



*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9*

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

### **Annual Conference – ALL IN**

We just completed a wonderful Annual Conference where we learned much from each other, laughed, cried, and had wonderful fellowship. We were reminded that Jesus Christ first was **ALL IN** for us and we need to be **ALL IN** for Jesus Christ. We can only be an **ALL IN** servant for our Lord when we are **ALL IN** for HIM. We were also reminded to keep that **ALL IN** balance. We are thankful for the Florida host state and volunteers, workshop presenters from around the country, and general session presenters. Together they brought the Kairos conference to a new level of energy, learning, and excitement. We are thankful for all who participated and gave your time to come join us. We hope to see you again next year!

There were two challenges I gave all attendees I want to remind us of – besides being **ALL IN**. First, to make sure you take the information and excitement you gained back to your Kairos state, Advisory Council, and local community. We need you to now share and teach others. And second, to recruit new volunteers by first make a plan with a target and then have a prayer vigil/focus to turn the need to God. If you need 10 new volunteers this year, then tell everyone you need 10 and pray for God to put those 10 people in front of you and watch what happens. Then I asked you to email me and tell me about it at [evelyn@kpmi.org](mailto:evelyn@kpmi.org) or call me at 407-629-4948. Let's commit our recruitment need to our Lord and get busy sharing the wonderful things He is doing with others!

## **Board of Directors Update** (Steve Smith, Board Chair)

No, I haven't hijacked Terry Crockett's column for E-News. Last week the Board of Directors elected me as the new chairman. As I sit in the Atlanta airport waiting on my flight into Little Rock, I thought it might be a good time to say hello and give you a brief update.

I want to express a huge thank you to Terry who has served as board chair for the past 2 years, and to Karen Rayer and Kelvin Thompson whose terms ended at the close of the conference. We will miss their strength and leadership. I hope you will join me in welcoming our newest board members Robert Kimmel, Steve Norris, Willus Luster, and Lisa Trahan. I look forward to

all God will accomplish through their gifts, as we move this great ministry forward. Thank you is due all who worked so hard to prepare and make the summer conference such a great event. To the Florida volunteers who got almost 500 of us to and from the airport, to Evelyn and Andy and all the staff who put in the long hours preparing and making things run smoothly for us all, to all the workshop leaders.....THANK YOU!!!!

Our speaker Wednesday morning encouraged us all to use what he called “Divine Dissatisfaction” to not become complacent, or satisfied and not just leave well enough alone. Being **ALL IN** means giving our very best for Jesus every day and in every way, and we hope you will give your best to Kairos. Please continue to pray for each other and our ministry. Blessings to all.

### **International Council Update** (Lisa A. Trahan, International Council President)

*“In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:6 NIV*

Wow, what a conference!!! The theme **ALL IN** offered us a time of reflection on the commitments we have; commitment to our families, careers, spiritual growth and Kairos. The realization that being **ALL IN** for Kairos is a commitment to the full program and not just the “Weekend” calls us to make time to reflect on “what is my **ALL IN?**”

Please join me in extending a heartfelt *thank you* to our outgoing officers, Tom McCarty, (President) and Dave Hess (Secretary) for their tremendous leadership and service to the International Council. Tom has served on the International Council (IC) since 2013 while Dave has served since 2016. Both have demonstrated to us **ALL IN** in their commitment to the IC and Kairos teams in their respective states. We thank God for calling them to serve on the IC in their leadership roles.

The new officers for the 2019-2021 International Council term are Vice President, Connie Klipsch from Indiana, Secretary, Judy Watson from North Carolina, and myself, your servant from Louisiana will serve as President. We covet your prayers as we seek to lead and serve in this wonderful ministry and council.

Many volunteers are committed to serving on Kairos teams, continuing ministry activities, Advisory Council (AC) or State Chapter Committee (SCC). It can become overwhelming if we are unaware of the responsibility and expectations for each. In the upcoming months, we will explore just how the IC position affects the AC and SCC as well as works in partnership with the Kairos program staff and assist the CEO in carrying out responsibility for supervision of the ministry programs. So please join us as we explore the IC together, after all, God may be calling you once again.

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

All I can think about saying is THANK YOU to all the folks who attended, presented, worked or even had a hand in sending people to the Kairos Annual Conference that concluded last Saturday. For those of you who couldn't make it, the PowerPoint presentations and handouts

from the Workshops can be found at [http://mykairos.org/conference\\_archive2019.html](http://mykairos.org/conference_archive2019.html) The Workshops were excellent and one of the purposes of even having them is so the attendees can go home and share what they heard and use the topics for training at team formation meetings and Advisory Council meetings. If you didn't get to attend this year, please consider coming in 2020. It is a great time of fellowship and Kairos bonding - Kairos folks are encouraging, if you didn't already know!

It is hard to believe but fall is barreling down upon us- and with that comes a whole new round of preparation for Weekends. I want to challenge you all to think about how to improve your Team Formation Meetings. Ezra will tell you what to train, but you can train the topics in a lot of new and different ways. I saw a presentation at the Conference where they had someone tie a men's tie. I haven't tied one in years, but I probably still remember how... but if you think about it, there are 100 ways to tie a tie and when each one is finished the tie is tied - even if it was done differently. Think about that as you plan your Team Formation Meetings. Be interactive, make training fun, make it new and use your team to help make it impactful.

Thanks for all you do for Jesus and for Kairos!

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

### ***Much Work to be Done***

According to the Sentencing Project there are 2.2 million incarcerated men and women in the United States. Many of those men and women have female family members or friends who are "doing time" right along with them. Reaching those hurting women, to let them know they are not alone, is the essence of the Kairos Outside program. During the 2 ½ Weekend the women are introduced to a supportive, non-judging Christian community as they explore and deal with many of the issues affecting those who are impacted by incarceration. Participation in quarterly reunions and S.W.A.P (Share, Witness, Accountability, and Prayer groups) following the Weekend keep the women connected and provide the opportunity for continuing to support while helping them grow in their faith in Christ.

Over and over last week at our annual conference we heard testimony after testimony of the "impact" Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch have had and continue to have on individuals, youth, and families. The testimonies were both empowering and challenging! The statistics referenced above clearly show there are still many who have been impacted by incarceration that we need to reach with the message of Christ's transforming love and forgiveness. But it is also very clear our ministry cannot happen without dedicated volunteers who are **ALL IN**... **ALL IN** for Christ, and **ALL IN** for Kairos.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers for all you have done and continue to do for Kairos. God is truly being glorified through you as you willingly and faithfully serve. And I also want to express a very special thank you to everyone who had a role at the annual conference.... we were able to be **ALL IN** because you were **ALL IN**.

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

### ***Welcome to the journey to be ALL IN for Kairos, ALL IN for Kairos Torch, ALL IN for Mentoring***

Let us be **ALL IN** for Christ as we continue to meet with Kairos Torch Participants for as much as six months after their Weekend for one to one mentoring in a group setting using the tools the Lord has given. The Lord is the One who has given us the invitation to serve when He awakened the passion to serve in our hearts. The mentoring sessions have been wrapped in the Lord's love as each meeting begins with prayer, a passage of scripture for focus and discussion to carry over to real life experiences and challenges, and closes with prayer. During each session, God's unconditional love is shown in the time shared, the unmerited favor of a snack (not dependent on performance), knowing one another's name, and sharing the joy in the moments of life that can be grasped as we "listen, listen, love, love" over board games or conversation. For this very short season of relationship, our daily prayer is for the youth to have their Kairos moment . . . knowing the peace of forgiveness, grasping wholeness and fullness of life. . . and that the friendship with a mere mortal mentor will be an opportunity of friendship with Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ has given **ALL IN** our behalf. Are we **ALL IN** for Him and those He calls us to serve?

## **Annual Conference Workshop Presentations and Handouts**

For those of you who were unable to attend the Kairos Annual Conference in Orlando, all of the workshop presentations and handouts have been posted on MyKairos at [www.mykairos.org/conference\\_archive2019.html](http://www.mykairos.org/conference_archive2019.html).

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

- How to Send Someone to Kairos Outside – Adult Version  
[www.mykairos.org/docs/ko/Adult Version - How to Send Someone to Kairos Outside.pdf](http://www.mykairos.org/docs/ko/Adult%20Version%20-%20How%20to%20Send%20Someone%20to%20Kairos%20Outside.pdf)
- How to Send Someone to Kairos Outside – Youth Version  
[www.mykairos.org/docs/ko/Youth Version - How to Send Someone to Kairos Outside.pdf](http://www.mykairos.org/docs/ko/Youth%20Version%20-%20How%20to%20Send%20Someone%20to%20Kairos%20Outside.pdf)
- Updated – Sample Cover Letter to Institutional Liaisons  
[www.mykairos.org/docs/ki/cover letter to institutional liaisons.doc](http://www.mykairos.org/docs/ki/cover%20letter%20to%20institutional%20liaisons.doc)
- Updated – Sample Letter to Kairos Outside Guest from Kairos Inside Resident  
[www.mykairos.org/docs/ki/letter from resident.pdf](http://www.mykairos.org/docs/ki/letter%20from%20resident.pdf)
- Updated – Kairos Outside Presentation Given by Kairos Outside Representative  
[www.mykairos.org/docs/ko/Kairos Outside Closing Points.pdf](http://www.mykairos.org/docs/ko/Kairos%20Outside%20Closing%20Points.pdf)

## Order Your Official Kairos Products Online



- The newly launched [Kairos Prison Ministry Online Store](http://www.kpmistore.com) offers a variety of official apparel including t-shirts, polo shirts, and jackets in both male and female models, plus an ever growing number of promotional items such as canvas bags, water bottles, and more! Visit [www.kpmistore.com](http://www.kpmistore.com) and purchase your Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch gear today!

- Kairos Threads offers quality custom machine embroidered Kairos, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch apparel and accessories at [www.kairosthreads.com](http://www.kairosthreads.com)!
- Longtime Kairos volunteer Scott Maycumber offers a variety of quality Kairos products in his [New Thread Designs Etsy Shop](http://www.etsy.com/shop/NewThreadDesigns)!

## Kairos Pullup Banners and Table Runners

Did you know that Kairos offers a table runner and various retractable pull-up banners for display for general Kairos as well as the three programs? Brand new 21" tabletop retracting units are now available for easy transport and setup in two designs. [Visit MyKairos](#) to view your choices as well as a new easier to use order form.



## 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](http://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.

## 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).

## 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](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'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](http://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 20 or more of these.** All submissions grant Kairos permission to use the video in any form. 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)

## Spanish Translation of the E-News

A Spanish translation of E-News (E-Noticias) is also published monthly. If you would like to view previous issues or subscribe to future E-News in Spanish, please go to:

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