



GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Kairos Prison Ministry E-Newsletter

July 2021

Kairos is Active and Blessed

Praise God things are starting to move again for Kairos across the country. All states have reopened so they can have face-to-face meetings and events. Many Kairos Weekends are being planned for the fall months. More and more prisons are starting to allow small groups of volunteers to come in, so we are able to do more Continuing Ministry. Fundraising events are being held, and recruitment activity is taking place. The Annual Conference is in-person with great workshops, evening General Sessions, meetings, and fellowship times planned. While we know it will take time for all locations to be fully active, we are praising God that activity is quickly picking up. Kairos is blessed and we are thankful for all the wonderful volunteers around the world, for the Chaplains and everyone at the Correctional Facilities, and for all the Participants and Guests of the past and those we are preparing to have in the future. Praise God for His Blessings!

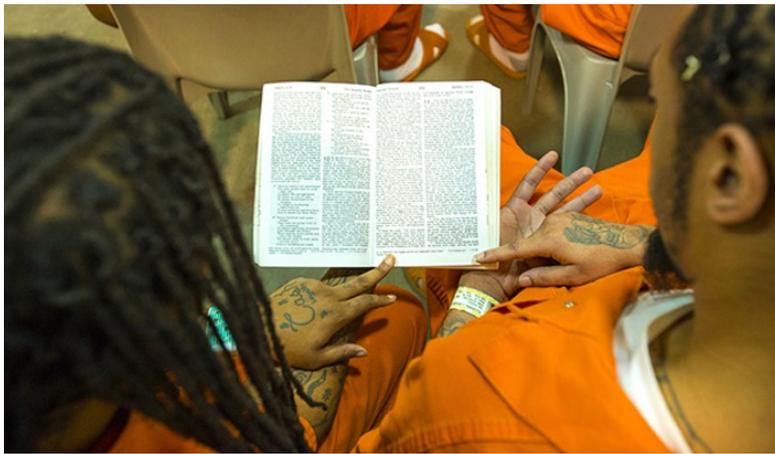
Evelyn Lemly, CEO



Prisons are Reopening!

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What Happens Inside Prison when Kairos Leaves?

As with every prison, Martin Correctional Institute in Florida was shutdown to visitors and volunteers for over a year, reopening in April. While the Kairos team was kept out, something very special was happening on the inside of Martin CI. A group of inmates, consisting mostly of Kairos Graduates, was grouping as a daily prayer circle since the prison chapel was closed and official Kairos activities had ceased. The prayer circle was eventually not enough, so this group of 10 decided to create a Dorm Community Church that now meets twice a day and even created a document detailing how to start this church in other dormitories and prisons! Now at least 20 inmates attend each meeting, as many as are allowed attend each Prayer & Share, and about 100 attend every Kairos Reunion. It is very clear that while Kairos left the prison for a short time, Jesus did not!

The prison administration was so impressed with this, that Kairos was one of the few volunteer organizations immediately invited back inside as soon as was permissible. In addition to the prayer groups and church creation, many of those involved are now seeking to take online college courses with a Bible college, and also volunteering to be transferred to a higher security wing of the prison or another prison altogether, to act as missionaries! It really shows that a true Christian community has developed inside of Martin CI, which is what Kairos, as a ministry, strives for as one of our core values. The shutdown created an unexpected test to see if each Kairos Inside program had successfully supported the growth of a Christian community in their facility. If you are a Volunteer for Kairos Inside, when your Advisory Council is able to return to your facility, find out if the Kairos Graduates have been meeting on their own and organizing their own Prayer & Share. If there has been no Christian activity since the shutdown, it shows the importance of having an Inside Council. Gauging active involvement of Kairos Graduates during the shutdown is a good way to determine if your Continuing Ministry efforts have been effective. The Kairos Weekend is just the beginning, where the introduction to Jesus and a commitment to a life change is initiated, but Continuing Ministry is where the change is actualized!

“Kairos left the prison for a short time, but Jesus never did.” Kairos Graduate

If your Advisory Council finds that it needs to improve its commitment to Continuing Ministry and creating a true Christian community within the facility, there are many successful locations and contacts who would be more than willing to assist. Truly reflect on where your program could be more effective in creating a lasting impact with our Kairos Graduates. You may also reach out to them and reference the program manual on Continuing Ministry, so every Kairos location can create a Christian community that is still strong even if Kairos has to unexpectedly leave for a time.

