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Sometimes you must just sit back and smile about how amazing the grace of our Good Lord really is. Then you just say, "Praise God!". That is exactly what the Kairos community is doing at the Alan Polunsky unit of TDCJ in Livingston, TX.

On November 3rd and 4th of 2021, a full Kairos event took place for fourteen inmates on death row at the unit. This event is the answer to years of praying that we might be able to share the hope and love that Kairos provides to this isolated group of men.

In August the AC approached the unit's wardens to determine if a "normal" general population Kairos weekend might be scheduled for October. Because of COVID restrictions, they indicated that this would probably not take place. We then asked if they might consider allowing a Kairos event for a smaller group of men held in closed confinement. That request was met with a "let's see" response and we were told to check back in September after they fully considered the idea.

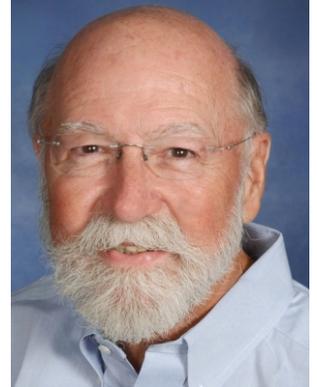
With the help of unit chaplain Joaquin Gay (a 10-year Kairos veteran), our team of field ministers, and a large helping of prayer, we audaciously began planning how this might work, even before receiving approval. At that point the Holy Spirit took over and things started falling into place.

In September we again met with the unit leadership, and they gave tentative approval based upon presenting a plan as to how the event would take place. They had several caveats. The event must take place in a two-day timeframe not on a weekend. The men would never leave their cells, all talks and work of the team would take place in the dayroom for the section where the event was taking place. Only CVCAs would be allowed to serve on the team. Because we had stepped out on faith that this would happen, we returned with a plan within a week, and we were given the green light to proceed.

I need to take this opportunity to tell you how great the leadership team is at Polunsky. Warden Dickerson and assistant wardens Rigsby and Jackson are all visionary leaders for this unit. Their primary concern is the safety and well-being, physical and spiritual, of the men under their authority. They have shepherded the men

Steve Teftteller

**Kairos Is Back
At Polunsky**



through COVID. When church could not be held, they instituted a FM radio station to broadcast services, Bible studies, discussions, etc. to the men of the unit. They recognize how much faith-based programs reduce tension and anxiety and provide hope for the unit. And their attitude is being shared by the officers under their command.

We then had to take the general plan and fill in a lot of details. We originally planned to provide food by purchasing from several restaurants in the area, but our outside team would have none of that. They missed serving the men in white as much as we missed doing the event. So, with the love and grace of a full weekend, our outside team provided meals that literally brought tears to the men's eyes. Prayer chains were created that exceeded those of a full weekend. Wall agape came and was amazing. This was copied and a packet was distributed to each inmate since they could not leave their cells. Also segments of the chain were given to each man.

It was originally thought that "table talks" following each of our major talks would happen by our team members leaving the dayroom and proceeding to sit outside the cells and discuss what the men heard. Well, that sitting lasted one talk. After that we were standing outside the cells talking with the men and building relationships. Because of the smaller space the music and singing were magnified, and the men joined in immediately as song sheets were provided to each man together with Freedom Guides and note paper. It truly was a joyful noise.

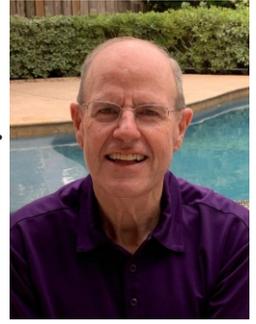
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Messenger Is Our Friend - Scott Baker

Have you ever had a TDCJ Chaplain ask you to validate whether a specific Resident ever attended Kairos, when and in which Unit? Or have you ever had a Resident ask you to remind them of the date they attended their Kairos Weekend? I have personally experienced both situations and have spent hours digging and trying to piece together validation, many times with limited success. One request was from a Chaplain asking KOT to confirm that about 120 men, who proclaimed to be graduates from many different Units, were in fact graduates. After many phone calls and emails, I was able to validate about 25%. Perhaps everyone was in fact a graduate, but we could not connect the dots, many of us were frustrated and embarrassed.

