



“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.”

1 Corinthians 1:10

God is in Control! (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

God continues to bless Kairos and open doors for us to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to those impacted by incarceration. In February, there are two Kairos Inside programs starting on death row. We again have the green light to work in prisons in Delaware. Kairos Torch has over 40 potential new starts that mostly came from facilities calling us to come in. And numerous states are adding new communities in the three ministry programs. It seems God is saying to us, now go ask my people to serve. I am glad God is in control and leading the way!

As we continue to conduct ministry in communities that we have been in for up to 42 years and as we add the new, let's ensure we do a couple of things. First, give God all the glory and realize he is in control, and then ensure He receives our very best.

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do” - Ephesians 6:7-8



Save The Date!

2018 Annual Conference

July 24th – July 28th

Hyatt Regency Dulles, Herndon, VA

Registration Forms and Preliminary Agenda:
mykairos.org/conference_registration.html

Board of Directors Update (Terry Crockett, Board Chair)

Oswald Chambers states in his book titled, *It Is the Lord*, “Beware of anything that competes with your loyalty to Jesus Christ. The greatest competitor of true devotion to Jesus is the service we do for Him. It is easier to serve than to pour out our lives completely for Him. The goal of the call of God is His satisfaction, not simply that we should do something for Him. We are not sent to do battle for God, but to be used by God in His battles. Are we more devoted to service than we are to Jesus Christ Himself?”

As we reflect on these words of competition of our loyalty and service, let us remember the true goal of the call of God. The battle we do for Him is His, not ours, and we pray for His presence to be devoted to Christ, not just being a servant/volunteer for Kairos.

Kairos is God's Special Time, yet we may think that His kingdom will not increase without our presence of being that servant. I pray that we might all yield to His glory and His grace, even when we are serving Him.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight." - Proverbs 3:5-6

Passing Ezra's Data to the Next Weekend Leader

The need to consistently pass on Ezra's volunteer and guest data is more important than ever. The "pass on" process gives the next Weekend leader the entire Advisory Council's history of team and guests, but it now ALSO feeds the new KairosMessenger web database. Keep in mind that you have to also have the Ezra computer connected to the internet.

The process of passing Ezra data is very simple:

1. *(For Kairos Outside only, skip this step if Kairos Inside or Kairos Torch)* When the Weekend is over, load the Guest data from the OL1 and the Angel data from the Angel Coordinator.
2. Print the Leader's Report.
3. Plug in a flash drive and click the "Copy Files for Next Leader" button to transfer to the flash drive.
4. Give the flash drive with your data to the next Weekend leader.

That's it! Every Weekend leader, regardless of whether they are using a shared laptop or not, does exactly the same simple process.

International Council Update (Tom McCarty, International Council President)

This month, we celebrate Valentine's Day, the holiday of love. With that in mind, and with my usual nod of gratitude to C.S. Lewis' treatise on the subject, I'd like to give you a few thoughts, call it a mini-Greek lesson if you want, about the four loves.

We have one word; we call it love. Greek has four; all of them have slightly different shades of meaning. Here they are.

1. Storgē (not found in the Bible incidentally) - This type of love is often translated as affection. This is the love that parents naturally feel for their children, or the love that members of the family have for each other.
2. Philia - Often referred to as friendship, this love refers to a warm and tender love. It makes you desire friendship with someone. It is a committed and chosen love.
3. Erōs - A passionate and intense love that arouses romantic feelings; it is the kind that often triggers "high" feelings in a new relationship and makes you say, "I love him/her."
4. Agapē - An unconditional love that sees beyond the outer surface and accepts the recipient for whom he/she is, regardless of their flaws or shortcomings. It is, of course, the kind of love that God has for all his created beings and demonstrated most exactly by that wonderful verse, John 3:16.

"Man looketh on the outside, but God looketh on the heart" perhaps sums it up best.

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

I am thinking that you received some pretty cool stuff for Christmas, some in boxes and some in stockings, but some packaged in time with friends and loved ones. What about the best Christmas gift you ever got? What was that? Probably something popped into your head quickly, right?

If you are like me, a month after Christmas you don't experience the same excitement you did initially when getting the gift, or perhaps it is stuck away unused and forgotten already. The gift was great then, but it probably is just normal stuff now.

It wasn't a trick question when I asked what the best gift was ever. Was it that God sent his only son to redeem all of mankind, forgive me of my sin, and make it possible to spend eternity with him? That gift shouldn't fade in excitement and importance, but it could if you don't think about it ...every day...more than once a day. He not only gave us an amazing gift, but he gave us gifts to re-gift: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Re-gifting these is not something to worry about if you'll get caught! Re-gift them...every day...God will find out and love your re-gifting!

