31 of her New Hope slow and fast pitch players were All-Stars with five earning MVP honors. She was a longtime member of MAC, MS Professional Educators, National Federation of Coaches, and

MHSAA Softball committees. Her civic and community service includes FCA, Kids With Character softball camp, summer league recreational softball, pee wee basketball, pee wee cheerleaders, and junior high cheerleaders.

Numerous teaching honors include math teacher awards, nomination of MUW Alumni of the year, and student teacher coordinator plus service on textbook, handbook, interview and Onward to Excellence committees. Above all she was a elementary school math teacher. Cary was a 53 year member of the First Baptist Church in Columbus, and volunteered with Kairos Prison Ministry Outside, international Bible Study Fellowship and North Mississippi Emmaus Community.

Kairos Board of Directors Spring Retreat



Kairos Board of Directors met at the International office in DeBary, FL April 24 - 26, 2015. Reverend Willie C. Barnes, Pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Eatonville, FL, led the Board in a devotional on Friday evening to start the retreat out on an uplifting, spiritual note. All of the directors attended the Retreat.

Reverend Barnes, pictured left, presented the devotional on 'Developing Leaders'.

Kairos Weekends July through December 2015

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| 7/6/15 | AUS | Frank Baxter JJC | 17 | Bram Hester | Torch |
| 7/7/15 | C R | Buen Pastor | 10 | Rosa Viquéz | Women's Inside |
| 7/8/15 | TX | Estes Prison | | | Men's Inside |
| 7/8/15 | TX | Hobby Unit | 32 | Gwen Van Cleave | Women's Inside |
| 7/9/15 | FL | Jefferson CI | | Jesse Haseman | Men's Inside |
| 7/9/15 | TX | Estes Prison | 10 | Paul Cox | Men's Inside |
| 7/9/15 | TX | Ferguson Prison | 59 | Peter Inman | Men's Inside |
| 7/9/15 | TX | Segovia PreRelease | 9 | Oscar Moreno | Men's Inside |
| 7/10/15 | AUS | Queensland | 4 | Joan Comino | Kairos Outside |
| 7/16/15 | IN | IN SP (Death Row) | 1 | Michael Dyer | Men's Inside |
| 7/16/15 | TX | Rudd Prison | 17 | Johnny Mac Brown | Men's Inside |
| 7/24/15 | TX | Youth Center of the High Plains | 5 | Rick and Donna Reece | Torch |
| 7/30/15 | TX | Corpus Christi | 12 | Jennifer Chapman | Kairos Outside |
| 7/30/15 | TX | Wallace Prison | 33 | Joe Thames | Men's Inside |
| 8/5/15 | NC | Central Prison | 42 | Clarence Matthews | Men's Inside |
| 8/6/15 | FL | Moore Haven CI | 34 | Jose' Salud | Men's Inside |
| 8/6/15 | OH | Ross CI | 31 | Bruce Gabriel | Men's Inside |
| 8/12/15 | GA | Lee Arrendale SP | 2 | Sandy Casey | Torch |
| 8/13/15 | FL | Wakulla CI | | Chuck Lang | Men's Inside |
| 8/13/15 | TX | Hutchinson CF | 20 | George Mussotter | Men's Inside |
| 8/14/15 | FL | Orange Youth Academy | 6 | Virginia Lopez | Torch |
| 8/20/15 | AL | Elmore CF | 12 | Cameron Cardwell | Men's Inside |
| 8/20/15 | GA | Augusta State Medical Prison | 56 | Richard Valiquette | Men's Inside |
| 8/20/15 | GA | Pulaski SP | 38 | Eugenia Helms | Women's Inside |
| 8/21/15 | AUS | North Coast | 8 | Marty Steltman | Kairos Outside |
| 8/21/15 | AUS | Sydney | 5 | Roberta Tsai | Kairos Outside |
| 8/21/15 | So Afr | Gauteng North | 3 | Elizabeth Parenzee | Kairos Outside |
| 8/24/15 | AUS | Bathurst CC | 19 | Evan Harris | Men's Inside |
| 8/28/15 | OH | Marion CI | 16 | | Torch |
| 9/3/15 | TX | Huntsville Prison (Walls) | 24 | Drew Hamilton | Men's Inside |
| 9/4/15 | CA | California Institution for Women | 6 | Clara Caudle | Women's Inside |
| 9/8/15 | AUS | Goulburn CC | 20 | Wayne Scott | Men's Inside |
| 9/10/15 | AL | Hamilton A & I | 11 | Wally Haney | Men's Inside |
| 9/10/15 | CO | Denver Women | 24 | Kelly Almond | Women's Inside |
| 9/10/15 | GA | Georgia SP | 26 | Adam Siefkin | Men's Inside |
| 9/11/15 | AUS | Perth | 8 | Gwen | Kairos Outside |
| 9/11/15 | CA | Northern (Spanish) | 63 | Angeles Juarez | Kairos Outside |
| 9/11/15 | MS | Mississippi | 22 | Coralen Cain | Kairos Outside |
| 9/12/15 | FL | FL State Prison West Unit | 18 | Paul Soriano | Men's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | AL | Tutwiler Prison for Women | 53 | Ellen Harris | Women's Inside |

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| 9/17/15 | CA | California City SP | 1 | Dan Burley | Men's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | FL | Polk CI | 40 | Tyron Summerall | Men's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | LA | David Wade CC | 39 | Josh Miller | Men's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | NC | Alexander CI | 21 | Gene Kaiser | Men's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | NC | Southern CI | 7 | Nancy Meech | Women's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | OH | Lebanon CI | 51 | Jeff Jorgenson | Men's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | SC | Lieber CI | 54 | Gerry Blair | Men's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | So Afr | Johannesburg Prison | 11 | Ken Lau | Men's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | TX | Smith SP | 37 | Mike Gates | Men's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | WA | WA CC for Women | 49 | Karen Claussen | Women's Inside |
| 9/17/15 | WV | Huttonsville CC | 25 | Jamie Reizer | Men's Inside |
| 9/18/15 | FL | North Central | | Vicki Wood | Kairos Outside |
| 9/18/15 | TX | Amarillo | 27 | Sandra Wise | Kairos Outside |
| 9/21/15 | AUS | Mid North Coast Womens CC | 2 | Pauline Turnbull | Women's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | AL | Draper CF | 16 | Ross Wilkerson | Men's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | AR | Ouachita River Unit | 17 | John Cooney | Men's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | C R | San Sebastian Prison | | Christian Morales | Men's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | FL | Gadsden CI | 4 | Edith Carnley | Women's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | FL | Union CI | 79 | Stephen Bucher | Men's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | MD | Roxbury CI | 12 | John Porter | Men's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | OH | Dayton CI | 7 | Mary Page | Women's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | OH | Toleda CI | 25 | Jim Greer | Men's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | OK | Mabel Bassett CC | 41 | Peggy Kahle | Women's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | TX | Clements Prison | 43 | Glen Harman | Men's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | VA | Greensville CC I | 55 | | Men's Inside |
| 9/24/15 | VA | Sussex I | 3 | Lindell Tinsley | Men's Inside |
| 9/25/15 | AZ | Tucson | 28 | Val McJannett | Kairos Outside |
| 9/25/15 | IN | Southwest | 12 | Mary Shiflett | Kairos Outside |
| 9/25/15 | TN | West Tennessee | 19 | Marilynn Biggers | Kairos Outside |
| 9/26/15 | AUS | Wide Bay Capricorn | 10 | Nancy Scott | Kairos Outside |
| 9/28/15 | AUS | Adelaide | 1 | Andrew Battersby | Torch |
| 9/29/15 | AUS | Mobilong Prison | 22 | Jim Natt | Men's Inside |
| 9/30/15 | TX | Hughes Prison | 37 | Roger Keats | Men's Inside |
| 10/1/15 | CO | Bent County CF | 1 | Lee Shafer | Men's Inside |
| 10/1/15 | CO | Rifle CF | 21 | | Men's Inside |
| 10/1/15 | FL | Hernando CI | 37 | Susan Browning | Women's Inside |
| 10/1/15 | NY | Shawangunk CF | 18 | Jake Jacobsen | Men's Inside |
| 10/1/15 | OH | Lake Erie CI | 29 | Gary Gray | Men's Inside |
| 10/1/15 | TX | Allred Prison | 29 | David Reece | Men's Inside |
| 10/2/15 | CA | Northern | 64 | Mary Collier | Kairos Outside |
| 10/2/15 | CA | Victor Valley | 11 | Tammie Collins | Kairos Outside |
| 10/2/15 | TX | Central CC | 5 | Kathleen Moore | Kairos Outside |

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| 10/2/15 | TX | Houston | 32 | Laurie Schwarzbach | Kairos Outside |
| 10/2/15 | TX | Lubbock | 10 | Conni Kitten | Kairos Outside |
| 10/6/15 | NH | State Prison for Men | 58 | Mike Silver | Men's Inside |
| 10/6/15 | VA | Green Rock CC | 14 | James D Elliott | Men's Inside |
| 10/7/15 | SC | Camille Griffin Graham CI | 53 | Kay Raffield | Women's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | AR | Tucker | 36 | Dan Chivers | Men's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | CA | California SP | 16 | Jack Dillon | Men's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | CO | Territorial CF | 59 | | Men's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | FL | Florida SP West Unit | 19 | Joe Lukas | Men's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | GA | Ware SP | 45 | Steven Stevenson | Men's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | IN | Miami CF | 16 | Dan Seagrave | Men's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | KS | Topeka CF | 11 | Joy Thompson | Women's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | TX | Michael Prison | 47 | William Brunner | Men's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | TX | Neal Prison | 35 | Andy Cortez | Men's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | TX | Polunsky Prison | 35 | Rusty Oxford | Men's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | TX | Daniel Prison | 24 | Jordan Post | Men's Inside |
| 10/8/15 | VA | Fluvanna CC | 30 | Susan Browning | Women's Inside |
| 10/9/15 | AL | Alabama | 36 | Julie Hubbard | Kairos Outside |
| 10/9/15 | FL | Southeast FL | 14 | Linda Fennell | Kairos Outside |
| 10/9/15 | OH | North Central CI | 3 | Kathy Harbold | Kairos Outside |
| 10/9/15 | TN | Northeast CC | 31 | Michael Austin | Men's Inside |
| 10/9/15 | TX | Vance Prison | 57 | Tom Schulz | Men's Inside |
| 10/10/15 | FL | Tomoka CI | 77 | Lloyd Luzier | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | AL | Donaldson CF | 62 | Fred Esleck | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | CO | Delta CC | 48 | | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | CT | MacDougall-Walker CI | 1 | Serge Karpow | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | GA | Lee Arrendale SP | 19 | Barbara Pritchett | Women's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | IN | Plainfield CF | 17 | Larry Foote | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | NC | Pender CI | 29 | James Taylor | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | So Afr | Baviaanspoort | 9 | Marius Kloppers | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | So Afr | Groenpunt CC | 19 | Dan Mos | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | So Afr | Leeuwkop Maximum | 7 | Ryan Brewer | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | TX | Coffield Prison | 40 | Thomas Gallaher | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | TX | Harris County. Leadership Academy | 4 | Bill Salser | Torch |
| 10/15/15 | TX | Hightower Prison | 15 | John Carter | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | TX | Lockhart CC | 17 | Kathy Furler | Women's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | TX | Mountain View | 26 | Mary Borckardt | Women's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | VA | Augusta CC | 34 | Charles Day | Men's Inside |
| 10/15/15 | VA | Greensville CC S-3 | 57 | Donald Mueller | Men's Inside |
| 10/16/15 | FL | Southwest FL | 16 | Linda Brown | Kairos Outside |
| 10/16/15 | IN | Central East IN | 1 | Ruby Burris | Kairos Outside |
| 10/16/15 | IN | Logansport JCF | 3 | John Fritz & Cathy Fritz | Torch |

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| 10/16/15 | MD | Maryland | 19 | Treena Rich | Kairos Outside |
| 10/16/15 | NC | C.A. Dillon YDC | 11 | Keith and Judy Brown | Torch |
| 10/16/15 | NC | Western North Carolina | 13 | Shana Brown | Kairos Outside |
| 10/16/15 | TN | Northeast TN | 12 | Melissa Sadler | Kairos Outside |
| 10/16/15 | TX | North Texas | 37 | Anita Goble | Kairos Outside |
| 10/21/15 | TX | Briscoe Prison | 15 | Clay Rickey | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | AL | Fountain CF | 60 | Cleo Brown | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | AL | St. Clair CF | 61 | Joey Croft | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | FL | Desoto CI | 65 | Ed Horne | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | FL | Zephyrhills CI | 69 | Terry Nye | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | IN | Putnamville CF | 11 | Doug Sanders | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | MO | Potosi CC | 11 | Joe Himmelberg | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | OH | Marion CI | 38 | Tim Himler | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | OH | Southern Ohio CF | 21 | Virgil Fausnaugh | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | SC | Broad River CI | 38 | Steve Scoma | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | TX | Bartlett State Jail | 23 | Randy Watterworth | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | TX | Boyd SP | 26 | Don Russell | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | TX | Darrington Prison | 56 | Tom Schroeder | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | TX | Eastham Prison | 30 | Mike Bilberry | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | TX | Lynaugh SP | 34 | David Webb | Men's Inside |
| 10/22/15 | TX | Robertson Prison | 40 | Robert Delgado | Men's Inside |
| 10/23/15 | AUS | Adelaide | 23 | Linda Forsyth | Kairos Outside |
| 10/23/15 | AUS | New England | 4 | Jean Squires | Kairos Outside |
| 10/23/15 | C R | San José Region | | Soledad Morales | Kairos Outside |
| 10/23/15 | CA | C.A. Chaderjian YCF | 3 | John Hernandez | Torch |
| 10/23/15 | FL | Daytona Juvenile Residential Facility | 2 | | Torch |
| 10/23/15 | OR | Oregon | 3 | Ruth Bajema | Kairos Outside |
| 10/23/15 | So Afr | Westrand | 26 | Glendora James | Kairos Outside |
| 10/23/15 | TX | Midland | 30 | Carrie Stanton | Kairos Outside |
| 10/23/15 | TX | East Texas | 6 | Linda Blevins | Kairos Outside |
| 10/26/15 | AUS | Arthur Gorrie CC | 10 | Damien Kinnear | Men's Inside |
| 10/28/15 | TX | Connally Prison | 26 | Skipper Lister | Men's Inside |
| 10/28/15 | TX | Murray | 19 | Nancy Darden | Kairos Outside |
| 10/28/15 | TX | Murray Prison | 19 | Nancy Darden | Women's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | CA | RJ Donovan Yard C | 104 | Pete Mendoza | Men's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | CA | RJ Donovan Yard D | 105 | John Cooney | Men's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | CA | Valley SP | 3 | Landes Dung | Men's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | DE | Sussex CI | 7 | Rick Cira | Men's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | GA | Valdosta SP | 21 | Chuck Yocom | Men's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | IN | Rockville CF | 23 | Sarah Holwager | Women's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | LA | Louisiana CI for Women | 41 | Linda Bonham | Women's Inside |

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| 10/29/15 | MD | Maryland CI - Jessup | 6 | Bob Jurick | Men's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | OH | Ohio Reformatory for Women | 43 | Susan Tullungton | Women's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | TN | Tennessee Prison for Women | 1 | Lisa Smith | Women's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | TX | McConnell Prison | 40 | Joe Hominick | Men's Inside |
| 10/29/15 | VA | Virginia CC | 40 | Chery Weller | Women's Inside |
| 10/30/15 | NH | New Hampshire | 28 | Jill Reynolds | Kairos Outside |
| 10/30/15 | PA | Western Pennsylvania | 6 | Renee Jones | Kairos Outside |
| 11/1/15 | PA | Muncy SCI | 5 | Eunice Ortega | Women's Inside |
| 11/2/15 | TX | Clemens Prison | 18 | Joe Paoli | Men's Inside |
| 11/4/15 | TX | Connally Prison | 26 | Skipper Lister | Men's Inside |
| 11/5/15 | AR | R.L. Williams Unit | 6 | Bryan Talley | Men's Inside |
| 11/5/15 | CO | Sterling West CF | 33 | | Men's Inside |
| 11/5/15 | IN | Westville CF | 23 | Joe Greer | Men's Inside |
| 11/5/15 | MD | Maryland CI for Women | 15 | Mary Thomas | Women's Inside |
| 11/5/15 | NH | Berlin FCI | 1 | Curt Reynolds | Men's Inside |
| 11/5/15 | OH | Warren CI | 14 | Danny Kautz | Men's Inside |
| 11/5/15 | SC | Allendale CI | 18 | Charley Grey | Men's Inside |
| 11/5/15 | TX | Dalhart Prison | 32 | Wesley Jarvis | Men's Inside |
| 11/5/15 | TX | Terrell Unit | 1 | Jim Castro | Men's Inside |
| 11/5/15 | TX | Torres Prison | 33 | Tom Patterson | Men's Inside |
| 11/6/15 | AUS | South East Queensland | 30 | Ange Wilkinson | Kairos Outside |
| 11/6/15 | CA | California Medical Facility | 45 | John Thielmann | Men's Inside |
| 11/6/15 | CA | Southern | 59 | Jeanette Sovilla | Kairos Outside |
| 11/6/15 | IL | IL Youth Center | 5 | Carlos Baez | Torch |
| 11/6/15 | TX | Wichita Falls | 17 | Shae Avery | Kairos Outside |
| 11/12/15 | AR | McPherson | 32 | Kathy Smith | Women's Inside |
| 11/12/15 | MD | Hagerstown CI | 23 | Stephen Zeigler | Men's Inside |
| 11/12/15 | TX | Beto Prison | 53 | Andrew Hamilton | Men's Inside |
| 11/12/15 | TX | Wynne Unit | 3 | Paul Ikard | Men's Inside |
| 11/13/15 | GA | North Georgia | 35 | Michelle Jackson | Kairos Outside |
| 11/13/15 | NY | New York City | 12 | Fernanda Morales | Kairos Outside |
| 11/13/15 | WI | Eastern | 1 | Gloria Stielow | Kairos Outside |
| 11/19/15 | TX | Montford Psychiatric Prison | 34 | Mike Springer | Men's Inside |
| 11/20/15 | AUS | Riverina | 8 | Sharron Coleman | Kairos Outside |
| 11/20/15 | TX | San Antonio | 30 | Mary Trafton | Kairos Outside |
| 11/30/15 | NIC | La Modelo Prison | 17 | | Men's Inside |
| 12/20/15 | C. R. | Buen Pastor | 9 | | Women's Inside |
| 12/31/15 | TX | Ferguson Prison | 60 | Eddy Young | Men's Inside |

For more future Weekend dates and information, please visit the www.mykairos.org website and click on Kairos Kalendar.

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 its volunteers (who may have been used to paying out of their own pocket previously to a Host State) to make their donations to its local AC instead to help build the budget to allow for more volunteers to attend trainings like the AKT training.

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR PROGRAM MANUAL WITH YOU TO THE TRAINING.

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

2015 - 2016 Advanced Kairos Training Schedule

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| July 17, 2015 | RALEIGH, NC | Kairos Inside |
| July 31, 2015 | COLUMBUS, OH | Kairos Inside and Outside |
| August 14, 2015 | BALTIMORE, MD | Kairos Inside and Outside |
| September 11, 2015 | BIRMINGHAM, AL | Kairos Inside |
| October 23, 2015 | GREENVILLE, SC | Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch |
| November 13, 2015 | FORSYTH, GA | Kairos Inside |
| November 13, 2015 | WAXAHACHIE, TX | Kairos Inside and Outside |
| January 8, 2016 | COLUMBUS, OH | Kairos Inside |
| January 29, 2016 | AMAMRILLO, TX | Kairos Inside |
| February 5, 2016 | ORLANDO, FL | Kairos Inside and Outside |
| February 5, 2016 | RICHMOND, VA | Kairos Inside |
| February 19, 2016 | FORSYTH, GA | Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch |
| March 4, 2016 | INDIANAPOLIS, IN | Kairos Inside and Outside |

Additional 2016 Training dates and sites will be confirmed in the near future.

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

Bearing the Cross

April 9 - May 13,
2015



**Kairos
United Kingdom**



Bearing the Cross in Southern England

Chris Prater and Dave Parker completed their 421 mile walk, bearing a cross, from Land's End (south western corner of England) to Dover. This journey began April 9th and concluded May 13th.

They should have reached Dover one day earlier but there were factors which caused this minor delay such as adverse weather when it rained so hard they couldn't see 20 yards in front of them and hence made walking dangerous or the fact that hundreds and hundreds of people were drawn to the cross and listened to the 'Kairos story'. Many, in fact, were eager to know more about Jesus or unexpected road works which forced them to take lengthy detours. So to be just a few hours 'late' is an exceptional achievement – well done Chris and Dave!

However, these 'seeds' might have fallen on barren ground had it not been for the support by way of prayer, giving of time to travel to join our walkers, even for a few short hours, and for financial gifts to ensure that when the time is right, we will have the funds to present the Kairos programmes - so **Thank You**.

Also a huge '**thank you**' to the many people (who didn't know them) but welcomed them into their homes and made sure that they had a comfortable night's rest plus good home-cooked food! There were a few days when Dave's knee was cause for concern especially when walking down a hill, but God is always in control and soon the swelling and the discomfort was history.

This is why the walk has been so worthwhile:

As mentioned above, hundreds and hundreds of people stopped to listen to the Kairos story. If each of those people told friends and family about their experience then perhaps many thousands of folk now know something about Kairos. Our main objective was to raise the awareness of Kairos Prison Ministry and I believe that has been achieved.

At least 9 chaplains (and several church leaders) are fully supportive of this ministry – it remains to be seen if this enthusiasm is actioned in the not too distant future.

Dozens of people made a new commitment to accept JESUS in their lives. Amazing!

The 'seeds have been sown', some as Jesus taught, '*...will fall on rocky places, others among thorns but some will fall on good soil where it will produce a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown*'. It will soon be harvesting time so we need your continued prayer support as we look to the future.

Kairos Prison Ministry International congratulates Chris and Dave on a such a profound journey. This is yet another wonderful story of how our Kairos volunteers are ministering with excellence throughout the world.

A Prisoner in Sunday School

One of my favorite things is sitting in a small group and telling a story without knowing that the ending is actually held by another member of the group.

I had such an experience recently on a Prison Ministry trip. I was invited to join a very early morning devotional with a group of three men. It started each morning at 5:00 and I thought it was a good way to get my mind and heart in the right place as we headed into the prison for the day as part of a Kairos team. We shared the various devotionals that we read, a story here or there, some scripture, and a closing prayer.

On this particular day, I said to the group—two of which are very involved in my home church's prison ministry program: "Last week as we led up to our cookie making, I told my youngest son, 12 year old Eddie, that I needed him and his mom to be at the Church to help with the Kairos cookie baking as I would be

arriving after the cookie making had started." Eddie responded, "No problem, I helped last year." "Really?" I responded. "Yes, Dad. You see I have been in this Kairos business longer than you have." I laughed and told the men gathered in prayer that we were building a future generation to support this effort when they are adults. This garnered a couple of Amens.

Our church is blessed with a strong prison ministry and strong support from the church, so we make cookies together. It is great fellowship and at the end, we all lay our hands on the boxes of cookies and pray that these cookies serve as a sign of Christ's love for the men that we are going to be with in prison.

I added, "You know last year, Eddie's Sunday School Class actually had a visit from a prisoner and a prison guard, which I thought was great." I had no idea how the Sunday School teacher had pulled this off, but remember Eddie in the car on the way home telling us

about his visitors. At that point, one of my fellow Kairos members, Charlie, who was at the devotion said, "That was me; both of them." "Really?" I responded, "Eddie said he thought the prisoner was nicer."

Charlie explained that he had gone to a thrift store and gathered up the items that he needed for costumes and that he had explained to the kids afterwards that he was acting and who he was. Apparently the kids were so caught up in the class that they did not comprehend that they were not talking to a real prisoner or a real guard nor that these two were the same person.

Prison ministry runs deep in the fabric of our church and involves all ages--making cookies, raising needed funds. As Christ works through us to send Agape into prison, a future generation of Kairos ministers is being groomed and the whole church is blessed beyond anything that we imagined.



Praise Report

We have a total of 25 #1 Weekends reported so far in 2015.

- 4 Weekends in Australia
- 1 Weekend in Dominican Republic
- 20 Weekends in the United States

