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Message from Michael Carter  
(State Spiritual Director)

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One Ministry  
Three Programs



## Upcoming State Meetings & Training:

### Financial Training

Monday, January 12th  
& Monday, January 19th  
7-8pm

### Fundraising Zoom Calls

1st Tuesday of Every Month

### AKT Training Indianapolis

January 30-February 1  
Inside & Outside

### State Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 21

## Humble Obedience Colossians 3:23-24

The Kairos Vision, Mission, Core Values and Statement of Faith should guide and drive our goals and plans every step of the way. The basis for being guided in this way rests in surrounding EVERYTHING we do in prayer and with a spiritual focus, seeking God's guidance with humility and in obedience.

Dear Friends-

It's hard to believe that 2025 is soon coming to an end and we will be looking forward to new serving opportunities, challenges, and promoting the Kairos ministry in 2026. As long as we have "**A Heart to Serve - in Humble Obedience**", we know that God will be glorified as He opens doors. As we reflect on the Christmas season and God's Amazing Gift to us, let us never forget what that means: that God came to earth in the form of a baby, spotless and pure, to be sacrificed for our sins. God loves us *that much!* The words from the song, How Many Kings ([click here to listen](#)) comes to mind: "How many fathers gave up their sons for me? Only one did that for me." In return, we honor Him by serving with selfless love, with humility, and with obedience.

I want to again express my thankfulness to all of you - Kairos volunteers, State Chapter and Kairos International representatives, and to all our Indiana Department of Correction friends and associates - for all you have done in 2025 to make Indiana shine. I look forward to serving as your State Chair in the new year and to reaching out even more to everyone whom Jesus called us to serve.

May your Christmas be a blessed time with family and friends as you focus on God's great love for each one of us. May we continue to serve Him, and may peace, hope, and joy abound as we thank God for His indescribable gift (**2 Corinthians 9:15**)!

With love and prayers - Dottie Stanfill, State Chair



Join the Kairos Daily & Monthly Prayer Times. Prayer is foundational, transformative, and prayer works! We are asking every volunteer to pray for Kairos daily at noon (your time). Also, a Kairos prayer conference call is held on the 1st day of each month at 12:00 pm (noon) Eastern Time for 15 minutes. A designated Kairos leader leads us in prayer each month. This call is open to everyone in Kairos!

Dial: 301-715-8592 • Enter meeting ID: 3202518737# • Enter passcode: 215540#

# INTRODUCING—UPLIFTING WORDS

from Michael Carter -State Spiritual Director -

## *Letting Go, Leaning In*

[Click Here to View A Message](#)  
from Michael



### FRUIT of the SPIRIT - HUMILITY

- *Compliment someone today without expecting anything in return.*
- *Publicly shout someone out on social media or in a group.*
- *Check in on a friend today and ask how you can pray for them.*
- *Ask someone to share their story and resist the urge to interrupt, give advice, or talk about yourself.*

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRS

Your 2026 election results **MUST** be entered into Messenger by December 31st by the 2025 Secretary. Elections should have taken place by now, so **PLEASE** get this information entered as soon as possible!!

Affiliation Agreements need to be completed for each Council for 2026. [Click here](#) to access the form.

Completed forms should be emailed to April Haskett, State Vice-Chair at [aprilhaskett@hoperesourcecenters.org](mailto:aprilhaskett@hoperesourcecenters.org)

*“Elevation always comes before revelation. God calls us higher so we can see clearer.”*

*“Expectations may fail, but God’s plan prevails.”*

Please keep our State Chapter Committee in prayer:

State Chair:  
Dottie Stanfill

Vice Chair:  
April Haskett

Secretary:  
Sarah Holwager

Treasurer:  
Larry Larew

Financial Secretary:  
Matt McFarland  
Asst.: Neil Rissler

International Council Representatives:  
Denise Walker  
Darrell Whinnery

Spiritual Director/Coordinator:  
Michael Carter

Advising Chair:  
Kirk Hunter

Recruitment/Outreach Chair:  
Shari Blickman

Agape Chair:  
Brittney Dick  
Asst: Malinda Jones

Fundraising Chair:  
Cheri Hittel  
Asst: Dennis Fulford

Program Chair:  
Ruby Burris  
Inside Asst.: Roger Bough  
Inside Asst: Pat Sheehan  
Torch Asst.: Angie Henry

Website Development Coordinator:  
Steve Gunn

Database Coordinator/Computers:  
Reggie Hall

Advanced Kairos Training Coordinator:  
Nancy Trammell

Advisory Council Training Coordinator:  
Joanie Simmons

Communications Coordinator:  
Kara Jones

# UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS:

## **IMPORTANT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**Financial Training for Treasurers, Donor Coordinators, and potential money counters (at team meetings, etc.) -**

**January 12th and January 19th from 7-8 pm  
(Zoom link will be sent to Councils)**

### **Virtual Advisory Council Training**

The Advisory Council plays a vital role in making sure that Kairos programs are running consistently across communities and within facilities in a way that honors God as well as all the legal requirements for nonprofit ministries.

