



Kairos Prison Ministry of Indiana

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Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World



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One Ministry
Three Programs



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3rd Wednesday of Every Month

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July 23-25
Orlando, FL

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November 7

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 -

What an exciting time for celebrating Kairos of Indiana and all that God has called us to do in this amazing ministry! Let me share some highlights with all of you:

1- At the end of our spring Weekends, we will have realized nearly 400 Kairos graduates in our Kairos Inside, Outside, and Torch communities here in Indiana!

2 - We recently hosted Mary Wilson from Wisconsin and Gina Brockmeyer, KPMI Women's Inside Coordinator, to observe Weekend #37 at Rockville as Wisconsin moves closer to starting their FIRST Inside Weekend! We are honored to be mentoring them as their plans progress. Perhaps when they secure a date, some of us can make a road trip and support them at their Closing! We will keep you posted as plans unfold.

3 - We held our first meeting with the lead Chaplain and the acting Deputy Warden from the Federal Penitentiary in Terre Haute, as we look toward starting Kairos Inside in the Bureau of Prisons nationwide and specifically, here in Indiana. More details on this endeavor will also be forthcoming.

4 - The excitement of the celebration of 50 years of Kairos continues as we look forward to the Annual Conference in July! Indiana is blessed to have the funds to support our active volunteers to attend (transportation is on your own). Time is running out for you to register. See page 7 for details. I hope you can be there, and I guarantee you - it will be a life-changing event!!

Please keep our recent Graduates and Guests in your prayers as they continue their new journeys. Pray for our sisters in Wisconsin as their plans progress. Pray for our relationship with the Federal Penitentiary in Terre Haute. And pray for our staff and leaders at KPMI and all of our volunteers worldwide. As 1 John 5:14 reminds us: "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." We know that God has blessed our Kairos ministry and that He will continue to do so as we honor Him with **A Heart to Serve in Humble Obedience**. To Him be all the glory!!

With love and prayers - Dottie Stanfill, State Chair



IN MEMORIAM

If we have volunteers from your community that have passed since July 2025, please send me their name and the name of your community so they can be memorialized at the conference.

UPLIFTING WORDS

from Michael Carter -State Spiritual Director -

The Shepherds Voice

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



Please keep our State Chapter
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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.

A huge shoutout to the many volunteers across Indiana who continue planting seeds, building connections, and sharing the love of Christ through recruitment efforts in their communities!

✦ - Nick – Pendleton Correctional Facility
Thank you for sharing your recruitment testimony about wearing your Kairos t-shirt, using your “Ask Me About Kairos” pin to spark conversations, and sharing about Kairos at the Great Banquet candlelight event. Simple tools and personal conversations truly make a lasting impact!

- Jeremy & Martin – Putnamville Correctional Facility
✦ Thank you for your outreach efforts surrounding the Putnam County Fair and all the hard work being done to build relationships within your local community. We also appreciate the initiative being taken to create recruitment letters for churches surrounding your area. Great work opening doors for future opportunities!

✦ - David – Plainfield Correctional Facility
Thank you for sharing about your recent visit with the Plainfield Federation of Churches. David had the opportunity to share about Kairos Prison Ministry and give a personal volunteer testimony, which resulted in nine individuals expressing interest in the ministry. What an incredible opportunity for volunteer and clergy recruitment and a wonderful example of God continuing to move through faithful servants!

Thank you all for helping grow the ministry one conversation, testimony, and invitation at a time!

SPRING WEEKEND GOD MOMENTS, CONT...

Here's the Kairos REALLY long of it. What can I say, I'm feeling pretty passionate about it 🙄🍿

Kairos was established from the Spanish movement "Cursillo". It was launched as Kairos in Florida in 1976 and has since found its way into 37 states and 13 countries. To say I had my mind blown this last weekend, would be an understatement.

This weekend, I was a part of a team of ~36 women, who sat with 42 inmates at Rockville Correctional for 3.5 days and watched every life get touched or changed in some way. On Thursday, 42 inmates came in guarded, confused, lost, angry, and some were probably even ready to start a little trouble. We never saw any trouble, though.