Gift Retirement Account Funds to Kairos

When it is time to dip into your retirement funds such as a 401k or IRA, you must pay the taxes on the amounts you withdraw. Or do you?

If you are not in need of these funds, you are able to donate any portion to Kairos directly without it going into your bank account, thus avoiding the tax bill. Since Kairos as a non-profit does not have to pay the tax, it allows you to give a more valuable gift than if you had withdrawn the funds and then written Kairos a check.

To learn more about how you can donate directly from your retirements funds such as an IRA or 401k to Kairos, please contact legacy@kpmi.org, call 407-629-4948, or visit www.kairoslegacy.org.



Prayers Requested



Cover Our Annual Conference in Prayer

30 minute prayer slots are available around the clock during our Annual Conference taking place July 13 – 17 in Louisville, KY.



Visit www.prayervigils.net/vigil.php?pvId=439 to reserve your prayer time and help ensure the Kairos Annual Conference is covered in prayer 24/7.

Prayer Vigil for Annual Conference

As we approach our Annual Conference, we are asking for Volunteers to cover the event in prayer around the clock from when the Conference begins on Tuesday, July 13 until it ends on Saturday, July 17.

Half-hour timeslots are available to be reserved at <https://www.prayervigils.net/vigil.php?pvId=439>. Out of the 187 timeslots covering the Conference, 61 are still available and need covering! You may signup for a timeslot that is already covered, there is no such thing as too much prayer!

Please pray for all who are attending the Conference, that they find fellowship with one another, learn more about our ministry to take home and share, and that they are spiritually refreshed. We also ask for prayers for all of the Kairos business that is taking place during the Conference, for the Board of Directors, International Council Representatives, and State Chairs, that they may continue to guide Kairos through these unprecedented times and make decisions that ensure the success of our ministry in the future.

Second Annual

Legacy Luncheon

Friday, July 16, 2021



2nd Annual Legacy Luncheon

This luncheon is to honor those that have notified us that they have included Kairos in their will. The luncheon will be held on Friday, July 16, 2021 during the Annual Conference.

If you have left Kairos in your will, please let us know by emailing Legacy@kpmi.org. To attend this luncheon please notify us by July 5.

To learn about the various legacy donation options, visit www.KairosLegacy.org or email Legacy@kpmi.org and we can assist in finding the best option for your family and situation. You will assist in sustaining Kairos for decades to come and receive an invitation to the 3rd Annual Legacy Luncheon at next year's Annual Conference.

2021 Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Conference

General Session Live Stream

Thurs. July 15 & Fri. July 16 2021 6:45 pm Eastern

<https://www.youtube.com/c/KairosPrisonMinistryorgIntl>



Annual Conference Live Stream Available on YouTube

For those who are not able to attend the Annual Conference, Kairos will be streaming both evening General Session events on YouTube Live!

Join us in celebration as many special guest speakers tell their incredible stories about how God touched their lives through Kairos. There may be songs, prayer, videos, skits, and more. Tune in and find out!

The Thursday General Session will begin on Thursday, July 15 at 6:45pm ET and end at 8:30pm. It can be accessed through www.kairosprisonministry.org/ThursdayGeneralSession.php.

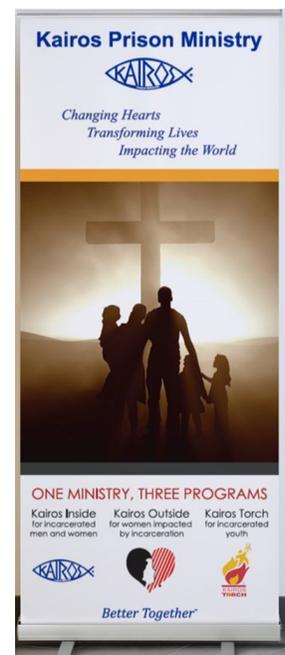
The Friday General Session will begin on Friday, July 16 at 6:45pm ET and end at 9:30pm. It can be accessed through www.kairosprisonministry.org/FridayGeneralSession.php.

