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We again enjoyed another great Annual Conference in July where the theme was "Overcome." We are recovering from the delays of Covid, the lockdowns and the shortage of staff in the prisons making Weekends and Continuing Ministry more challenging, but we are Overcoming these obstacles. In Texas, we were so impacted by Covid lockdowns that we had two years in 2020 and 2021 where our Weekends numbered 12 and 20. Our forecast for 2023 is 107 Weekends! So we are Overcoming in Texas!

The Conference location was Indianapolis, and the attendance was 500 Volunteers which surpassed by about 25 even the great turnout we saw in Dallas in 2022. The enthusiasm of the attendees, the quality of the Workshops, the excellent meals, and the sincere comments of appreciation from the attendees about the value of the experience are all great indicators of a well-planned event. For those who have been reluctant to attend an Annual Conference, you are missing a memorable experience and I encourage you to consider attending next year. And before you ask, we have not yet been told about next year's venue, so budget some Conference time in July and stay tuned.

All attendees came away from the Conference with new Kairos contacts, new ideas, and potential solutions for challenges we address on every Weekend. For support, where our notes are illegible or the dog ate our notes when we returned, the Workshops can be viewed online. The nightly programs are also recorded for your review and digestion at a future date.

One of my activities for a day and a half was attending the State Chair meetings. Evelyn Lemly, with assistance from some of her staff at times, presented us with a broad summary of Kairos issues, statistics, new resources to assist the ministry, and <u>HOMEWORK!</u>

My Six Homework Assignments are to:

1. "Become a Continuing Ministry advocate." I always thought I was an advocate, but I have come away from the Conference with a much greater appreciation of what my role should be. Texas is going to excel in this area because we more fully

Scott Baker State Chair "Overcome"



recognize that it is the heart of Kairos. Driskoll Tubbs summed it up very well in our August Quarterly meeting, reminding us that Kairos is a 4th Day Ministry where one of the tenets is being in an accountability group after the Weekend. He additionally advised that Kairos is not just a Weekend, but rather a Weekend with a Continuing Ministry. Many ministries are happy to come into a Unit for a day and stir up enthusiasm for Jesus, but then they are gone. The events can be fun but have a limited long-term impact. Kairos distinguishes itself from only "feel-good ministries," by nurturing a long-term changed lifestyle whether it is in Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, or Kairos Torch. We achieve this mission with a Continuous Ministry presence in the prisons of weekly Prayer and Share meetings, monthly Reunions, and 1 or 2-day Retreats twice a year to nurture and model a lifelong Christian faith experience. And yes, we also lead Kairos Weekends. Similarly, we nurture this Continuing Ministry in our Kairos Outside Communities with Reunions, Share, Witness, Account and Pray (S.W.A.P), and other Kairos Outside Activities. In Kairos Torch, we follow the Weekend with 6 months of one-on-one mentoring. We then follow through with Group Bible Study. In short, the Heart of our Ministry is doing it continuously. We announced in our August Quarterly, that Driskoll Tubbs will carry the mantle for this most



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important component of Kairos in Texas. So please join me in thanking Driskoll for taking the lead in getting our Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch programs even more focused on doing and reporting our Continuing Ministry functions. And I ask each of you to join Driskoll and me in also becoming advocates for our Continuing Ministry functions. Have your Advisory Council's add Continuing Ministry to your AC Meeting Agendas, and have the statistics for people involved in Continuing Ministry recorded regularly in Kairos Messenger.

- 2. "Encourage Weekend Leaders to meet with your Advisory Councils (AC) after being AKT **Trained.**" The purpose of this meeting is to have the newly trained Weekend Leader share with the Advisory Council things he or she learned that may be different from what the past practices of your Weekends might have been. And it could probably be better stated as, "Have the Advisory **Council** invite its freshly AKT trained Weekend Leader to join the next AC meeting to share what the Leader feels are practices the AC should consider adjusting." The discussion will be healthy for both the AC and for the new Weekend Leader. And taking that thought one step further, I will challenge every AC Secretary to report the meeting, the suggestions, and the conclusions in the Meeting Minutes for Michelle Edwards, Debbie Van Pelt, Becky Terry, Dickson de la Haye and me to hear when reviewing the Minutes. In return, we will congratulate you for your reporting diligence.
- 3. "Encourage people to utilize the new Team
 Formation Meeting and Weekend Evaluation
 form to pinpoint and fix issues." This new form
 can be found on mykairos.org in the "Kairos
 Inside General Documents" section
 (https://www.mykairos.org/downloads_ki.html)
 for Kairos Inside Weekends. It is additionally
 found in the same respective locations for both
 Kairos Torch and Kairos Outside Weekends. The
 form is very simple and is to be completed by all
 team members on a Weekend and returned to the
 Advising Leader, Observing Leader, or any
 member of the Advisory Council. The tool has
 just been developed and can be of significant
 assistance in identifying what was done great as

