



God's Special Time

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2016 Kairos Annual Conference Commemorated 40 Year History of Successful Ministry!

The Kairos 2016 Annual Conference, held in Orlando, FL in late July, was the most attended conference to date. It was a great celebration of all of the wonderful successes that the Ministry has accomplished in its 40-year history.

Beginning with the first Kairos Weekend at Union Correctional in Raiford, FL in 1976, the Kairos Founders (affectionately known as the Nine Old Men) grew the ministry from one Weekend to well over 800 Weekends yearly, worldwide.

Kairos volunteers were delighted to hear stories from the Founders' family members during the Friday evening banquet celebration. LaVerne Johnson, wife of Kairos original founder, Tom Johnson, gave an overview of how the ministry began, from the idea of a Cursillo-based walk to becoming a 4-day spiritual Weekend inside the prison walls for the inmates.

LaVerne also described all of the efforts that went into the first Women's Inside Weekend. All three of the Johnson's daughters and their son were present and told several stories of the

beginning times of Kairos.

Other Founder's families were present as well: Beverly (Schweizer) Gurtis and several of both the Gurtis and Schweizer children. Fr. Leo Hodges and Charles Hodges (sons of Founder Clarence Hodges). Many of the family members shared memories of those first years of the ministry and the challenges that they faced.

Kairos was honored to have our only remaining Founder, Cleve Bell, present, along with his wife Cindy, their daughter and granddaughter. Both Cleve and Cindy spoke of the early years



Above: La Verne Johnson interviewed by Kairos' CEO, Evelyn Lemly

and the obstacles they had to overcome. Cleve entertained the volunteers with amusing, behind-the-scene stories that spoke of the dedication of all of



Above: Cleve Bell addresses the Kairos volunteers.

the Founders and their determination to get the ministry into operation.

Parvin and Patricia Johnson, both members of the first Kairos Inside Men's and Women's Teams, explained details of the Team meeting and the actual Weekend.

All of our special guests enlightened the volunteers with bits and pieces of the ministry's initial years. Kairos is grateful for all that they did to support the Founders and this ministry as a whole.

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Sing to Him; sing praise to Him; tell about all His wonderful works!

1 Chronicles 16:9
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Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry!

Kairos Prison Ministry is celebrating our 40th year of ministry in 2016. At the Annual Conference in July, we celebrated our history and the founders, along with their families.

Kairos was founded by Tom Johnson, who after attending Cursillo felt called to do something, so he decided to try a program in prison. After two years of trying to get into a prison in Florida, he received permission to go into Union Correctional Facility in Raiford, Florida. In September, 1976, a group of men rented a bus and drove from Miami to Raiford (some 375 miles one way) to hold the first Weekend known then as Cursillo in Prison. In addition to the bus, they brought a rented Uhaul, which was full of homemade cookies.

The Weekend was a success and reunions followed and the program began. Over the next couple of years the program was developed to fit the prison environment. In 1979, Cursillo asked the men to discontinue using their name any longer and to form their own entity. Separate from Cursillo, Tom formed a group of men known to us as "the nine old men" and officially formed Kairos and wrote the first manual for the Kairos Inside program. In 1979, the first Weekend was held with the name Kairos in a Federal Prison in Florida.

At the same time, in 1979, a group of women did the first Kairos women's prison in Broward Correctional Facility.

Since then, Kairos continued to grow into more prisons in Florida and into other states throughout the years. We also added Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch. Now, 40 years later, the ministry has gone from one weekend in one location to having 500 communities working three programs across 35 states and 9 international countries.



Evelyn Lemly, CEO

We honor our heritage and our founders – Tom Johnson, Cleveland Bell, Joe Gurtis, Nils Schweizer, Dick Day, Clarence Hodges, Ted Klocker, John DeVito, and John Caldwell.



We honor the families who supported the founders and also participated in cooking, baking and then serving in the women's facilities. We honor those who had the courage to follow the call they felt from the Lord to go into the prison.

We also know the founders started the slogan – Listen, Listen, Love, Love – using it to remind themselves of the focus when going into the prison. Interestingly, the founders focused on the weekly gatherings and monthly reunions as they saw these

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

As I recently reflected upon this scripture, our annual Kairos Conference came to my mind. Our gathering in July of the Kairos family was a demonstration of excellence, to the glory and honor of God. This year, we held the largest conference ever with 385 registered attendees, plus several other founding guests and/or their families! We came together to celebrate this Ministry, to learn and grow together, and to encourage one another on to excellence in all that we do.

Our meetings, general sessions and workshops placed emphasis upon our continued spiritual growth. We were encouraged daily by our leaders, speakers and presenters that God has called us to serve in a program area of this Ministry but that our first focus must always be upon Him. Our meetings were held to conduct business and have learning opportunities to better understand our roles and responsibilities as board members, IC members, state chairs and

committee members. Each of those meetings were also attended by many other volunteers from across the country and world who were interested in learning more about the business and training aspects of Kairos. I was very encouraged by the enthusiasm of everyone who was there.

The Board of Directors met on three occasions to conduct business and grow and learn together with our newest members. Don Setterlof led our Board Orientation session and Jim Miller and Christine Money led our board in training on conflicts of interest. The International Council elected four new members to the Board: Ken Perduyn, Karen Rayer, Kelvin Thompson, and Lee Turner.

We look forward to the gifts and talents they will bring to the ministry through board service.

Retiring members were Jim Hankins, Jim Miller, Christine Money, Inetta Reddell, and Doug Watson. We give thanks for the time and talents they brought during their season of service to the Kairos Board. May God bless each new and retiring member!



**Vicki Spurgeon,
Board Chair**

The workshops on Friday and Saturday were very well attended and provided guidance and insight into practical Program implementation, growing programs and sharing the transforming love of Jesus Christ with more participants and guests. We also shared in the joyous celebration of 40 years of Kairos Ministry and were able to honor those who have dedicated so much of their lives to create and grow Kairos.

