



Kairos Prison Ministry of Indiana

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Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World



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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 -

I just returned from a deployment with Christ in Action, a faith-driven disaster relief organization, which is serving Muncie, Anderson, and surrounding areas after the severe flooding in August. It's likely we were able to serve some of our own Kairos brothers and sisters. As a Chaplain with Christ in Action, I was blessed to minister to many folks through phone calls and assessment meetings. Please keep the group in your prayers as they wrap up this deployment on the 14th and go back to Elkwood, VA, their headquarters. Check them out at christianaction.com.

I share news of this deployment because it reminds me that many of you are also involved in other faith-based activities besides Kairos. I often hear of our volunteers going on mission trips abroad, helping in summer youth camps, serving in food pantries and other ministries here in Indiana, or spearheading fundraisers and events in your own churches. Many times these, and other commitments, have an impact on our committing to Kairos activities. It is often difficult to balance the different roles and needs for service, but God always makes a way when the heart is humble, willing, and obedient. This may mean making a tough decision about serving on a team or choosing a family event that conflicts with a meeting date. We must constantly seek actions that glorify God and honor His ministry. First and foremost, we ascribe and commit to our Vision, Mission, Statement of Faith, and Core Values.

We are continually thankful for our wonderful relationship with the Department of Correction and recently, the Kairos Executive Committee members were invited to a cookout with DOC Chaplains throughout the state. (See pictures in this issue.) We were able to share information and concerns and had a great time of fellowship. Thank you to Dave Liebel, DOC Director of Religious Services, for making this happen!

As you continue your roles in Kairos, I just want to extend my gratitude for all you do for THIS amazing ministry. **The Journey - with a Heart to Serve in Humble Obedience** goes on. We are right in the midst of fall Weekends, and that always means time commitments, juggling schedules, and giving our "ALL" to *Change Hearts, Transform Lives, and Impact the World*. We thank God for what He has done in these past 50 years, and we continue to strive for excellence in all we do in Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch. Whatever tough decisions you may have to make, I want you to know your efforts are making a difference for the Kingdom!!

With love and prayers - Dottie Stanfill, State Chair



"Humility is not a grace that can be acquired in a few months; it is the work of a lifetime."

Frances Fenelon

UPLIFTING WORDS

from Michael Carter -State Spiritual Director -

God Cares About Your Mind

[Click Here to View](#)

A Message from Michael

“For God did not give us a spirit of fear,
but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”
2 Timothy 1:7



STATE WEBSITE UPDATES

Hello Indiana Kairos members. In the coming weeks you will see a ministry specific "landing page" for the respective ministries. Please see the example:
<https://kairosfindiana.org/kairos-inside-pendleton/>

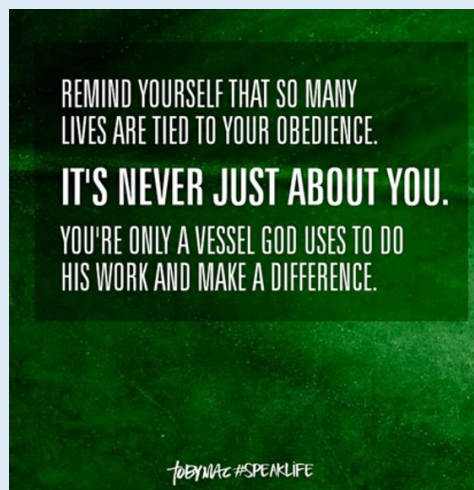
You can access the sites, as they are created by going to the kairosfindiana.org site; hover over where we serve; then hover over Indiana and a drop-down menu will appear for each ministry, which will be your specific "landing page". Please look at the generic content that I am populating.

You will note for the ministries that have a planned weekend in the future there is a link to the next weekend(s). When you click on the weekend, it will take you to the calendar entry for the weekend. On this calendar entry, I would like to put the Team Formation meeting dates and locations. You can look at the Plainfield weekend #32 as an example.

I hope you find these improvements helpful.
Steve Gunn
Kairos Indiana Web Master

2007 State Chapter Committee and Advisory Council Elections Training

The election trainings have concluded. If you were unable to attend a training session you can watch the training video on www.mykairos.org under the Elections tab. If you have any questions about the training or your Advisory Council data, you can email them to andy@kpmi.org



“Obedience is instantly doing all that God tells us to do with the right heart attitude.”

Scott Reece

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:
Matt McFarland
Asst.: Neil Rissler

International Council
Representatives:
Denise Walker
Darrell Whinnery

Spiritual Director/Coordinator:
Michael Carter

Recruitment/Outreach Chair:
Shari Blickman

Agape Chair:
Malinda Jones
Asst: Brittney Dick

Fundraising Chair:
Dennis Fulford
Asst: Melissa Taylor

Program Chair:
Pat Sheehan
Outside Asst.: Joanie Simmons
Inside Asst: Karen Byrer
Torch Asst.: Matthew Tuxhorn

Website Development
Coordinator:
Steve Gunn

Database Coordinator
Kirk Hunter

Computer Coordinator
Reggie Hall

Advanced Kairos Training
Coordinator:
Nancy Trammell

Advisory Council Training
Coordinator:
Nancy Trammell

Communications Coordinator:
Kara Jones

Member-at-Large
Ginny Carter

KAIROS OUTSIDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Kairos Outside Northern Indiana Weekend is October 16-18. There are 2 opportunities for our Kairos Community to come out and show love and support for the women attending the weekend.



Saturday, October 17, 8:00 pm—Walking in Love

Sunday, October 18, 2:00 pm—Closing

Epworth Forest Retreat Center, 8531 E Epworth Forest Rd, North Webster, IN 46555

USP TERRE HAUTE INFORMATIONAL MEETING & FUNDRAISER

USP Terre Haute will be hosting a breakfast fundraiser and informational meeting on Saturday October 31st



Maryland Community Church

[4700 S State RD 46](#)

[Terre Haute, IN 47802](#)

8:30 AM Breakfast

9:15 AM Informational Meeting

Freewill donation for breakfast

RSVP by Text to Matt McFarland [812-878-6482](tel:812-878-6482)

*"Pride is the
greatest sin."*

C.S. Lewis

FALL WEEKEND GOD MOMENTS

I was heartbroken when our weekend had to be postponed in the spring, but in the long run I know that it was all a part of God's plan and that this weekend went so well and our team was so well bonded because of the extra time to prepare. I also got very nervous as team members kept falling off due to life circumstances. But our small and mighty team persevered! It is always a blessing to serve on a weekend and watch the guests go from unsure and closed to off to seeing them open up to each other, smile, laugh, and cry together. I am so grateful to my team - we of course had small hiccups and miscommunication, but we all rose above our differences and came together to be the hands and feet of God for the guests. I've served on so many weekends where by Sunday morning we are all so tired, exhausted, and worn down that we start snipping at each other and not acting with grace. That didn't happen on this weekend. We all showed up and showed out with grace and love all weekend long (despite the annoying cricket that made the rounds of our team cabin and tried to ruin our sleep - lol).

I want to close by sharing this shortened testimony from one of our guests (with her permission) as I believe this sums up the beautiful grace and love that was shared on the weekend:

"I was simply given room to be myself. There is something freeing about being surrounded by women whose lives may look completely different from yours, but who understand emotions you've struggled to explain to people who haven't experienced incarceration from the outside. Nobody had to fix anything. Nobody needed to have the perfect response. Sometimes being heard was enough. I also experienced something that mattered tremendously to me personally: genuine inclusion. The women serving made a sincere effort to ensure I could participate fully. Things were adapted when necessary, and when I needed assistance, someone was willing to help. I didn't spend the weekend feeling like my blindness was creating an inconvenience. I wasn't 'the blind guest.' I was simply a guest. That mattered more than they probably realize."