The Importance of Men Serving on a Kairos Outside Team (Bob Yowell, Kairos Outside Volunteer)

I was honored to serve on the first Kairos Outside Weekend of North East Ohio. My wife, Diane, served as the Leader and asked me to serve as the Head Kitchen Chef. I wanted to support my wife since she has supported me for almost 20 years of serving with Kairos Inside.

As we prepared for this endeavor, we prayed about the team members that God would call to serve with us. And I prayed about all the ways that God would be able to use the Kitchen Team. Soon the team was filled with God's people, both men and women.

As the team meetings got closer, I emphasized to the men the importance of attending to serve the ladies and to bond in Christ so that together we could be used in a powerful way on the upcoming Weekend. Being the first Weekend for us, we weren't sure of how many men we needed because the facility would not allow us to work in the kitchen, so our service with regard to food would be limited to serving in the dining room.

So we decided to use three other men besides me on the Kitchen Team. All three were true servants of God and had a servant's heart. John, Ted, Jeff and I attended all of the team meetings. We spent time setting up, participating in team discussions and singing. We also spent time in prayer, rehearsed skits to be presented at the Weekend meals, served meals to the team, and cleaned up. At all the team meetings we took care of anything the team needed.

This service prepared us for serving on the Weekend, and allowed us to feel valued as part of this team God was preparing to be the feet and hands of God that the guests needed to help bring them together in Christ. We all bonded and glorified God in moving in us and preparing us to be Jesus with skin on for these special ladies the Lord was bringing to this 1st Kairos Outside of NEO. As we, the four men on the Kitchen Team, came together on the Weekend, we found out that the Lord had prepared us for service at the team meetings to be more than we had anticipated.

The Lord prepared us to show love to the team, guests and staff, and to be open however we were needed. Whether it was prayer, serving, in the Agape room, or any other need that arose, we gladly did it. God wanted us to be representatives of His love and be the living and breathing examples of

what a man of God looks like. We wanted the ladies to be attracted to the Christ in us. We also wanted them to see and to know that with Christ, men can be men of character and integrity. We were honored and blessed to serve at all the team meetings and during the weekend. I pray our actions and love for Jesus were pleasing to Him and that these ladies were drawn closer to Christ and the love He has for each of them through our service.

It is vital to attend the team meetings and to bond so the force can be proclaimed throughout the Weekend and forever. We, the four men of the Kitchen Team, were honored to serve and be used by God as instruments of His love.

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

Team Formation Meetings are a Must

It is February 1, 2018 and most of our communities are busy preparing for their upcoming Spring Weekends. One of the biggest parts of that preparation is attending team formation meetings. We often hear from volunteers that they don't feel they should have to attend all of the team meetings if they are experienced volunteers. This is truly a mistake.

Team formation meetings are spiritual preparation for your upcoming Weekend, and we all need that. I would also guess that most of you have never served with the exact same group of people on a Kairos Weekend before. Each of you comes to your Kairos team as an individual, but as you go through your team formation process you will bond and learn to love one another – your team becomes a unified body - the unified Body of Christ that has been chosen by God to serve Participants and Guests on the Weekend.

For that reason, it is extremely important that Volunteers must commit to attend and fully participate in every team meeting, and just as a side note, it is Kairos Policy that volunteers attend at least 75% of all team meetings. If volunteers are unable to commit to attend the team formation meeting in preparation for the upcoming Weekend, this may not be a Weekend when God is calling them to serve.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

We are gearing up to host several new Kairos Torch programs across the country in 2018. Advisory Councils are presently being formed for Swanson Center for Youth in Louisiana, Atlanta Youth Development Center in Georgia, Okeechobee Juvenile Offender Corrections Center in Florida, and The Leadership Academy in Texas - with several more following! As you see these Weekends being posted on the Kairos website please send your agape and add your name to the prayer list. The youth need to know the Christian Community is committed to them in love and prayer.

Agape Contacts

A list 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 and their email address are included in the posting. To access this information, please go to: <http://www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html> and click on 'Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends.'

New Documents Available on MyKairos.org

Universal AKT Registration Form

CBN's 700 Club Testimony "Woman Divorces A Love Affair With Drugs" under Newsroom/Videos

Remember to Update Your State Pages and Directory Listings on Websites

If you haven't already, please be sure to update your listing on **Where We Serve** for your State Officers and Advisory Council contacts. Also, State Chairs and IC Reps, please double-check the accuracy of your Photos under Directory. If you have already submitted your listing, thank you! We are updating them over the next week or so.

Did You Know?

This month, the International Office received almost 100 website inquiries, more than half of which were people who want to volunteer. Submissions were sent from 29 different states and 2 foreign countries! We forward these requests to the State Chairs, please be diligent in following up with them. Remember, even if you don't have an immediate need, these are people who are excited and feel the calling to be involved with Prison Ministry. Making them wait or even not responding, will not only diminish that excitement but may shed a negative light on our ministry.

Is Your Weekend Listed?

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

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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