I heard many wonderful comments on what a joy it was to be together and how glad each person was that they were able to attend and learn new things about Kairos, past and present. After each event or session a common response was “how can that be topped?” I hope that even more of you will be able to attend next year to share in the experience.

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praiseworthy, think about such
things.*

Blessings in the journey,
Vicki Spurgeon

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as the true impact of the ministry and where they saw the greatest impact as the men gathered to share, pray, and form their own community of support and sharing Christ. John Caldwell became the first Executive Director and led the way that has brought us to where we are today. Currently, we are focused on continuing to do what Kairos is known for ‘coming back’ and doing the full program of Weekends and Continuing Ministry.

As we have grown to nearly 500 communities, Kairos has impacted approximately 27,000 men, women and youth each year. There are hundreds of new opportunities to grow, including 57 communities, that are in the works today. State DOC’s also have asked us to be in more facilities which we have not started yet, due to resources. Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch all have opportunities to grow and continue to impact incarcerated men, women, youth and their families by sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

I am honored to be serving at Kairos and be a part of this wonderful ministry that is making a difference in the kingdom of Christ. I thank God for the 30,000 volunteers serving and all those who have gone before us over the 40 years. And I look forward to the future and the impact Kairos can make in the lives of those impacted by incarceration. Let’s continue to celebrate our history and look forward to the future as our Lord leads us in our calling at Kairos Prison Ministry International.

Team Formation Meetings: How to Create the Necessary Spiritual Environment

By Ken Rocks
Men's Ministries Coordinator



What is the primary role of the Weekend Leader? Logistics? Finding enough home-baked cookies? Praying for the right person to give that talk you've been struggling to assign? Working with the Observing Leader to be on time throughout? Finding enough team members? Should you reduce the number of tables to meet the guidelines? Trying to stay calm while inside the anxiety is consuming you?

The primary role and responsibility of the Kairos Weekend Leader is the *spiritual formation* of the team. The Kairos Leader is responsible for ensuring that the team is transformed from a group of individual Christians into the spiritually *unified* Body of Christ.

They are tasked with providing the environment that promotes spiritual growth among the brothers in Christ. They need to get to know each other in ways that most people don't. You will lead them into the concept of vulnerability amongst their fellow team members. They, in turn, will teach/mentor our Participants who will share amongst themselves in our weekly Prayer and Share groupings.

The Weekend Leader will model the humility and reverence needed to listen, listen, love, love that we bring to the Participants.

One of the greatest acts of love is to carefully listen to another human being. If done properly, it is exhausting over the course of the Weekend. The trick is to stop ourselves from mentally preparing for what we want to say while the other person is speaking.

Fortunately, Kairos provides excellent training and tools to assist and guide the Kairos Leader in this specific task. The Ezra software disc has a 41-day devotional, and many spiritual exercises.

You will model servant leadership at every turn. "He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30

The team spiritual formation begins with a foundation of prayer. Without the undergirding of prayer, spiritual formation is less than it is supposed to be. For many laypersons, the thought of guiding the spiritual formation of a rather large group of people may seem like a daunting task. But, team members come with a desire to do the work of God, and they just need a guiding hand to give them

spiritual direction.

Ezra software provides a number of Spiritual experiences that the Kairos Leader can choose to incorporate into team meetings. They are called: Building a Rock Altar, Team Sacrifice, Praying with Jesus, Foot/Hand Washing, Family Prayer circle, Team Meeting Prayer Partners (one to one), and Team Covenant. Copies can be made of Ezra so all can have a copy, if desired.

Finally, just because a volunteer has been doing this 20 years doesn't mean that they know everyone on the team, or that all know the veteran.

With every Kairos Weekend comes new volunteers. It is an important role for the veteran to get to know the newbies and share the wisdom of Kairos that has been gained. That way all walk into the prison as one unified Body of Christ.



Keeping Your Passion for Kairos

By Gina Brockmeyer
Women's Ministries Coordinator



Do you remember the first time you heard about Kairos? Do you remember what completing your first Kairos Weekend felt like? Do you still get excited when you talk about Kairos? If so, you are probably still passionate about the ministry and volunteering. But if not, you may have lost or may be losing, your passion for Kairos.

Passion is defined as a strong feeling of enthusiasm. It is passion that fuels the fire inside each of us and passion that drives us to do the things that we love and care about. It is easy for us to see when someone is passionate. But it is not as easy to see when someone's passion is slipping away.

Being passionate about Kairos is important. It is important because passionless ministry is powerless ministry. We need to do everything we can to guard the passion we feel for Kairos because it can slip away and we may not even notice that it is happening.

Listed below are some of the reasons people's passion dwindles when they are serving in ministry. These are things that we should be paying attention to and thinking about as it relates to our service:

Time in the ministry:

After working for a long time in the ministry people become bored.

Ministry becomes routine:

Activities that were energizing initially become routine.

Conflict:

Constant and ongoing conflict within ministry wears people out, and they begin to lose their passion.

Lack of Accountability:

Accountability is often viewed as something negative. People should not view it that way. Accountability is about keeping commitments. Accountability is doing what we say we are going to do when we say we are going to do it. People want to see that you can be counted on - accountability builds trust. When accountability is lacking people become discouraged, and no longer want to be involved with the ministry.

Leadership Vacuum:

When leadership is lacking within a ministry people begin to lose their passion. Good leadership is essential. Strong leadership inspires passion in those who volunteer.

Lack of Affirmation:

People need to be appreciated. They need to be told what they are doing matters. Affirmation brings people to life, is proven to increase their energy level, and has been proven to set aside hesitant thoughts. When people

don't receive affirmation they become discouraged.

Chronic shortages and/or mismanagement of resources: Constantly begging for help from volunteers for money can diminish passion.

"Trying"

Try is a negative word. It implies failure, those who try fail more than those who just do it.

How to identify your passion or someone else's passion is dwindling

People stop having fun -

Ministry becomes overwhelming and feels like work - it's no longer enjoyable.