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- well as where future attention needs to be placed. So I strongly encourage all Advisory Councils to solicit the feedback and employ it as constructive and anonymous feedback.
- 4. "Create positive conversations about EZRA." EZRA is a critical tool for the Weekend Leader to plan the Weekend and all Team meetings. At the conclusion of a Weekend, the Leader, who has been using the tool for months, simply completes the entry of final Weekend information into EZRA. When completed, the system automatically distributes the Final report to the Weekend Leader database of Messenger and advises leadership of the completion of Weekend reporting. There is no longer any need to print and distribute copies as everything is done automatically and electronically notifies the Reviewers. SAGE ADVICE: If the Weekend Leader fills in all the EZRA required information before signing out, EZRA is golden. Where EZRA gets a negative reaction is if the Leader leaves information out, because retrieval of an incorrectly submitted report is an extra chore. The most common issue I have observed relates to failing to document the names and TDCJ #'s of the Participants. If this information is not included on the Weekend Leader Report, we have no way of advising TDCJ of the completion status of the Participant. This happens in about 5% of the reports I review. Entering the data after the fact can be done but is frustrating. Accordingly, EZRA gets blamed for the system not knowing about 42 inmates. This missing documentation can mean a great deal to the Participants, so COMPLETE the Report before clicking "complete."
- 5. "Treat your teammates like inmates." I really appreciate this advice and have subsequently shared it at a couple of Kairos gatherings. It always brings smiles to our Volunteers' faces. When we walk into a prison, isn't the common reaction always joy, appreciation, hugging and exchanging pleasantries? The greetings are always uplifting, and you cannot help but have a big beaming smile on your face. Do we have the same reaction and exchange in our Kairos Team Meetings? And if not, wouldn't it be a positive catalyst for starting a meeting with friends who are also excited about serving God?

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A Servant of Jesus - Lisa Harbert

The Kairos International Prison International Conference was held in Indianapolis in late July 2023. It was my first time to attend an International Conference. One of my favorite gatherings was the opening Gathering on the first night. The night began with the est. 600 Kairos Volunteers starting the night singing, "I will Raise a Hallelujah . "We were from all parts of the world, country, and religious groups, but we gathered together because we are SERVANTS of The Lord Jesus Christ in Kairos Prison Ministry International! We are serving Him as we take the message of the Gospel into the Prisons and to those who are affected by Incarceration. Our style of Worship and our differences were gone because we were united by the Statement of Belief that we sign on the back of every application. We follow ONE Master- Jesus.

We are called Servants of the Lord and we stand in excellent company. **God's servants** were those who worshiped Him and carried out His will, often in important leadership roles. Individuals such as Abraham (Gen 26:24), Moses (Exod 14:31; Deut 34:5), David (2 Samuel 7:5; 2 Samuel 7:8), and Isaiah (20:3) were called God's "servants" as they obediently walked with the Lord.

A Servant is someone that is called or chosen to serve. A servant is loyal and obedient to his master, even when it is not convenient. As a most striking picture of servanthood, Jesus humbled himself through obedience to God. He demonstrated this by performing the task of a slave to make us understand how far we are to go in serving one another. A Servant is expected to recognize the inward gifts and enthusiasm, investing them in the ministry of the church. No matter the inward gifts and talents of a servant, all things must be done to showcase God's glory. A Servant of God is likening to a person who gives up other paid work to do the things of God on a full-time level. Servant of God is a term used for someone who sets himself apart to minister the word of God to people. Someone that has dedicated his/her life to be faithful to God alone. Servant of God is someone who worships God and carries out his will. A Servant of God is always ready to obey all God's commandments.

