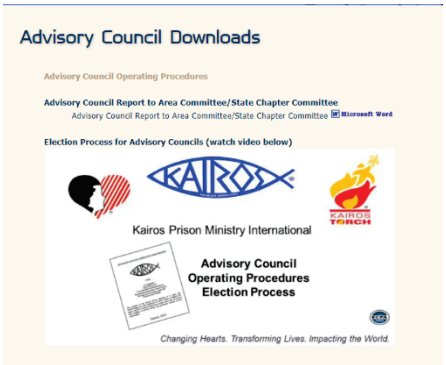
"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.." – Galatians 3:26-28

Walk the Talk (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

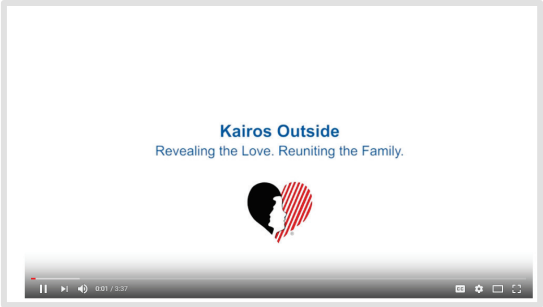
Our 2018 Annual Conference theme was "Walk the Talk" with a focus on Jesus Christ as who we serve and who we are representing each day, along with how we walk in our relationship with our Lord speaks more loudly than our words. May we all continue this focus on our Lord, how we walk with him daily, and demonstrate our walk to others.

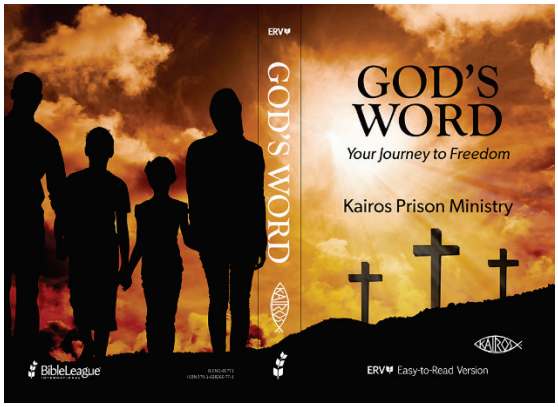
At the Annual Conference, we launched several tools us to use for promoting the ministry for fundraising and recruitment of new volunteers. These include: new pull up banners for Kairos and each of the three programs, a Kairos Outside video testimony, a PSA for radio use; tool for state websites to promote giving and receiving donations, a custom cover Bible, new Continuing Ministry tools for Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside, and more. Some of these are shown below for your easy reference and all are on MyKairos.org. In addition, the workshops from the Conference are posted on MyKairos.org.

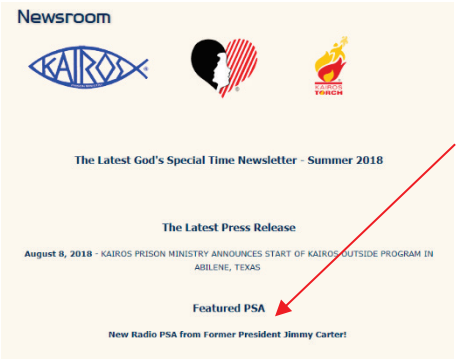


This fall elections are coming up for the States and Advisory Councils. All election results must be entered by the Secretary into KairosMessenger, our database system launched in 2017. We have provided an Advisory Council video on the election process and how that occurs to help people understand the process per the Advisory Council Operating Procedures. As people leave positions and others take on new roles, please help by passing along information and sharing status updates so that the next person can pick up where you left off and the local community continues to work with excellence.

Thanks to all who serve in Kairos and we are regularly praying for the fall Weekends and for the Continuing Ministry.







Board of Directors Update (Terry Crockett, Board Chair)

The Annual Conference with the theme of “Walk the Talk” is behind us and an emphasis on “Better Together” in our three programs in the one ministry. Now, the Fall Weekend season is in full swing of preparation. So, a question, is your “Walk Worthy of Your Calling”?

Ephesians 4:1, “I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Your caller is God and He is giving us the meaning and the power through the Spirit to be within us and among us. Each of you answered the Caller and thank you, God is asking all to mend His broken world through Jesus to transform lives. Grace saved us for good works to walk in grace and be worthy of His calling.

Ephesians 1:10, “as a plan for the fullness of time”; which is Kairos (God’s Special Time) and realize: we are part of His plan to build a Christian community. The Board is praying for each of you and all the Participants and Guests for the upcoming Weekends to walk in His love.