People become cynical - When people use the term "they" - their confidence in the leadership of the ministry begins to dwindle.

People fail to meet their responsibilities -

People consistently stop doing what they once did - the things that you counted on them to do.

People are giving too much -

People begin to feel if they don't do things no one else will, they live to volunteer. This leads to burn-out and cynicism. They begin to feel others don't appreciate them.

So what can we do to keep people from losing their passion for Kairos?

- ***Give them a break - work 3 Weekends and take 1 off***
- ***Make sure they are well trained and have the proper tools***
- ***Recognize and utilize our volunteer's gifts and talents***
- ***Be selective in recruitment - make sure volunteers have a heart for Kairos***
- ***Volunteers must understand the commitment required to volunteer for Kairos***
- ***Give volunteers a good experience - Advisory Councils and Weekends must be well run, organized***
- ***Empower volunteers while building accountability***
- ***Follow the policies and procedures of Kairos***
- ***Acknowledge what people do - say thanks, be encouraging***
- ***Live balanced lives - keep Kairos in its proper place***
- ***Maintain spiritual health***

As Christ followers we are called to be in a passionate relationship with our Lord. Our passions stem from that relationship. When we are passionate about Jesus we will be passionate about taking His message to the men, women, and families we serve in Kairos.



Message to Incarcerated Youth

By Kevin Resnover
Youth Ministry Coordinator

"You Can Start Fresh With Jesus"
By Anthony Gomez, Kairos Graduate
Sussex II State Prison, Waverly, VA

There's a Bible verse which says, "When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things." (1 Corinthians 13:11).

This verse always takes me back to the day I was arrested when they placed me in the Juvenile Detention Center and put me in a dim, cold cell and slammed shut the heavy steel door behind me. It was the worst day of my life. I had just accidentally killed somebody during the commission of a botched robbery. Life as I knew would never be the same again. For me, this was the day that I was forced to grow up and put away childish things.

It didn't matter that I was a juvenile with no prior arrest or criminal history. For my foolish childish ways, the judge sentenced me to life in prison. That was 20 years ago, and it's not the way I envisioned becoming a man.

This is the reason why I am writing this Message to Incarcerated Youth. You likely will have a chance of getting out and when you do, I don't want to see you make the same mistakes I've made in not appreciating the choices and opportunities that were available to me. I am tortured every time I see young men on the news being arrested, or coming through these prison gates, for making poor childish choices. I am tortured because prison is no place for a young person. Plus, this is not what you want for your life.

Now, you might be telling yourself that what I'm saying doesn't apply to you because you'll never do something as foolish as I did. I hope you're right. But I can't tell you how many times I have heard people who were getting out say that to me only to soon find themselves back in here for not taking heed. Most people don't believe it can

happen to them until it does. The fact that young people are the fastest growing segment of the prison population should cause you to pay close attention to what I'm saying.

Listen, I never thought I would end up in prison or that the choices I was making would inevitably lead to no-good. The possibility never even crossed mind, even though I had been making poor childish choices all my life. In fact, before committing my crime I was working in construction helping build a new jail. I used to go inside the empty cells to collect trash and often pause to think of how miserable it would be for the people locked in them. Some of the cells faced a concrete wall only a few feet away. But the thought that I would soon be one of those miserable people never even crossed my mind.

I'd dropped out of school, was using drugs and buying illegal firearms, which are all a recipe for trouble with the law, but prison didn't cross my mind, not even when I was committing the crime. Only when that heavy steel door was slammed shut behind me did I know and understand the harm that I had done to the community, my family, my loved ones, and myself. But by then it was too late. The damage was done and I was now set down a path that I could not avoid.

Here we are now. The good news, though, is that with Jesus, it's never too late to start all over fresh. It wasn't for me and it's not for you.

When they slammed shut that heavy steel door behind me, it's as if I died. I knew instantly that my life would never be the same again, and honestly, I didn't want it to. All it brought me was pain and trouble. But I was 17 and knew that I had many more years to live. Older folks would say I hadn't even begun to live. What I feared was the uncertainty of what those years would be like.

Maybe you feel this way about your life. You shouldn't. The Bible says, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Corinthians 5:17). You can have a new life, a

fresh start, with Jesus.

In evaluating my life, I quickly realized that I was a follower. Now, there's nothing wrong with being a follower, but all my life I had been a follower of the wrong people and things, which never got me anything but trouble. This is why one of the first thing I swore to NEVER DO AGAIN is follow anyone who wasn't following Jesus.

Jesus tells us, "Come, follow me." (Matthew 4:19). Paul, who wrote most of the books in the New Testament of the Bible (many from jail) said, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1). One day, "at the name of Jesus every knee will bow" and "every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." (Philippians 2:10-11). If there's anyone we should follow, it's Jesus. Our calendar is based on when Jesus walked this earth. There isn't another person who ever had such an impact on mankind; there is no one else upon who your life and eternal destiny depends on.

With Jesus in my life, I began to think of my incarceration as a second chance at a fresh start in life, an opportunity to grow and live out my newfound life - in Christ.

You see, it all begins with the way you think about your incarceration, whether you have a sentence of days, months, or years. If you think of it as a mere "time out" during which the clock just ticks away until your release date, then that is all it's going to be, a "time out," after which you'll likely go back to doing the things that got you in there in the first place. However, if you think of it as an opportunity for a new beginning, a fresh start on life, then the possibilities of a brighter future are endless.

A lot of people in here walk around all day long angry that they're locked up without doing anything worthwhile with their time. But you can't consider yourself to just be in prison; You are in the School of Christ where you can take your time really getting into the Bible and living out and sharing your faith, making a positive difference in other's lives. You were not arrested; you were rescued. You were given a second chance, a fresh start. Use your time behind bars wisely. Sign up for a Bible correspondence course. There are many places that provide good, free study materials that

you can do through the mail to help you study and understand your Bible. You can write to request to be enrolled in many of these courses.