This training will serve councils with all the tools they need to operate efficiently, to understand their roles and authority, and to operate effectively and according to the Kairos Prison Ministry Operating Procedures. This training will also empower and equip all members of the local Advisory Councils to perform their duties with a spirit of Excellence and Spiritual Integrity.

Indiana currently has a training date of **January 17, 2026**. It is a zoom and lasts approximately 4 hours. The maximum number to be trained on each call is 42 people. If you are interested in your council being on this zoom, please let me know. The cost is \$6 per person, which your council will pay (through the state treasurer.)

Other dates we have requested are **February 7** and **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. If those work better for your council, please contact me. Nancy Trammell 317-753-9810 or [tram3537@comcast.net](mailto:tram3537@comcast.net)

### **Advanced Kairos Training**

Our next AKT is January 30-February 1, 2026 in Indianapolis. This training is for Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside. It will be at a new location- The Hyatt Place, 5500 W. Bradbury Ave., Indianapolis. Please do not wait until the last minute to register! Cut off date is 2 weeks before the event. If you are going to be moving into the leadership track at your prison, talk to your council about this training.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER AND ATTEND THE TRAININGS THAT PERTAIN TO YOU!!!**

#### **Financial Training**

January 12th & January 19th  
7-8pm

**All Treasurers, Donor Coordinators and potential money counters should attend  
Zoom Link coming to Councils soon!**

#### **Advanced Kairos Training, Indianapolis, IN**

January 30-February 1, 2026  
Kairos Inside and Outside, Register to [attend here!](#)  
Registration deadline January 16, 2026.

#### **Indiana Advisory Council Training**

January 17, 2026  
February 7 & 28th (Optional dates)  
See the Above information!

#### **Monthly Fundraising Zoom Calls:**

1st Tuesday of Every Month  
New Link Coming Soon!

*“Obedience to God often comes with a heavy price.”*

*“The highest form of greatness is serving others selflessly.”*

# IMPORTANT ADVISORY COUNCIL FINANCIAL REMINDERS

## Annual Advisory Council Budget Due

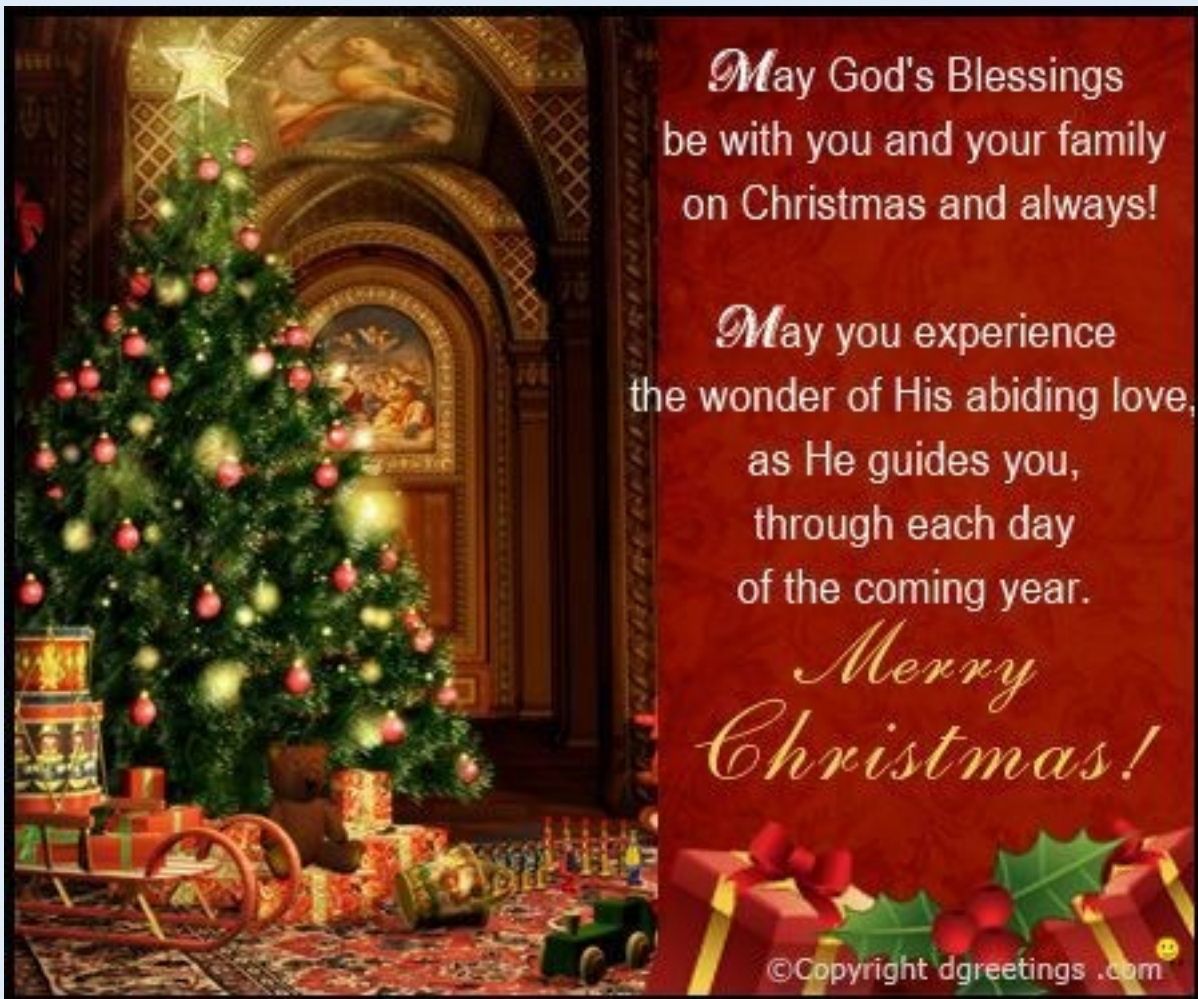
Notice to all Advisory Councils!!!

