# God's Special Time

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Merry Christmas

# Art by Jacob Reyna, Kairos Inside Graduate

"I chose to consistently make bad decisions...I was headed in the wrong direction and felt powerless to stop until one night I went out and did something so out of character...I received a 50 year sentence for what I did that night. And my first 10 years down here I pretty much lived life like I wanted to, I built walls up around myself and I stopped feeling.

It wasn't until that Kairos Weekend where a ton of people that I had never known before poured into my life and into my heart the love of God. And it touched me in such a profound way that it shook the walls that I had built up around me for selfpreservation; it shook the walls of hatred, anger, fear and insecurity. And it got me thinking, maybe there is a God.

I gave my life to Christ that Weekend."

# Kairos Agape

Merry Christmas to all! This year we put out a special call among a small group of Kairos Graduates for artwork to use on our 2018 Christmas card. The response we received was overwhelming and the talent is just plain incredible.

Luckily, we did not have to make a choice between the pieces, as that would have been almost impossible! Instead we went with the piece that had all of the release forms signed by the due date. The art that is shown above is the front of our Christmas card, with a testimonial from the artist on the back.

We've still got lots more pieces, and now that we have the proper signed forms in hand, we'll have opportunities to take advantage of their creativity. Be on the look out for more works of art from our gifted graduates!

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Throughout 2018, we have heard many WOW stories of God working through Kairos. It has again been a blessed year for the Kairos ministry around the world. Our Lord has given us a special ministry with three programs that we know work; we see the miracles of Him and the impact of what He is doing through Kairos on a

daily basis. On behalf of all of Kairos, "Thank You" for your dedication and service as it's YOU, the volunteer, serving in Kairos, that God uses to transform lives.

In 2018, we launched KairosMessenger to all States and Advisory Councils. It is now the tool to record elections

and the rosters for positions. It houses reports such as the Excellence Initiative, Weekend Leaders Reports and the State and Advisory Council rosters. It also puts the information from EZRA, Excellence Initiative, and other sources at the local leaders' fingertips via web-based access. This system will help reduce the redundancy and manual tracking and improve information access and use. In the near future, new tools within the system and availability of more data will be launched. We need to ensure the election results are entered and EZRA is used properly to have the data available.

Mid-2018, we launched "Better Together" to underscore that the three programs of Kairos (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch) work better together to positively affect individuals, families, and society. We continue to promote the full program of Kairos, which is the Weekend and Continuing Ministry. When we do the full program well we can make even greater impact by promoting family engagement and encouraging a person's loved one to attend another Kairos program. It's an opportunity for the three programs to work together to support attendance



FROM THE CEO

**Evelyn Lemly, CEO** 

at Continuing Ministry events. Purposefully connecting the Kairos programs to be Better Together helps Kairos accomplish our mission.

As 2018 comes to an end, let's make sure we end well. Many Advisory Council and State Chapter Committee leaders will be rotating off as their terms

end, and many may return but maybe in a different position. Thanks to all for your service. Let's make sure you pass the baton carefully and fully to the next person so they can continue the good work. For those taking new positions, please review your role and ask questions to ensure you understand what you need to do for the team you are serving.

Kairos uses a team approach for all areas – Board of Directors, International Council, State Chapter Committee, Advisory Council, and Weekends. If every person in their role understands and does their role,

#### ONE MINISTRY, THREE PROGRAMS

Kairos Inside for incarcerated men and women

e Kairos Outside for women impacted by incarceration Kairos Torch for incarcerated youth







Better Together

# FROM THE CEO

then no one is overwhelmed with work. When the knowledge, experience, and wisdom of all is used, the entire body works together for the benefit of all. It's all a very biblical principle as to how the body of Christ works together.

This year was also our fifth year of our current 5-year strategic plan. We have accomplished much in these past 5 years as a ministry. I believe the most important aspect has been our focus on our spiritual health (as individuals and a ministry). We are always striving to remember we serve our Lord, Jesus Christ and He is our head, while we strive to ensure we are following biblical principles and operating as a Christian ministry. When we are doing well with our spiritual health, then all the other aspects of our ministry operations and needs come together.

In 2019, we will move to our next 5 -year strategic plan that is a continuation of the previous 5 years of work. We work to accomplish our mission: The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

The next 5-year vision priorities to move us forward are:

Vision Priority 1: Continue to enhance and focus on the spiritual health of the ministry

Vision Priority 2: Sustain and strategically grow the ministry reach and impact through the three core programs with a strong focus on Continuing Ministry

Vision Priority 3: Continuous improvement in the ministry health through financial, operational, and program capability with effective communications across the ministry

Vision Priority 4: Continual recruitment and retention of qualified Christian volunteers at all levels Vision Priority 5: Continual enhancement of Kairos awareness and promotion

Vision Priority 6: Optimize the ministry's success through continued comprehensive training plans that touch all aspects of the ministry

Vision Priority 7: Develop, and if feasible, implement a strategic structure and growth plan for international countries

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful 2018. We are looking forward to the future as our Lord leads us in our service to Him. I pray you take some time for renewal during the holiday season as we celebrate our Savior, Jesus Christ birth. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



### Why Do You Volunteer With Kairos?

Stop and think for a minute about "Why I volunteer with Kairos." Then take out your cell phone and do a short (less than 1 minute) video with your answer! Send it to <u>diane@kpmi.org</u>. We need at least 40 of these clips. By sending us the video you are giving us permission to use it).



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

### **Spirit of Unity**

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." -Isaiah 9:6

This passage from Isaiah tells of the birth of a child that will be born to each of us. This child is then described as all that we will ever need in our lives...one that will uplift us, guide us, and be to us our God, our Parent, and our Peace. What a profound description! The spirit of unity has been demonstrated by God to us through the birth of Christ.

God thinks through our minds, loves through our hearts, and lives through us. This is the great secret that lies at the heart of our faith; it transcends all boundaries and differences and labels and religious denominations. This unity with Christ is a celebration as His atonement for

our trespasses and sealed by the Holy Spirit. God promises to spend an eternity increasing our joy in the immeasurable gift of His grace. This promise says God wants to be in unity with us forever.



Terry Crockett, Board Chair

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." -Ephesians 4:3

The theme for the Board of Director's Fall Retreat was "Spirit of Unity" and each of us took a spiritual gifts inventory. When we discussed our gifts, we realized it takes many different gifts to make a body.