If you didn't finished school, work hard towards getting your GED. Take whatever trades you are offered as well the treatment programs available to you. Ask to be given a job assignment and work hard. Follow the rules so you can be released as early as possible.

Don't put your health, life or freedom in jeopardy by getting jailhouse tattoos or joining gangs. You came in by yourself, leave with only Jesus in your heart. Stay in contact with your family through whatever means you are allowed. Work towards keeping your promises and commitments to them. Seek to make amends to anyone you may have wronged.

Everyone isn't going to follow in these things and in fact, many people around you will do the opposite. You don't have to be like them. You might be young, but remember, you have put away childish things. It's time to think like a man, and a man always takes care of His business first. When you wake up in the morning, thank God and ask Him to guide and protect you throughout the day. He will help you with all these things by giving you the strength and wisdom to do what's right.

Finally, be an example to others when you get out so that they don't follow in the same footsteps which led to your incarceration. Stay away from illegal guns and people who carry them. Just doing that can carry a mandatory sentence of 5 years in prison. Illegal guns usually leads to another crime, which means even more time in prison. By the time you get out, you would have done enough time behind bars. Find a good church and enjoy life the way God meant for you to enjoy it. I leave you with the following verse of Scripture and God bless you.

"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do." (Ephesians 5:15-17).

Ways to Give

There are *many* ways to give to Kairos Prison Ministry. One way is to give a *Legacy gift*. If you haven't already, we pray you will consider including Kairos in your Will.

Recently, a faithful donor/volunteer shared, "Kairos is always in my heart. I want you to know that Kairos is in my Will. I want to make sure that many years to come those that have only known hopelessness all their lives continue to find hope and healing when they ask Jesus into their hearts."



Another way to give to Kairos Prison Ministry is through *Appreciated stocks*.

Recently, a donor said how simple it was to transfer her appreciated stocks to Kairos. Giving appreciated stock is a great way both to reduce your taxes and give more generously.

Kairos Outside to Return to the UK in 2017!

By Gina Brockmeyer

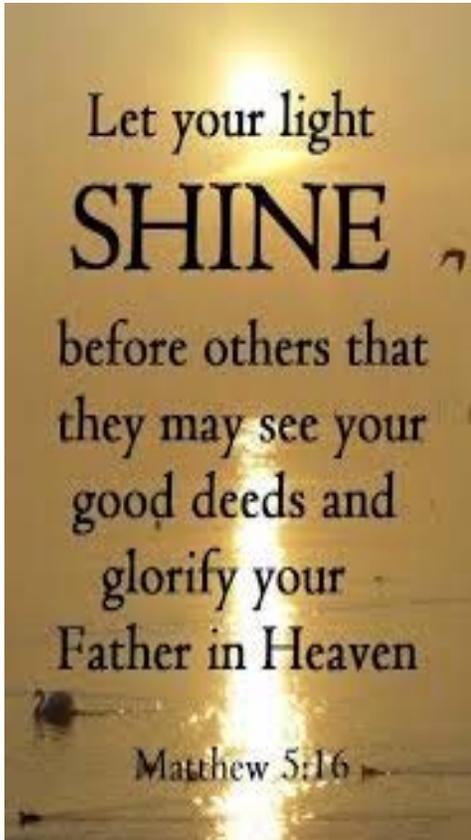
On September 14th, Alexis Brooks, a Kairos Volunteer from the United Kingdom, traveled to the United States to learn more about Kairos Outside, and to observe a Kairos Outside Weekend.

While in the United States, Alexis visited the International Office in DeBary, Florida and then traveled to Amarillo, Texas where she observed Kairos Weekend # 29.

The United Kingdom, which has not conducted a Kairos Outside Weekend in many years, hopes to re-start the program in the East Anglia area of the country in September 2017, with Alexis serving as Leader for their first Weekend.

Please pray for Alexis and the other members of her committee as they work to restart Kairos Outside program in the United Kingdom.





Kairos Prison Ministry International

In Loving Memory

Often, people who have lost a loved one ask that a tribute gift be made to their favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

A memorial contribution to Kairos Prison Ministry pays thoughtful tribute to the memory of your loved one.

Donations will support sharing Christ's love with the incarcerated.

A memorial letter will be sent to the family of the bereaved, along with the name(s) of the donors. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed.

Donors will receive a letter from Kairos Prison Ministry for their tax-exempt contribution.



Fantastic Weight-Loss Program By Pastor Russ Gorrell

“Kairos Is A Fantastic Weight Loss Program!” Those were the words of a Graduate as he shared his testimony at the July Monthly Reunion at Bent County Correctional Facility in Las Animas, Colorado on July 13, 2016. I had to shake my head to make sure I heard him correctly, and you probably went back to read that twice. Weight loss? That’s different and I’d never heard that at Open Mic.

What follows is certainly a paraphrase of his talk because he was so energized that I didn’t want to miss a word and even five minutes later, I can only give you the gist of what he said.

He went on to say, “Oh, I probably gained 20 pounds eating sub

sandwiches, brisket, fried chicken and desert at every meal, but I had so much guilt and mental weight lifted off me during the Weekend, it’s hard to measure. Had to be 200 pounds if it was an ounce, because that’s how much lighter I feel.”

“I was so different on Sunday night that when I called my wife and told her about the Weekend, she said, ‘Wow, it sounds like I have my husband back.’ She could tell something had happened. For those of you who don’t know, in the world, I was a licensed minister and this Weekend was personally the greatest encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ that I’ve ever had. I had been harboring a lot of guilt and unforgiveness.

As our speaker talked on Saturday during the Forgiveness Ceremony, he told us to take one more minute to make sure we had all the names on our list, so I did a quick check. Yep, looked like everyone was there. I had even put my own name down before the speaker reminded us.

