



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 Kairos Family and Friends -

It's hard to believe we're almost halfway through 2026 already, and by the time you read this, we will be wrapping up the final Weekends here in Indiana. Please keep lifting all of our communities in prayer - especially that Continuing Ministry is happening with our new graduates and guests. There are some facilities that have been put on hold because of chaplain vacancies or other staffing issues, and some Weekends have been postponed because of recruitment needs. Whatever obstacles we are facing, we need to continue doing our part in praying, recruiting, being obedient to the Kairos method and the Riverbanks, and keep on keeping on. As I frequently say these days: God has a plan; we just don't know what it is at the moment.

But I DO know that the words of Hebrews 6:10 celebrate each and every one of you: "God will not forget how hard you have worked for Him and how you have shown your love for Him by caring for others. . . as you still do."

I, too, appreciate each of you and your commitment to serving with excellence. This was evident at our State Chapter Committee Meeting held on May 9th, where folks attending took part in our Town Hall, discussing various issues of concern. I appreciate the transparency and honesty of those who spoke and made presentations. The handout with all the topics we discussed will be made available to all Advisory Councils to share with your communities. We were especially honored to have with us David Liebel, the Indiana Department of Correction Director of Religious Services, who participated in the discussion. We are so grateful for our continued relationship with the IDOC and that Mr. Liebel was willing to share his Saturday with us. We are truly blessed!

As we enter the summer months and continue our 50th Anniversary Celebration and the upcoming Annual Conference in July, I hope all of the Councils will remain active and engaged - recruiting, fundraising, and sharing the good news about Kairos. We have been given a unique opportunity to reach an often forgotten group of people. To God be all the praise as you continue to glorify Him with **A Heart to Serve in Humble Obedience.**

With love and prayers - Dottie Stanfill, State Chair



If you are focused on walking in obedience, God will fight your battles for you.

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One Ministry
Three Programs



Upcoming State Meetings &
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Fundraising Zoom Calls
1st Tuesday of Every Month

Recruitment Zoom Call
3rd Wednesday of Every Month

Annual Conference
July 23-25
Orlando, FL

State Committee Meetings
August 15
November 7

UPLIFTING WORDS

from Michael Carter -State Spiritual Director -
Boundaries of the Work God Gives Us

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



Please keep our State Chapter
Committee in prayer:

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Dottie Stanfill

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Nancy Trammell

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Ginny Carter

KAIROS KUDOS



KUDOS

KU-DOS/KOO DOS/ (noun)

Praise and honor received for an achievement;
compliments or congratulations.

Shoutout to some incredible servants who are going above and beyond in recruitment and connection across our Kairos communities!

✨ **Nick Hertz** – Kairos Inside, Pendleton Maximum Correctional Facility

✨ **Hugh Locke & Michael Rawnsley** – Kairos Inside, New Castle Correctional Facility

✨ **Hawk Given** – Kairos Inside, Edinburgh Correctional Facility

Thank you all for your intentional efforts in connecting new potential volunteers and sharing the heart of Kairos! Because of you, we've had meaningful conversations about all three programs and have been able to plug individuals into the right communities.

A special thank you as well for the numerous guest referrals for Kairos Outside—both here in Indiana and even beyond state lines. That kind of impact is what grows this ministry!

You all are rock stars ✨ Keep shining and building the Kingdom!

“Do not boast so proudly or let arrogant words come out of your mouth, for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and actions are weighed by Him.”

(1 Samuel 2:3)

SPRING WEEKEND GOD MOMENTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Having held just 1 weekend in the last 6 years, we undertook training with eager anticipation, but also some trepidation about completing this weekend. We experienced a wonderful Weekend with the participants of PCF#27. We started with 30 participants and finished with the same 30 participants, a first for Pendleton Correctional Facility to have all participants graduate. With a partial lockdown on Thursday the final participant and alternate list exhausted, 3 participants who were not even on the original guest list made it onto the weekend. The final list was filled with much younger men than we expected and normally see. God truly chose those he wanted on the weekend. The presence of our Lord was palpable, in the fellowship, discussions, singing and interactions between the participants, the angels, and the team members. The closing ceremony was filled with much rejoicing and many tears of gratitude. Chaplain Turentine was a strong partner and supporter of the weekend. He gave the closing speech and expressed words of encouragement to the new graduates and to the team. Representatives from KOCI and the State Chapter also shared at the closing. Members of both the inside and the outside community showed up to support the weekend at the closing. The Holy Spirit worked among the participants and our team members to make better men among all of us. What an awesome time!