International Council Update (Tom McCarty, International Council President)

Kairos in Verse

- Who is our mission? All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
- Why do we work? Work, for the night is coming; Work thro' the morning hours; Work while the dew is sparkling; Work 'mid springing flow'rs. Work when the day grows brighter, Under the glowing sun; Work, for the night is coming, When man's work is done.

- What should be our motivation? His Master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your Master.'
- How then should we live? So live, that when thy summons comes to join The innumerable caravan, which moves To that mysterious realm, where each shall take His chamber in the silent halls of death, Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night, Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave, Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.
- What should be our last words? I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Amen.

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

John 14:21: "Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

When I read this, it seems like those who 'see' Jesus are the ones who keep his commands. I must admit that I really want to see Jesus, but to obey his commands isn't always so attractive! To obey them, I have to first KNOW them, then agree with them, and overcome my selfishness to realize that they are for my good and that God wants the best for me – only then I can 'do' them.

The KNOW them part is really important and something we need to pursue. We talked about this at the Annual Conference, but if you weren't there, here is a recap. We want to help Kairos graduates KNOW his commands so they can see him. While Kairos is not a Bible Study, the "God's Word" Bible that has been on the Kairos Supply order form for a few years has tools in it that can help Kairos enhance Continuing Ministry.

There are 52 lessons in the front with questions and prayer points. The format is designed to help people follow Jesus in prison. Kairos Continuing Ministry can be enhanced using these 52 lessons – by using one lesson for discussion during the grouping time at the Monthly Reunions and also using one lesson or the questions from one lesson during Prayer and Share to facilitate answering question #3 on the Grouping Card - the one that asks "Have you discovered anything…which will help you to be a better follower of Jesus?"

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

Transportation Angels

One of the greatest needs that Kairos Outside communities face is providing transportation for their Guests to attend their Weekends. Many of the Guests who are invited to attend a Kairos Outside either can't afford to the gas needed to get to facility where the Kairos Outside Weekend will be held, they don't own a car, or they own a car that won't make the trip. But, no matter what the scenario is, it means our Kairos Outside communities are challenged with providing transportation for the Guests.

While this presents a challenge to Kairos Outside communities it also provides us with a recruitment opportunity, and an opportunity for volunteers who serve in Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch to get involved with Kairos Outside. Kairos Outside is always looking for Transportation Angels.

Transportation Angels are women and couples who will commit to providing transportation for a Guest or Guests to the Kairos Outside Weekend on Friday night and to picking her/ them up on Sunday at the Closing. Having Transportation Angels takes the burden of providing transportation for the Guests off of our team members, give the Guests an extra “friend” or “friends” with whom they may stay in contact after the Weekend, increases attendance at the Closing, and helps these volunteers become involved in Kairos Outside without having to commit to serving on a Weekend and attending team meetings. It is also a way for couples to minister together.

If you have a Kairos Outside community in your state or near you, please prayerfully consider reaching out to them about becoming a Transportation Angel. You will be helping them, and I promise you will be blessed.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

The use of Lite ’n Lively activities are a very important element of the Kairos Torch Weekend. The youthful Participants will typically have short attention spans, be full of energy, and be eager to participate in “fun” activities. Properly designed and executed activities can meet those needs, and add to the development of the Participants’ concept of teamwork, self-esteem, and other life management skills. The activities can also be an opportunity to present biblical concepts in a subtle, non-threatening way. Never underestimate the positive effects of your participation in a win/win Lite ’n Lively game with troubled youth. Many of them have seldom experienced fun loving games with a caring adult.

Agape Contacts

A listing 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 name 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

Advisory Council Election Procedures Video

PSA from President Jimmy Carter

New Banner Stands and Table Runners

2018 Annual Conference Workshop Presentations

New Agape from Kairos Outside Phoenix #24

Updated Kairos Outside Presentation for Kairos Inside Closings (and for Kairos Torch Closings)

Instructions for Kairos Outside Guest Reservation Forms

Kairos Outside Reunion Ideas

Updated the Sample Cover Letter to Institutional Liaisons

Kairos Facebook Group

Many items of interest such as upcoming Weekends, prayer requests, and inspirational stories are shared in our Kairos Facebook group. If you aren't already a member, you can request to be added here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational

Is Your Weekend Listed?

Now is the time to do it! If your upcoming Weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration at http://mykairos.org/register.html so we can publicize your Weekend to help you receive Agape and prayer coverage.

This is especially important for #1 Weekends. We create a banner advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends on mykairos.org, 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: http://www.mykairos.org/news_enews-sp.html

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