Then I heard that familiar voice saying, ‘What about me?’ It was God and I realized that I had been holding God in unforgiveness and that’s a BAD place to be. So when we sang *Surely The Presence*, the weight was lifted and I’m back being in love with my God and Savior. So when they start accepting applications for the next Weekend, I strongly recommend anyone who hasn’t attended, sign up for The Weight Loss Program. Amen!”

Romans 8:6 *but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

Dennis Webrand, of



Lakeland, Georgia, went home to be with the Lord on July 10, 2016. He was involved in many civic and Christian organizations. He was an active member of Walk to Emmaus and had a passion for serving the incarcerated at Kairos Prison Ministry.

Dennis married the love of his life, Renna, and celebrated forty-three years married. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

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Donald Locotosh, 77, passed away on July 24, 2016 in Fletcher, North Carolina. He was married to Diane

Moutrey Patterson.

He received a Bachelor's Degree from Kent State University and a Master's Degree in Business Manufacturing from Northern Indian University. Donald served as the Kairos South Carolina Treasurer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to SC Kairos Prison Ministry.

Rev. Willie Varnado Jr. was



born on May 30, 1950 and passed away July 28, 2016. He leaves behind his wife, Gennia, of 37 years, along with five children, seven grandchildren and great grandchildren.

After twenty successful years at IBM, he was called to become a Deacon and soon after became an ordained preacher in 1989 at the Gospel at Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Roswell, Georgia. He had a passion for leading at Kairos, Walk to Emmaus, Kids Across America and other youth ministries.

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Rev. CJ "Corky" Davis Jr., 62 spread his wings and flew away to be with the Lord on Wednesday

August 10, 2016. Corky had a love for church and southern gospel music and attended every time he had a chance. He also loved working with Kairos where he had many friends and helped to win over many to the Lord. He served on the Wade CC Advisory Council and was the recruitment subcommittee

chair for Kairos of Louisiana. Please keep his wife Dura and their family in your prayers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Corky to Wade Kairos Prison Ministry, P.O. Box 52355, Shreveport, LA 71135.

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Glenda Joy Hogsett Gunkel passed away on August 30, peacefully in

her sleep at her home in Austin, Texas, after a brief illness. She was 86 years old.

Glenda was born on November 29, 1929 in Beaver, Oklahoma. She met and married the love of her life, William David Gunkel, in Pampa, in 1948. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&I University in Kingsville, Texas. She later received her Master's of Library Science degree from University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas. She is survived by her three sons and two daughters and numerous other family members. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice, or to one of Glenda's favorite charities: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, The Nature Conservancy or Kairos Prison Ministry.

Robbie Jerome Woodard's



life journey began in 1956 and was called Home September 20, 2016. Robbie joined the US Air Force in

1976. While there, he met the love of his life, Vilma Lozada and married in 1980.

He was passionate about serving as a member of Kairos Prison Ministries and attending and working on the Via de Christo Ministries.

Left to cherish his loving memories are his wife Vilma, two daughters; Melissa and Alexandra; his siblings, Teddy Woodard and daughter Janae; Wanda Woodard, and Tonya Surgeon and daughters Jade and Amber.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested in Robbie's memory to: Kairos Prison Ministry Intl, c/o Paul Sabatier-Smith, 8010 Kathleen Road, Lakeland, FL 33810-4456.



William A. Young III of Millsboro, formerly of Reston, Va., passed away peacefully after suffering a

stroke Sept. 25, 2016.

Bill was a member and deacon of the United Christian Parish, serving on many of their boards. He was active with their

prison ministry and then with Kairos Prison Ministry. Following his retirement to Millsboro, he joined Epworth United Methodist Church and started a Kairos Prison Ministry program there, as well. Bill was always involved in numerous volunteer organizations that attempted to better the lives of others. Bill is survived by his wife, Diana Drury Philbrick Young; daughter Stephanie Young Davidson (Tom Davidson); son Howard S. Young; son William H. Young (GJ Young); stepdaughters Cynthia Gaulin, Heidi Philbrick Buxton, Stephanie Philbrick Provost and stepson Wesley Philbrick.

A celebration of Bill's life was held Oct. 8, at Epworth United Methodist Church. A second celebration will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, at United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., with the service following at 11 a.m. Distribution of ashes in the Memorial Garden and a reception will follow the service at the church.



Scott Dyer McKee, 65, passed away September 28, 2016, at his home. Scott was a member of the Church of the Ascension,

serving as an usher, lay reader and chalice bearer. He worked as a human resources project manager for Genco. He was a dedicated volunteer for the Kairos Prison Ministry, where he was serving as the state financial secretary. As a

leader in Kairos, Scott was involved in working to bring the program to SCI Fayette and SCI Forest. Scott was an avid reader, especially of historical novels.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Jackie Kent McKee; daughter, Ruth Courtney Oliver and her husband, Walter Scot; two sons, Kent Chapman McKee, and Clifton Dyer McKee; and adopted daughter, Christina Marie Lewis.

A memorial service for Scott Dyer McKee was held at the Church of the Ascension. Contributions may be made to the Kairos Prison Ministry, DeBary, FL.

Charles Kenneth 'Ken'

Crane, 81, went home to be with the Lord on Oct.1, 2016 in Augusta, GA. He proudly served in the US Air Force. He was self-employed, owning B&S Dry Cleaners for 13 years and other businesses.