God has called each of us to be part of His body and share our individual gifts throughout Kairos. As we close this year and begin a new year, let us be in unity with

Christ as we live out our Mission and Vision Statements. The Board is very excited about all the strengths and opportunities ahead for the ministry as the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan has laid out, while knowing Kairos may experience weaknesses and threats to the ministry.

Kairos Guests and Participants will see the

spirit of unity as we demonstrate God's love by our actions, our words, and our listening for the Weekends and throughout the Continuing Ministry. Let each of us pray for the volunteer/servant, each Weekend team, each Advisory Council, each State Chapter Committee, the International Council, the Board, and the staff to be unified by the spirit. All of this happens because of the birth of our Lord and Savior. Thanks be to God and His presence.

Merry Christmas and have a Blessed New Year!



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## KAIROS MEN'S MINISTRY

### Are You Training for Service during Team Formation Meetings?

#### By Craig Combs, Men's Ministry Coordinator





I have a question...what did you do with 2018? Where did it go? I know that I am not supposed to look backwards because I am not going that way, but it sure seems like a short year! I have been told that the older you get, the faster time flies, but this is ridiculous! 2019 is knocking, and it will arrive with a lot of changes and new opportunities for each of us. Don't miss out any situation where you can show grace to someone, encourage someone, mentor someone, train someone, love someone, and welcome someone. Kairos volunteers do that wonderfully well during our Weekends and Continuing Ministry.

I think we need to step up our game in other places. For instance, a third of the positions in Kairos turn over every January and with that changing of the guard, well...comes change. Change is not our enemy. Change can be great! Those new folks bring new

excitement, insight, and a new set of gifts to use...but they need your help, knowledge, and encouragement. Please go out of your way to mentor and train them with the knowledge that you possess. It will help with the continuity and excellence of the ministry.

With each New Year comes the addition of new Advisory Councils and #1 Kairos Weekends. Even if you haven't been involved in a start-up, you can guess how much effort and time it takes to get the Advisory Council established so that the first Weekend can be held, followed by Continuing Ministry. If you can help folks navigate these waters, please step up and help.

I want to support and encourage the #1 Weekend leaders and teams as much as I can and since The New Start Guide states that the Program Coordinators are to be the Advising Leaders on all #1 Weekends, it is my job to help! We might appoint someone as our delegate, or be that person ourselves, whatever might give the start up the most benefit. Just note that the first Advising Leader doesn't get to be picked by the State or the Advisory Council or the Weekend Leader for that matter, the Program Coordinators pick them. We don't want to make it difficult, we just want to make sure you start off right...and don't bring any things you do that you don't even know are problematic to the new facility! If you haven't registered a #1 Weekend, please do so and after that, please call us to talk about it.

Another way to help is to follow Proverbs 18:15, "*Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights.*" Please study the Word so you can become wise (and not a wise guy!) and be the person excited to learn. Proverbs 17:26 says that, "*It's wrong to penalize good behavior, or make good citizens pay for the crimes of others.*"

Don't punish the team member who wants to do the right thing even if "we've never done it that way here." Proverbs 18:13 says that, "*Answering before listening is both stupid and rude.*" Interrupting someone by saying, "We always do it this way," sounds like you aren't listening to what they really have to say and are just brushing their wisdom aside. I want to encourage you to be a studier and a learner of what is in the Word of God, so you can become more like Jesus. I might be way off, but I think that will help Kairos as much as anything else.

"To answer before listening-that is folly and shame." Proverbs 18:13

Finally... a HUGE thanks for all you have done for Kairos and Jesus in 2018! I know how much time and effort it takes to be a Kairos volunteer (and I know the huge benefits and how fun it is too) so my hat is off in thanks to you! That will build on the success in 2019. Blessings to you and your family for Christmas and New Year's.

## KAIROS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### 2018 Kairos Outside Train the Trainers Event

### By Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator

"Better Together" is the three programs of Kairos (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch) working together to impact individuals, families, and society. We are "better together" resonated over and over recently at the Kairos Outside Advanced Kairos Trainers bi-annual "Train the Trainers" event held at the International Headquarters in Debary, Florida from Nov. 30 until Dec. 2nd.



The Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch programs help the incarcerated with their journey by sharing the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to bring about life and behavior changes. When the individual changes there is an enhanced opportunity for the person to be a better spouse, sibling, child and friend both while incarcerated and when they return to their family and society. Kairos Outside shares that same transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ and helps women impacted by incarceration on their journey of life and behavior changes. That's the affect of each program on an individual. As individuals are impacted by participating in Kairos we know it impacts the family directly as they see their loved one change and hear of their life changing experience. When the incarcerated adult or youth goes through Kairos Inside or Kairos Torch and the women in their lives go through Kairos Outside, they have a parallel



Front Row (left to right): Emma Jones – California, Marilyn Elkins – California, Vanessa Velez-Cruz – Georgia, and Liz Lindeque – South Africa

Second Row (left to right): Doreen Shipton – Maryland, Deb Timmons – Alabama, and Teddy Carson – Texas Third Row (left to right): Betty Carter – Louisiana, Craig Combs – Program Coordinator of Men's Ministhy, Jenny Botha – Australia, Gina Brockmeyer – Program Coordinator of Women's Ministries, Ruby Burris – Indiana, Sally Wood – United Kingdom. (Kevin Resnover, Program Coordinator of Youth Ministhy took the photo.) experience. That parallel experience provides a common bond and a shared experience that can create a unique and exponentially positive effect on each family unit. This parallel experience can also enable unity, positive dialogue, new beginnings, restoration and hope now and in the future for the individuals and the families.

It was a very busy weekend for all. But, one trainer said following of the training, "I have a much better understanding of how our programs are 'better together', and another stated, "I came back refreshed not only regarding what we learned but also spiritually. I felt God's presence the whole weekend."

We want to thank these ladies for their dedication, their leadership in the ministry, and for their continued commitment to training our upcoming Kairos Outside Weekend Leaders with excellence.



# KAIROS TORCH MINISTRY

### What Does the Front Row Get You?

### By Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator

"Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, 'Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!' and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup — where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?" - James 2:14-17 (The Message)

There is a rather catchy and thought provoking phrase that I've heard within the Kairos circle for many years. Although there are a few variations of this idiom, it basically goes like this, "We in Kairos sit on the front row seat of a miracle." What great truth there is in this statement!

We are often in awe at how miraculously God brings joy, forgiveness, spiritual and mental healing, changed behavior, and true freedom into the lives of the Kairos Participants and Guests. Then there is the added marvel of how He brings unconditional love and healing to us (the volunteers) as well.