Kairos follows a script that is rooted in Christ and the power in relationship and love; and through that script-I watched the hearts of some of the hardest women get changed by day 2. By day 3, the women who weren't singing along, started singing along (shout out music team 🥳). By day 4, every single one of them experienced grace in a way that will change the rest of their time both in, and out of, prison in some way. We weren't there to judge them, we were there to share some stories and eat some prison food with them. So, so, so, so much hot sauce was consumed this weekend 🤔😋

Day 4. Closing day. The day we pull it all together and leave them with some final thoughts to wrestle with. The energy that morning was like nothing I've ever experienced; we'd managed to bring joy into prison 😊 For me, day 4 was my own personal big obstacle. When I applied to be on the team and was accepted, I was asked to give the talk "Obstacles to Accepting Grace" on day 4. It's a pretty intimidating talk, if I'm being honest. But I agreed to be "all in" when I sent the application, so I accepted and got to work trying to understand all I could about this talk, and about this ministry. I wasn't prepared for the healing that would happen in ME putting together this talk; that is something that can only be orchestrated by the divine.

Onward.
I woke up Sunday morning just tickled to death that mine was the talk they were going to hear that day. I knew in my soul it was going to speak to someone. When it was my turn to go, I was given a strength that isn't my own, to talk in front of both Christian and criminal, and I saw first hand the power in testimony and the power in loving like Christ. I saw how not just my talk, but every talk given this weekend, spoke directly to someone that was sitting there-spoke to them in a way, in such detail, that can also only be orchestrated by the divine.

To wrap this all up (👉), I'll say that I've spent my entire life seeking, pursuing, and navigating a relationship with my own criminal dad. In preparing for this talk, I was reminded of how relentless I've always, always been about it- as far back as I can remember. From the moment I learned as a kid that my dad was an inmate somewhere, I held two thoughts: I hope he knows Jesus and I hope he has a good friend. Wanting to know why and what and how all came later.

Through this ministry, through the talk I was asked to give, through my time spent with the prisoners this weekend; something huge and massive and final was healed in ME. I'm currently in a "season" of life where I feel that I have every reason on planet earth to feel sorrow, despair, rage, bitterness, and resentment, but all I feel is ready and hopeful for whatever is next for me. I was blessed with this opportunity, blessed to walk the weekend with my aunt Nicole, and blessed have a chance to change some hearts. Wherever I end up, I'll find a Kairos, or I'll start a Kairos, mark my words 😊

This song came on when I left the prison on day 3 and it wrecked me in the very best way 😊
I hope it wrecks you, too 🤍

🎵...and I'm all right if they say I'm outta my mind, God I'm just grateful for ya....
God I'm just grateful for ya 🎵

[God I'm Just Grateful, by Elevation Worship](#)

By Meaghan Cope
Rockville #37 Team Member

SPRING WEEKEND GOD MOMENTS, CONT...

Pendleton Juvenile #32 was May 15-17, and it was so joyful. Even though we had a smaller team and number of boys attending this time around, God showed up in big ways.

First, one of the boys said he was a wiccan, but was also interested in Hinduism and Buddhism. That same boy on Sunday said during closing "I think I found what I have been looking for".

Second, we didn't have a musician for this weekend, but listening to those boys worship with recorded music just made our team want to add our voices to praise God even more.

Third, the officer in the chapel with us was visibly moved, was taking notes, and asked if he could say the blessing over the evening meal. It reminded the team there are many people in IDOC who are teammates in the mission of ours to bring the good news of Jesus into prisons.

There was quite a Holy Spirit moment for the boys during our Forgiveness Ceremony, with plenty of tears from students and volunteers. During our closing ceremony, more people showed up to witness the closing than ever before.

Lastly, I will conclude that every boy asked to be mentored, which starts May 28. We are deeply grateful to all of those who prayed and had a part in this weekend. Neal and Laura Freeman



"The mindset: confident enough to start; humble enough to keep learning."

The trap: too humble to start; or too confident to keep learning."

(James Clear)

Gather and Submit Kairos Outside Guest Forms Whether you are a Kairos Outside volunteer or not, you can contribute by referring potential Kairos Guests to your local Kairos Outside Advisory Council. The process is simple, just direct a potential Guest to kairosoutside.org and when they fill out the form it will get sent to their nearest Kairos Outside location who will contact them.

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

"Use Where Needed Most"