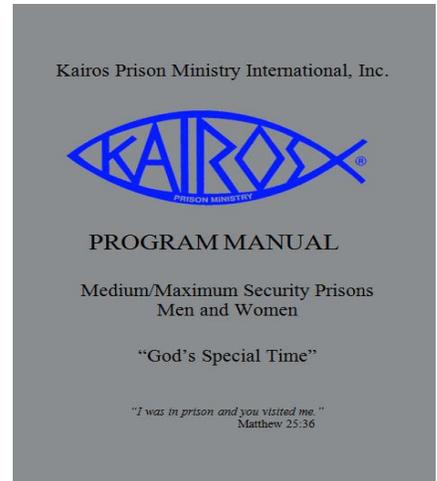
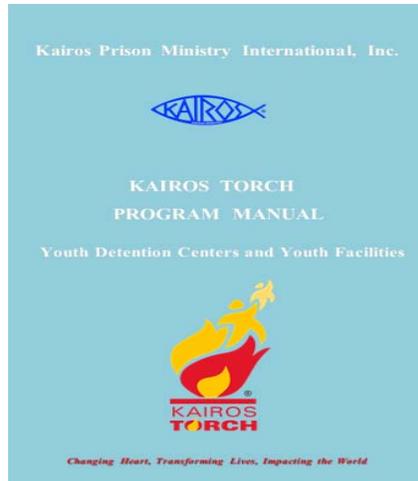
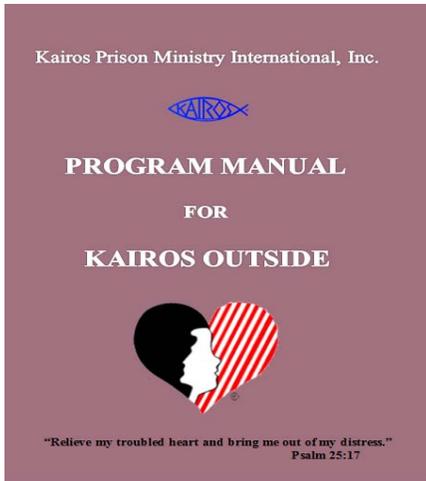
Ken was a faithful Kairos Prison Ministry volunteer since 1993 and member of Abbeville First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sara, of 42 years; sons, Lowry Wayne Crane, Doug Jackson, and David Jackson; brother, Herbert Crane and his wife, Peggy of California; and sister, Brenda Jones.

Service was held at the Harris Funeral Home. Contributions can be made to Kairos of SC or Abbeville First Baptist Church.

KAIROS PRAISE REPORT

Congratulations to ALL of the Advisory Councils that have already “replaced” their OLD manuals with the NEW Program Manuals! The manuals just came out this summer and we have already depleted the inventory! We have had to order more from our printer. What an awesome problem! For those Advisory Councils that have not yet replaced their manuals, all three program manuals are NOW back in stock for ordering.



At our Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, Evelyn Lemly, Bryan Wheeler, Gina Brockmeyer, Kevin Resnover, and Ken Rocks teamed up to give us a few laughs!



Meet Our Kairos Board of Directors



John Miller, Lettie Carr, Evelyn Lemly, Kairos CEO, Vicki Spurgeon, Board Chair, Barbara Jensen, Board Secretary, Terry Crockett, Board Treasurer, Larry Rodgers, Emma Jones, Ken Perduyn, David Garmus, Von Brister, Vice Chair of Planning, Kathleen Cabraja, Don Setterlof, Vice Chair of Operations, Kelvin Thompson, Karen Rayer and Lee Turner.

Foundation Board



Front Row: Carol Ihrig, Secretary, Barb Jensen, Evelyn Lemly, CEO, David Garmus, Board Chair, and Terry Crockett.

Back Row: David Farmer, Mike Springer, Vice Chair, Ron Smith, Treasurer and Vicki Spurgeon.

Program Excellence Awarded to Kairos Volunteers



Kairos Inside Women: Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Program Coordinator and Mary Ketter.



Kairos Torch: Kevin Reslover, Youth Ministry Program Coordinator and Bryan Wheeler.



Kairos Inside Men: Ken Rocks, Men's Ministry Program Coordinator and Jack Tarr.



Kairos Outside: Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Program Coordinator and Marilyn Himmelberg.

How to Pray for a KAIROS Weekend: Please use your 30 minutes to:



- ◆ Pray for all the participants by name, if their names are available
- ◆ Pray that the participants' stress and anxiety will be reduced and their comfort levels will increase as the weekend goes on
- ◆ Pray for each participant's salvation if they don't know Christ/rededication of their lives if they have already accepted Christ as their Savior
- ◆ Pray each participant has ears to hear the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Pray the participants have understanding of what they hear
- ◆ Pray that the participants' walls of resistance are broken down
- ◆ Pray that the participants understand how much God loves them
- ◆ Pray that the participants begin developing a Christian community of support among themselves
- ◆ Pray for safety as the participants go back to their cells
- ◆ Pray the participants are able to forgive and offer forgiveness
- ◆ Pray that the participants open up with those at their tables (a table of participants and team are called family for the weekend)
- ◆ Pray that the participants understand and accept God's love, mercy and grace offered to them individually
- ◆ Pray for mending relationships between participants and between participants and their families
- ◆ Pray that the participants will commit to and develop a daily Bible study and personal prayer time
- ◆ Pray that the participants accept God's gift of grace
- ◆ Pray that they expose their lives, hurts, disappointments and hopes
- ◆ Pray that each participant is open individually to counsel with clergy
- ◆ Pray that the family tables bond and open up with genuine sharing during their chapel prayer times
- ◆ Pray that all participants will accept the crosses offered to them during the cross ceremony on Sunday afternoon
- ◆ Pray that each participant's heart will be touched by the love of Christ and the Christian community as she/he read hers/his agape letters from the team
- ◆ Pray that at closing all the participants will have open hearts to share
- ◆ Pray that the placemats at the tables during meals will pierce the hearts of the participants
- ◆ Pray that the participants' hearts will be touched by the posters on the walls sent by people from all over the world
- ◆ Pray that on Friday the participants will understand themselves and their standing with God
- ◆ Pray that on Saturday the participants will examine their relationship with Christ and with others and the role forgiveness has in their relationships
- ◆ Pray that on Saturday the participants will give and receive forgiveness
- ◆ Pray that on Saturday the participants begin the process of growing in faith and community with other participants
- ◆ Pray that the participants look forward to life in Christian community in the institution
- ◆ Pray that the participants understand that when they walk in the love of God, they become vehicles to pass that love on to others