To receive notifications of when the live stream is about to start subscribe to the Kairos YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/c/KairosPrisonMinistryorgIntl where you can also view all of the Kairos videos and receive notifications when a new video is added.

New Banner Stand Store is Open

Kairos has changed banner stand vendors to lower the cost, increase the ease of ordering, and the products available. All banner orders are now able to be made directly online at <https://kairos.go.customprintcenter.com>. See what predesigned Kairos options are available to order for your Advisory Council.

Enhance your State and Advisory Council recruiting by ordering predesigned retractable banners, whether table top or full height, table runners, or table coverings, all at lower costs than before, plus free shipping! Discuss these options with your Advisory Council as recruiting will be a huge priority when Kairos fully re-opens.



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When doing your regular shopping on Amazon, use smile.amazon.com instead of the regular site and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to a charity of your choice. It is **not an extra cost**, you pay the same price and the donation is made by Amazon! The items and prices are all exactly the same as the regular Amazon site. Join the 940 shoppers who have contributed to us by [selecting Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc](#) as your charity of choice, as every little bit adds up to thousands of dollars.

Amazon Smile is also available on the Amazon app under Settings.



Find the Blessing

In 2021 we are focused on how to “Find the Blessing.” We know God is in control and is using all of us to work for His purposes. We want to share across Kairos all the wonderful things that are happening, especially when we cannot be fully doing the ministry as we had planned.

Share with us your stories of blessings you have found in Kairos by emailing marketing@kpmi.org so we can share them with the Kairos Family. As you read the articles below you will see we have many blessings at Kairos – what’s yours?

A Kairos Volunteer named John was feeling a bit empty as he could not participate in Kairos nor in his other church activities and was praying for a way to fill up this emptiness. While previously volunteering at a Kairos Weekend at Sterling Correctional Facility in Colorado, John had spoken with an inmate named Nate who told him “When God cleans you out, you need to fill the space with something good or else all the bad stuff just comes back.” That thought stuck with John as he had a lot of empty space. While working at his job in low income housing, John encountered someone seeking housing for ex-offenders and learned of an organization that could help. While on the website he saw Nate and his testimony which included where he worshiped now that he was out of prison. John felt that this was God offering a path to fill himself back up. John went to Nate’s church the following Sunday and as soon as he entered, a Kairos Volunteer greeted John by name, and after learning why John was there brought him to Brother Nate who had his prison sentence commuted and had become an associate pastor at the church!

[See More Blessings](#)



Kairos Obituaries

Let us Pray for & Remember Those Who Have Been Called By God to Heaven

To commemorate our Kairos Family members who have passed away, please visit the [Kairos Obituaries page](#) and view each listing and pray for each of those who have been called to be with our Heavenly Father and for their families who are in mourning.

If there is someone who has passed that should be recognized, please email their obituary to marketing@kpmi.org.

[View all Obituaries](#)

Continuing Ministry Training Available

Kairos now offers virtual Continuing Ministry Training to any Kairos Volunteer who is interested. Continuing Ministry is the heart of Kairos; the Weekends are important, but the introduction to Christianity is not likely to be sustained without reinforcement. With many locations still not able to hold Kairos Weekends, now is a great time to learn more about how you can continue serving.

Click on the link of the date you would like to register for to be taken to the registration page for that training. All Kairos training courses and registration links are listed at www.mykairos.org/training.html.

Kairos Inside

- [Wed. July 28, 9:00 am - 11:00 am](#)
- [Sat. August 7, 9:00 am - 11:00 am](#)
- [Mon. August 16, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm](#)
- [Wed. September 1, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)
- [Wed. October 6, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)
- [Mon. November 15, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

Kairos Torch

- [Sat. July 31, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. August 14, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. August 28, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. September 11, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

Kairos Outside

- [Sat. August 14, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. September 18, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. October 16, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. November 13, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- [Sat. December 11, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

Kairos Outside Lowcountry Featured on Podcast

The Advisory Council Chair of Kairos Lowcountry in South Carolina, Joyce Harder and our Women's Ministries Coordinator Ruby Burris were delighted to be guests for a podcast called Recidivism Crushers.

The podcast is hosted by Caroline Johnson, a Kairos Inside Graduate, who interviews advocates who are fighting the cycle of prison recidivism. The Kairos Outside episode is [available to listen to online](#), as well as through wherever podcasts are found such as the [Apple Podcast app](#).

