



Kairos Prison Ministry of Indiana

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Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World



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(State Spiritual Director)

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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

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 Friends - A recent devotion I read was based on our scripture theme from Colossians 3:23-24. It was a good reminder of why we continue to focus on **A Heart to Serve with Humble Obedience**. The devotion said: "This verse reframes how we see everyday tasks. Whether at home, in school, or on the job, every act becomes worship when done for the Lord. It's not about impressing others - it's about honoring God. Our true reward doesn't come from human applause, but from God's approval. When we feel unseen or underappreciated, this verse reminds us: God sees. He values your faithfulness in the little things. So serve with joy. Work with excellence. Love without expecting credit. In every task, remember - your real Boss is Jesus, and He rewards eternally."

A.C.T.S. REFLECTION

ADORATION: Jesus, You are the Master I joyfully serve. You deserve my best in everything I do.

CONFESSION: I've sometimes worked for people's approval, not Yours. I've let discouragement take over when I felt unseen.

THANKSGIVING: Thank You for seeing every detail, every effort, every sacrifice. Thank You for offering an eternal reward beyond this world.

SUPPLICATION: Lord, help me to work with wholehearted devotion—at my desk, in my home, or wherever You've placed me. May I not grow weary in doing good. Renew my passion and remind me daily that my labor in You is not in vain. Strengthen me to serve with joy, even when no one notices.

All of the spring Weekends are now history and all of the Excellence Initiative reports have been completed, and I have seen how Councils and Teams have served with humble obedience. EI reports should be shared with the Advisory Council members and reviewed. Look for reasons to celebrate God's ministry, well done. But also discuss areas of concern: those related to Team Meeting practices, volunteer vetting, and other challenges. I know that some of these challenges have been internal - within the Council itself or sometimes with other volunteers or leaders. Some challenges have been "external" - perhaps conflicts or disagreements between the State or KPMI and the Councils. Whatever obstacles or disagreements we experience with one another, we should always remember this is God's ministry - not ours. Disputes should be resolved utilizing the guidance in Matthew 18:15-17. We are God's workers in the field and we are all serving to glorify God. Let's do it with love, with understanding, with discussions, with contrition, forgiveness, and resolution. I've recently meditated on scripture from Colossians 3:12-13: *"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."*

My prayer is that we can all continue with **A Heart to Serve in Humble Obedience** - complying with Ezra, with our program Manuals, and with Advisory Council and State Operating Procedures. As we adhere to our Vision, Mission, and Statement of Faith, we are operating in an amazing framework where we know our Kairos programs have worked and have been successful in furthering God's Kingdom - for 50 YEARS!!!!!! Praise God for this ministry - HIS ministry, and to Him be all the glory!

With love and prayers - Dottie Stanfill, State Chair



UPLIFTING WORDS

from Michael Carter -State Spiritual Director -

Lead with Humility

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



Don't shuffle, don't stumble; be careful, be humble.

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!

✨ - Liv Martin – Pendleton Torch

From Pendleton Torch Chair Matt Tuxhorn: I would like to recognize Liv Marvin for the outstanding job she is doing as our Agape Coordinator. Liv consistently registers our weekends in a timely manner, ensures we always have the supplies we need, and never misses a deadline. She is highly organized, dependable, and leads with excellence. Beyond her organizational skills, she is a constant source of encouragement to both the boys at PNJCF and our Kairos Torch team. If anyone needs help with a task or guidance, Liv is always willing to step up, lead, or lend a helping hand without hesitation. Her servant's heart, strong leadership, and unwavering commitment have been a tremendous blessing to our ministry. We are truly grateful for all she does and are blessed to have her serving alongside us.



[Click Here](#) to watch the mission spotlight video!



[Click Here](#) to watch Linda Bray's Testimony video!

Please keep our State Chapter Committee in prayer:

State Chair:
Dottie Stanfill

Vice Chair:
April Haskett

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Nancy Trammell

Communications Coordinator:
Kara Jones

Member-at-Large:
Ginny Carter

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS & REMINDERS

Consider hosting a watch party in your community for the Friday evening General Session of the annual conference hosted by Kairos Prison Ministry International!

This year's General Session will feature uplifting worship, ministry updates, powerful personal testimonies from individuals impacted by the program, and motivational guest speakers.

Invite active volunteers, volunteers who may have stepped away, family members, friends, and members of your church to join you. A watch party is a wonderful opportunity to share the heart of Kairos, rekindle involvement, and spark interest in prospective new volunteers.

Tune in on the official [Kairos YouTube Channel](#).

Gather together, be encouraged, and help spread the mission of Kairos in your community!



**PRISON MINISTRY
INTERNATIONAL**

You're Invited!

WATCH PARTY!