Here are some important reminders about being a Servant of Christ:

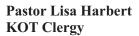
 Did you know that servants are commissioned by God? (Colossians 1:25)

I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness.

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• We are equipped for every good work! (2 Timothy 3:16)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the **servant of God** may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Jesus calls us Friends too! (John 15:15)
 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.
- Someday we will receive a Seal (Revelation 7:3)
 "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."
 - Going into Prisons or serving those who have family or loved one in Prison is a difficult task. We started as Sinners (S), and then through The Blood of Christ, we were Saved (S), and now we are called to be Christ's Servants (S); but someday, we will be like the song that we sing when the graduates walk in... "Oh, When The Saints Go Marching In." We will be Saints (S)! God Speaks through us, He Sends us and we Serve Him... It's great to be under such an awesome Master as Christ!
- Go out and Serve with Fire. (Hebrews 1:7)
 In speaking of the angels, he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his **servant**s flames of fire."
 Holy Spirit- flow Your Spirit on all Servants of Kairos. Allow us to Serve and Bring Glory to our Master Jesus Christ. Allow us to bring the Healing message of The Gospel. Bless us and all those we serve! In Jesus name...amen.



Continuing Minisfrey - Driscoll Tubbs

I was in church last Sunday morning and the pastor was preaching on the Old Testament book of Proverbs. He read several Bible verses that instructs us what to do with our lives. He said after reading these versus that the book of Proverbs, if you defined what it is trying to tell you says, "Do what you are supposed to do!" which he went on to say, "Do what God tells you to do!" It is relationships and not "things" that make us happy. If we serve our Lord Jesus Christ, then we are doing what we are supposed to do.

When we sign up to serve on the inside teams for KAIROS Inside, Kairos Outside and/or Kairos Torch for the first time we are only thinking about the weekend, but we find out that the weekend is just the start, however the continuing ministry wouldn't work without the weekend, the beginning, the table families. It is my job to make sure you are doing the Continuing Ministry, so the following is my plan.

We must hold the Prayer and Share weekly at all the Kairos Inside (KI) units, S.W.A.P. at all the KAIROS Outside (KO) units and mentoring at all the Kairos Torch (KT) units. The KI units are struggling the most with the Continuing Ministry, so the Kairos of Texas (KOT) Board of Directors and I are asking all the Continuing Ministry Coordinators or in the case of the units without a Coordinator, the A.C. Chair, to email me if you are not holding weekly Prayer and Shares and/or monthly Reunions. Please explain what you are able to do (twice a month Prayer and Share, no Prayer and Share, etc.), (no reunions, occasional Reunions, etc.). Finally, what is limiting your unit from meeting the requirements indicated in your Silver Manual (Warden and/or Chaplin, and why (short of staff, too many other groups need the room where these events are held, lock downs, etc.).

I will be emailing all the KI Continuing Ministry Coordinators or the AC Chair this information and would like a response back to me before the end of September 2023.

The KO units Continuing Ministry Coordinator or the AC Chair need to email me how often the S.W.A.P. take place, the total number of participants each time, the number of Reunions that have been held, how often they are held (once a month?), and any problems they are encountering that is keeping them from holding the events (meeting facilities, distance to travel for Driscoll Tubbs Chair - Continuing Ministry



participants, arranging transportation, available mature baby sitters for the children, providing food and beverage for the participants, etc.) As with KI, I need this information by email by the end of September 2023.

The Torch units Continuing Ministry Coordinator or the AC Chair need to email me how often the mentoring takes place and how often Reunions are held and if there are any reasons that you might be limited with meeting the minimum requirements. I am also interested in how many weekend team members also serve as mentors. As with the KI, I need this information by email by the end of September 2023.

As I mentioned at the 3rd Quarter State Kairos Meeting during my presentation (which you also received by email), if you need help or have questions contact me. I will be sending you more help in getting your AC group more active, thanks to a Continuing Ministry Coordinator I visited with in Austin at our 3rd Quarter State Kairos meeting, Mr. Jim Cronkhite who is the Continuing Ministry Coordinator for the Coffield unit.

