



*“Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” – Mark 9:35*

## **The Power of Prayer** (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

We all know that prayer is powerful and we should constantly be in prayer as 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says to pray continually. After all, prayer is communication with God so it makes sense to do it continually.

We at Kairos make prayer a focus as we prepare for the ministry, as we gather in meetings, as we prepare talks/mediations/presentations, and on and on. Each week we share the Weekends for that week and ask everyone to pray for the Weekends, the leaders, the teams, the support groups, the facilities, and the Participants. And each week we pray, God does amazing work with the Weekends and He never disappoints.

We also know the teams, Advisory Councils, States, Board, International Council, committees, and staff all pray for one another personally and collectively. I know we consider it a privilege to lift up the praises and needs of others.

As we are in the height of the Weekends for the spring, there is much preparation taking place. Additionally, Continuing Ministry is taking place weekly/monthly, so let's remember to pray.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”*



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2018 Annual Conference

July 24th - July 28th

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## **Board of Directors Update** (Terry Crockett, Board Chair)

The Board of Directors had our Spring Retreat on April 19-21 in the Kairos office in DeBary with the theme of “Be The Light”. We started on Thursday night with a devotional and spiritual exercise led by

Pastor Eugene Smith from City Church of Orlando. Receive the light of Jesus Christ and reflect His light to others.

CEO Evelyn Lemly gave the Board a “State of the Ministry” followed by presentations from the Program Coordinators. The Board received their annual presentation from Cornerstone Management regarding the ministry’s investments, which was very positive.

The CEO discussed with the Board the Vision Priorities for the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, and the Board passed 7 Vision Priorities for Kairos. The Board passed nominations for the Board of Directors to be voted on by the International Council at the Annual Conference. The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the CEO’s evaluation; which was presented to her later in the day.

The ministry of Kairos has, and is, showing the light in many dark areas. Praise God! Thank you for being His light in all areas of the ministry. We are looking forward to the Annual Conference and seeing many of you.

*Matthew 5:14, “You are the light of the world.”*

## **International Council Update** (Tom McCarty, International Council President)

Like many representative-based organizations, much of the work of the International Council (IC) is done in committees and subcommittees. In the proverbial nutshell, here is what they do (based on each one’s charter).

**VOLUNTEER AND GUEST RECRUITMENT**- Develop a catalog of “Best Practices” for outreach and recruitment of new volunteers and give it the widest distribution possible. Also, monitor the effectiveness of the various methods and revise the catalog accordingly.

**PROGRAM EXCELLENCE** - Evaluate the effectiveness and compliance of Kairos ministry programs.

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Assess ministry internal communications, study potential improvements, advocate for new communications capabilities, and provide a resource to the Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors and International Council.

**MINISTRY COORDINATION** - Monitor the implementation and integration of the various Kairos program elements consistent with the manuals and policies of Kairos, Review program changes proposed by the staff and make recommendations for changes to the program elements to the staff.

**KAIROS INSIDE** - Assist the Ministry Coordination Committee to meet its responsibilities specifically with respect to the ministry in adult prisons.

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**KAIROS TORCH** - Assist the Ministry Coordination Committee to meet its responsibilities specifically with respect to the ministry in youth correctional (detention, treatment, or other facility where youth are remanded for correction of behavior) facilities.

Here are some final comments:

- All committee meetings are open to all Kairos volunteers.
- Full charters are available on the mykairos.org website.

## **Recruiting Ideas** (Bob Williams, Ohio recruiting coordinator and Steve Becker, Ohio International Council representative)

We should always look for the opportunity to share Jesus and what he is doing through the Kairos ministry. For when we share Jesus in this way, we are actually recruiting volunteers for Kairos. For instance, I generally have one of the multi-colored, three-fold Kairos brochures with me. It is a valuable tool. I enjoy offering it to anyone that I can. Most people readily accept it. I offer a few kind words with it and may even ask to have coffee and chat a bit over Kairos. This may not lead to securing a volunteer each time, but it does raise awareness about an opportunity to serve God in his kingdom-building.

Dear Kairos community, we are all recruiters for Jesus in what he can do through Kairos. We have our testimonies in what we have seen and how we have been changed while serving in Kairos. This has proven to be a remarkable way to make disciples. It is amazing how Jesus transforms lives...even on the inside of the institutions.

This ministry has been fruitful for many, many years. One can witness changed hearts at Weekend closing programs. Changed hearts also occur during Weekend team formation meetings. They get changed at weekly Prayer & Share meetings, at Retreats, and at Reunions. Jesus works on the hearts of all involved...residents, institution staff personnel, inside and outside volunteers. And what a wonderful way to build life-long bonds with other volunteers...volunteers who come from various churches and denominations...all coming together to share and demonstrate the love of Jesus.

Your boldness to reach out and share can be the key that opens the door for another person to become part of the Kairos community. When each Advisory Council and each Weekend team takes the initiative to share Jesus and recruit, the entire ministry will be blessed. It can be better postured to have Jesus and Kairos in each and every institution allowed for a long time to come.

Granted, recruiting can have its ups and down, peaks and valleys. But please remember, we are only the sowers and waterers. God does the harvesting. And as you pray and reflect upon your participation in recruiting, please ponder on why you serve in Kairos and what blessings you have received by serving faithfully. Would someone else you know be thankful for those same blessings?

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

I would be remiss if I didn't shout it from the mountaintops that the first ever Kairos Weekend in Nebraska was held April 19- 22! As they recounted the history, I found out this has been in the works for about 12 years. *"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."* James 1:2-4

I am incredibly impressed and sometimes amazed with what Kairos volunteers go through in order to create a safe Christian community inside prison. I understand that it sometimes seems insurmountable, and like all you see is a wall or stop signs and only get NO's from the institution.

Let me say that we are crazy if we think God is stymied by weird things that happen or that He can't fix what we feel we didn't do correctly, or that He only sees things that might hamper His work in a prison. Nice try, but none of us are that big or smart enough to confound God! Could it be that all this happens so HE gets the glory, because if it were easy we would try to take all the credit?

Thank you for all that you do for Kairos and for Jesus. I don't say that enough. To God be the glory!

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

### **Blessed Are The Flexible For They Will Not Be Bent Out Of Shape**

A dear friend of mine quotes this phrase often. I laugh every time I hear it. But over the years, and the longer I am involved with Kairos, the more I appreciate these words. They remind me of God's faithfulness in every circumstance.

Serving in Kairos requires flexibility. If we are serving on Kairos Inside Weekends or Kairos Torch Weekends, I am sure you know what I mean. We serve in the Warden's house – we are there at the institution's pleasure – we must do what they ask and follow their rules...rules we may not always understand, and rules that may change frequently over the course of a Weekend. And while Kairos Outside does not deal with many of the issues found in correctional institutions, the communities deal with many situations that require flexibility.

Flexibility is a sign of our willingness to trust God with situations, and outcomes. Flexibility is a sign of obedience and surrender to God, and flexibility lowers the stress we feel when something is out of our control. I believe God stretches all of us as we serve in Kairos, and in our personal lives, because He wants to strengthen our trust in Him.

Remember nothing that surprises you surprises God. He is in complete control!

## **Kairos Torch Update** (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

After two years of discussion and preparation, the Edgecombe Youth Development Center in North Carolina has invited Kairos Torch into their facility to mentor and minister to the youth housed there. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and volunteers are being recruited to begin their work. Please keep these youth and the volunteers in your prayers.

## **Agape Contacts**

A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is available on the [mykairos.org](http://mykairos.org) website. This information is compiled from the Weekend information that is posted on the Kairos Kalendar and is available in Excel format so that you can easily download it. 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."

## New Documents Available on MyKairos.org

Agape from Johannesburg, South Africa

Agape from Texas

New Kairos Prison Ministry Table Runner

## 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 Weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration on the [www.mykairos.org](http://www.mykairos.org) website so we can publicize your Weekend. **This is especially important for #1 Weekends.** We create a banner advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends on mykairos.org, and we actively promote #1 Weekends through local media and social media.

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