To place your order, contact:
Cheri Hittel
317-727-3704
Candielady@aol.com

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



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

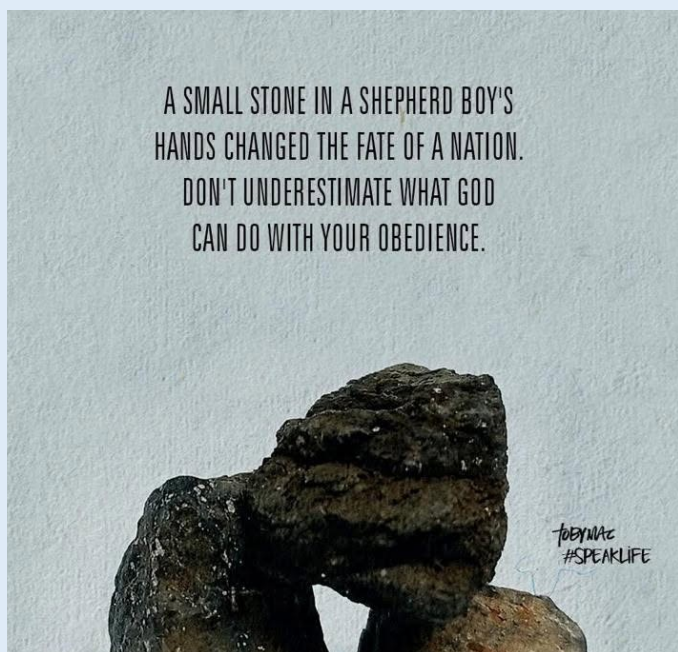
Space limited to 45 attendees,
please register early on mykairos.org!

2027 Dates:

January 29-31, 2027
Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside

September 24-26, 2027
Kairos Inside and Torch

Please plan ahead! There is a deadline for the weekend (usually 2 weeks before!)



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!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR



**Fundraiser & Recruitment Dinner
and Dessert 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.

CONTINUING MINISTRY TRAINING

Now that spring Weekends are completed and we may have new volunteers attending Prayer and Share and Monthly Reunions, now is a good time to take part in upcoming training opportunities so we can continue to serve with excellence. And it's never a bad idea for veterans to brush up on our Kairos methods, so spread the word!

Continuing Ministry Training Kairos offers virtual Continuing Ministry Training to any Kairos Volunteer who is interested. Be ready to learn more about how you can continue serving. Click on the link of the date you would like to register for to be taken to the registration page for that training. All Kairos training courses and registration links are listed at mykairos.org/training.

Kairos Outside:

Sat. August 8, 2026, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sat. November 7, 2026, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Indiana Women's Prison invites everyone to support their upcoming Dinner & Dessert Auction on June 13. With seating for 90 and a fundraising goal of \$1,500, this is a wonderful opportunity to support recruitment and fundraising efforts while inviting someone new to learn more about Kairos ministry.

Communities are encouraged to review and update recruitment materials including banners, tablecloths, brochures, and display items to ensure they are ready for outreach opportunities throughout the year.

There is still time to apply for Annual Conference scholarships, and 50th Anniversary shirts will continue to be available at upcoming fundraiser and recruitment dinners as a great recruitment conversation starter.

Thank you to everyone across the state for your continued recruitment efforts! Together, Kairos of Indiana has already recruited 132 new volunteers and is quickly approaching the statewide goal of 150 new volunteers for the year. Keep planting seeds, sharing your testimony, and inviting others into the ministry!

Please also remember the importance of monthly Recruitment Zoom Calls. If you are unable to attend, we encourage someone from your community to join in your place so ideas, resources, and encouragement can continue to be shared across the state.

Next Recruitment Zoom Call:
Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 PM EST

Blessings,
Shari A. Blickman
Kairos of Indiana – Recruitment & Outreach Chair

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.



Anne Huebel, KOCI Chair, Sharing about Kairos at the Avon Community Fest event.

*Sometimes the bravest win is choosing peace
when pride begs you to fight.*

“You will rarely outperform your self-image.”

(James Clear)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS & REMINDERS

June - Testimony Month

Gather 5 testimonies of impact, video or written

July - Celebration Month

Conference Friday night watch party events.

A Note from Evelyn Lemly—June is Testimony Month, making it the perfect time to speak up. Write down your story. Share the story of someone whose life has been impacted. Record a quick video on your phone. Post a message. Start a conversation. However you choose to share, let's take this opportunity to celebrate and proclaim the incredible work God has done through Kairos. Let's praise Him by telling the stories of transformation He continues to write every day.

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:

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#

*“Humbling ourselves under the mighty hand
of God will keep us from being puffed up.”*

(Beside the Still Waters)

*“Pride turns neighbors into rivals, but humility
invites His grace and restores peace.”*

(Pray.com)

REMINDER:

Advisory Councils should be reviewing the Excellence Initiatives and Weekend
Leader Reports, as well as Team Evaluations -
PRIOR to the upcoming team meetings for the fall weekends so areas for
improvement can be addressed.

Upcoming Weekend Leaders -
you will not receive access to Ezra until these reports are completed.

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

Kairos Outside of Central Indiana (KOCI)

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

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Rockville

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Patricia Coon *

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Advisory Council Chair:
Troy Pickel *

Westville

Advisory Council Chair:
Todd Powell

* indicates new chair