I am happy to report that Kairos Messenger has been designed with the ability to handle this very efficiently. Starting in the fall of 2016, Ezra began populating this information into Messenger for Kairos Inside Weekends, which is very efficient. What our Weekend Leaders must do now is simply enter the data into Ezra as they are building their Weekend. I have looked at many Weekend Leader Reports, and unfortunately, some of the TDCJ numbers are not entered for some or all of the Participants, or they are entered incorrectly. Accordingly, those individuals will not readily be identifiable in the future. I would ask your AC leadership, when reviewing your Weekend Leader Reports, to validate the completeness of the information being provided to KPMI for the future benefit of your Participants. I think a good second set of eyes, such as those of your Data Coordinator, could be very helpful.

Your next question probably is, "What about those people who went through Kairos pre fall 2016?", and that's where we come in. If you can have your Data Coordinator resurrect the information on each of the Participants from earlier Weekends, KPMI can enter them into Messenger for us. Ideally, we need to prepare and submit to Andy Perry a spreadsheet with the following information:



Scott Baker
Vice Chair

Column	Contents
A	TDCJ Number
B	Last Name
C	First Name
D	Country
E	State
F	Advisory Council Name
G	Kairos Weekend Number
H	Weekend Date

If you already have this information in a different format, you can share it with Andy, and she will work with you to get the information formatted and imported into the Kairos Messenger database. Your Participants will sincerely appreciate your data preservation efforts as will KOT.

Thanks for all you do for the ministry and please contact me if any of this needs to be clarified at scott@stbaker.com.



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We Are Blessed - Scott Baker

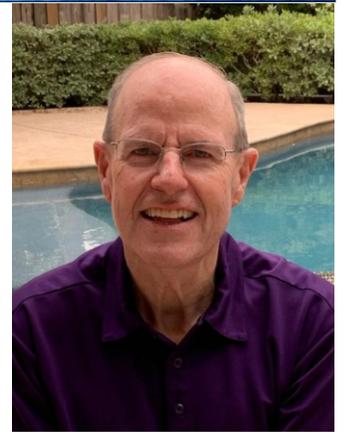
While 2021 has been a very challenging year for Kairos, it has additionally provided some noteworthy blessings. It reminds me of a quote by Winston Churchill where he said, "If this is a blessing, it is certainly well disguised." But consider some examples:

- Despite Covid in 2020, Kairos Outside conducted 5 Weekends and made a material difference in the lives of 74 Guests. In 2021, Kairos Outside has adapted to the challenges of conducting Weekends safely in a Covid environment and recorded 16 Weekends so far, with 2 more planned in November and December. They have already served and made a difference in the lives of 218 Guests! This is a 195% increase to date in 2021, despite Covid, through adaptation to the circumstances they were dealt.
- KOT has recruited 134 New Volunteers in 2021 who have served on a Weekend this year. So the ministry has been blessed and continues to grow despite the hindrances of Covid!
- KOT's Polunsky Advisory Council has conducted its first Death Row Weekend in November despite Covid. This Weekend shed the love and saving grace of Jesus on 14 hungry souls in the darkest of environments. The Weekend was such a success that it may become an annual Weekend in the Polunsky Unit.
- The Polunsky Death Row blessing will further help prepare KOT for additional outreaches into other very dark places in our prisons. As an example, we have an AC currently developing a plan, in response to a Chaplain's request, for a Kairos Weekend in Ad Seg for over 40 men in 2021. These men are locked in individual cells for 23 hours per day. What a blessing Kairos can be!

Our TDCJ vaccination rates are continuing to rise, and we currently have 12 Kairos Inside Units that have now crossed the threshold 70% vaccination rate. This blessing, combined with our growing Kairos Outside strength and our growing Kairos Torch Ministry, provides us with significant opportunities to serve through Kairos in 2022. Our ministry is truly blessed.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." ~ Ephesians 1:3

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God Can Save Anyone!

