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One Ministry
Three Programs



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3rd Tuesday of Every Month

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3rd Wednesday of Every Month

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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.

*"The man who follows his own will independently of God's is guilty of a kind of idolatry. Instead of adoring God's will, he, in a certain sense, adores his own."
—St. Alphonsus Ligouri*

Dear Kairos Friends -

As we continue on **The Journey - with a Heart to Serve in Humble Obedience**, I want to take a moment and reflect on where God has led Kairos of Indiana over the past two years and why we are where we are today.

I believe I can say that several things have happened here in Indiana that have been welcomed, and some have been met with resistance. The bottom line is that everything that has occurred has been for the betterment of Kairos of Indiana and for God's ministry. Remember what Kairos means - **GOD'S SPECIAL TIME**. Not ours; not the Advisory Council Chair or the State Chair or anyone serving on a committee; not the Weekend Leader, nor his or her Team. It is **God's** Special Time! I found the quote above earlier this week and thought it aligned well with quotes and scriptures we might read about humble obedience. Let's stop for a minute right here, though, and ask ourselves - Are we following God's will in what we do - or are we guilty of self-idolatry?

I have no doubt that every Weekend Leader and Council desires to have a full team so that the maximum number of Guests or Participants may experience the love of God through this amazing ministry. I get that. I understand your heart in this. BUT - if we compromise the program and settle for doing the program outside of the Riverbanks or without the excellence we should strive for, are we honoring God's ministry? Just because "we've always done it that way" does not mean "it" was done correctly or with the greatest benefit to everyone involved. And many times veteran volunteers who did "it" the correct way can help show the wisdom of the "why".

If we're allowing variances to take precedence in our communities because we don't have a viable leadership track in place, is it wrong to put a Weekend on hold? If we're not being good stewards of the money that people have given to Kairos and entrusted to us, are we really doing our best for God? If we are not honoring the 3 on and 1 off rule or not attending the required training hours for each program, is God being honored in HIS ministry? If we continue to complain about the food and snack policy and question actions and decisions made by folks in the Department of Correction, are we being humble and obedient?

Since I have been serving as your State Chair, I have had several occasions where it has been pointed out that things are *different* here in Indiana. A volunteer actually said prior to our first Town Hall at our May State Meeting: *"It seems like we are working to be more consistent, obedient, and intentional in following the Kairos policies and holding councils accountable."* Yes - that is true, because I believe that leaders should set the example of doing our very best in our God-honoring efforts. Everyone should strive for excellence in their roles. And please remember that the role of the State Chair "shall be the chief servant of Kairos for the state." Just as our "Chief Executive Officer is responsible for operations of the ministry," so is the State Chair responsible for the operations in the state, and the Advisory Councils are responsible for the operations in their communities. There is a very clear chain of responsibilities in these three areas, and we all work together in concert for the benefit and betterment of the ministry.

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DOTTIE'S LETTER CONTINUED...

During my year and a half as your State Chair, I have been privileged to meet many of you, to serve alongside you, and to be your chief servant. But I want to clarify here that, just as Colossians 3:23 implores, we are all to "work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." Councils and volunteers are not working *for* me; I am not working *for* KPML. **We are all working for the Lord.** This is HIS ministry, and so we need to serve with excellence, with humility, and in obedience to the Kairos way.

Wonderful things have happened in Indiana - because of your willingness to embrace change and comply with the way things should be done (even if that hasn't always been the case). I am fully and completely invested in this ministry, and I will do everything I can - with God's help - to administer in a way that pleases God and that gives Him all the honor and glory.

As I said - we've had some welcomed changes and others, not so much. Here are *some* of the good things: We introduced an amazing monthly newsletter, including a devotional message each month from our State Spiritual Director; we've moved our State Chapter meetings around the state in an effort to welcome participation from our Councils; we've had excellent attendance at those meetings; a statewide Summary of Expectations (formerly MOU) has been implemented; we continue our monthly meetings with the Department of Correction folks and have a great relationship with many of the Wardens and Chaplains at the facilities; we've organized the State Program Committee the way it was intended - as "shepherds" or liaisons for the three programs from the State to the various Councils, we've had State representatives at every Weekend Closing; we've conducted Weekend Leader calls; we've welcomed folks from KPML for special trainings when needed and they have been readily available when questions arise; we're moving ahead with our newest community at the U.S. Penitentiary in Terre Haute; and on and on and on with so many wonderful things happening!