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 what, who 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

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

2016 –2017 Advanced Kairos Training Schedule

November 11, 2016	FORSYTH, GA	Kairos Inside
November 11, 2016	WAXACHACHIE, TX	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
January 13, 2017	COLUMBUS, OH	Kairos Inside and Outside
January 27, 2017	CANTON, MS	Kairos Inside
January (TBA)	FT. MYERS, FL	Kairos Inside
February 10, 2017	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
February 17, 2017	FORSYTH, GA	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
February 24, 2017	RICHMOND, VA	Kairos Inside
March 3, 2017	POMONA, CA	Kairos Inside and Outside
March 10, 2017	AMARILLO, TX	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
April 28, 2017	KANSAS CITY, MO	Kairos Inside and Outside
May 12, 2017	DENVER, CO	Kairos Inside
May 19, 2017	FORSYTH, GA	Kairos Inside
June 2, 2017	HUNTSVILLE, TX	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
June 9, 2017	JACKSONVILLE, FL	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
July 21, 2017	RALEIGH, NC	Kairos Inside
August 18, 2017	FORSYTH, GA	Kairos Inside
August 18, 2017	BALTIMORE, MD	Kairos Inside and Outside

Additional 2017 Training dates and sites will be confirmed in the near future.

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

Kairos Weekends through December 31, 2016

Date	Location	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Program
10/24/16	AUS	Aurthur Gorrie CC	12	Bruce Ames	Men's Inside
10/24/16	AUS	Bathurst CC	20	Phil Searl	Men's Inside
10/24/16	VA	Buckingham CC	49	Don Perusi	Men's Inside
10/25/16	AUS	Mobilong CC	24	Roman Szczepanik	Men's Inside
10/25/16	VA	Keen Mountain CC	29	Steve Claris	Men's Inside
10/26/16	MS	South MS CI	21	David Walker	Men's Inside
10/26/16	TX	Murray	21	Sharon Pehl	Women's Inside
10/27/16	AL	Fountain CI	62	Jeff Tapley	Men's Inside
10/27/16	CA	Donovan Yard A	109	Mark Muller	Men's Inside
10/27/16	CA	Donovan Yard C	110	Dan Gardner	Men's Inside
10/27/16	CA	Donovan Yard D	111	Donald Webster	Men's Inside
10/27/16	CA	Valley SP	5	Bob Orcutt	Men's Inside
10/27/16	FL	Desoto	67	Ron Wiseman	Men's Inside
10/27/16	FL	Lake CI	68	Mark Stephenson	Men's Inside
10/27/16	FL	Lowell CI Women	24	Beverly Plett	Women's Inside
10/27/16	FL	NW FL Reception Center	22	Dan Brubaker	Men's Inside
10/27/16	FL	Zephyrhills CI	71	Brad Rampt	Men's Inside
10/27/16	IN	Putnamville CF	13	Tom Hosty	Men's Inside
10/27/16	LA	Winn CC	44	Billy Rath	Men's Inside
10/27/16	MD	Maryland CI	8	Kevin Cameron	Men's Inside
10/27/16	MS	MSP Unit 30 Parchman	14	Brian Simmons	Men's Inside
10/27/16	NM	Otero County PF	3	Bill Gary	Men's Inside
10/27/16	NY	Greene CF	6	Larry Strickland	Men's Inside
10/27/16	OH	Marion CI	40	Tom Croyle	Men's Inside
10/27/16	OH	Ohio Reformatory for Women	45	Janet Brooks	Women's Inside
10/27/16	SC	Evans CI	46	Brad Dean	Men's Inside
10/27/16	So Afr	ODI CS	18	William Lewis Cowan	Men's Inside
10/27/16	TN	Tennessee Prison for Women	3	Bonnie Perry	Women's Inside
10/27/16	TX	Bartlett State Jail	25	Arnold Jay Underwood	Men's Inside
10/27/16	TX	Darrington Prison	58	Ali Quiroz	Men's Inside
10/27/16	TX	McConnell Prison	42	David Henely	Men's Inside
10/27/16	TX	Robertson Prison	43	Russell Bennett	Men's Inside
10/27/16	TX	Stevenson Prison	25	Willie Younger	Men's Inside
10/28/16	AUS	New England	5	Mariette Duns	Karios Outside
10/28/16	AUS	Westrand	28	Olivia Vertyn	Karios Outside
10/28/16	FL	Central FL	36	Carolyn Pilgrim	Karios Outside
10/28/16	IN	Logansport JF	5	Ed Bell	Kairos Torch
10/28/16	LA	West LA	31	Brittney Daigle	Karios Outside
10/28/16	PA	Western PA	7	Robin McRoberts	Karios Outside
10/28/16	WA	Western Washington	35	Mika Washington	Karios Outside