I urge....that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people. (1 Timothy 2:1)

Today, as always, there is an urgent need for us to pray for "all those in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). But does the word include all the most wicked of leaders? Are there ever people in positions of power and influence who are beyond the help of prayer?

The answer to this question can be found by noting the word therefore in verse 1, which calls our attention to the immediate context. In 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Paul admitted that he was once a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man (v. 13). He vigorously affirmed that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Then he added this significant phrase: "of whom I am the worst" (v.15).

Paul explained that he received God's mercy so that Christ would display His limitless grace in him as a pattern for those who are going to believe on Him in the future (v.16). In effect, Paul was saying, "If I, the worst of sinners, can be saved, anyone can." Paul therefore exhorted us to pray for all in authority, because God our Savior desires all to be saved and to embrace His truth (2:4).

So, let's not only pray that honorable leaders will act wisely, but also that ungodly leaders will be saved. Yes, God can save anyone.

To influence leaders for God, intercede with God for leaders.

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Share the Blessing- Michelle Edwards

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise, be thankful unto Him and bless His name. Psalm 100:4

Fellow servants, from my family to yours, may the blessings of our Lord comfort and carry you through the holidays and into a bright and prosperous new year. We've all said it and it's not quite over yet. The last two years have been anything but normal. We have lost so many family members and friends over the year, but I know in my heart that they are all with Jesus. That gives me great comfort, if not a little bit of envy. I'm certain that my mother is trying her very best to sing with the angels. God love her, she's probably got several buckets to carry her tune, but at least she'll try. I find joy in knowing that she is perfectly whole once again.

As we are finishing up the year, I find so many things to be thankful for. It's been a year of challenges that we were able to overcome. We've seen just about every Kairos Outside community have a weekend if not two. Our new volunteer numbers were small, but they were there! In a time when we didn't know if we would even be able to have our meetings, we saw some great recruiting techniques that were successful. Cancellations with guests is normal, however, knowing most of those will roll into the next weekends is exciting.

We said goodbye to an amazing leader in Gina Brockmeyer and welcomed a new energy with Ruby Burris. Both of these ladies have been a tremendous blessing to our Women's Ministries. We have training on just about every topic that you can think of, from videos to Power Point Presentations. These are abundant on our www.mykairos.org website. Take a look, they are added to quite often.

It's now easier than ever to register as a guest with the www.kairosoutside.org website, where those will be sent to the correct community to get signed up for a weekend. There is monthly SWAP groups with Ruby for our Chairs as well as monthly Zoom meetings with Ray to get the latest updates on our Ministry. I am honored to be a part of it and can't wait to see what 2022 looks like.

What are some of the blessings in your family? What about in your Kairos Outside Advisory Council or even on your Teams? Our lists could fill up our Newsletter but wouldn't that be great. The Bible tells us that "Everyone will share with joy about your righteousness, Psalm 145:7" and that's been our goal this year... Share the Blessing.



Michelle Edwards
Kairos Outside Co-Chair



The families that were guests on our weekends were blessed. Relationships were healed, new friendships were made, and we all learned that we are not alone. The laughter was needed, the tears were able to cleanse our souls, and the warmth and comfort of those hugs had an effect that you just can't describe. There is something about that human touch that seems to make everything better.

My thankfulness is for each of you volunteers - from the one who worked on a team, made a call, sent a letter, provided Agape, met in a SWAP group, started a SWAP group, prayed for, offered financial support, held a hand and even shared their Kairos story - THANK YOU. There is no way our ministry would be successful without you. May your 2022 be full of blessings, health, and happiness.

What if you woke
up **TODAY**
with only the things
that you
God thanked
for
yesterday?

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We were able to condense the normal three-and-a-half-day program into two days and effectively lose very little. No talks or meditation were omitted. Only things like posters, family prayer circles, demonstration of prayer and share and open mic were omitted since the men were confined. But these omissions did not impact the power of the event. We were still able to provide a Jacob's moment and even provide forgiveness cookies for the men to have delivered by the field ministers.