I am privileged to be retired and I am humbled to be the chief servant for Kairos of Indiana. I am grateful I have time to be able to answer texts and emails and phone calls on a regular basis. Your concerns, your questions matter to me. And because I am available often, I hear of "things" going on around the State, on a Weekend, in a Council, with a Volunteer or a Guest or a Participant. Are all of those "things" I hear needing attention at the State level? Not all, so then they may be redirected back to a Council for action. My point is that I become aware of goings on in various communities quite by accident sometimes. But I will always, always, unapologetically follow up on something that compromises the integrity and excellence of the Kairos program. My prayer is that we will all, ALWAYS, serve God with humble obedience. To Him be all the glory!

With love and prayers - Dottie Stanfill, State Chair



UPLIFTING WORDS

from Michael Carter -State Spiritual Director -

Burnout

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

"Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts."

1 Thessalonians 2:4



Please keep our State Chapter Committee in prayer:

State Chair:
Dottie Stanfill

Vice Chair:
April Haskett

Secretary:
Sarah Holwager

Treasurer:
Kirk Hunter

Asst. Treasurer: Larry Larew

Financial Secretary:
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Agape Chair:
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Asst: Brittney Dick

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Kirk Hunter

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Reggie Hall

Advanced Kairos Training Coordinator:
Nancy Trammell

Advisory Council Training Coordinator:
Nancy Trammell

Communications Coordinator:
Kara Jones

Member-at-Large:
Ginny Carter

ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHT



[Click Here](#) to View a Testimonial Video from Matt Tuxhorn from Pendleton Torch about his experience at Annual Conference!

USP TERRE HAUTE UPDATE

USP Terre Haute held their first AC Meeting on Wednesday August 26th Great time of fellowship, initial organizing as they plan to move forward with Weekend #1 in fall of 2027. Be on the lookout for upcoming recruiting events and information related to this new start-up at the Federal Prison in Terre Haute.

There will be a breakfast held on Saturday October 31st @ Maryland Community Church in Terre Haute, breakfast @ 8:30 AM - brief informative program for all 3 programs: Inside, Outside and Torch.

KAIROS OUTSIDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Kairos Outside Central Indiana Weekend is September 11-13. There are 2 opportunities for our Kairos Community to come out and show love and support for the women attending the weekend.



Saturday, September 12, 8:00 pm—Walking in Love

Sunday, September 13, 2:00 pm—Closing

Jameson Camp, 2001 Bridgeport Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46231

Kairos Outside Southern Indiana Weekend is September 25-27. There are 2 opportunities for our Kairos Community to come out and show love and support for the women attending the weekend.

Saturday, September 26, 8:00 pm—Walking in Love

Sunday, September 27, 2:00 pm—Closing

Sarto Retreat House, 4200 N Kentucky Ave, Evansville, IN 47711

FUNDRAISING UPDATE AND THANK YOU

Everyone can participate and it does not cost you anything! Kroger has a program called Community Rewards and you can join for free. Just sign into your Kroger account (your little plastic card) and click on your name. Click on "My Account" at the top and it will bring up a drop down menu with the bottom item being "Community Reward". Find the button to pick your charity and scroll down to find "Kairos Prison Ministries" and click on it. Kairos will then receive a 1% donation of the money you at Kroger. Easy money and be sure to ask your friends if they would be willing to join you!

THANK YOU!

Shari Blickman and I send our sincere thank you's to all of you who support the Recruiting/Fundraising Dinner on August 8! It was a great evening of food, fellowship, and heartfelt messages!

If you missed it, fear not, we will be having a Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast at Maryland Community Church, Terre Haute, IN Saturday, October 31 starting at 8:30 AM.

Our next state Recruiting/Fundraising Dinner will be Saturday, June 12, 2027 in a location to be named later. Come join us for the good food and lots of fun!

ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTION TRAINING

This training is for USA based Kairos Advisory Council Secretaries. This training will focus on cleaning up data and handling the election process. You only need to register for one session as the same materials will be covered in each.

In this training you will learn how to:

- ◆ Clean up and maintain volunteer data
- ◆ Understand the Election Eligibility Report to determine vacancies
- ◆ Use KairosMessenger to request nominations and votes for nominees
- ◆ Enter elections into KairosMessenger
- ◆ Print the roster
- ◆ Send emails to the community
- ◆ Send emails to elected members with job descriptions and logins
- ◆ How to maintain the elections throughout the year

Advisory Council Election Training

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time

[Advisory Council Election Training 9.15](#)

Thursday, September 17, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Eastern Time

[Advisory Council Election Training 9.17](#)

Friday, September 18, 2026, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Eastern Time

[Advisory Council Election Training 9.18](#)

Saturday, September 19, 2026, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern Time