It was such a blessing to be able to spread awareness of Kairos to an audience that is ready to accept. This podcast has already blossomed into a partnership with Caroline's non-profit [Tubs of Love](#) and the Kairos Outside Lowcountry team.



Do some research near your location to see if there is a local podcast about prison ministry, service to the community, or Christianity and faith, to see if Kairos can be featured.

Official Kairos Apparel and Promotional Items



Kairos Prison Ministry Store - www.kpmistore.com

The newly launched Kairos online store offers a variety of apparel including t-shirts, polo shirts, hats, and jackets in both male and female models, plus an ever growing number of promotional items such as canvas bags, water bottles, and more!

Kairos Threads - www.kairosthreads.com

Bob and Diane Crane have volunteered with Kairos Prison Ministry for over 10 years and since 2012 have produced quality, custom machine-embroidered Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch apparel and accessories.

New Thread Designs Etsy Shop

Longtime Kairos volunteer Scott Maycumber offers a variety of quality Kairos products [in his Etsy store](#).



AKT Refresher Courses

Kairos is currently offering Advanced Kairos Training Refresher Courses, with registration open now. These virtual courses are for Weekend Leaders, Observing Leaders, and Advising Leaders who had already gone to AKT but their Weekends were cancelled due to COVID. **These are not a replacement for AKT. If you have yet to attend an AKT, do not register for a refresher course.** Each course is limited to 30 participants and **registration is required**. Register soon to ensure your place in your preferred course by clicking on the course and submitting your registration information online. More AKT Refresher courses will be added if needed due to high demand. All Kairos training courses and registration links are listed at www.mykairos.org/training.html.

[Kairos Inside: Mon. July 12, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Outside: Sat. August 7, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Inside: Thurs. Aug 12, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Inside: Wed. Aug 18, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Outside: Sat. September 11, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Outside: Sat. October 9, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Outside: Sat. November 6, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Outside: Sat. December 4, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

Kairos Torch 101 Presentations

Kairos Torch 101 is a broad overview of the Kairos youth program from initial volunteer recruitment to mentoring. It is designed to give new volunteers an understanding of the requirements and key elements of Kairos Torch through the use of many visual and interactive demonstrations. This presentation has proven to be an excellent recruiting tool – inspiring and encouraging volunteers to become committed team members and mentors. Kairos Torch 101 is especially beneficial for “new start-up” Weekend Leaders before attending Advanced Kairos Torch Training.

[Saturday, July 24, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

[Saturday, August 14, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

[Saturday, August 28, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)



New & Updated Documents on MyKairos

- Updated - [Health Requirements After COVID - Mandatory for all Volunteers](#)
- Updated - [Health Requirements After COVID - Kairos Outside Guests](#)
- Updated - [Advanced Kairos Training Coordinator's Orientation Guide](#)
- Updated - [Board of Directors Election Procedures](#)
- New - [Kairos Torch Riverbanks Video # 6 - Team Formation](#)
- New - [The Role and Importance of Men Serving in Kairos Outside from a Man's Perspective.](#)
- New - [Kairos Outside EZRA Devotional](#)
- New - [Kairos Outside Kitchen Team Weekend Devotional Guide](#)
- Updated - [Kairos Excellence Initiative Instructions](#)
- Updated Fundraising Ideas
 - [Pancake Breakfast](#)
 - [Christmas Open House](#)
 - [Empty Bowls](#)
 - [Pinto Bean Supper](#)
 - [Tea Party](#)
 - [Miscellaneous Ideas](#)

Join the Conversation with Kairos on Social Media



Stay in-the know with the updates, activities, testimonies, videos, events, and more on the [Kairos Prison Ministry International Facebook page](#). Like our page today as we strive for 10,000 followers.