KAIROS KALENDAR

Date	Location	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Program
11/2/16	U K	Hydebank Prison	5	Carroll Black	Women's Inside
11/3/16	AK	Hiland Mountain CC	16	Cindy Ziegler	Women's Inside
11/3/16	AR	R L Williams Unit	8	Patrick Sweeney	Men's Inside
11/3/16	AZ	La Palma CC	6	Terry Hendricks	Men's Inside
11/3/16	CA	Centinela SP	19	Jim Wells	Men's Inside
11/3/16	CO	Bent County CF	3	Rob White	Men's Inside
11/3/16	CO	Sterling CF	33	Dan Carey	Men's Inside
11/3/16	FL	Moore Haven CI	39	Mark Bramwell	Men's Inside
11/3/16	FL	Okeechobee CI	69	Matt Henshaw	Men's Inside
11/3/16	GA	Dooly SP	35	Gary Edalgo	Men's Inside
11/3/16	GA	Smith SP	11	Robbie Cheek	Men's Inside
11/3/16	GA	Valdosta SP	33	Keith Grimes	Men's Inside
11/3/16	GA	Washington SP	18	Tommy Collier	Men's Inside
11/3/16	GA	Wilcox SP	33	Gene Hopkins	Men's Inside
11/3/16	IL	Pontiac CC	4	John Hoffman	Men's Inside
11/3/16	IN	Pendleton CF	19	Ken Pilcher	Men's Inside
11/3/16	IN	Rockville CF	25	Janet Nichols	Women's Inside
11/3/16	IN	Westville CF	25	James Burch	Men's Inside
11/3/16	KY	Kentucky SP	5	Keith Wood	Men's Inside
11/3/16	LA	Dixon CI	30	David England	Men's Inside
11/3/16	MD	Maryland CI for Women	17	Jackie Hall	Women's Inside
11/3/16	MD	North Branch CI	2	Tim Hinebaugh	Men's Inside
11/3/16	MO	Crossroad CC	20	Greg Molina	Men's Inside
11/3/16	NC	Marion CI	16	Sherrill Barber	Men's Inside
11/3/16	NC	Mountain View CI	1	Doug Creed	Men's Inside
11/3/16	NC	Pasquotank CI	34	John DeCASTilla	Men's Inside
11/3/16	NH	Berlin FCI	2	Chris Yount	Men's Inside
11/3/16	OH	Allen/Oakwood CI	3	Don Frey	Men's Inside
11/3/16	OH	London CI	11	Don Jefferson	Men's Inside
11/3/16	OH	Warren CI	16	David Gecks	Men's Inside
11/3/16	OK	Cimarron CF	24	Les Broker	Men's Inside
11/3/16	SC	Tyger River CI	24	Jeff Lane	Men's Inside
11/3/16	TX	Estelle Prison	2	Dale England	Men's Inside
11/3/16	TX	Telford SP	1	Dennis Evelan	Men's Inside
11/3/16	TX	Terrell Unit	3	Bill McDonald	Men's Inside
11/3/16	VA	Virginia CC for Women	42	Margaret Fargo	Women's Inside
11/3/16	WV	Lakin CC	27	Kay Kelsey	Men's Inside
11/4/16	AUS	Southeast Queensland	32	Dorothy Dare	Karios Outside
11/4/16	CA	Southern CA	61	Justine Van Antwerp	Karios Outside
11/4/16	FL	Orange Youth Academy	6	Richard Cadien	Kairos Torch
11/4/16	FL	Southeast Florida	17	Golda Hoff	Kairos Outside

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Date	Location	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Program
11/4/16	IN	Pendleton JCF	19	Paul Rairden	Kairos Torch
11/4/16	MS	South Mississippi	12	Charlene Smith	Karios Outside
11/4/16	OK	Western OK	31	Ruth Boone	Karios Outside
11/4/16	So Afr	Kwa Zulu-Natal	1	Nto Ntuli	Karios Outside
11/6/16	PA	SCI Muncy	6	Janet Ferster	Women's Inside
11/10/16	AR	McPherson Unit	34	Elaine MacIntire	Women's Inside
11/10/16	CA	California Medical Facility	47	Lee Campbell	Men's Inside
11/10/16	CA	Calipatria SP	25	Don Zinkovich	Men's Inside
11/10/16	FL	South Bay CF	31	Frederick Black	Men's Inside
11/10/16	IN	Putnam CI	31	Jerry Cioffi	Men's Inside
11/10/16	MD	Maryland CI Hagerstown	25	Scott Wilson	Men's Inside
11/10/16	MO	Chillicothe CC	9	Joyce Bradley	Women's Inside
11/10/16	NY	Albion CF	73	Karen Trimper	Women's Inside
11/10/16	OK	Davis CF	19	Thomas Toth	Men's Inside
11/10/16	PA	SCI Greene	21	Sean Newport	Men's Inside
11/10/16	SC	Allendale CI	20	Gary Boylan	Men's Inside
11/10/16	TN	Riverbend Max Security Inst.	6	Karel Snoek	Men's Inside
11/10/16	TX	Beto Prison	55	Bill Shehee	Men's Inside
11/10/16	TX	Clemens Prison	20	Mike Tavary	Men's Inside
11/10/16	TX	Dalhart Prison	34	Barry Beck	Men's Inside
11/10/16	TX	Montford Unit	36	Chuck Eineichner	Men's Inside
11/11/16	AUS	Riverina	10	Alison Wells	Karios Outside
11/11/16	CR	San Jose Region	11		Karios Outside
11/11/16	NY	New York City	14	Freddie M. Smalls	Karios Outside
11/11/16	SC	South Carolina	13	Anne Sudduth	Karios Outside
11/13/16	GA	Rogers SP	35	Dawson Long	Men's Inside
11/15/16	UK	Maghaberry	13	Brian Maxwell	Men's Inside
11/17/16	AZ	Arizona SPC	1	Pam Harbeson	Women's Inside
11/17/16	CAN	Beaver Creek Institution	4	Rick Arsenault	Men's Inside
11/17/16	FL	Miami CF	18	John E. Simpson	Men's Inside
11/17/16	GA	Calhoun SP	22	Alan Dismuke	Men's Inside
11/17/16	GA	Coastal SP	14	Kirt Witte	Men's Inside
11/17/16	GA	Hancock SP	47	David S. Himmelsbach	Men's Inside
11/17/16	PA	Albion SCI	41	Daniel Brown	Men's Inside
11/18/16	TX	San Antonio	31	Dolores Amador	Karios Outside
11/19/16	TX	Connally Prison	25	Walter Mott	Men's Inside
11/25/16	AUS	Womens Sydney	36	Carmelita Mitchell	Karios Outside
11/28/16	NIC	La Modelo			Men's Inside
12/2/16	TX	Rudd	19	Martin Hernandez	Men's Inside
12/15/16	TX	Estes Unit	13	Gary Marcucci	Men's Inside
12/16/16	IL	Illinois	4	Sandra Major	Karios Outside
12/29/16	TX	Ferguson	62	Glenn Gibson	Men's Inside

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