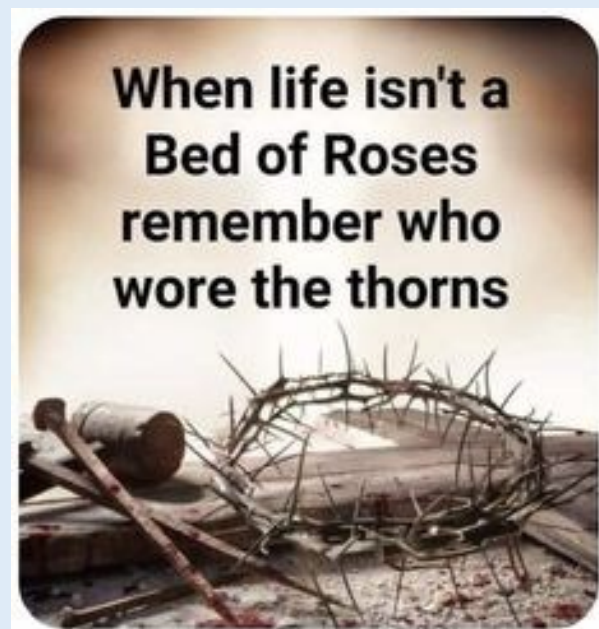
[Zoom Line 10: Advisory Council Election Training 9.19](#)

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Eastern Time

[Advisory Council Election Training 9.22](#)

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Eastern Time

[Advisory Council Election Training 9.22](#)



COUNCIL DEPOSIT DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

Date: _____ Due Date: _____ (5 business days after event)

Required Documents

- ☐ **Receipt Log** (completed and signed by Counter 1 and Counter 2)
- ☐ **Redacted copies of deposited checks** *Ensure sensitive information is removed*
- ☐ **Deposit Slip** *Label clearly with your council's name*
- ☐ **Bank Receipt** *Proof of deposit transaction*
- ☐ **Deposit List from Kairos Donor**
- ☐ **Gift in Kind – must have receipts to match gift**

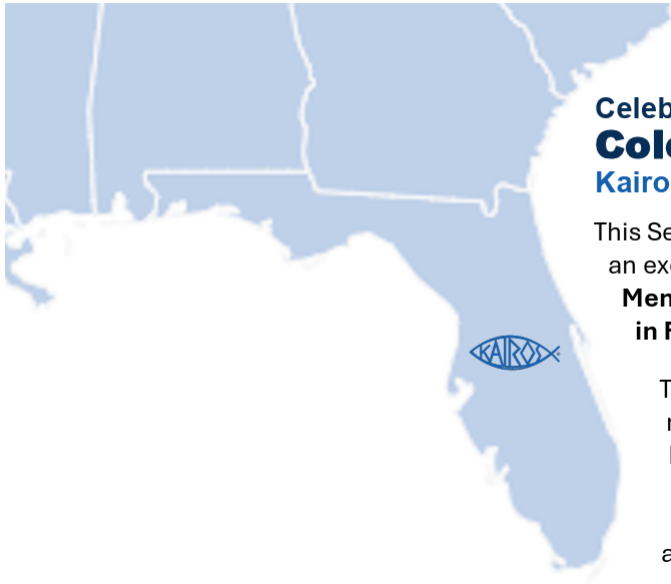
Action Steps

- ☐ **Retain** physical copies with your Council
- ☐ **Scan and email** all documents to:
Neil Rissler
Assistant State Financial Secretary
kairosinfs2@gmail.com

“All that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is NOT from the Father, but is from the world.”

I John 2:16

SHARING FROM OUR KPMI NEWS:



Celebrate Our #1 Weekend in **Coleman FCC, Florida** Kairos Inside

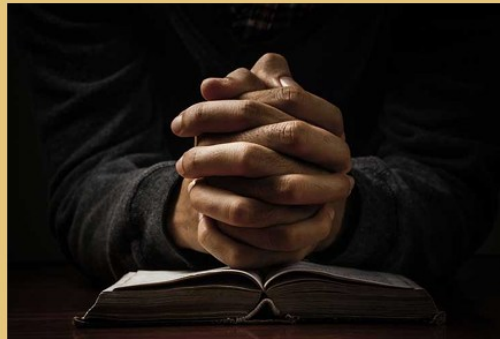
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This September, Kairos Prison Ministry International will celebrate an exciting milestone as we host our first-ever **Kairos Inside Men's Weekend at Coleman Federal Correctional Complex in Florida**, during the week of September 13.

This weekend represents an important step forward in our mission to bring the transforming message of God's love, hope, and forgiveness to those who are incarcerated. As we enter the federal prison system, we are grateful for the doors God has opened and for the volunteers who have answered the call to serve.

September: Prayer Month

Pray for incarcerated men, women, families, volunteers, and Kairos Prison Ministry.



Join us in prayer

Together, let us seek God's guidance, strength, and healing for every life touched by this ministry.