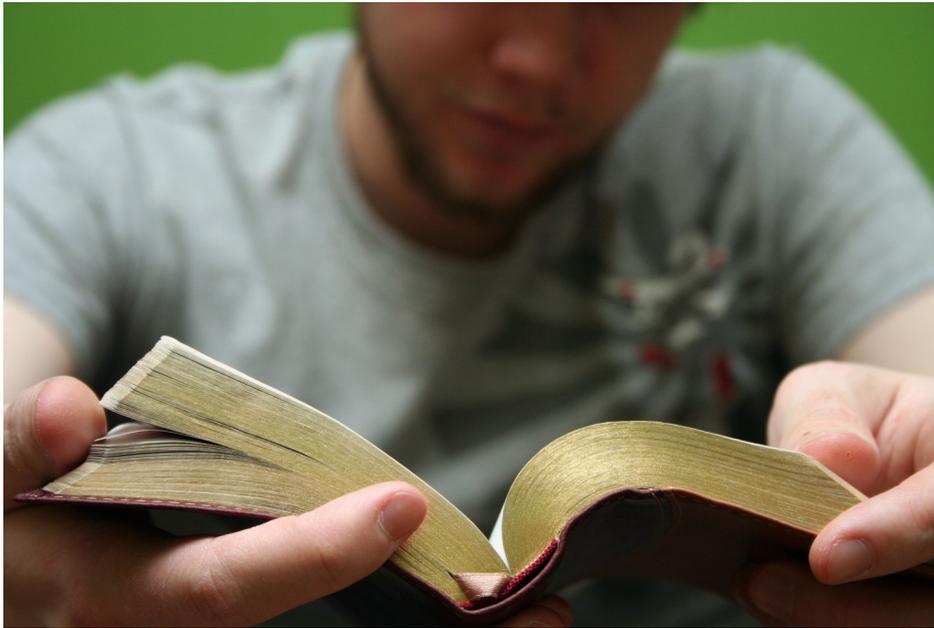
The [Kairos Facebook Group](#) is a private page exclusively for Kairos Volunteers with over 5,000 members. It is a safe place to ask questions about Kairos programs, volunteer opportunities, for advice, or to request prayer without the general public having access. Join the conversations within the group and invite your fellow Kairos Volunteers to join in as well.



[Kairos is also on twitter](#), follow us to ensure Kairos information is on your newsfeed so you can join the conversation by commenting or sharing with your followers with a retweet.



[Subscribe to the Kairos YouTube Channel](#) to receive notifications when there is a new Kairos video posted.



Gather and Submit Kairos Outside Guest Forms

If the pandemic has kept you locked out of your Kairos Inside or Kairos Torch facility, how can you contribute to Kairos? By referring potential Kairos Guests to your local Kairos Outside Program! The process has been simplified, just direct a potential Guest to www.kairosoutside.org, that's it!

This page on our website offers the ability to fill out and submit a Kairos Outside Guest Reservation form and submit it to Kairos with no hassle. **Any female who is at least 20 years old and either has a loved one in prison or was incarcerated and did not attend Kairos Inside is eligible.**

Upcoming Kairos Weekends

Slowly more and more states are easing restrictions and allowing volunteers back into facilities. As such, there are Kairos Weekends on the calendar through the fall. Please pray for each Weekend and consider submitting agape. **All Weekends can be found on the [Kairos Kalendar](#).**

July 30 - Kairos Outside Wide Bay Capricorn #15 - Agape Email keith.vicki@gmail.com

August 20 - Kairos Outside Southwest FL #24 - Agape Email melanieatfmb@yahoo.com

August 26 - Kairos Inside ODI Prison #22 - Agape Email jurievdspuy@yahoo.com

September 4 - Kairos Inside Huntsville Unit #31 - Agape Email huntsvillewalls@gmail.com

September 9 - Kairos Inside Jordan Unit #48 - Agape Email janellschumacher@yahoo.com

September 9 - Kairos Inside Women Hilltop Unit #5 - Agape Email cryouttojesus247@yahoo.com

September 10 - Kairos Outside South Coast #4 - Agape Email kowsouthcoast@kairos.org.au

September 10 - Kairos Outside Kansas # 24 - Agape Email janettorkelson@yahoo.com

September 10 - Kairos Outside West KY #5 - Agape Email stephanienimmo73@gmail.com

September 13 - Kairos Inside Parklea CC #11 - Agape Email kiparkleaagape@kairos.org.au

September 17 - Kairos Outside Southern IN #21 - Agape Email joanie23simmons@yahoo.com

September 17 - Kairos Outside Northern MS #5 - Agape Email akra1959@gmail.com

Prayer Requests from our Kairos Family

Join us in prayer for all of the prayers that have been submitted by our Kairos Family members.

