



“We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love.”

2 Corinthians 6:6

Special prayer coverage is requested for Texas and Louisiana concerning the major flooding and issues related to Hurricane Harvey.

Kairos was blessed to have an outstanding Annual Conference in Georgia this year. Thank you again to Georgia for being our host and for all of the support. Thank you also to all of those who were present to make it a wonderful conference.

For those who attended, please remember to share your experience and learning with others in your State and Advisory Councils. Remember our theme of “Being Present.”

Being Present (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

As we work with excellence as a servant of God, we realize the programs we are blessed to have really work. It's not by chance that our wonderful God of details has given us a detailed program, that if we follow it we know there is success as we share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. We know that through being present we have opportunities to change hearts, transform lives, and impact the world. While only truly God can do that, he uses us at Kairos.

We know in order to fully be present as Kairos it takes our full program – Weekend + Continuing Ministry - to make the impact. The Weekend is the introduction to change the hearts, while the Continuing Ministry is where people transform their lives and learn. Let's *Be Present* fully as we serve the Lord.

Board of Directors Update (Terry Crockett, Board Chair)

As the new Board Chair, I want to thank each of you for being a servant and answering God's call to Kairos as stated in Matthew 25:36. The Board of Directors had its first conference call, coming together with the new members. The Board spent almost one hour in prayer for each other by name, and also for the ministry. James 5:16, “pray for each other”, 1 Thessalonians 5:25 and 2 Thessalonians 3:1, “pray for us”, and Ephesians 1:16, “I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.”

I encourage each of you, at all levels of Kairos, to be in prayer for each other by name. When we pray for each other, in all circumstances, it is appropriate to pray that God be

glorified in all our prayers. The Board is praying for the Spiritual blessings for every participant and guest, for every volunteer and for the staff; which will build the body of Christ. I encourage you to pray and be present for one another and ask for God's blessings.

International Council Update (Tom McCarty, International Council President)

What a glorious conference in Atlanta! I am honored and privileged to have been called to lead our International Council. Be very assured that, like many who've preceded me, I stand on the shoulders of the "giants" who came before. God never lets us down, and I will try as hard as possible to follow His example.

There was an Oscar-winning movie back in the early '80s, called Ordinary People. That may apply to cinema, but it does not apply to Kairos volunteers. We are not ordinary people. As one of my ex-offender Kairos friends put it, "Who else would give up so many weekends to spend with folks like us, eat bad food, and drink lousy coffee!" That about sums it up. We are called to serve Him and them. It is indeed a mission and it is definitely not a task or job.

As the Christian praise song put it so well, we have answered, "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? Yes, I will be the one!"

Thank you for responding to that call. Never weary in well doing. For them and of course for HIM.

Men's Ministry Update (Craig Combs, Men's Ministry Coordinator)

I have a gentle reminder for all of you. Be careful what you promise! I have been getting phone calls asking me to fulfill things that you have promised to offenders. Needless to say they have great memories of what we say to them! When you (as a Kairos volunteer) promise that you will help someone when they get out, it translates in their brains to you have promised that Kairos Prison Ministry will help them - and they call the office. Since I don't have your phone number to transfer the call back to you, I have to be the bad guy and somehow convey we can't do that. Please remember what we do is joyfully create Christian communities inside the walls of prisons and fortunately there are other great folks who have re-entry programs where we can refer folks. Be careful what you promise!

Women's Ministry Update (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator)

Busy Time for Women's Ministry

This fall and 2018 are going to be a busy times for the Women's Ministry of Kairos. From September until the end of 2017, four #1 Kairos Outside Weekends and one #1 Kairos Inside Weekend are being held. Also, there are two #1 Kairos Outside Women's

Weekends with confirmed dates on the calendar in 2018, and several more that are hoping Weekends will take place in 2018.

Please pray for these new Advisory Councils and teams as they prepare for their upcoming Weekends. Go to the Kairos Kalendar at mykairos.org for all of the details on where to send agape, and remember, register your Weekends. If your Weekends are not registered, we don't know about them, and neither does anyone else. It is easy to register online at mykairos.org, and it ensures people will see all the information about your Weekend and send agape to you.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

Ezra for Kairos Torch is finally here. All Weekend Leaders that are six months or more away from their Weekend should order their Ezra now at http://mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/ezra_order_form.pdf.

Kairos is signing Memorandums of Understandings with the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice for two youth facilities to conduct Kairos Torch - The Atlanta Youth Development Center and the Macon Youth Development Center. Start-up Advisory Councils have already formed and Weekends are being planned for late spring of next year. Please keep these new Advisory Councils and the team members in your prayers.

Agape Contacts

A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is now available on the mykairos.org website. This information is compiled from the Weekend information that is posted on the Kairos Kalendar and is available in Excel format. You will be able to cut and paste all of the contact email addresses into your email instead of cutting and pasting each one individually. We hope this will make the exchanging of Agape much less cumbersome. In order for this to be effective, please post your Weekends well in advance of their actual dates and ensure your Agape contact and their email address are included in the posting. To access this information, please go to: <http://www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html> and click on 'Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends.'

2017 Annual Conference

Workshop seminars are now listed on the mykairos.org website. Visit http://www.mykairos.org/conference_registration.html to see a list of the available presentations. Videos are coming soon!

Kairos Facebook Group

Many items of interest such as upcoming weekends, prayer requests, and inspirational stories are shared in our Kairos Facebook group. If you aren't already a member, you can request being added here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational>

Is Your Weekend Listed?

If your upcoming 2017 Weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration on the www.mykairos.org website so we can adequately publicize your Weekend. **This is especially important for #1 Weekends.** We create a banner-type advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends.

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