It truly is amazing to watch gang rivals laughing hilariously with each other as they engage in Lite n' Lively activities like "The Big Wind Blows", or dancing with their arms around each other's shoulders as they sing "Big, Big House" and then there is that phenomenon of observing those repressed tears pour down the faces of the hardened youth



(without shame) during the "Father Forgiveness" statement. It honestly is, nothing short of a miracle, and we get to see it personal and up close.

But as powerful as it is to see the miracles of God first hand, all too often I think we get a little too comfortable with taking that "front row seat" as an enthusiastic 'spectator'.

Not long ago I was talking with a group of Kairos Torch leaders about the many opportunities we have to start Kairos Torch in several facilities around the country and other parts of the world. I shared what a

privilege we have at watching God perform from a front row seat. It was then that I heard that voice within quietly speak of the need to get out of those seats watching the miracle and avail ourselves to God to become the miracle in His hands.

In Chapter 10 of the Book of Luke, a story unfolds of Jesus choosing 72 followers and sending them out in twos. He tells them, *"Heal the sick that are there and tell them, the kingdom of God is near you"*. Then in the Philippians 4:9, Paul says, *"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, DO..."* My take-away from these readings is: don't just sit on the sidelines in awe of the miraculous, but get involved and become part of the miracle that Christ wants to work through us.

I recently read articles by Kairos Torch volunteers in South Africa that spoke of the wonders of God and His astonishing work in the lives of incarcerated youth in the Drakenstein, South African prison. One volunteer, Jan, wrote, "I can personally see the growth in my mentee and I am super proud that the goals he set for himself during our 6 month mentoring have all been achieved. I had a very emotional moment when he said to me in my last session, "If it



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### What Does the Front Row Get You?

### Bv Kevin Resnover, Torch Ministry Coordinator

was not for Kairos Torch, the sessions and the encouragement received, I would never have achieved what I wanted to do for this year...and just to know how much God loves me. These sessions have especially helped me deal with all the challenges while incarcerated, and also how to manage my life. I'll be a reformed person when I'm released...Wow...What an Awesome God we serve! I give him all the Praise and Glory."

Another volunteer wrote, "...Interesting how God works. We go to Drakenstein to try and be a blessing to the guys. In the end they bless us as well. Most of them are always friendly and smiling!!! My mentee is Afrikaans speaking. I wrote down these words that he said one day: "Daar het redding gekom op die heuwel van Golgota". In English -"Rescue (salvation) came on the hill of Golgotha."

God's part in the miracle was the death on the cross; Jan's part in the miracle was getting off the front row seat and sharing the redemptive message of the cross.

As I read the many testimonies from South Africa, I noticed that several spoke of their hesitation to participate in the ministry. They knew that God had done wonderful things in their lives and had heard how He had worked in others. What they had not realized is how God would use them to perform the miraculous until they got out of the sitting position and allowed God to use their hands and feet. Yes, a front row seat will give you a spectacular view of God's miracles but participation in what God is doing will make you a part of the miraculous.



Kairos Prison Ministry

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# = A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT =

#### By Tom McCarty, International Council President

As I write this, we are fast approaching what we in our house often refer to as the celebration day of the Grand Miracle of The Incarnation. We stand amazed once again at God's awesome plan, bringing Him to earth as the son of a humble carpenter and an unwed mother, not riding victoriously at the head of a conquering army but crying softly to the accompaniment of lowing cattle and bleating sheep. Like Joseph (and 4Him), we often wonder, "What a strange way to save the world."

I'm sure he must have been surprised At where this road had taken him; 'Cause never in a million lives Would he have dreamed of Bethlehem.

And standing at the manger, He saw with his own eyes The message from the angel come to life. And Joseph said,

"Why me, I'm just a simple man of trade; Why Him, with all the rulers in the world; Why here, inside this stable filled with hay; Why her, she's just an ordinary girl; Now I'm not one to second guess What angels have to say, But this is such a strange way to save the World."

To think of how it could have been If Jesus had come as He deserved, There would have been no Bethlehem No lowly shepherds at His birth.

But Joseph knew the Reason love had to reach so far; And as he held the Savior in his arms, He must have thought,

"Why me, I'm just a simple man of trade; Why Him, with all the rulers in the world; Why here, inside this stable filled with hay; Why her, she's just an ordinary girl; Now I'm not one to second guess What angels have to say, But this is such a strange way to save the World."

As my favorite, C. S. Lewis, put it in *Mere Christianity*, "The Son of God became a man to enable men [women, children, everyone] to become children of God."

Amen and Amen, and Merry Christmas.

### **More New Tools for Kairos!**

#### Bookmarks

Located on the supply order form on mykairos.org, you can now order bookmarks in quantities of 50 for \$25 per pack. They are a wonderful piece of agape or a great tool to use as a Kairos Brand Ambassador!

#### **Trifold Brochures in Spanish**

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we now have brochures in Spanish. They can be downloaded from mykairos.org or ordered on the supply order form, same as the English brochures.

#### Kairos Inside Video "Finding God's Love Behind Prison Walls"

If you haven't seen the most recent video yet, what are you waiting for! Located under Newsroom / Videos & Radio (as well as several other places) it features a very moving testimony by Frieda Robinson-Dawkins.



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### NEWS

### **Enhancing Continuing Ministry Using Bibles and Discussion Guides**

We all know that Kairos is not a Bible study, but we know that being in the Word is necessary for growth and change, so we want to encourage Kairos Graduates/Participants to be in the Bible. Kairos has a Bible called "God's Word" now available with a customized cover. Within are 52 lessons that we have also pulled out too as a separate discussion guide. Both are available for use for Kairos ministry and are branded for Kairos.

By having both the Bible with the 52 lessons and the 52 lessons separate as a discussion guide, it gives us more flexibility of use. For example, if they need a Bible then you give them that with the lessons, but if they have a Bible then maybe they only need the discussion guide.

The materials in the 52 lessons are complimentary to the



Weekend materials and our Continuing Ministry topics in all three programs. Using these materials in our Continuing Ministry will reinforce the Weekend learning and help the accountability and engagement of Graduates/Participants in attending Continuing Ministry. Here are ways to use the Bibles or discussion guide lessons in Kairos Continuing Ministry!

#### **Bible for Kairos Inside Continuing Ministry Use:**

We would like to enhance Kairos Continuing Ministry by:

1) Using the 52 lessons in the front with questions and prayer during the grouping time at the Monthly Reunions.

