

# KAIROS

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As I write this, I have so seen the hand of God recently in abundance. I was so blessed to serve in the family of James on my home unit, Darrington's Kairos #63 this past weekend. On another note, my wife and I are on a late grandbaby watch with my second grandson to be born this Monday 6 if the good Lord doesn't decide for him arrive sooner. I could go on and on about the many blessings of the weekend and the anticipation of the arrival of the newest member of my family, but would like to share an email from Mark Nicholas Lynaugh AC Chair.

Ray,

I would also like to provide some additional information about this very special weekend. You will first notice the racial balance is way off from the target. This is because Kairos 41 was only for G4 Medium Custody inmates. They are housed in the B wing of Building J1. This represents 88 of the 1440 inmates at Lynaugh. Normally we can pull from across the unit to maintain racial balance.

When the weekend started on Thursday we were "blessed" with the presence of a correctional officer armed with a tear gas gun and other not so friendly looking equipment. The administration was prepared for the worst. After a day the correctional officers disappeared and only showed up at count time! The CO's couldn't believe how the G4s were acting. I asked one of the men what his favorite part of the Kairos weekend. He said they got to laugh (I expected the food). After a day of music most of the G4s were dancing and singing. Plenty of tears were shed when they worked through their letters. Three inmates quit after Friday. When we were delivering cookies to all the men in the unit, I made the decision to take the letters to those three men. Two of them returned on Sunday. That isn't according to the book but what they were experiencing was too much for them to handle. They needed some time, space and love. We provided all of those.

This group represents gang and cartel membership. We were told they are a tough group. One night at midnight

**Ray Sims**  
**KOT Chair**

**God's Love**  
**Through Kairos**



several COs showed up in the dorm in riot gear and told one of the 42 candidates he was in the wrong cell and had to move right then. The inmate was obviously upset. Another one of the new 42 was there and talked him down by reminding him of what had been discussed during Kairos, thus defusing the incident.

One of the cartel members said he worshiped Santa Muerte (Saint Death). He said when he got out, the cartel would provide a house, car, and money. On Sunday he said he didn't want those things. He wanted a new life in Jesus! Three men publicly gave their life to Christ.

The G4 status isn't permanent. One of the men was moved back to G2 and rejoined the general population. He was able to complete the weekend with us. The Chaplain is now talking about reserving every other Kairos weekend for the G4s. We are hopeful and pray this will result in a revival in the Lynaugh unit.

Fortunately, the new 42 will be able to participate in Prayer and Share. For the time being they will be segregated in a fenced area. We have God working on this arrangement. It is already much better than having their Prayer and Share at a different time. That was where we started. God is moving in powerful ways!

Peace, Mark Nicholas

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## 2019 Kairos Annual Conference

Announcing the Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Conference. This year's event will be at the Florida Hotel in Orlando, Florida from July 23 to July 27. Each person staying at the hotel must register individually, including spouses. Only registered participants receive a badge which is needed for meals.

**Announcement!** Instead of holding a Workshop on these topics, this year there will be five Special Informational Booths open Thursday afternoon and during breaks and meal times for you to ask questions and learn about:

Recruitment – presented by the Volunteer Recruitment Committee  
Communication Tools – presented by the Communications Committee  
EZRA – presented by EZRA users for each program  
Kairos Donor – presented by Kairos Donor users  
Excellence Initiative – presented by Program Excellence Committee

### Workshops

Life and Spiritual Balance – 2 Sessions  
Advisory Council Structure and Importance – 2 Sessions  
Group Dynamics – 2 Sessions  
Empowering Others – 2 Sessions  
Are You Growing in What Matters Most – 2 Sessions  
Better Together – 2 Sessions  
Kairos Inside Program – 2 Sessions  
Kairos Outside Program – 2 Sessions  
Kairos Torch Program – 2 Sessions  
Living within the Riverbanks – 2 Sessions  
Spiritual Gifts – 2 Sessions  
Conflict Resolution – 2 Sessions  
Preparing Volunteers for Kairos – 2 Sessions  
Confidentiality in Kairos – 2 Sessions  
Kairos Messenger – 2 Sessions  
Recruiting Diversity – 2 Sessions  
Godly Servant Leaders – 2 Sessions  
Fundraising – Asking and Blessing Others – 2 Sessions  
Training and Leadership Development – 2 Sessions  
Advisory Council Financial Training – 1 Session  
State Level Financial Training – 1 Session  
Impactful Team Meetings (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch) – 2 Sessions  
Mass Incarceration Overview – 2 Sessions  
The Importance of Agape – 2 Sessions  
The Role of Men in Kairos Outside – 2 Sessions



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We have not had access to the G4 population in many years at Darrington and I don't think Darrington is unique. Mark's email records a demonstration of the power of God's love through Kairos. I am hearing more and more weekends include medium custody residents and pray this trend continues perhaps to include some of the administrative segregation population as well. Female death row inmates have experienced God's love here in Texas and prayerfully one day perhaps, the men on death row could receive that love as well. We all know Kairos changes the culture inside even as it touches the families of the incarcerated through Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch.