Blessings,

Josh McCallin, Weekend Leader PCF#27



KOSI #28 Weekend Leader Whitney Spradley, Team Member, Glenda Purkhiser, and Glenda's son, Nathan.

Glenda served as a table leader on the weekend and gave the talk, "When They Come Home." Her son Nathan, was a graduate of Kairos #29 at Plainfield and was released on December 31, 2024. He was a special guest speaker at the KOSI #28 Closing. Another amazing story of how Kairos connects lives.

Kairos #27 at Putnamville wrapped up with an Instructional Weekend on the 25th of April. We had 22 participants graduate. The open mike sessions were especially encouraging both on Saturday afternoon and at the closing ceremony as half the participants got up to share with us about the love they had found there. I think everyone enjoyed the experience. We left a lot of happy men there For His Glory,

Dale Jones, Weekend Leader

One surrendered step to Him today stops pride's snowball before it buries tomorrow.

(Pray.com)

When you can't see the way, trust Him; obedience turns darkness into direction.

(Pray.com)

SPRING WEEKEND GOD MOMENTS, CONT...

On March 14th Wabash Valley CF Kairos #25 began to form. As leader my goal was to make this the best Kairos ever. I have a very competitive nature so how else would I approach this leadership task. Our Kairos Council members worked hard to bring in new members while I contacted over 150 veteran members in the EZRA database.

As I began to get every excuse in the book from guys as to why they could not serve I just want to say, hey guys just tell us you can't serve at this time, we don't need the reason, that's between you and God anyway. Also, if you can't or don't want to serve again, tell us that so we can remove you from the EZRA database and save our time contacting you. I immediately realized that January was way too late to start recruiting, I should have actively started right after #24 was finished.

We started formations with 30 men and went inside Thursday evening with 23. Despite the last-minute loss of a much-beloved veteran team member due to a terrible fall on some bleachers we just rejoiced that he was going to be ok, and asked for volunteers on the team to do double duties and his talk.

This was our first weekend purchasing snacks, cookies and coffee from the prison commissary, and we were informed we had to eat our meals in the same room where we have our tables and talks were for the first time ever. The instructions from our State Leadership had a sample order form for a weekend of 42 so I basically cut everything in half for our weekend of 24 and made the order. At that time, I had no idea how many veteran team members would be so interested and concerned about the type and volumes of snacks I ordered and how we were going to serve instant coffee.

Thursday afternoon as we got inside and the snacks were viewed and plans for distribution made, how to most efficiently make and serve the instant coffee seemed, in many team members' minds, to be the most important issue to make this weekend a success???

I was not prepared, at all, for the constant questions and concerns voiced to me during the two hours prior to the participants arrival. Looking back now I feel I should have made it very clear at the last formation which individuals on the team were the person "in charge" of snacks, coffee recipe and making, Kairos cookie distribution, setting up the room etc etc.

When the participants finished arriving, we had 22 instead of 24 and we went to the Chaplain's office to ask for two of the only three alternates they had, which should have been six. Without going into the excruciating detail, we finished the weekend with 18 spiritually high Kairos graduates.

Brothers and Sisters, I could not have been blessed with a more committed, hard working and spirit filled team and they did what they were supposed to do to ensure the weekend went just like the Lord and the Kairos riverbanks wanted. The only serious problem was me. As we begin losing participants beginning Friday morning with the last two who walked at lunch time on Saturday, I realized that my desire to have the best weekend ever was looking like it was going to be the worst. Team members assured me that this wasn't my or anyone's fault and gave me great bible-based examples of why this happens. As I lay awake at 2:00 on Saturday morning greatly concerned about the success of the weekend I prayed. God, I worked so hard to make this weekend the best ever, why have you let it be the worst. He answered, because you wanted it to be the best for your glory and not mine.

Saturday, I stopped being disappointed about anything that had happened or did happen, I just did my job and let God do the rest. When we had open mic Saturday, I couldn't hold back the tears as each man made it clear that they felt all the love that we and God desired them to feel. God had made this weekend perfect, like he does all Kairos weekends. I knew going into this leadership role that all I had to do was stay out of God's way, but it was Saturday morning before I really had my eyes opened to how to do that. To God be the Glory!

Jay Wathen, Weekend Leader,
Wabash Valley#25

UPCOMING TRAINING & EVENTS/MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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

Monthly Fundraising Zoom Calls:

1st Tuesday of Every Month, 7:00 pm EST

[Zoom Link](#)

Recruitment Zoom Calls 2026

3rd Wednesday of Every Month, 7:00-9:00 pm

[Zoom Link](#)

50th Anniversary 2026 Kairos Annual Conference

July 23-25, 2026

Double Tree Orlando
Orlando, Florida

See **page 7** of this newsletter for more information!