2) Enhancing Prayer and Share by using a lesson and its discussion questions for Question #3 on the Prayer and Share Grouping Cards. The question "Have you discovered anything, anywhere which will help you to be a better follower of Jesus?" is probably the hardest one on the card for folks to answer, but the lesson can help with this problem. The lesson can be done ahead of time, or it can be read in about 5 minutes during Prayer and Share and the two discussion questions that follow can be answered.

In addition to the questions with each lesson, there are 2 or 3 prayer points for each lesson – which can give some concrete things to pray about together, which is question #6 on the Grouping Card.

#### **Discussion Guide for Kairos Inside Continuing Ministry Use:**

The front of the "God's Word" Bible has 52 lessons are available in a separate booklet- with a matching Kairos cover. That way people can continue to use their favorite Bible, or if they are only allowed to own one Bible in the prison they can use the lessons and their own bible.

#### **Bible for Kairos Outside Continuing Ministry Use:**

On a Kairos Outside Weekend our Guests are encouraged to break down their walls so that the real person, rather than who they pretend to be, can begin to shine forth. Guests learn about the unconditional love of Christ and the need of a

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Christian support system. This begins a process in our Guests by which they can grow in their relationship with God. It is so important we encourage our Guests to continue the process started on the Weekend by getting into and staying in the Word.

The "God's Word" Bible is a translation that is easily understood by new believers. The Bible can be given as agape for Kairos Outside Weekends, and the 52 lessons found in the front are a great tool that can be utilized to enhance your Share, Witness, Account, and Prayer group (S.W.A.P.) or the S.W.A.P. time which takes place at Reunions.

If you don't want to order the Bible, but still want to make use of the 52 lessons found in the front to enhance your S.W.A.P. group or your Reunions, the 52 lessons can also be ordered separately in the form of the Discussion Guide. The lessons include questions and prayer points which will help everyone grow in their knowledge of God's word, and in their relationship with Him.

#### Bible for Kairos Torch Continuing Ministry use:

Before distributing personal letters from the team, God's personal letter (the "God's Word" Bible) is gifted to each Participant. The Bible is an integral part of the Continuing Ministry (mentoring) in Kairos Torch, as each mentoring session begins with a scripture reading that addresses the subject at hand. The "God's Word" Bible is especially helpful with incarcerated youth because it is written for those who have limited reading skills, and is designed to help them overcome or avoid the most common difficulties of reading and comprehension.

After graduating from the six month mentoring program, youth are invited to attend a group Bible Study facilitated by two or three Kairos Torch volunteers. The "Your Journey to Freedom" discussion guide is a Godsend, as the 52 lessons address practical, every day issues and allows the Participants to journal and develop a personal "life's plan". As Kairos Torch moves through the different stages of ministry from the Weekend, mentoring, and Bible study groups, the youth learn to transition from one format to another and grow deeper in the knowledge of who God is and who they are in Him.

#### Testimonies

A stipulation of the grant was we would provide testimonials for their use in exchange for free materials. Here are a few examples:

**Inmate:** 'The first night you gave it to me, I took it back to my cell and went through it. I love the resources in it, especially the first and third sections, I absolutely love it. It gave me a lot to think about. No other Bible is geared toward prisoners like this one. I like the one lesson per week part. It would be great for a prayer group. I wasn't sure whether to start at number one or at a particular week of the year. I decided that it really didn't matter. The lessons really bring it all together.'

Kairos Outside Guest: "My husband (who did Kairos Inside) and I can do this together. I love this."

Kairos Outside volunteer: "This will be a tremendous help to our Kairos Graduates as well as Participants."

Associate Warden: "These discussion guides will assist the Kairos graduates that continue to participate with Kairos Reunions."

**Kairos Inside Graduate:** "I like the study guide. You can follow it 365 days per year. I also like that it's printed in paragraph style – it's much easier to read. The word list in the back is really helpful. "

Please use these tools for Kairos Prison Ministry to enhance our Continuing Ministry, and send us your testimonies.

**NEWS** 



"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus..." - Philippians 2:3-5

To value humility today is to act counter culturally. But Jesus exemplifies true strength. Though the strongest man in the world, he became the weakest - and in the process turned the wisdom of the world on its head. Paul wanted the church at Philippi to stop bickering and acting selfishly. Later in the letter (4:2-3) he names two women who had been sparring, pleading with them to stop, for he knew that the infighting was detracting from the mission of the church - just like it distracts from the mission of Kairos.

We can all recount many stories where we put ourselves first. But we take comfort knowing that God is in the business of transformations. When he leads us to value others more than ourselves, we begin to see their needs instead of ours, and discover more and more opportunities to serve. And when we open our eyes and our hearts to those around us, God pours out his blessings on us. He still turns that worldly wisdom upside down.

So let's put aside all the bickering and infighting, let's set aside our agendas and adopt His agenda. Remembering that it is always about our Guests and Participants and never about us!

Let us listen, listen, love, love and let us serve as Jesus did.

### **Results of #GivingTuesday 2018**

Donations from #GivingTuesday are still trickling in and the results this year were phenomenal! Kairos Headquarters decided to do a fundraiser entirely online and invited the states to participate in the event. For 4 weeks leading up to #GivingTuesday, we sent weekly emails and posted on our social media outlets.



### We are excited to say we are at 102% of our goal!

Throughout the ministry, there were a total of 24 #GivingTuesday fundraisers on Facebook and Click&Pledge. We raised a total of \$17,150 and that doesn't even factor in the local donations given through ways other than Facebook! Hopefully you were a part of the event this year. If not, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year - December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Website Domain Names

This is a reminder that Kairos Headquarters is acquiring all website domain names for Kairos, whether it is for an Advisory Council, State, Country, or any other affiliated domain name. Please contact diane@kpmi.org. We will acquire the domain name, manage the renewal process, and pay the renewal fees.



If you want to start a NEW website, please contact Diane prior to purchasing the domain name.

Hosting and maintenance fees and upkeep are still the responsibility of the Advisory Council, state, or country. It is extremely important that we do not let existing domain names lapse so that other entities can purchase them. If you are not sure what this all means, please forward to your web administrator.

To post your Kairos Weekend or receive more Weekend information, go to www.mykairos.org

### Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends:

Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends are located at the top of the Kairos Kalendar page of mykairos.org in Excel format so you can download it. **Please be sure your Weekends are posted well in advance of their actual dates and your agape contact and their email address are included.** Also, remember to send in your agape to agape@mykairos.org.

At the back of the newsletter is a listing of upcoming Kairos Weekends, along with their agape contact's email address. Make sure your Weekend is listed along with an email address for people to email agape.