Please have your annual budget completed and returned to Matt at [mcfarland.matt57@gmail.com](mailto:mcfarland.matt57@gmail.com) no later than December 17.

## IRS Letters Reminder

**Kairos Donor Coordinators**, make sure that all your council's deposits are entered into KairosDonor Software and the required documents have been sent to Matt ([mcfarland.matt57@gmail.com](mailto:mcfarland.matt57@gmail.com)) and Neil ([kairosinfo2@gmail.com](mailto:kairosinfo2@gmail.com)) including the DEPOSIT LIST that is printed from the software. We no longer have the ability to retrieve it from your computers. You must send it to us.

Once all your deposits have been entered for the year you can then print and send the IRS letters to all donors for 2025. They MUST be completed and mailed by the end of January.



## Using your own QR Code for Donations

Donations are essential for the continued success of Kairos. Online giving has greatly increased in our society over the past few years. KPMI has now made a way for each individual Advisory Council to solicit donations online that will go directly to their council without the donor having to search for them. Each council now has their own specific QR Code that they can distribute to allow donors to give to their council.

If you have looked at donating directly from MyKairos.org you would notice that it defaults to “Use where needed most” or you may specify a State in which to send your donation to. If you try donating through the Kairos of Indiana website, it also defaults to “Use where needed most” or you may specify a particular Advisory Council to give to.

By using the QR Code that is available for each council the donation goes directly to your Advisory Council without the donor having to select it.

The past 3 weekends we at Putnamville have sent out Donation request letters to past donors that we retrieved from the KairosDonor software with good return of donations mailed back to us above our expense of supplies and postage. This past weekend we added the QR Code to the letter and approximately one third of the donations came back as online donations from the QR Code.

KPMI has sent me the QR Codes for all councils in Indiana. If you would like yours, just email me at [kairosinfo2@gmail.com](mailto:kairosinfo2@gmail.com) and I will forward it to you.

Neil Rissler  
Kairos of Indiana  
Assistant Financial Secretary





**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCILS:**

We have 19 Communities in the State of Indiana! What a Blessing!  
 3 Outside Communities, 2 Torch Communities and 14 Inside Communities

<p><b>Branchville</b> Advisory Council Chair: Donnie Bishop</p>	<p><b>Kairos Outside of Central Indiana (KOCI)</b> Advisory Council Chair: Anne Huebel</p>	<p><b>Miami</b> Advisory Council Chair: Daniel Baker</p>	<p><b>Plainfield</b> Advisory Council Chair: Erin Doty</p>
<p><b>Edinburgh</b> Advisory Council Chair: Don Brewer</p>	<p><b>Kairos Outside of Northern Indiana (KONI)</b> Advisory Council Chair: Jeri Kris</p>	<p><b>New Castle</b> Advisory Council Chair: Ryan Slack</p>	<p><b>Putnamville</b> Advisory Council Chair: Scott Compston</p>
<p><b>Heritage Trail</b> Advisory Council Chair: Kevin King</p>	<p><b>Kairos Outside of Southern Indiana (KOSI)</b> Advisory Council Chair: Suzanne McCool</p>	<p><b>Pendleton CIF</b> Advisory Council Chair: John Ackmann</p>	<p><b>Rockville</b> Advisory Council Chair: Cheryl Rissler</p>
<p><b>Indiana State Prison</b> Advisory Council Chair: Larry Dresch</p>	<p><b>Logansport Torch</b> Advisory Council Chair: Stan Harlow</p>	<p><b>Pendleton Men</b> Advisory Council Chair: Josh McCallin</p>	<p><b>Wabash Valley</b> Advisory Council Chair: Dan Ashby</p>
<p><b>Indiana Women's Prison</b> Advisory Council Chair: Beth Thorne</p>		<p><b>Pendleton Torch</b> Advisory Council Chair: Matt Tuxhorn</p>	<p><b>Westville</b> Advisory Council Chair: Todd Powell</p>