The closing ceremony was extraordinary. Warden Dickerson came in to speak and was greeted with a standing ovation from the men. They truly appreciated his gesture of kindness for allowing this event to take place. After he spoke, the men asked if he would pray which he graciously did. The building captain spoke and was greeted with enthusiasm, especially when he said that a faith-based pod would be established there on "life row." Ray Sims, our KOT Chair, came for the closing and also spoke. Now I know how Solomon felt when the temple was filled with the Cloud of the Presence of God.

Ray and the KOT leadership supported this event from the outset. Also, Evelyn Lemly and the KPMI team helped immensely and provided suggestions as to how a full "weekend" would take place in two days. They also suggested the use of a plastic Kairos cross as opposed to a metal one which was not allowed. All our Kairos leadership backed this effort and made it possible.

We tried to create a repeatable plan and that was done. In fact, we have been asked to do two such events for building 12 each year, in addition to the two general population weekends. We covet your prayers as we move forward in this effort.

Many lessons were learned from this event, but the most important is that we must trust God when He asks us to do the "impossible." If it is His desire for such an event to happen, He will pave the way. I, my fourteen teammates, and Ray have witnessed this and will probably never forget being a part of this. Praise God!

Two monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things as they're said to be.
Said one to the other, "Now listen, you;
There's a certain rumor that can't be true,
That man descended from our noble race,
The very idea is a dire disgrace.

No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her babies and ruined her life;
And you've never known a mother monk
To leave her babies with others to bunk;
Or pass them on from one to another,
Till they scarcely know who is their mother.

Here's another thing a monk won't do;
Go out at night and get in a stew,
Or use a gun or club or knife
To take some other monkey's life.
Yes, man descended the ornery cuss;
But, brother, he didn't descend from us!



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Holding On When You Want To Let Go - Sheila Walsh

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”
Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

The past couple of years have taken a toll on all of us. Things we took for granted, like family gatherings, school, work, and travel, have all looked quite different for a while. Many of my family and friends have also experienced loneliness, anxiety and depression at levels they'd never known before.

I have, too. Over the past several months, I found myself struggling to keep my head above water. I wrestled daily with feelings of despair and dread. It took me by surprise. I honestly wasn't prepared for another battle with clinical depression threatening to pull me under.

Over and over, I prayed for quick healing. I asked God to take away the pain and struggle. Instead, He strengthened my faith by gently reminding me of the gift of His presence when I've walked through dark seasons before.

God has a perfect track record. He has always been faithful. In the midst of pain and sadness, tears and questions, I have clung to this profound truth from God's Word: God began His work in you and me, and He will continue it until it's finally finished on that glorious day when Christ returns. (Philippians 1:6) We don't have to pretend to be perfect, to have it all together; we hold on to Jesus, knowing that He is holding us.

I have no idea what's going on in your life as you read these words. What I do know is that we will all face challenges, heartaches, things we don't see coming. There will be moments when we wish we could rewrite chapters of our stories. But as I began to dig deep into God's Word recently, I saw like I've never seen before that God has been writing our stories from the very beginning.

I've been learning new lessons in this season. They are life-changing for me, and I pray that they will help you, too.

1. We can trust God to hold us and all our missing pieces. (Isaiah 41:10)
2. When life feels out of control, it isn't. God really is in control. (Colossians 1:17)
3. When life is messy, remember that God is the God over the “messed up.” (Psalm 51:17)
4. When you feel afraid and alone, and it seems as if God is silent, He is still with you in your pain, still moving. You are never alone. (Matthew 28:20)

Sheila Walsh Author



I am learning to make peace with my story and be transparent and vulnerable with God. I pray that for you too.

Remember that no matter what you've experienced in the past, you are not your past. Your history does not determine your destiny in Christ. As a child of the King, you live under the righteousness of Christ, not under the cold blanket of shame. God began this beautiful work in you, and He will continue it until you see His face.

Today as I write this, I'm still learning, still trusting. And yes, I still shed a few tears. But I know this: No matter what circumstances you and I face today or tomorrow, we are being held by the God who will never let us go, so we hold on to Him.

Heavenly Father, thank You that I can come to You just as I am. Thank You that You have promised to finish the work You started in me. At times I am tempted to let go of You when I don't understand what's happening around me, but today I choose to hold on to You, believing that You are holding on to me. Thank You for loving me. Thank You for Your grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

“But Jesus replied, 'My Father is always working, and so am I.'” John 5:17 (NLT)

“Yet I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.” Psalm 27:13-14 (NLT)

When you were in a season of darkness or waiting, or if you are in that season today, how has God still provided for you in your time of need? What do you need to release control of today and give to the Lord?

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Condemned By the State - Ray Sims

All Kairos weekends are special just because one doesn't have to look very hard to see the hand of Jesus in each Kairos event. During 2021 Texas has been blessed with twenty weekends total, and Kairos Outside continued to set the pace with sixteen completed weekends – no small feat as we emerge from COVID! Kairos Inside rounds it out with four completed weekends for the year.

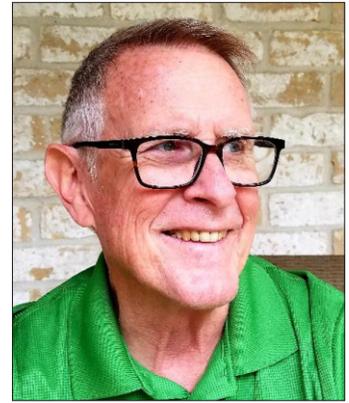
I was especially blessed to be invited as the sole representative of the fourth day community, outside of the team and five field ministers, to the closing for Polunsky #44 – the first male death row Kairos in Texas. The pod where the event was held has fourteen cells, seven up and seven down, all with line of sight to a small caged day room on the first level where the volunteer team was set up, and the talks and meditations given. The inside volunteer team consisted of all Certified Volunteer Chaplain's Assistants (CVCAs), and five field ministers, graduates of the Bible college in the seminary located at the Darrington Unit (since renamed the Memorial Unit).

The weekend was compressed into two days on Wednesday and Thursday, November 3rd and 4th. All talks and meditations from the silver Kairos Inside manual were included so the men experienced nothing less than a complete Kairos. The candidates were not allowed outside their cells, but each cell had a door flanked with a mesh screen which allowed a volunteer to stand between two doors in order to see and discuss with two candidates the talks or meditations, just as a discussion takes place on a standard Kairos weekend. What did not happen was movement between the community room, chapel and dining room since the men were not allowed outside their cells - no pill runs, restroom breaks, counts, or anything to slow the weekend down.

I arrived for the closing on Thursday at 11:30 AM right at the Jacob moment, which occurs on a typical Kairos weekend on Saturday night, and remained to the conclusion of the program for a total of five hours. During that time, there were talks plus meditations, and I had the opportunity to participate in the discussion with some of the inmates of what the talks meant to them and to hear how impactful the weekend was for them. To say they were appreciative would be an understatement. "I'll Fly Away" was especially poignant with all the volunteers and field ministers running up and down the stairway past the cells flapping their arms and flying. The inmates of course couldn't join the conga line, but they were flying in their cells! From their vantage, the inmates would press themselves up against the mesh panel to see and hear the weekend. During the time I was

Ray Sims
KOT Chair

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there, I could see them standing, not sitting or lying on their bunks, taking it all in!

Warden Dickerson, the senior warden, spoke at the closing, long and passionately to the men about Kairos, about how it came together, and about what he wanted to see in the future – more Kairos weekends for both death row and the restricted housing units on Polunsky. He spoke about the changes that were happening in the prison for the men on death row. Their would-be “executioner” was also very much their advocate, and they showed it with all the fervency fourteen men could muster through their applause and cheering.

It just so happens that the next pod over from where the Kairos was being held is the pod where the condemned are moved to after they receive their date. Each man on this particular pod could hear every word spoken during the Kairos, and it was said this pod was completely silent over those two days. You have to know that God was working on these men as well!