# **Gifts of Stocks and Bonds**

Gifts made to Kairos are tax-deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Through the generosity of our donors, more than 18,000 individuals each year are impacted through the transformational ministry of Kairos.

#### Gifts of stocks and bonds

Donating appreciated securities, including stocks or bonds, is an easy and tax-effective way for you to further the mission of Kairos.

#### Benefits of gifts of stocks and bonds

- Avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated stock
- Receive a charitable income tax deduction

#### How to make a gift of stocks and bonds

**By electronic transfer** - Please contact us for instructions on how you can transfer stock or bonds from your brokerage or investment account to Kairos Prison Ministry.

#### More on gifts of stocks and bonds

There are special rules for valuing a gift of stock. The value of a charitable gift of stock is determined by taking the mean between the high and low stock price on the date of the gift. Mutual fund shares are valued using the closing price for the fund on the date of the gift.

#### **Contact us**

If you have any questions about gifts of stocks and bonds, please contact Becky at becky@kpmi.org. We would be happy to assist you and answer any questions that you have.



# ELETTERS FOR KAIROS

Below is the testimony from the Women's Kairos Inside Weekend that just took place in South Africa. I just wanted to share it... I hope it will encourage us all, and remind us of the power of this ministry, and God's great love for each of us.

### **Christ Is Counting On You**

We had a Weekend of wonders and experiencing the Lord's love as is only possible on a Kairos Inside Weekend.

The participants were 30 long-term prisoners, with ages ranging between 23 to 60 years old. On Thursday and Friday, the main issues were deep dark depression and a spirit of hopelessness. Many had attempted suicide whilst in prison. They had given up on life itself and improving themselves by studying or participating in the multitude of programs offered by the Correctional services.

As the Weekend progressed the



lifeless eyes started to live again, and closed, defensive faces opened up. By Friday afternoon there was lively participation in family discussions and Saturday after the forgiveness ceremony, the Lord's miracle working love had changed hopelessness to hope and joy. Sunday was powerful and their reply to "Christ is counting on you" was heartfelt and intentional.

One of the Participants did not attend on the Thursday since she swallowed an overdose of medication on the Wednesday evening and was rushed to the hospital to have the contents of her stomach pumped out. However, she did arrive on Friday, depressed, distrusting and with a closed face. She neither participated nor looked at the speakers.

She enjoyed the good food and started opening up towards the end of Friday. On Saturday we heard that she has been in prison now for 3 years and has not had a single visitor during this time, she also said that she has no family (because they have deserted her). Saturday during the Agape session, she received a note that she had a visitor! She was amazed at her school friend's name on the note. She got word to him that she was busy with a Kairos Weekend, and would love to see him the next Saturday. She was overjoyed by his note that he and some of her other school friends have not deserted her, but were searching for her not knowing in which prison she is. She was joyfully proclaiming, "Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, Jesus!"

The Sunday morning, she arrived with more joy, telling us that her 16-year old daughter called her the previous evening (also a first in 3 years) and told her that she loved her! Her response to "Christ is counting on you" was a joyous, "Oh boy, am I counting on Him" with a wide smile and sparkling eyes. She also gave her testimony during the closing ceremony. I am praying that her newfound joy in the Lord will be her strength and am looking forward to hearing her testimony during our instructional Reunion on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

We surely are blessed by the Lord to be witnesses of His love and healing!

**Denny Lee Brandon,** 71, passed from this life and went to his reward by the grace of Jesus, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> after a brief illness at Vanderbilt Medical Center.



He was born Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1947 in Tuscola, IL and preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marilyn (Fenton) Brandon, and by 1 son, 2 grandgirls, 2 brothers and their wives, 1 sister and her husband, a foster sister and her husband, as well as 13 nieces and nephews and many other relatives and countless friends.

The life of Denny Brandon was unique and very full. He graduated from Eastern Illinois University with an Education degree in English and History, along with minors in Russian, Economics, Political Science, and Geography. He also received his master's degree in English literature. He taught high school English for 7 years. Denny received an additional master's degree in Business Administration from Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH. In 1980, he began a new career in management with 3M Corporation, first in Cincinnati, and later in Minneapolis, MN. His work sent him to many corners of the globe and almost every continent in the world.

He and Marilyn retired in 2007 and became a vibrant part of the Tellico Village community near Loudon, TN, as well as taking an active role with the Community Church of Tellico Village, their Men's Bible Class, and by being a facilitator with Kairos Prison Ministry where Denny traveled to correction facilities and spent Weekends with prisoners teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Denny Brandon loved learning. His special love for current events, world affairs, history, music, and finance made him an expert in many fields. He researched the genealogies of his family and was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Community Church of Tellico Village, Kairos Prison Ministry or a charity of choice.

Sandy Hagan commented, "Denny was a friend and wonderful volunteer for Kairos ministry. He served as the secretary for the Advisory Council for MCCX (Morgan County complex). Denny loved this ministry and was slated to be a Weekend leader. He was also a neighbor. Denny will be missed by us all."

**Beverly Burkitt,** 86, of Hilliard, passed away Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. She was a

graduate of Mt. Sterling High School, class of 1950, where she was Valedictorian. She was a lifetime member of Hilliard United Methodist Church, Hilliard Ohio Historical Society, the Hilliard Senior Center and Hilliard United Methodist Church Women's Society.

Beverly is preceded in death by her parents, 4 sisters, 2 brothers and 1 grandson. She is survived by her loving husband, Paul Burkitt; 5 children, sister, 12 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hilliard United Methodist Church or Hilliard Happiness Club.

Volunteer Ginny Blasingame said, "I am a member of Hilliard UMC, and the members who got me into Kairos Outside by taking me to plays and closings at MCI are Bev and Paul Burkitt. For many years they worked at MCI and at ORW too.

I will never forget the 4' tall prison cell that they made and put out by the door when "cookie time" arrived. Surely they were responsible for thousands of cookies over the years and they served on teams too. I know that now Bev's bright smile is shining out in heaven."

**Melvin A. "Mel Parker**, age 71, passed peacefully on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> surrounded by his loving family. He was a survivor of esophageal cancer and beat the odds for more than 5 years, but God called him home. His was a life well lived, and we

will miss him greatly.



Mel graduated from Academy High School in 1965 and served in the U.S. Navy as a radio operator from 1965 until 1968. The "must see" photo albums of his deployment to Morocco showcased just some of the escapades of his younger days. Mel was a member of Ironworkers Local Union #3, formerly Union #348, and he worked hard his whole life to provide for his family.