Advanced Kairos Training in Indianapolis Kairos Inside

October 16-18, 2026

Space limited to 45 attendees,
please register early on mykairos.org!

Indiana State Fundraising/Recruitment Chicken Noodle Dinner

Saturday, August 8, 2026
5:00 pm

Connected Church
3575 North Prow Road
Bloomington, IN

Help Wanted!!!

For the Fundraising/Recruitment dinner
August 8, 2026 in Bloomington

I need 6 to 7 volunteers to help in the kitchen
Stir the beans, mix the mashed potatoes,
Stir the noodles, bowl the salads, plate dessert!

Text Dennis at 260.341.0482 if you are interested!

We also need desserts if you have a church group
that would like to help!

Wear the Mission

Support Kairos • Celebrate 50 Years of Changing Hearts

Kairos of Indiana 50th Anniversary Shirt

Support Kairos of Indiana while celebrating Kairos Prison Ministry International's 50 Year Anniversary

Wearing Kairos merchandise is a great way to start conversations, share the mission, and support recruitment efforts.

SUGGESTED DONATION
\$30 per Shirt

Sizes Available: Small - 3XL

Scan QR Code to Pay
for Your Order

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To place your order, contact:

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317-727-3704
Candielady@aol.com

Thank you for supporting Kairos Prison Ministry and helping us recruit and grow our ministry.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR



Fundraiser & Recruitment Dinner and Desert Auction

Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Indiana Women's Prison Council
For KAIROS

Southport UMC
1947 East Southport Road
Indianapolis, IN 46227

TICKETS INCLUDE
Elegant Chicken & Wild Rice
Vegetables, Salad, and Beverage
Music and Informative Speakers

Ticket donation of \$15 each or two for \$25 support the Kairos Ministry at Indiana Women's Prison. Contact Paul Lucas 317.319.5507 to reserve your dinner. Estimated Fair Market Value \$7.50 per ticket.



STATE CHAPTER MEETING - MAY 2026



State Spiritual Leader:
Michael Carter



Opening Praise and worship time



Beth Thorne,
Indiana Women's
Prison

Advisory Council Updates



Kevin King,
Heritage Trail



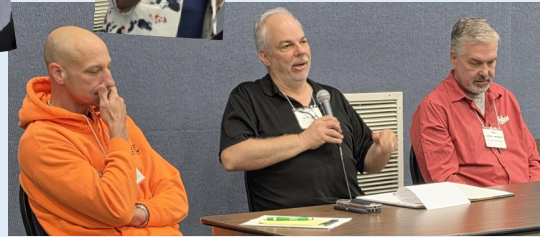
Matt Tuxhorn,
Pendleton Torch



State Chair:
Dottie Stanfill



Ryan Slack, New Castle



Town Hall discussion led by (L-R) Donnie Bishop, Dave Liebel, and Darrell Whinnery



Group Photo after lunch

RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Rockville Advisory Council will be hosting a Kairos booth at **First Fridays in Greencastle** throughout the summer and fall! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community, share the heart of Kairos, and support recruitment and fundraising efforts.



Upcoming dates: May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, and December 4

If you're interested in volunteering at the booth, please contact Shelley O'Neal at 765-721-5106.

For more event details, visit <https://www.mainstreetgc.org/first-friday>

2026 State SMART Goal of 150 new volunteers. Each community is encouraged to recruit at least 8 new volunteers, with the goal of bringing in 4 new volunteers for both your Spring weekend and your Fall weekend.



L-R Rockville volunteers Cheryl Rissler, Lisa Lintz, Shelly O'Neal, Karen Webb

Join the Monthly Recruitment Call – Everyone Plays a Part!

We've had great turnout and meaningful discussion on our recent recruitment calls—thank you to everyone who has been showing up and sharing ideas! As we continue building momentum, we want to remind you that recruitment is everyone's responsibility. Whether you're new or seasoned, your voice and involvement matter.

We encourage all volunteers to join the monthly call and be part of the conversation as we grow Kairos across Indiana. If you're unable to attend, please be sure your community is still represented by sending someone in your place.