This Kairos was possible through the relationship that the Kairos leadership on the Polunsky team enjoys with the chaplain and the wardens. God used the hard work of the volunteers, the outside team (food was brought in), and the superb Polunsky advisory council and inside team headed by Steve Tefteller working with the prison administration and with KPMI to make it happen. However, this weekend began with one of the field ministers, whom I have had the privilege of knowing over the last eight or nine years, but who regretfully has to remain unnamed. He had the vision of how it could all be put together and sold it to the administration through the wonderful chaplain at Polunsky. God worked through him, and I believe he was singled out by God to minister to the men on death row for such a time as this!

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Cassie's Story

As Cassie entered the ninth grade, her mom Misty just "had that gut feeling that something was wrong. I couldn't pinpoint it, but I just knew something was wrong. I didn't feel like either of us (she or her husband), had any connection with her." Desperate for answers, Misty began to search Cassie's room regularly, and on one occasion was shocked to discover evidence that her daughter had developed an interest in witchcraft, drugs and alcohol.

Facing the trauma of how to deal with their troubled teen, the Bernalls decided that the only way to stop their daughter from making more bad decisions was to make a few good choices for her. So, they began making changes. For starters, they transferred Cassie to a new school - Columbine High School, in suburban Littleton, Colorado. They also kept closer tabs on her friends, her attitudes, and her study habits. In general, they put their foot down, and said, "Cassie, it stops here. You must now choose whether you will take responsibility for your life."

Cassie began to respond - positively...New friends, new attitudes. One of the new friends was Dave McPherson, youth pastor at West Bowles Community Church. McPherson admitted to the Denver Post that, when he first saw Cassie, he thought to himself, "There's no hope for that girl. Not our kind of hope." The joyless look on her face, the monosyllabic speech which came from her lips - all of it suggested that perhaps Cassie was just "too far gone." One weekend, though, McPherson encouraged Cassie to accompany the church youth on a retreat, and, with her parents' enthusiastic permission, she agreed. That weekend changed Cassie's life.

Said Brad, her father, "When she left, she was this gloomy, head-down, say-nothing youth. When she came back, her eyes were open and bright, she was bouncy and just excited about what had happened, and just so excited to tell us. It was like she was in a dark room, and somebody turned the light on, and she saw the beauty that was surrounding her."

Said Misty, "She looked at me in the eye and she said, 'Mom, I've changed. I've totally changed. I know you're not going to believe it, but I'll prove it to you.'" The "light" that had been turned on in 17-year-old Cassie's life was the light of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom she had trusted as her personal Lord and Savior at that church retreat.

Jesus changed Cassie-from the inside out. A deep-down, 100-percent kind of transformation. As Paul spoke of in Romans 12:2 when he exhorted us, "Be transformed by the renewing of your minds!" Gone was the preoccupation with the occult; instead, Cassie began to spend her spare time, along with her new Christian

friends, ministering at Denver's inner-city Victory Outreach Church, serving dinner to prostitutes and drug addicts as part of that church's mission ministry. Cassie even planned to cut off her cornsilk-colored hair that hung halfway down her back, so that it could be given to "someone who makes wigs for kids who are going through chemotherapy," according to her aunt, Kayleen Bernall.

One night, Cassie spoke of her newfound hope for the future with her mom. She said, "Mom, it would be OK if I died. I'd be in a better place, and you know where I'd be." The same girl who, just a couple of years before, had been spinning on the edge, in danger of falling into hopelessness. Jesus changed her - she was living life sacrificially in Jesus' name, and she was ready to die as a child of the Lord Jesus.

On Sunday night, April 18, Cassie stood up and gave her testimony to her youth group at her church. She told them, "You really can't live without Christ. It's, like, impossible to really have a really true life without him." Cassie was ready. With her life-and with death, if necessary.

Two days after that, Cassie was sitting in the library at Columbine High School when Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold burst in with homemade pipe-bombs and guns. They knew who she was; she'd made no secret of her newfound faith. The Bible stacked on top of her textbooks, along with the WWJD ("What Would Jesus Do?") bracelet around her wrist, clearly marked Cassie as one of the "Christians" of Columbine High.