Prayer requests submitted through MyKairos are available to view at www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/KairosPrayerSubmissions.pdf and you can submit your prayer requests on the MyKairos homepage.

Prayer requests can also be viewed on the Kairos Prison Ministry website at www.kairosprisonministry.org/blog/prayer-requests/ where you may also make your own prayer request.



Kairos Institutional Liaison Training

The Institutional Liaison Coordinator for the Advisory Councils of Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch are always important. In 2021, these positions are even more important as we work to reenter the adult and youth facilities. Volunteers, who have done the role, have developed training for the Institutional Liaison Coordinator to better understand the relationship with the facility and key topics to cover, which enables Kairos to operate at it's very best. Sign up for this virtual training by clicking the link and registering. An email confirmation will be sent to you for joining the 1 ½ hour training.

Click on the link below for the date you would like to register for to be taken to the registration page for that training. All Kairos training courses and registration links are listed at www.mykairos.org/training.html.

[Kairos Inside: Tue. October 5, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)

[Kairos Inside: Tue. November 2, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm](#)

"I attended the Kairos Institutional Liaison Training course through Zoom and it was a great class, the best I have had through Zoom." Joyce White

Stay Updated on Social Media

Stay in touch with your Kairos Family on social media and be the first to find out about updates regarding our ministry.



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www.youtube.com/c/KairosPrisonMinistryOrgIntl



www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational

Advanced Kairos Training Dates & Registration

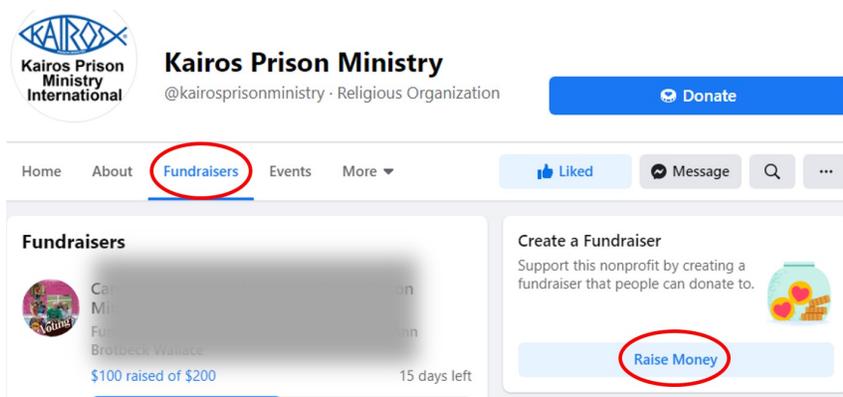
All [Advanced Kairos Trainings](#) are finalized and registration is now done exclusively online. To register for an AKT, visit the [new AKT Registration page on KairosMessenger](#).

- **AKT Raleigh, NC: July 9-11 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside)**
- **AKT Jacksonville, FL: Aug. 20-22 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch)**
- **AKT Columbus, OH: Oct. 22-24 (Kairos Inside)**
- **AKT Indianapolis, IN: Nov. 12-14 (Kairos Inside & Kairos Outside)**
- **AKT Waxahachie, TX: Nov. 19-21 (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch)**

Raise Funds with Facebook Fundraisers

Take this time to easily raise funds for your Advisory Council so it is fully funded for when it's Kairos Weekends are held. One simple way to do this is to [setup a Facebook Fundraiser](#) and invite your friends and family to contribute to our ministry. Unlike most online donation sites, Facebook doesn't take out any fees, so 100% of your donation goes to Kairos. Assistance in setting up your Facebook Fundraiser is [available on MyKairos](#).

P.S. Ensure the Name of your Advisory Council and State are in the title of your Facebook Fundraiser.



Contact Kairos

To submit stories and photos or to contact Kairos leadership and staff:

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To access a wealth of information, tools, videos, forms, prior editions of our newsletters, and more, visit www.mykairos.org, the Kairos website designed specifically for Kairos Volunteers.

Kairos Facebook Group

Many items of interest such as upcoming Weekends, prayer requests, and inspirational stories are shared in our Kairos Facebook group. Request to be added, at www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational.