



*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*

## **Prayer and Service** (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

The importance of follow up and follow thru...

Sometimes it is so easy to allow things to fall through the cracks and not follow up. The Kairos program is all about follow up and follow thru. As we plan at the State, Advisory Council, or team meetings, we have to be present, take actions, and then prepare for the upcoming events we have to follow up and follow thru. And for the guests/participants the reason we are known as the ministry that comes back is we do the follow up and follow thru. So remember the Weekend is just the beginning and Kairos always follows up with our Continuing Ministry. In the same way, the Weekend team needs to have hours of team meetings and time together to grow, learn, unify, and prepare. The ministry impact takes the time and effort needed for the full program to work as Weekends AND Continuing Ministry. Let's make sure we each do our part to ensure we follow up and follow thru...

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

***A question: Are we trying to be more like Jesus or are we trying to see Jesus in others?***

***Matthew 5:44, "But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."***

Jesus answers the question for us because He loved all including those that are different, or speak another language, or those we do not like and are angry with, and those that have harmed us or done something against us. This statement by Jesus is the difference between Him and everyone else before Him and since Him.

Recently, I returned from two weeks in Israel and got a better understanding of "Seeing Jesus" in everyone not just trying to be like Him. Kairos gives each of us an opportunity

to “See Jesus” in others; please do not waste this powerful opportunity. Pray for your enemies and yes, we have them but we may call them a different name.

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

In The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, the great Christian apologist C.S. Lewis writes this dialogue: “Oh, Aslan,” said Lucy. “Will you tell us how to get into your country from our world?” “I shall be telling you all the time,” said Aslan. “But I will not tell you how long or short the way will be; only that it lies across a river. But do not fear that, for I am the great Bridge Builder.”

And isn't that our task, to build bridges for the men and women we disciple?

Will Allen Dromgoole put it this way...

An old man going a lone highway  
came at the evening cold and gray  
to a chasm vast, deep and wide,  
through which was flowing a sullen tide

The old man crossed in the twilight dim;  
the sullen stream had no fear for him;  
but he turned when safe on the other  
side and built a bridge to span the tide

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,  
"You are wasting strength with building  
here; your journey will end with the  
ending day;

You never again will pass this way;  
you have crossed the chasm, deep and  
wide-

Go and build a few bridges today.

Why build you this bridge at the evening  
tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:  
"Good friend, in the path I have come,"  
he said, "There followeth after me today"  
a youth, whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm, that has been naught to  
me, to that fair haired youth may a  
pitfall be

He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for  
Him

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

### *Weekend Leader Reports*

I have written about this before, but I think it needs repeating! This year we are trying to make sure all the Weekend Leader reports are in KairosMessenger. The process of getting the report in there is simple and is something that is done anyway. It is uploaded when the Weekend

Leader makes the pass on files for the next Leader...as long as they are connected to the internet. The instructions are now on the front page of the Weekend Leader report when it is generated (but it wasn't on that page until somewhat recently).

Despite that, there are still gaps in the Advisory Council's Weekend Leader reports. To that end, I am going to please ask that when the Weekend Leader report is created, at the same time, create the pass on files for the next Weekend Leader. That way it will be done and you won't have to go back in and do it later. Note that you have to do this step even if you have a computer that is passed from one Weekend Leader to the next.

By having this report in KairosMessenger, the Advisory Council will have a correct record of their volunteers that they can easily access. The benefit is twofold: it can be used for recruiting purposes and it also will be stored somewhere other than solely inside each Weekend Leader's Ezra. The Advisory Council's whole history won't be lost if the computer crashes or if something happens and the Weekend Leader doesn't pass on the files. Thanks!

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

*I thank God everytime I remember you. And I always pray for all of your with joy. (Philippians 1:3-4)*

### ***National Conference emphasizes why Kairos Programs are "Better Together"***

Last week I traveled to Phoenix, Arizona for the Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, sponsored by the Center for Child Well-Being at Arizona State University. Professionals from around the world gathered to talk about improving the lives of children who are separated from their parents through incarceration. The conference focused on best practices and the common challenges facing those working with and ministering to those children and families.

New research shows approximately 6.5 million people have immediate family members who are currently incarcerated in jails or prisons (1 in 38). Additionally, the research shows 1 in 5 adults have had a parent incarcerated, and 1 in 8 adults have had a child incarcerated. This new research reinforces the fact that families left behind when someone is incarcerated need support. The research also proves that the impact of incarceration and its collateral consequences can impact children for their entire lifetime.

Throughout the conference, I couldn't help but think what an opportunity Kairos Outside has to make a difference in the lives of these families, and indirectly these children. Our ministry to women impacted by incarceration is unique. And, what I heard over and over last week from children and adults who talked about the impact of their parent's incarceration on them and their families, reiterated our uniqueness and reinforced the importance of the Kairos programs working together to impact individuals, families, and ultimately society. I was reminded of why we are truly "Better Together".

When incarcerated adults or youths go through Kairos Inside or Kairos Torch and the women in their lives go through Kairos Outside, they have a parallel experience. That parallel experience provides a common bond and a shared experience, which can create a unique and exponentially positive effect on their families. This parallel experience can also enable unity, and bring about positive dialogue, new beginnings, restoration and hope both now and in the future for the individuals, their families, and ultimately society.

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

Being asked to lead a Kairos Torch Weekend is a high honor, but it is also work that requires a great deal of time and dedication. It's easy for a Weekend Leader to become overwhelmed when he/she is trying to do it all by themselves. A prudent Weekend Leader will first make certain to pray for discernment and clear direction in choosing their core leadership team (section leaders). However, common sense is also a necessity when choosing the Core Team. It is never wise to ask a person to serve in an area where they have no gifting or interest. For instance, one should never ask a person without any musical ability to serve as the Music Leader. Nor would you ask a person that can't successfully boil an egg to serve as the Kitchen Leader. Choose your Core Team wisely and allow them to do the work you have asked of them. Teaming is defined as "a number of persons associated in some joint action (working together)". Leaders that try to go it alone will likely fail at the task and burnout before they get to the finish line.

**Monthly Mentoring Tip:** Learn your mentee's temperament and when it is suitable to bring levity into your mentoring sessions. Your mentee is dealing with some very weighty issues; sometimes you'll need to draw back and bring appropriate humor into your conversation before returning to the heavy stuff.

### **Annual Conference** (Andy Perry, Executive Administrative Assistant)

Registration is now open for the 2019 Annual Conference at The Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando ([www.thefloridahotelorlando.com](http://www.thefloridahotelorlando.com)). We are planning to have new workshops with new presenters, great nightly speakers with powerful testimonies and, as always, a wonderful time of teaching, worship and fellowship. This year there are many new workshop topics to give you tools and inspiration to take back home to use in both Kairos Weekends and in the Continuing Ministry. The list is viewable on the Conference page, <http://mykairos.org/conference.html>. We are also going to try a new way to disseminate information with the use of a few ministry informational booths that will be open Thursday afternoon and during breaks and lunch on Friday and Saturday. We want to impact you with the love and forgiveness of Jesus for these days, so you can impact others in prison and those impacted by incarceration with that same love and forgiveness. The registration form can be downloaded [here](#). Please note the deadline for registration is June 21, 2019. A late fee will be assessed after this date. Registration confirmations will be emailed.

### **New One or Two Day Retreat Topics and Themed Talks Available In 2019**

All residents who have attended a 3 ½ day Weekend can attend a one or two-day Retreat held twice yearly at institutions as part of the Kairos Inside Continuing Ministry. Retreats are typically held at the mid-point between Kairos Inside Weekends. The primary purpose of the Retreats is to give those not grouping some experience with the process of becoming vulnerable to other people in the small group setting. Additionally, Retreats provide an opportunity for those who have drifted away from the Kairos community to return. The importance of these Retreats cannot be overstated. If you are not doing Retreats, talk with your facility about the possibility of adding them.

Communities are always looking for Retreat ideas, and to keep our Continuing Ministry new and exciting we have just added seven new Retreat topics with themed-talks to mykairos.org, which can be used for your local Retreats. On pages 328-343 of the Kairos Inside Program Manual, you will also find information regarding the Retreat including topics, themed-talks, and a proposed schedule

If you have retreat topics or themed-talks that you have used successfully in your facility, please email Gina Brockmeyer ([gina@kpmi.org](mailto:gina@kpmi.org)) or Craig Combs ([craig@kpmi.org](mailto:craig@kpmi.org)). We will be happy to review and consider them for posting.

## **New Documents Available on MyKairos.org**

- The Gift Acceptance Policy  
<http://www.mykairos.org/docs/policy/Gifts.pdf>

## **First Annual Legacy Luncheon**

The first annual Legacy Luncheon to be held Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 1:15pm at the 2019 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. If you have chosen to leave a lasting legacy with Kairos in your will/estate planning, please let us know. We will send you an invitation to this wonderful event. Please email [becky@kpmi.org](mailto:becky@kpmi.org).

## **Events**

Do you have a future fundraiser or awareness event coming up? Please be sure to send those to [bill@kpmi.org](mailto:bill@kpmi.org) and they will be listed on the [kairosprisonministry.org events page](http://kairosprisonministry.org/events) as well as promoted in the Kairos Updates & Inspiration email!

## **Obituaries**

Please forward obituaries of Kairos volunteers to [bill@kpmi.org](mailto:bill@kpmi.org).

## **Prayer Requests**

Kairos has a [new prayer request page](#). Please use this page to post prayer requests for publication and to pray for others. We ask that all comments be considerate and within the

parameters of Kairos vision, mission, and values. Please do not include upcoming Weekends as we already pray for those weekly!

## Agape Contacts

A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is 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 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's name and their email address are included in the posting. To access this information, please go to: [www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html](http://www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html) and click on "Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends."

## Is Your Weekend Listed?

Now is the time to do it! If your upcoming Weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration at <http://mykairos.org/register.html> so we can publicize your Weekend to help you receive Agape and prayer coverage.

**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.

## Why Do You Volunteer?

We need short 1 minute or less video clips telling us why you volunteer for Kairos! So grab your phone, tell us why, and send them to [bill@kpmi.org](mailto:bill@kpmi.org). **We need 40 or more of these.** Thank you for your service!

## 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 to be added here: [www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational](http://www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational)

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