Mel was an active participant in his church, South Harborcreek United Methodist Church and served in the Kairos Prison Ministry for many years. He had a wide variety of interests and pursuits. Mel golfed, fished, and hunted; if the weather was right during his retirement, he could do all three on the same day – the trifecta. On other days, he loved to collect beach glass, listen to Creedence Clearwater Revival, play euchre and cribbage, workout at the Eastside YMCA, watch NCIS, and pretend he was watching football while napping in his recliner. Mel

was a good man; devoted to his wife, family, friends, faith, and community.

Mel is survived by his beloved wife Barbara Parker, two children, and younger brother Keith. He was the best Papa/Papou in the world to his four grandchildren, and to his greatgrandson. He is also survived by his sister- and brother-in-law and his nephews and their wonderful children.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and his nephew.

If you are so inclined, recite one of his favorite prayers, The Serenity Prayer: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Melvin Parker, may be made to South Harborcreek United Methodist Church, 7929 McGill Road, Harborcreek, PA 16421 or Kairos Prison Ministry, PA SCI Albion, P.O. Box 224, Meadville, PA 16335.

May his memory be eternal.

**John Paul Brady,** 79, of Erie, PA, passed away on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, while surrounded by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren.

John was born in Erie on Sep. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1939. He attended St. Anne's elementary, where he began his love for reading and learning. He then went on to Cathedral Prep and completed his education at Gannon University, where he earned a Master's degree in English Literature. John's love of reading, literature, and poetry stayed with him through his career teaching high school English.



After leaving teaching, John worked for General Electric as a welder for 30 years until he retired. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving our country for 4 years active duty and 8 years in the National Guard. John's love for his family was second only to his faith. He was a charter member of the Cursillo movement in the diocese of Erie. He was a longtime member of St. Marks parish and a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. John also participated in Kairos Prison Ministry for the past several years.

John is survived by his wife Elaine of 52 years, his son Paul Brady, Patricia Crotty, Christine Kruszewski, Mary Ellen Campbell, Sharon Dunda, David Brady and Thomas Brady. He was also survived by his 24 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. James School in memory of John Brady.

George Louis Elchinoff Miller,

88, died at his home just outside Quilcene, surrounded by his family on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He is survived by his wife, Reta, 3 sons, daughter, brother, sister, sister-in-law, 5 grandchildren, 3 greatgrandchildren, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.



George was an Eagle Scout, played football, and ran track at Balboa High School in San Francisco. He received his AA degree from City College of San Francisco, his BA from UC Berkeley, his MBA from Pacific Lutheran University and his PhD from the University of Washington. He began his professional career at Lawrence Radiation Lab in Livermore, CA, moved to Point Arguello Naval Station (Vandenberg Air Force Base) in Lompoc, CA, then to Boeing. Later he became manager of the Scientific Computer Group at the University of Washington. After a brief stint at Grumman Aircraft on Long Island, NY, he spent 20 years in the data processing department at North Seattle Community College where he helped move it to a recognized facility for computer sciences. In 1996, he was awarded 'Professor Emeritus' status by NSCC.

After his retirement in 1993, he spent years in volunteer work. He worked at Washington Corrections Center for Women as a Kairos Volunteer, Pastoral Care volunteer, assistant project manager building the chapel, and as a founding member of Women In transitioN (WIN), an organization dedicated to helping women transition from prison. For several years, he was an active member of the Quilcene/ Brinnon Chamber of Commerce, a founding member of the Quilcene/ Brinnon chapter of Dollars for Scholars, and delivered bread to the Ouilcene Food Bank.

#### Volunteer Kristen Duarte commented, "He was instrumental in our first inside/outside Kairos Weekend."

He was an avid fisherman, sailor, sports enthusiast and a devoted grandfather.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Quilcene/Brinnon chapter Dollars for Scholars, or the charity of your choice.

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**Edwin "Mack" Douglas,** 68, of Leakesville, passed away on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.



Mr. Douglas was retired from the Vicksburg/Warren School District where he served in a number of capacities with the last 18 years being in administration. He served 2 years in the US Army, served within the community in various ways most recently as a Board member for Habitat for Humanity and through the Kairos Prison Ministry. He has always been an active member of the United Methodist Church serving within Hawkins United Methodist in Vicksburg and Leakesville United Methodist, where he was a member.

He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his loving wife, Cecilia Faye Douglas; his children, his mother, his sister, his brothers, and his grandchildren.

In Lieu of Flowers, memorial donations may be made to Kairos Prison Ministries of Mississippi, 1425 Lark Drive, Gautier, MS 39553

Von Brister commented, "Mack was a man of Faith. A quote from St

Francis of Assisi best describes Mack Douglas, 'Go and Preach the Gospel and if necessary use Words.' This was Mack. He showed is Love of Christ though his Actions."

Kevin Shaw also commented, "Mack Douglas was a true Christian, what ever you wanted or needed done he would take care it without you asking. He was a pillar of his community and church. He will be missed by the Kairos community and the Leakesville community."

Franklin Arthur Farrow, 76,

passed away peacefully on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at his home surrounded by his family. Born May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1942 in Borger, TX, he is survived by his wife, Virginia Farrow, of 55 years and his two children along with three grandchildren.



He was a faithful member of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship. A true servant of the Lord through missions such as Teen Challenge, Kairos Prison Ministry, and in Uganda.

He was proceeding in death by his parents, brother, sisters, and a granddaughter.

Donations can be made to: Teen Challenge of Midland, 6901 SCR 1200, Midland, TX 79706. Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701. Kairos Prison Ministry.

**Robert Lee "Rob" Goodloe,** 60, of Artesia, NM, a loving husband, dad, PopPop, and lover of all people, passed away on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. He passed away as a result of injuries from a vehicle accident on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.



Rob was born on May 4, 1958 in Lubbock, TX. He graduated from Goddard High School in Roswell, NM in 1976. He spent his childhood years working with his dad on a large hog farm of north of Roswell. He was very involved in 4H and earned Reserve Grand Champion for his steer at the age of 12. He was also active in FFA throughout high school.

Rob married his wife Bobbie in 1982 and together they raised 3

amazing children that he could not have been more proud of. However, the true pride and joy of his life were his 7 grandchildren.

After working on the farm and then as a Detention Officer at the Chaves County Detention Center, Rob could no longer ignore his entrepreneurial spirit. In the early 1990's he launched Rob's Home Delivery, where he was the local "milkman" and delivered milk and other groceries door to door. In 2005, he took his passion for customer service with him from Roswell to Artesia and began his career in appliance repair for Terry Maupin as Mr. Appliance. Later, in 2009, Rob opened his own appliance repair business as Running Wrench and began serving the Eddy county area. Rob considered his job an opportunity and a blessing. He recently said, "In my job I am blessed to get to go into the homes of the broken, or at least a broken appliance, and sometimes more. I get the opportunity to witness to others, speak into their lives and never miss an opportunity to tell them how much God loves them."

Rob's church home was Harvest Fellowship in Artesia. He was very active in Kairos Prison Ministry and was eager to share his talk "Changing Our World" at the Walk to Emmaus that was to start just two days after his accident. Rob truly felt that being blessed with his career choice was his opportunity to minister to others, and he hoped to change their world.

Volunteer Royce Pearson commented, "Rob was a wonderful brother among us who we loved

very much. He loved being at tables on Weekends with his table family."

Kenneth Blair said, "I remember from Rob, his quick smile and his ability to show what grace really was! And he had a kindness like no one else! Rob was a true brother in Christ."

William Cooper said, "I've known Rob since he was a teenager. I can say he was a light to those around him. He was "pure" in all facets of life."

Jimmy Hamilton shared, "Rob loved Jesus and he did it by serving others and giving to others in need and he saw a need to go to prison and share Jesus with them."

Rob was preceded in death by his father and his step-father. He is survived by his wife of 36 years Bobbie; his children, grandchildren, his mother, siblings, step-mother, and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

In lieu of gifts or flowers the family requests donations be made to the "Twelve Stones Project" at Harvest Fellowship Church at 2307 W. Main, Artesia, NM 88210.

**K. David Rollins,** 63, of South Charleston, passed away suddenly at home on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.

David was born on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1954, in Clarksburg. He was the owner of the Dave Rollins Properties, South Charleston, and was also a real estate broker.

David was a member of Christ Church United Methodist, Charleston, where he sang in the choir and had served on the administrative board.



He moved from Clarksburg to Charleston with his parents and then was a 1972 graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School. David went on to graduate with a degree in Psychology from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1976. He was an Eagle Scout, a participant in the Kairos Prison Ministry at Mt. Olive, was an avid tennis player and a member of the West Side Neighborhood Association. David is survived by his wife, Peggy Powell, and brother.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be sent in memory of David to Christ Church United Methodist, 1221 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV 25301 and/ or Kairos of West Virginia, 407 Abney Street, St. Albans, WV 25177. Michael "Mike" William

**Steinmetz,** 62, of North Little Rock went to be with his Lord on Oct.  $22^{nd}$ .

He loved racing early in his life. He started with Motor Cross and transitioned to race car driving. He went into business with his father at C&C motors.

Mike beat his addiction in 2004. He was a member of Narcotics Anonymous. His group was called Clean and Serene. He attended bible study and even led meetings at NA. Mike attended Kairos #22, May, 2007, at Tucker prison as a resident of the Unit. He was faithful in attending Kairos weekly small group meetings until his release. He returned as a volunteer on Kairos #32, September 2012.



Mike served on 8 teams as a volunteer. He was the leader of the volunteers for Kairos #37, April 2016. He also was a major financial contributor to each Kairos Weekend from the time he began serving in 2012. Mike was their most faithful

volunteer. He always said "yes" to serving on teams and to being at the prison for the weekly small group meetings.

Mike truly was a follower of Christ. He always tried to do what he felt Christ would want him to do, even if it was personally uncomfortable. He was a man of few words, but his actions spoke volumes.

#### State Chair Larry Elder said, "Mike loved to serve in Kairos and he will be missed by all that got the blessing of knowing him."

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and sister.

He is survived by his sister, aunts, niece and a nephew. Other survivors include Patti Steinmetz-Shaddon, nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request sending donations to Kairos Prison Ministry- Attn: Jim Dalton. 94 Cherrywood Drive, Cabot, AR 72023.

Morris Wilson Talley, raconteur, bibliophile, and our very own hippie Santa Claus, died peacefully at home on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. Morris was an adoring Dad and Daddy; silly Pop; enamored Grandpa; quirky father-in-law; dear brother; and loyal son.

Morris was born in Bogalusa, and after several years in MO and Germany as a member of the U.S. Army, he settled in Baton Rouge, LA, where he lived for 45 years. But he had a wandering heart. He loved the mountains of Western NC, his memories of Monte Carlo, and the levees of St. James Parish, especially when lit with Christmas Eve bonfires.

Morris was an epic storyteller. He loved to share recollections about growing the son of civil rights leader Bascom Talley and tales about his epic travels with his first and only (but always beloved) wife, Pamela Flow. Morris never arrived empty handed. He was a passionate cook, who shared his Christmas candy and toasted pecans throughout South LA. His boiled peanuts were the best. In the last decade of his life, he took enormous pride in caring for his mama, Imogene. There has never been a sweeter woman, and he was kind to her in equal measure. It was in his role as a caretaker, with his mother, where he really shined.



Morris found his calling as a volunteer for Kairos Prison Ministry. His favorite days were spent at Angola State Penitentiary, a place he called "The Monastery," where he labored to love and sustain his brothers there through prayer, deep conversation, and food cooked with care. Recently, he was part of the team that offered the very first Kairos retreat to residents of death row. Morris loved conversation-starting t-shirts, Lord of the Rings, telling bad jokes, a cold German beer, and bragging about his children.

He never met a stranger, and he engaged everyone he met in conversation (sometimes to their dismay). He could always be counted on to stop waitresses in their tracks. When asked what he would like, he often replied, "To lose forty pounds and world peace, but I'll take an iced tea."

Morris believed that "Love Thy Neighbor" meant everyone. No exceptions. He detested hypocrisy, black and white thinking, racism, and his own habit of eating too much. He particularly hated the state of American politics, but he cried when he read the Constitution. He had unwavering hope in America's promise. In fact, he staunchly believed that everyone has the capacity for great change, and he never stopped trying to be a better version of himself.

After his death, we found a note he wrote and signed that read, "My purpose in life is to help others unlock the magic in themselves by recognizing their worthiness." By this measure, his life was a wild success. Morris' only requests for a memorial were a keg of beer and a tray of sandwiches.

In honor of Morris' deep belief in the life-changing power of prayer, community, and cookies, please consider a donation to Kairos Angola at https:// listenlistenlovelove.com/give-now/.

#### David Franklin Sandbach, Sr.,

94, beloved husband, father, and grandfather entered into rest on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.