**LISTEN  
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**LOVE  
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## Greetings from Scott Baker

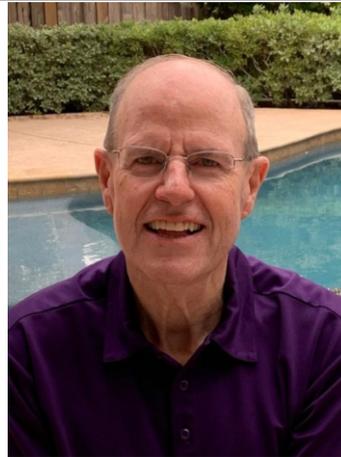
I am pleased and honored to have been elected to serve as your Vice-Chair starting in January of 2019. While some of you know me from serving Kairos in the Eastham Unit for the past 10 years, and serving as the Excellence Initiative Coordinator for the last 2 years, many more of you are probably saying, “Who is this guy? His 'business card' simply says 'Kairos Servant’”.

On a personal level, my wife Pam and I have been married for 46 years and have two sons, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. We serve together in Kairos with Pam serving as AC Treasurer for Eastham. I served on the AC for 2 years as State Representative, 3 years as Vice Chair and 3 years as Chair. I also served as Weekend Leader in 2011, the same year Pam and I both attended our Emmaus Walks.

My previous career consisted of serving the global Engineering and Construction industry for 42 years. My professional responsibilities ranged from Project Manager to Division President, positions which required long hours and compassion for people. And while I don't admit it other than to friends, yes, I am a Professional engineer and do lots of spreadsheets. But please do not hold that against me.

I have always had compassion for those who are less fortunate and a heart for serving. Pam and I were introduced to Kairos by naively attending a Closing ceremony 10 years ago and have both been volunteering ever since. You may have also seen Pam and I in attendance at one of your Closings as we enjoy supporting the Weekends and listening to the testimonies of men and women who have been very positively impacted by the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ during their “God's Special Time” Weekends.

My role as Vice-Chair is to support the needs of KOT at the request of our Chair, Ray Sims, whom I truly admire and respect. Accordingly, I will continue to serve as the Excellence Initiative Coordinator for the State. And in that role, I will challenge all of our Advisory Councils to adopt the attitude that the EI exercise is a “self-examination” of where our Weekends are relative to our “Riverbanks”. Promptly summarizing the facts and reviewing the reports within your respective AC's within 4 weeks of the Weekend will provide the most benefit to your ministry. And if there are questions or critiques about the program, I am happy to listen, learn and explain.



**Scott Baker**  
Vice Chair

A second challenge I have is that we treat our finances as God has instructed us in the “Parable of the Talents”. Recognize that it is not our money, but God's blessings we are holding and that we are to employ them wisely for God's purposes. Accordingly, if any of our AC's has more money in the bank than is needed to conduct our next Weekend, consider gifting the excess blessings to support a New Start, a KO Unit in need, or by providing a scholarship for travel costs to allow 1 or more AC members to attend the Kairos Annual Conference this July. (The cost of the Conference for up to 4 AC members is already being covered by KOT!)

Recruiting is the life-blood of our Kairos ministry and I offer a third challenge that each AC stretch in 2019 and increase your recruiting efforts to strive for the Kairos goal of 1/3 new volunteers. We have many exciting new tools to assist, and only by consciously focusing can we reach our goal.

A fourth challenge I offer is that we focus part of our recruiting efforts on increasing the Diversity of our volunteers. We may never reach the 1/3 goals that we ask our Chaplains to address via our Kairos Penetration Plan, but a key determinant of continued growth in the ministry will be that we not only feel inclusive but demonstrate it. And a natural by-product of concerted efforts to diversify will be enhanced attraction of New Volunteers.

year offset. But this year will be 10 years, and I hope that all of you will pray with us that this is his time to come home, and that he will be home

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## Power of Prayer - Teddy Carson

Kairos Outside of Texas is working very diligently to demonstrate God's grace and love to women who have been impacted by incarceration. There are amazing women and men in twelve Kairos Outside communities throughout Texas who are exhibiting the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to those we serve. We are not alone - we are Better Together, working with our brothers and sisters in Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch.

The best way to describe the Kairos ministry is with a personal testimony. We stress confidentiality in KO, so I want you to know I have permission to share this story. These are her own words.

My name is Kathy and I would like to share a little of my life with you. Fourteen years and a few months ago I came back to my home town. This is where I was born, and my family was here. I found myself going into a treatment center. I was broken, sick and tired of being sick and tired, my husband was in State jail, my parents had my two youngest children. I had been living in my addiction of several years. We had been evicted several times, lived without water, gas and electricity. It seemed that we could never keep all of the bills on at the same time. I had been fighting with my parents to get my kids back. The condition was that I go to treatment. I believe now that I was prayed back here. I came and walked into that treatment center broken. I remember that a few days after I got here, I was on my knees that night saying one of the most simple prayers - 'Lord, please help me, I can't do this'.

My life began to change that night. I got honest and I got some clean time. I was at my parents' house one afternoon, and my Mom's reunion group was there. I had many of them tell me that they had been praying for me and my family for years. One wonderful woman pulled me to the side and told me that she had a vision of me one night and she never had visions, but she had seen me whole and well. I knew that day that I had been prayed home.

I eventually got an apartment and my husband came home. We did all the work of getting the kids back. Counseling, parenting classes, meetings, working and maintaining a home. My middle daughter came home, and my youngest son had gotten in trouble, but through it all the two youngest came home.

My middle son had been living with his father for some years and just visited as often as he could. My youngest son just could not stay out of trouble. He was

### Teddy Carson KO Chair



in Texas Youth Detention for almost a year and a half. I remember saying that simple prayer many days. "Lord, Please help me, I can't do this.' After being released, my son was only home for about a month when he made a decision that changed our lives for a very long time.

One morning in 2009, I went with my son as he turned himself in and about a year later, he signed for 15 years, he was 17 years old. Not too long after that I went to Kairos Outside. I was and am forever grateful to have this family. My son went to Kairos Inside about six months later. My middle son was on his way to prison about this time also. I was able to deal better with this event because of my Kairos family.

In October 2013, my husband got really sick and ended up in SICU. Once again, my KO family surrounded my family. They fed us, prayed with us, and supported us. My husband died in January of 2015. I cannot tell you how grateful I am for Kairos. My best friend's husband's Kairos Inside sent us a card of prayers and blessing. My son's Kairos prayed with him, and of course KO blessed my family with their many, many blessings and prayers. My dad also died in 2015, and once again Kairos stepped up.

In 2016, my middle son paroled to my house. He had lost everything when he went into prison. I remember him standing in our kitchen and watching these Kairos people showering him with clothes and prayers and they kept coming and he looked at me and said 'Mom, I have never had someone show me love like that.'

So today we are praying that my youngest comes home this year. Two years ago, he got a two-year offset. But this year will be 10 years, and I hope that all of you will pray with us that this is his time to come home, and that he will be home soon.

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## Every Day Is Easter



**Barbara  
Shirley**

“Easter comes but once a year”,  
so many people say,  
But to a person saved from sin,  
it's Easter everyday!

A man when saved or “born again”,  
His life to Christ will give,  
And as a new-born babe in Christ,  
He's just begun to live.

“I am the resurrection and the life”,  
The Savior one day said,  
And He, believing in my Word,  
Shall live , though He be dead.

And that well known Apostle Paul,  
In Philippi, made plain,  
“For me to live in Jesus Christ,  
For me to die is gain”

So when the Blood of Christ,  
Our Lord, Redeems a soul from sin,  
Every day is Easter,  
For Jesus Lives again.

THE GREATEST BLESSING  
AND NEWS THE WORLD EVER  
RECEIVED CAME FROM A  
GRAVE YARD NEAR JERUSALEM!

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My fifth challenge to all of our KI AC's is that we consciously include KO Support in our AC meeting agendas, our gifting considerations, and our KI Reunions. Steve Newton has already asked us to consider adopting a KO Unit to support via prayer, agape and gifts. I would expand the challenge by asking all KI Units to discuss for a few moments at every Reunion the free gift that the men and women we serve can offer to their female loved one's on the outside. I participated in a Reunion last month where the men were asked if they had gotten an Easter present for their Mother's, their wives, or some other female in their life. The blank stares were changed to smiles when the suggestion was made that each man mail an Application to their loved one to become a KO Guest at no cost as an Easter gift! Many hands went up for Applications.

In short, I am so honored to be selected to serve as your KOT Vice-Chair. And I look forward to meeting many of you during the coming months.

## Power of Prayer - Continued from page 4

I have an update of this story. On March 22, my son called and of course we still didn't have an answer. He told me he had a lay-in and was on his way to closing for Kairos Inside. We had talked about the cookies that day, and I knew he was going to closing. I decided to look him up on the website, and my heart dropped! He has been granted parole! We all cried and laughed, he called that night and all he knew was he was on chain. He is in a unit now doing the 180-day program. I could not do this journey without each of you and your prayers. I believe in the power of prayer and the family of Kairos.

This is a powerful example of Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside working together to bless the entire family that has been impacted by incarceration. This exemplifies 'Better Together.' It's our Mission Statement in action.

We spread the word about Kairos Outside as much as possible, but still need help recruiting Guests. Those of you who serve in Kairos Inside know and love the residents you serve who have female loved ones on the outside who need the Christian support Kairos Outside can offer. Will you remember this mom the next time you go inside to see your Kairos brothers and sisters? They have moms, spouses and family who need the loving support of a Christian community too.

If you have questions about Kairos Outside, PLEASE talk to a Kairos Outside volunteer. Let's give every lady in Texas who has been impacted by incarceration the opportunity to be a part of our Kairos Outside family.



## LAUS DEO

One detail that is seldom mentioned is that in Washington, D.C. there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument. With all the uproar about removing the Ten Commandments, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this amazing historical information.

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., are displayed two words: Laus Deo. No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world. So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean?

Very simply, they say 'Praise be to God!'

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty-five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, Laus Deo, 'Praise be to God!'

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments\

From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles L'Enfant ..... a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north, The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west..

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was NOT, is NOT, in the Constitution. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy 'One Nation, Under God.'

I am awed by George Washington's prayer for America .... Have you ever read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love MERCY, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation."



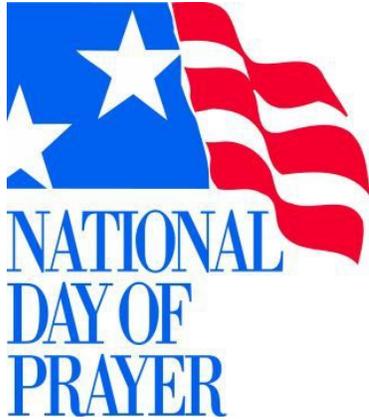
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## National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 2, 2019



After an extended fast, much prayer, seeking feedback from other Christian leaders, and waiting on the Lord for direction Dr. Ronnie Floyd has chosen Love One Another as the theme for 2019. It is taken from John 13:34 which reads, "Love one another. As I have loved you."

There is nothing greater that we can do than to show the love of our Lord to this world. Let us not just publish this theme or repeat it or pray it but let us truly live the love of God before the whole of our land as we call the nation to prayer asking the Lord to revive us, heal our land, and bring forth his kingdom. May it be said of us as it was of the Church of old, "Behold, how they love one another."

There are many ways you can answer the call to get involved in the National Day of Prayer.

Gather with a few friends to pray. Organize a prayer meeting at your home, office, school, church, a city park, or other public venue.

Share this email with any churches in your network and especially with those in county seats. If you are holding an observance in a County Seat please be very sure to post it in the event section of the national website.

Support this timely critical call to Biblical love. Pray especially for our national leadership and for the various state coordinators. Help in any areas of organization of events where you are able.

Schedule a National Day of Prayer Workshop to encourage people in your area to get involved in this most massive and growing prayer movement in recent history.

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[Unsure how to pray? Here are five requests from a Houston local:](#)

- 1. Pray for peace.** There's a lot of panic happening as tensions and fear rise. Where there is panic, fewer people make wise and careful decisions on how to be safe.
- 2. Pray for the flooding.** Houston is known for the way our city fills with water after a quick afternoon thunderstorm. Our city is virtually underwater. Pray that the waters will move and the city can dry out quickly.
- 3. Pray for our homeless population.** Big cities come with large homeless populations, and those are often the people most harshly affected. Pray for shelters to have spaces and people to have open hearts to share food, water and safe spaces.
- 4. Pray for long-term solutions.** It's so easy to have quick responses to national disasters, but the news moves on and so does the help—long before the city has recovered. Pray for help as long as it's needed, while builders repair damage and people move back into their homes. Pray that those who want to help won't be easily distracted and the world won't pass us by.
- 5. Pray for resilience.** Many people depend on day-to-day work for paychecks. Many of the families I work with don't have a steady income and can't go back to work even one or two days after a storm. These flood conditions mean many families are without their normal paychecks and that can wreak havoc on their lives.