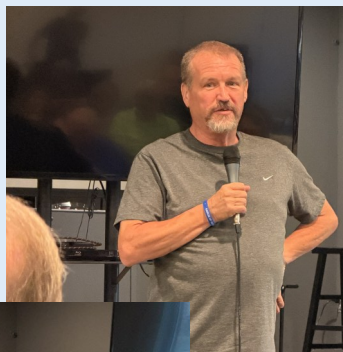
This! This is just a small part of why we do what we do and I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to lead this weekend. I'm grateful for the love and trust that was given to me by our Ad Council and the team.

Much love and appreciation,
Kara Jones
KOCI #23 Weekend Leader

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS WATCH PARTY

The Plainfield Kairos community recently gathered for a special watch party celebrating 50 years of Kairos Prison Ministry. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, powerful testimonies, and connection with potential new volunteers. We are grateful for everyone who joined us and continues to support the mission of Kairos!

Tommy
Lunay
Plainfield #2
Graduate



Norm
Geibel



Pastor
Ken
Laudenback



Mary
Geibel



PENDLETON TORCH TRAINING MEETING



Alex Spearman, Weekend
Leader, is on the far right

IN MEMORIAM



The Kairos of Indiana community extends condolences to the friends and family of LaShelle Brown, who passed away on September 12, 2026. LaShelle was the Warden of the Indiana Women's Prison, and will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her.

LaShelle D. Brown

JANUARY 14, 1967 – SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

[CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW HER OBITUARY

DOC CHAPLAINS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COOKOUT



DOC Chaplains/
staff with Kairos
volunteers

Rockville volunteers
with their Chaplain,
Richard Johnson



STATE CHAPTER COMMITTEE ELECTIONS FOR 2027

KAIRO'S OF INDIANA STATE CHAPTER COMMITTEE ELECTIONS - FOR 2027

It's time for State Chapter Committee elections for 2027. The SCC is composed of five elected positions and members-at-large who serve in various positions on the State level. The current five elected positions are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. All other positions are elected as members -at-large, appointed to various roles by the State Chair, and approved by the State Chapter Committee.

The nominees for the five elected positions are:

State Chair - Dottie Stanfill

Vice Chair - April Haskett

Secretary - Sarah Holwager

Treasurer - Kirk Hunter

Financial Secretary - Matt McFarland

Nominations are now open for these positions and should be sent to Denise Walker, Nominations Chair at denise217@msn.com by October 31, 2026.

Additional nominations will also be accepted at the November 7th State meeting.

Nominees from those currently serving as Members-at-Large (in voting positions):

Program Subcommittee Chair - Matt Tuxhorn (Kairos Torch)

Fundraising Chair - Dennis Fulford

Agape Chair - Malinda Jones

Recruitment Chair - Shari Blickman

Nominations are now open for these, as well as other Member-at-Large positions, and should be sent to Denise Walker, Nominations Chair at denise217@msn.com by October 31, 2026.

STATE CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, November 7, 2026 - 10 am - 4 pm
Southport United Methodist Church
1947 E. Southport Road, Indianapolis, IN

Plan now to attend! State Chapter Committee elections will be held and training will take place for Donor Coordinators, Institutional Liaisons, and Advisory Council Chairs and members in general.

EVERY Advisory Council is required to have a voting member present (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, or Donor Coordinator). All are welcome to attend, but only one vote per Council.

Weekend Leader nominations are due to the State Chair by 10-31-26

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](#)

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.

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](#)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FALL WEEKENDS AND THEIR LEADERS:

Indiana State Prison #28

October 15-18

WL: Bill Pate

Putnamville #28

October 15-18

WL: Jeff Burd

Kairos Outside Northern Indiana #28

October 16-18

WL: Julie Kissinger

Indiana Women's Prison #30

October 22-25

WL: Nita McCormick

Logansport Torch #20

October 23-25

WL: Craig Pawlowski

Pendleton Torch #33

October 23-25

WL: Alex Spearman

Rockville #38

October 29-November 1

WL: Cheryl Rissler

Westville #38

October 29-November 1

WL: Lowell Wood

October: Kairos History Month

Share a brief history of your accomplishments with Kairos



The Kairos 50th Anniversary Celebration Continues

Join us as we look back on the people, stories, and moments that have shaped 50 years of Kairos Prison Ministry.



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

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

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