KAIROS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LET'S WATCH. LET'S BE INSPIRED.

Gather your community and join us for the livestream of the **Friday Night General Session** of the Kairos Annual Conference!

WHAT YOU'LL SEE:

-  **UPLIFTING WORSHIP**
To encourage and draw us closer to God.
-  **MINISTRY UPDATES**
Hear how God is moving through Kairos.
-  **POWERFUL TESTIMONIES**
Real stories from lives transformed by the program.
-  **MOTIVATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS**
Messages that challenge, inspire, and equip.



Invite Someone!

Bring active volunteers, those who've been away, family, friends, and members of your church!

A watch party is a great way to share the heart of Kairos, spark interest, and welcome new volunteers into the mission!





WHERE TO TUNE IN:

KAIROS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

<https://youtube.com/@kairosprisonministryintl?si=V3DRcvRFGSiJ168o>

Mark Your Calendar!

FRIDAY NIGHT GENERAL SESSION

(LIVESTREAM)





BE ENCOURAGED. • BE EQUIPPED. • MAKE AN IMPACT.

Together, let's continue bringing hope, love, and the message of Christ behind bars and beyond.

Come watch. Be inspired. Get involved.

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](#)

Recruitment
&
Fundraising
Dinner
Volunteer

[Sign up here!](#)

See page 5
for more info!

Indiana State Fundraising/ Recruitment

Chicken Noodle Dinner

Saturday, August 8, 2026
5:00 pm

Connected Church
3575 North Prow Road
Bloomington, IN

State Chapter Committee Meeting - Saturday, August 15, 2026
10:00 am - 4:00 pm (ET)

Cornerstone Campground & Retreat Center
75 W. Co. Rd. 500 S., New Castle, Indiana

ALL Councils must be represented by a voting member: the Council's Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, OR the Donor Coordinator. All Council members and community volunteers are invited to attend. At this time, Zoom access is uncertain.

Chairs are reminded to submit Weekend Leader nominations to the State Chair no later than 8-8-26 in order to be considered at the meeting. Additional details, agenda, minutes, etc. will be emailed prior to the meeting.

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, Kairos Outside & Kairos Torch!
LaQuinta Inn, Beech Grove

September 24-26, 2027

Location & Groups TBD

AKT CHANGE!!!

We now will be having all three groups, KO, KI, **and** Torch training in January. The dates are January 29-31, 2027 and will be back at LaQuinta Inn in Beech Grove. Our October 16-18, 2026 AKT is just for KI.

Fall 2027 will be September 24-26th. KPMI will probably be making the decision as to what groups can come to this.

Please plan now for who needs to go. There is always a deadline (2 weeks before) so don't miss out!

If you have questions, call Nancy Trammell
317-753-9810.

Humility is not the belittling of oneself, but the forgetting of oneself."

(Beside the Still Waters)

STATE RECRUITMENT & FUNDRAISING DINNER

The **Kairos of Indiana Recruitment & Fundraiser Dinner** is coming up on **Saturday, August 8, 2026**, and we need your help! Please invite your family, friends, coworkers, church members, and anyone who has a heart for serving others—especially those who are **not currently involved with Kairos**.

This special evening is designed to introduce new people to the life-changing ministry of Kairos while also raising funds to support our mission of sharing God's love and hope with those who are incarcerated. Guests will enjoy a delicious meal, hear powerful testimonies of transformed lives, and learn how they can become involved through volunteering, prayer, or financial support.

Together, we can help expand the reach of Kairos by inviting others to experience the impact this ministry is making across Indiana. Please share the attached flyer and encourage others to RSVP. Every invitation makes a difference!



Volunteers in the Kitchen and
Dessert Donations

[Sign up here!](#)

Text Dennis at 260.341.0482 if you
have questions!

Be sure to bring extra cash for the
dessert auction!

*The way to help someone is not to
critique what makes them smaller,
but to encourage what makes them
larger.*

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.



KAIROS OF INDIANA Recruitment & Fundraiser Dinner

*Join us for a night of great food, fellowship,
and mission-focused fundraising!*

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2026

Time: 5:00 – 8:30 PM

Location: Connected Church

3575 N Prow Rd

Bloomington, IN 47404

MENU

Chicken and
Noodles
Mashed
Potatoes
Green Beans
Mixed Green
Salad w/ Dressing
Dessert



Scan QR code to RSVP and
purchase tickets. Tickets can
be purchased with cash day
of, but please RSVP.

** If you prefer to RSVP by phone or email, please contact Shari Blickman at
(317)918-3824 or shariblick@icloud.com.



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#

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.

“Obedience is not just about following rules - - - it’s about aligning our hearts with God’s will so we can walk in His blessing and purpose.” (Pray.com)



America's 250th

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

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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