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. Nov. 7, 2026, 9 am - 12 pm](#)

Kairos Inside:

[9/22, Tuesday, 7 pm - 9 pm](#)

[10/22, Thursday, 7 pm - 9 pm](#)

[11/17, Tuesday, 2 pm - 4 pm](#)

[12/15, Tuesday, 7 pm - 9 pm](#)

OF COURSE YOU KNOW -

*Kairos is a New Testament Greek term that means
"God's Special Time" or "in the fullness of time".*

BUT - DID YOU KNOW -

"In the fullness of time" means that something will eventually happen after a long period of waiting or when the right moment arrives.

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](#)

Monthly Agape Zoom Calls 2026

3rd Tuesday of Every Month, 7:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

Recruitment Zoom Calls 2026

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

[Zoom Link](#)

Recruitment & Clergy Zoom Meeting

Thursday, August 20, at 6:30 PM (ET).

We would love for anyone interested in recruitment, outreach, or clergy engagement to join us.

[Zoom Link](#)

Branchville Kairos (Men's Inside) Fellowship & Recruitment Dinner

Join Branchville Kairos (Men's Inside) for our bi-monthly Fellowship and Recruitment Dinner on Thursday, September 17, from 6:00–8:00 PM Central Time at Crossroads Christian Church.

This event is open to all Kairos volunteers and their guests. The evening will include dinner, worship, a message, and fellowship.

Please RSVP by September 10 to angelo.frieri@yahoo.com

Advisory Council Training

We have 2 dates planned for ACT in January 2027: January 9th and January 23rd. Both are a zoom lasting from 9 am to 1 pm. I am aware that you don't know who will be on your Ad Council for next year yet, but please put these dates on your calendar so you can have all of your Council at the trainings.

There is room for about 45 on each zoom. Information will come closer to those dates, with many pages for you to print off. I only need to have names by a couple of days before the training, but don't take the chance that they are already filled!

The information I need is name, council, position on the council and email. Thanks!

Nancy Trammell, ACT Coordinator
317-753-9810

Advanced Kairos Training in Indianapolis

Kairos Inside Only

October 16-18, 2026

Hyatt Place Indianapolis Airport

Deadline to register is September 30th, register on mykairos.org!

2027 Dates:

February 12-14, 2027

Kairos Inside & Outside

LaQuinta Inn, Beech Grove

Deadline to register is February 1st.

September 24-26, 2027

Kairos Inside and Torch

LaQuinta Inn, Beech Grove

Deadline to register is Sept. 10, 2027.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FALL WEEKENDS AND THEIR LEADERS:

Kairos Outside Central Indiana #23

September 11-13

WL: Kara Jones

Indiana State Prison #28

October 15-18

WL: Bill Pate

Logansport Torch #20

October 23-25

WL: Craig Pawlowski

Kairos Outside Southern Indiana #29

September 25-27

WL: Carol Sugg

Putnamville #28

October 15-18

WL: Jeff Burd

Pendleton Torch #33

October 23-25

WL: Alex Spearman

Edinburgh #18

October 1-4

WL: Pete Maddox

Kairos Outside Northern Indiana #28

October 16-18

WL: Julie Kissinger

Rockville #38

October 29-November 1

WL: Cheryl Rissler

New Castle #30

October 1-4

WL: Michael Rawnsley

Indiana Women's Prison #30

October 22-25

WL: Nita McCormick

Westville #38

October 29-November 1

WL: Lowell Wood

“If your family inherited only your habits (not your things or your money), which ones would be your richest gifts? What other personal attributes would you like to pass on?”

James Clear



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#

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

Kairos Outside of Central Indiana (KOCI)

Advisory Council Chair:

Anne Huebel

Miami

Advisory Council Chair:

Doug Nethercutt

Plainfield

Advisory Council Chair:

Erin Doty

Edinburgh

Advisory Council Chair:

Charlie Garcia

Kairos Outside of Northern Indiana (KONI)

Advisory Council Chair:

Jeri Kris

New Castle

Advisory Council Chair:

Ryan Slack

Putnamville

Advisory Council Chair:

Martin Thorne

Heritage Trail

Advisory Council Chair:

Kevin King

Kairos Outside of Southern Indiana (KOSI)

Advisory Council Chair:

Suzanne McCool

Pendleton CIF

Advisory Council Chair:

Nick Poletika

Rockville

Advisory Council Chair:

Patricia Coon

Indiana State Prison

Advisory Council Chair:

Larry Dresch

Advisory Council Chair:

Stan Harlow

Pendleton Men

Advisory Council Chair:

Larry Larew

Wabash Valley

Advisory Council Chair:

Troy Pickel

Indiana Women's Prison

Advisory Council Chair:

Beth Thorne

Logansport Torch

Advisory Council Chair:

Stan Harlow

Pendleton Torch

Advisory Council Chair:

Matt Tuxhorn

Westville

Advisory Council Chair:

Todd Powell