"Do you believe in God?" was the question which was posed to her by that young member of the self-proclaimed "Trenchcoat Mafia." Her friend Kevin Koeniger later said that Cassie paused for a long moment. He said, "I think she knew she was going to die."

Finally, the response came: "Yes, I believe in God." The trigger was pulled.

You think the question, "Are you ready to die for Jesus?" isn't an urgent one? Just ask Cassie Bernall. Ask her parents. Misty and Brad said, "We looked at each other and we said, 'Would I have done that? I would have begged for my life!' She didn't."

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Cassie Bernall's brother Chris found this poem on her desk. It was the last poem she wrote before she died. Was Cassie Bernall a prophet, every bit as divinely-appointed as Elijah or Simon Peter?

"Now I have given up on everything else.
I have found it to be the only way
To really know Christ
And to experience the Mighty power
that brought Him back to life again
And to find out what it means
to suffer and to die with Him.

So, whatever it takes
I will be one who lives
In the fresh newness of life
Of those who are alive from the dead"

Is your Jesus worth dying for?



Cassie Bernall

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Before going to death row, I didn't know what to expect, whether I was walking into a funeral parlor or something else, but if so, it turned out to be the liveliest one I have ever seen! I do know this, for these men for whom the state has condemned, Jesus has redeemed. Each and every participant had a first-hand look at Christ working through others. Romans 5:8 is one of 31 "But God" statements in the Bible. It says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Christ died for each and every one of us on the outside, and he died for those men on death row as well. But God, not our circumstances, always gets the last word.

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Be sure to visit our website at www.kairostexas.org. Our webmaster is Cheryl Glasgow. The schedule and location for State Board meetings for 2022 are included here. We have a calendar showing when all the weekends will be held. Check your weekend - we depend on you to keep your calendar updated.

On that same website you will find the current state officers, state meetings and minutes, map of state meetings, committees, and the weekends dates. You will also find this current and past newsletters there. If your unit does a newsletter, we would love to add it. There are links to KPMI and TDCJ.

There is information about Kairos Outside, including structure, forms and information, newsletters, and mission field. The minutes for KO meetings can also be found there.

Please take a look and see if we need to change, remove or add anything.

THANKFULNESS

Short story...

A Lady asks: "How much do you sell your eggs for?"
The old vendor replies: "0.50 ¢ an egg, madam".
The Lady says: "I'll take 6 eggs for 2.50¢ or I'm leaving".
The old salesman replies: "Buy them at the price you want, Madam.
This is a good start for me because I haven't sold a single egg today and I need this to live".

She bought her eggs at a bargain price and left with the feeling that she had won. She got into her fancy car and went to a fancy restaurant with her friend. She and her friend ordered what they wanted. They ate a little and left a lot of what they had asked for. So they paid the bill, which was \$400. The ladies gave \$500 and told the fancy restaurant owner to keep the change as a tip...

This story might seem quite normal to the owner of the fancy restaurant, but very unfair to the egg seller...The question it raises is: Why do we always need to show that we have power when we buy from the needy? And why are we generous to those who don't even need our generosity?

I once read somewhere: 'My father used to buy goods from poor people at high prices, even though he didn't need the things. Sometimes he paid more for them. I was amazed'.

One day I asked him, "Why are you doing this dad?" My father replied: "It's charity wrapped in dignity, son."

Author: Kathy Van Camp

KO STATE Reps. Meetings

Dates: February 12, May 14; August 13; Nov.12

Time: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

NOTE: All meetings will be conducted on ZOOM and in person until further notice

**Location: Hill Country Bible Church
12124 RR 620 North**

Cedar Park, TX

Meeting Minutes Archived

KO Executive Committee Meetings

Dates: February 11; May 13; August 12; November 11

Time: 5:00 pm Kairos of Texas Board

Time: 7:00 pm Kairos Outside Board

**Location: Hill Country Bible Church
12124 RR 620 North**

Cedar Park, TX

512-249-0045

Important websites:

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