Dave was a lifetime member of the Episcopal Church, and practiced ministry through Episcopal Cursillo movement, Walk to Emmaus, and Kairos Prison Ministry. Dave attended Christ Episcopal Church in Valdosta, GA from 1963 - 2009, and Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Augusta from 2009 - 2018.

A World War II Army Air Corp Veteran, Dave graduated from the University of Connecticut, and worked for Jiffy Food Stores from 1963-1968. He then worked for Zippy Mart Food Stores from 1968 - 1982, until opening and operating his own business, The Pumping Station, Inc. in Augusta, GA for 34 years. Dave had an immense love for God and his country, his family, and ice cream. To those who loved him, he was known as the rubber band man, an exercise guru, and for the saying, "if you ever see someone not wearing a smile, give them one of yours."

Dave was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Dottie Sue Biggs Sandbach, his parents, his brother, William and his sister. He was survived by his sister, Beverly, and the 4 children, and 15 grandchildren.

"The Man, The Myth, The Legend... Papa."

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# KAIROS TRAINING

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 who, what, 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

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

### Be Sure to Bring Your Program Manual With You to Training!

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

UPCOMI	NG ADVANCED	KAIROS IRAINING SCHEDULE
January 18, 2019	COLUMBUS, OH	Kairos Inside
<b>February 8, 2019</b>	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch
February 15, 2019	HAMPTON, GA	Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch
February 15, 2019	RICHMOND, VA	Kairos Inside
March 8, 2019	AMARILLO, TX	Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside
March 15, 2019	KANSAS CITY, MO	Kairos Inside
March 15, 2019	POMONA, CA	Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside
May 17, 2019	DENVER, CO	Kairos Inside
May 31, 2019	HUNTSVILLE, TX	Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch
June 29, 2019	JACKSONVILLE, FL	Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch
July 12, 2019	RALEIGH, NC	Kairos Inside
August 9, 2019	HAMPTON, GA	Kairos Inside
August 16, 2019	<b>BALTIMORE, MD</b>	Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside
September 6, 2019	CALERA, AL	Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside
November 8, 2019	WAXAHACHIE, TX	Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch
November 15, 2019	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	Kairos Inside

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

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### Kairos Weekends through April 30, 2019

Weekend Key:

M = Men Inside W = Women Inside T = Torch (Youth) KO = Kairos Outside Bold text denotes a #1 Weekend

Date	State	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Program	AGAPE Email
01/03/19	TX	Estes Unit	17	Chris Wilson	KI Men	kairosatestes@gmail.com
)1/24/19	AR	Grimes	2	Reid Kinsey	KI Men	diane.kairosagape@gmail.com
1/24/19	NC	Pamlico Cl	1	Jim Polo	KI Men	jtrvj@yahoo.com
1/24/19	TX	Wallace	40	James Dyer	KI Men	jamesdyer76@icloud.com
2/06/19	NC	Central CI Men	49	Charles Sharpe	KI Men	fcreech@gmail.com
2/07/19	AK	Wildwood	13	Scott Wallace	KI Men	macnkasilof@yahoo.com
2/07/19	OH	Ross	37	Brian Stuckey	KI Men	ohiopuckett@gmail.com
2/08/19	So Afr	KO Kwa Zula Natal	1	Tarryn Gander	КО	lesley.cuff30@gmail.com
2/14/19	ΤХ	Hutchins	27	Jeff Clark	KI Men	clarkcollisionandmechanical@gmail.com
2/15/19	CA	Valley SP	10	Brad Umlauf	KI Men	jerryleader3@hotmail.com
2/15/19	PA	Allenwood FCI	9	Doug O'Connell	KI Men	kairospasac@kairospa.org
2/15/19	CA	Central CA Women	22	Diana Mitts	KI Women	rochelle_platas@vahoo.com
2/21/19	AL	Bibb County CF	36	Greg Murray	KI Men	
2/21/19	AL	Elmore CF	19	David Turner	KI Men	turner.davidd@gmail.com
2/21/19	AR	Pine Bluff	49	John Carney	KI Men	richard.allen@dhs.arkansas.gov
2/21/19	CA	Salinas Valley	6	Lloyd Lowrey	KI Men	<u>Hondreiden and Antonia gori</u>
2/21/19	AL	Aliceville FCI for Women	11	Jackie Green	KI Women	KIALICEVILLEAL@gmail.com
2/21/19	AZ	Perryville	4	Kay Pitt	KI Women	ierleys@gmail.com
2/28/19	MD	Roxbury Cl	19	Walter Brilhart	KI Men	Wigginsdavid@comcast.net
2/28/19	NC	Alexander Cl	27	Tom Spurrier	KI Men	kairosaxci@gmail.com
2/28/19	TX	Hughes	44	Mark Crawford	KI Men	mark.crawford@cypress.com
2/28/19	FL	Hernando Cl	44	Edna Jefford	KI Women	Jeffordbc96@gmail.com
3/01/19	TX	KO Abilene	44		KO	Jellorubc/Jol@gmail.com
3/07/19	FL	Moore Haven Cl	47	Noe Rosa	KI Men	angel.roman1110@yahoo.com
3/07/19	LA	Rayburn	25	Leslie Bascle	KI Men	sirknightlesbascle@att.net
3/07/19	OK	Lawton CF	25 5	Lawrence Streeter		
					KI Men	lawrence.streeter@sbcglobal.net
3/07/19	TN	Western TN SP	43	Steve Ragsdale	KI Men	stevier56@yahoo.com
3/07/19	TX	Jordan	45	Clay Tyson	KI Men	txwindmillguy@hotmail.com
03/07/19	TX	Stevenson	29	Delton Bishop	KI Men	delton.bishop@gmail.com
3/07/19	co	Denver Women's CF	31	Carolyn Ackerman	KI Women	caseytrumbo@gmail.com
3/07/19	IL TV	Illinois	6	Julottie Blackmon	KI Women	Godsproperty95@yahoo.com
3/07/19	TX	Hilltop	3	Lorraine Blythe	KI Women	blestlady1@gmail.com
3/08/19	TX	Vance	67	Pedro Garcia	KI Men	pedrogarcia891@rocketmail.com
3/14/19	FL	Lake Butler RMC Main	2	Ed Garvin	KI Men	Hegarvin@aol.com
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Vision: A community spiritually freed from the effects of imprisonment reaching all impacted by incarceration, through the love, hope, and faith found in Jesus Christ.

Core Values:

- Lay led Christ Centered
   Ministry
- Empowerment While Building Accountability
- Continuing Ministry Model to Build Community
- Trustworthy
- Respect and Love
- Stewardship