Let's keep the energy going and continue working together to bring more hearts into this ministry!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS & REMINDERS

May - Church Month

Host a Kairos booth/table or share a Mission moment at your church

June - Testimony Month

Gather 5 testimonies of impact, video or written

The Kairos of IN Executive Committee has voted to approve scholarships for active Kairos volunteers to attend the 2026 50th Anniversary Annual Conference in Orlando, FL on Thursday, July 23rd (beginning with dinner) through Saturday, July 25th conference registration. Any additional options for conference registration will be at the volunteer's expense, payable at time of registration. Kairos volunteers are responsible for the cost of transportation.

It is important to understand each conference registration is a commitment with the conference hotel for a room and food. Kairos of Indiana is responsible for paying for each registration, even if the registered volunteer does not attend. In the past, we have had a number of "no shows" at the conference, and Kairos of Indiana has had to cover the costs of each of the registrants who don't attend. Therefore, we are once again requiring attendees to submit credit card information on the registration form. If you register and attend the general sessions and the workshops of the conference, Kairos of Indiana will pay your registration as the scholarship detailed above. However, if you register for the conference and do not attend, leave the general session of the conference early, or do not cancel your registration by the deadline, Kairos Prison Ministry International will charge your credit card for the cost and reimburse Kairos of Indiana. Attendees will be required to sign as to their attendance at the various workshops, and this information will be shared with State Chairs.

Each registration must include the conference registration form and the signed credit card authorization form to be considered complete and must be submitted by June 12th. Here's the [link to the form](#).

All documents should be sent to Shari Blickman at shariblick@icloud.com or they may be mailed to Kairos of Indiana, P.O. Box 681515, Indianapolis, IN 46268. **Please abide by the June 12th deadline** and NOT the one on the registration form, as Shari will need time to process your registration. Cancellations may be received in writing no later than July 10, 2026 to Andy@kpmi.org. Your credit card will be charged if you fail to cancel by this date.

KPMI Expects the conference to sell-out this year, so please register early!

KAIROS OF INDIANA 2026 Annual Conference

Conference Registration Cancellation Policy

To cancel your registration for the 2026 Annual Conference, you must submit a written cancellation request no later than Wednesday, July 10, 2026. By completing the registration form and providing your credit card details (including card number, cardholder name, expiration date, and security code), you acknowledge and agree to the following:

- If you do not submit a written cancellation request by the July 10, 2026, deadline, Kairos of Indiana will charge the credit card provided for any costs incurred due to your cancellation or failure to attend (no-show).
- To cancel, you must send an email to andy@kpmi.org on or before July 10, 2026.
- If you cancel after the deadline or do not attend the conference, you will be charged the full registration fee for each day you were registered, as Kairos of Indiana is billed for these costs.

By signing and submitting the registration form, you agree to these terms.

Date _____

X _____
Signature

[Click here](#) for a link to this form—please save it to your computer before signing it

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SPRING WEEKENDS AND THEIR LEADERS:

Rockville #37

May 14-17

WL: Karen Webb

Pendleton Torch #32

May 15-17

WL: Neal Freeman

Heritage Trail #17

June 4-7

WL: Calin Johnson



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#

“A proud man is always looking down on things and people and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.”

C.S. Lewis

*God isn't impressed by your image; He's drawn to humble hearts.
(based on 1 Samuel 16:7)*

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

Branchville

Advisory Council Chair:
Donnie Bishop

Edinburgh

Advisory Council Chair:
Charlie Garcia *

Heritage Trail

Advisory Council Chair:
Kevin King

Indiana State Prison

Advisory Council Chair:
Larry Dresch

Indiana Women's Prison

Advisory Council Chair:
Beth Thorne

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Advisory Council Chair:
Anne Huebel

Kairos Outside of Northern Indiana (KONI)

Advisory Council Chair:
Jeri Kris

Kairos Outside of Southern Indiana (KOSI)

Advisory Council Chair:
Suzanne McCool

Logansport Torch

Advisory Council Chair:
Stan Harlow

Miami

Advisory Council Chair:
Doug Nethercutt *

New Castle

Advisory Council Chair:
Ryan Slack

Pendleton CIF

Advisory Council Chair:
Nick Poletika *

Pendleton Men

Advisory Council Chair:
Larry Larew *

Pendleton Torch

Advisory Council Chair:
Matt Tuxhorn

Plainfield

Advisory Council Chair:
Erin Doty

Putnamville

Advisory Council Chair:
Martin Thorne *

Rockville

Advisory Council Chair:
Patricia Coon *

Wabash Valley

Advisory Council Chair:
Troy Pickel *

Westville

Advisory Council Chair:
Todd Powell

* indicates new chair