## *In Loving Memory*

**During the Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Summer Conference July 23-27, 2019 in Orlando, Florida, there will be a Memorial Service for all those Kairos Volunteers who have gone to be with God during the past year. We are now gathering those names so they can be remembered and a candle lit for each one as their name is called. If you know of anyone please send the info to: Bettye Keefer at [ewkeefe@yahoo.com](mailto:ewkeefe@yahoo.com). along with their next-of-kin so that I can send them a memorial card**



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**Tyson and his sister Michele**



### **As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15**

It is a simple thing to say, "I believe," "Jesus is my Lord," or "I'm a Christian." But let me ask you a question, where is your faith at?

Before I went through Kairos #12 at Briscoe Unit, I would have answered with a variation of one of those three simple things. Sure, people in here could tell I was different. I didn't indulge in the common everyday prison activities, i.e. fighting, gambling, drugs, etc., but I had also chosen not to speak to the people who were doing those things. What was I doing to serve God? I knew He had a job for me but I didn't know what it was. I saw a glimpse of what that job would be when I attended Kairos, and it looked like love. This was a type of love I had not known until that weekend – AGAPE love!

It wouldn't be until I served at Kairos #14 that God showed me what I was supposed to be doing. He did this through a man that was just being obedient to the Holy Spirit. He was a volunteer, a brother who was serving the Lord in a way I had not seen before. He showed me his faith. In the act of serving, he was laying hands on people with pain leaving, mobility restored, and other physical manifestations of God's love. God put this brother in my path to show me what I was supposed to be doing. It was my job and my expression of faith in what God had called me to do. He had called me out of the boat and into the storm. Only through Christ was I able to step out and see people healed physically and emotionally; and watch as the enemy had no choice but to flee.

I urge you, brothers and sisters, if you have placed your faith in your pocket, take it out and show God's love to this world by serving in whatever capacity God has called you.



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## Heartfelt Prayer

**Blake Gentry -  
Briscoe Outside  
Team Member**



My heart cries out to You in the darkest hour, for you restore my soul. You mean everything to me, Oh God. You are wonderful and worthy of my praise. You alone will I honor, Your name alone will I lift my hands up to. You have made me to sing and dance and shout Your holy name, Oh God, and I will hold back no more. Your grace flows over me like a never-ending waterfall, turning my crimson sin into the purest of white through the blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, never to be remembered again. My spirit is refreshed in You, my soul longs for You, my body cries out for You, and You are always there. My Father, You hold me close and keep my enemy at bay, for darkness despises the light, and there is no light but Your light. You are the light of the world. You have sent Your holy spirit to live in me and radiate Your light through my life. Let me never fall from Your presence. In You is where I always want to be. You are my Lord, my God, my King, my Father. Lead me onto the road of Your will. My life is Yours. You are my Rock, my Foundation – whom shall I fear? No one, for You are my Father. Let Your light shine through everything I do and help me lead others to You, Oh God. Unto You I commit my body in entirety. I am Yours. Amen



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Be sure to visit our website at [www.kairostexas.org](http://www.kairostexas.org). Our webmaster is Cheryl Glasgow. The schedule and location for State Board meetings for 2019 are included here. We have a calendar showing when all the weekends will be held. Check your weekend - we depend on you to keep them updated.

On that same website you will find the current state officers, state meetings and minutes, map of state meetings, committees, and when the weekends are to be held. 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.



**Lee Gallegos**  
**Briscoe Unit - Dilley, Texas**

Sgt (Ret.) Hilario Lee Gallegos, Jr., age 61, went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday, March 3, 2019. He honorably served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years and was well decorated: he achieved the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Airman's Medal for heroism, among many others. His love for country was surpassed only by his love for Christ and his family. He was a devoted volunteer to Church Under the Bridge, an organization that serves the homeless and needy, as well as the Kairos Prison Ministry, which reaches out to incarcerated individuals and their families. Lee was a selfless husband and father, a servant to all, a counselor to the broken, and, most importantly, a steadfast disciple of Christ. Although he will be dearly missed by those whom he touched on this earth, he is now rejoicing in heaven.

He is survived by his parents, Olivia and Hilario Lee Gallegos, Sr.; his wife, Brenda; his two sons, Jacob (Brianna) and Philip (Kristen), and his first grandson, Jude; his sister, Mary Hope; his brother Carlos (Flo); his niece Leslie (Justin) and her daughter, Juliet River. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Important websites:

Kairos of Texas: [www.kairostexas.org](http://www.kairostexas.org)

KPMI: [www.mykairos.org](http://www.mykairos.org)