In closing, make an effort to get the information needed for your AC in KAIROS Messenger after every event that requires the information to be entered. Encourage your AC Board to assist you in getting your weekend volunteers on the inside to come back for Reunions. Contact me if you need help.

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To The Murderer - Crystal Mendoza



Crystal Mendoza Lane Murray Unit

I lay awake at night thinking of my sister, I know you do the same.

You may look around at everyone...to find someone else to blame.

You may refuse to confront what you did, because you don't want to face the guilt.

You may think about the life you lost too, the loss of the family that you built.

You may put on a nice mask of how hard you can be, somewhere in the drugs...you lost your identity.

You may not be ready to confess, you may refuse to admit you did the crime...

You may not have realized yet, not only will you be sentenced...but in essence your family also serves the time.

You may have killed my sister, not realizing you killed your relationships too...

My niece and nephews don't have their mom, but your kids also lost you.

You may regret every moment of everything you've done... You may like to turn back time, and start back at day one.

What if I told you....day one is here? I have the key to set you free! Would you be willing to listen, Would you want to be released?

What if I told you...I've forgiven you, and I pray for your life? Would you wonder how, would you be willing to break down, and let Jesus make this right?

What if I told you...my sister would be all for your spiritual freedom? Your freedom from the guilt and shame... She would be all for God cleansing you, and your life to bring glory to His name!

What if I told you...one day our testimonies will meet... And we will all finally sit together at Jesus' feet.

Crystal's Story

My baby sister, Lydia, was murdered May 1, 2022. That is how I got involved in Kairos. I prayed that God would do something in order to get glory out of her death, and that her name would leave a legacy. God can take the enemy's plans of evil and use them for His good! He can use the pain and suffering we experience in this life to bring about a blessing that extends far beyond our lives, and for the blessing of generations to come!

Remembrances

A God You Can Count On

(READ: **HEBREWS 10:19-23**)

PEOPLE COME AND GO, and each season turns into the next; continual change is normal in our life. Thankfully, this is not the case with God, who is "the same yesterday and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). We can completely depend on the Lord's steadfastness because He is:

OMNISCIENT. Our Father knows what is happening for every person at every moment (Prov. 15:3). His knowledge is complete--no circumstance is hidden from Him; there is no motive or thought process that He does not discern.

OMNIPOTENT. God has power over all things; nothing is outside His control. No authority in heaven or on earth can thwart His purposes (Job 42:2).

OMNIPRESENT. There's no person, place, or thing in all of creation that's outside of the Lord's presence (Ps.139:7-12).

All space and time are within His sight.

In addition to these excellent traits, God always speaks the truth (Titus 1:2). We can fully trust the reliability of His Word and His responses to our prayers.

Because God's character is not affected by time, place, people, or circumstances, He is more trustworthy than even the closest human friend. When our plans have failed and people have disappointed us, He is always there, steady as a rock. For all our days, God is the One we can count on. The Best Is Yet To Come!!!!!



Excellence Initiative - Michelle Edwards



Michelle Edwards KOT Vice-Chair

As I wandered the isle in my local craft store, I couldn't help but notice all of the fall décor out and ready to be purchased and taken home. It reminded me of all of the changes that our country has gone through and how those changes are affecting our ministry. The good news is that these are great changes and ones that I hope our Advisory Councils take note of.

Just a few weeks ago, KPMI rolled out our new and improved Excellence Initiative and Leaders reports. Gone are the days of just clicking a yes or no answer and moving on. Now a lot of the questions have a required comment section. Some of these can be found with the Talks and Meditations that are given on the weekend. That can often be difficult to comment on because it's almost impossible to narrow it down to just a few sentences. Things that would be encouraging to read would be in how the talk moved the guests, did they ask good questions and could they relate to the topic of discussion.

The Leaders Report changes will be seen on any new Ezra going forward. If you have an old copy, that's alright, just answer what you can. The great thing about the Leaders Report now is that it opens up the doors to share the weekend with others who were not in attendance. Ideally, these reports along with the Team Evaluations would be shared with the upcoming leaders and Advisory Councils so they could find places of improvement.

These are never report cards but a tool, that when used correctly could improve the program significantly. This is exciting news for anyone who gets to read these because now it's the birds eye view of how well the weekend went. I look forward to reading these and seeing how God is using each of you to give hope to these men and women we are so blessed to serve.

Thanks so much that all of you do and I'm looking forward to seeing these fall weekends when we get them

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6. "Update / Use the Kairos Kalendar."

The Kairos Kalendar is found on mykairos.org. The AC Secretary is generally the person who inputs all information into Messenger for scheduled Weekends. The process is very simple and keeps all people informed as to what is happening. It also advises KPMI of when Weekends are happening for purposes of publishing prayer reminders and forwarding Weekend Agape. So, I encourage all AC's to use the Kalendar and to advise us of any problems.

You will be hearing more on all of these 6 topics as I strive to accomplish my Conference "Homework" this year. And I welcome any comments you may have for me along the way.

To close out my OVERCOME notes here, we heard a really good sermon from Pastor Glenn McDonald on our final day of the Conference. In it, he addressed "Overcoming" from the perspective of young David as he responded to the challenge of Goliath. David ran towards the challenge and was successful because of his faith.

Pastor McDonald then quoted Winston Churchill in his most famous commencement speech to a group of young students as the Battle of Britain was winding down in 1941 where he said:

"Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never — in nothing, great or small, large or petty — never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."

Then he sat down. Historians wonder: How many boys were forever impacted by those words; words that likely came surging back during the most dispiriting and challenging moments of their lives?

Pastor McDonald closed with a question to Kairos. "So, what giants are you facing this morning? One stone and the power of God is all you need. With learned trust, you can be an "Overcomer." Like David, run towards victory."

And this is a most fitting "Overcome" lesson for us as we press forward in Kairos.

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TOP 10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND A KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY WEEKEND CLOSING CEREMONY

- 10. It is a completely unique experience that must be witnessed in person to fully appreciate.
- 9. The price of a ticket is designed to meet every budget. (That's right, it's free!)
- 8. Great chance to check off "go inside a prison" from lifetime bucket list.
- 7. Your invitation comes directly from Jesus himself. And your reward will come from the same source. (see Matthew 25:34-40)
- 6. Imagine the looks at the office when it's your turn to say what you did with your weekend?
- 5. As you look across the room to the brothers-in-white, you will solemnly vow to never again complain about your "limited wardrobe."
- 4. You will have added your own encouragement to the Kairos weekend graduates to help keep them going in a new positive direction!
- 3. What better way to enhance your prison reality TV show watching experience?
- 2. Say, didn't your New Year's resolutions mention something about getting out of your comfort zone from time to time?
- 1. The appreciation you will feel from the inmates is overwhelming, and seriously, your support means more to them than you could ever imagine.

Heart Menders

Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

A sharp tongue can cut your own throat.

If you want your dreams to come true, you mustn't over-sleep.

Of the many things you wear, your expression is the most important.

The best vitamin for making friends is B1.

The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

The heaviest thing you can carry is a grudge.

One thing you can give and still keep is your word.

You lie the loudest when you lie to yourself.

If you lack the courage to start, you have already finished.

One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.

Ideas won't work unless you do.

Your mind is like a parachute; it functions only when open.

The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice.

The pursuit of happiness is the chase of a lifetime.

It is never too late to become what you might have been.

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

Believe everything happens for a reason.

If you get a second chance grab it with both hands. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.

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No More Running

(Read: Jonah 2)

In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. (JONAH 2:2)

On July 18, 1983, a US Air Force captain disappeared from Albuquerque, New Mexico, without a trace. Thirty-five years later, authorities found him in California. The New York Times reports that, "depressed about his job," he'd simply run away.

Thirty-five years on the run! Half a lifetime spent looking over his shoulder! I have to imagine that anxiety and paranoia were this man's constant companions.

But I have to admit, I also know a bit about being "on the run." No, I've never abruptly fled something in my life...physically. But at times I know there's something God wants me to do, something I need to face or confess. I don't want to do it. And so, in my own way, I run too.

The prophet Jonah is infamous for literally running from God's assignment to preach to the city of Nineveh (see Jonah 1:1-3). But, of course, he couldn't outrun God. You've probably heard what happened. A storm. A fish. A swallowing. And, in the belly of the beast, a reckoning, in which Jonah faced what he'd done and cried to God for help.

Jonah wasn't a perfect prophet. But I take comfort in his remarkable story, because, even despite Jonah's stubbornness, God never let go of him. The Lord still answered the man's desperate prayer, graciously restoring His reluctant servant--just as He does with us.



Bob Crane - Donations



Bob Crane State Treasurer

Money can't buy happiness, but it does keep Kairos operating.

Donations. We need them to operate Kairos and are always looking for efficient ways to collect those donations.

For your donors that want to avoid cash or checkwriting, they should visit the Kairos of Texas webpage. Here is the link for online donations:

https://www.kairostexas.org/how-to-help.html. Individuals can donate using a Credit/Debit card or their PayPal Advisory Council account. The process is easy, just like checking out when online shopping. Donors should follow the directions on the website to complete their donation.

Please remember... if they want to direct their donation to a specific Advisory Council, it is very important that they include the name of the Advisory Council before completing their donation. If a donor forgets to specify the Advisory Council, I will send an inquiry to the donor asking for their preferred Advisory Council so I can ensure the funds are transferred as they intend. If no response is received, the donation will go to Kairos of Texas.

Funds are transferred from PayPal to KOT every month on the first of each month. For instance, all PayPal donations received in August will be transferred on September 1. If your Advisory Council uses Wells Fargo, designated funds are transferred directly to your Advisory Council account using the Wells Fargo online transfer feature. If your Advisory Council does not use Wells Fargo, we will mail a check to the Advisory Council PO Box address as listed on the Master List.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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KOT Priority Challenges for 2023-2024

"The KOT Executive Committee has looked at and identified a number of KOT "Opportunities" disguised as "Challenges". Please take a few minutes to consider the following "Top 3 KOT Priority Challenges". We will discuss these further over the next many months, including an introductory roll-out in our November 11 Quarterly meeting in Cedar Park. Come prepared to discuss these and other challenges on your mind."

Top 3 Priority Issues:

- To improve SCC Meeting Attendance
 - Start with reversing the decision and reinstate the position of State Representative.
 - Provide training to the State
 Representative on their job including emphasizing the importance of attending SCC meetings and sharing information back to their home Ad Council.
 - Provide continuous and multiple Ad Council position training at every SCC meeting. Encourage attendance by those impacted by the training. Note: breakout sessions are not conducive for training via Zoom.
- Lack of planning by Ad Council leadership
 - Emphasis on AKT happening consistently
 12-24 months before weekends.
 - o Identifying Weekend Leaders through the next 4 weekends.
 - Better plans to get repeat Weekend Leaders to attend AKT for retraining on a timely basis
 - Personal visits with Ad Councils not complying.
 - Those that are not having periodic Ad Council meetings.
 - Communities that are not thriving.
 - Ad Councils not in compliance with Kairos Financial Policy and Practices.
- Continuing Ministry Expansion
 - Create video for use in emphasizing importance of volunteers returning to Reunions.
 - Measure the progress via Messenger on improvement in volunteer participation.
 - Encourage Weekend Leaders to emphasize importance of Continuing Ministry during Weekend training meetings.

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And God Said IF...

"And God Said If . . ."

Why does God allow us to go through trials and suffering? Here is a poem called, "And God Said If . . ." that helps explain this. It is anonymous.

If you never felt pain, Then how would you know that I'm a Healer?

If you never went through difficulty, How would you know that I'm a Deliverer?

If you never had a trial, How could you call yourself an over-comer?

If you never felt sadness, How would you know that I'm a Comforter?

If you never made a mistake, How would you know that I'm forgiving?

If you never were in trouble, How would you know that I will come to your rescue?

If you never were broken, Then how would you know that I can make you whole?

If you never had a problem, How would you know that I can solve them?

If you never had any suffering, Then how would you know what I went through?

If you never went through the fire, Then how would you become pure?

If I gave you all things, How would you appreciate them?

If I never corrected you, How would you know that I love you?

If you had all power, Then how would you learn to depend on me?

If your life was perfect, Then what would you need me for?





Be sure to visit our website at www.kairostexas.org. Our webmaster is Cheryl Glasgow. The schedule and location for State Board meetings for 2024 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.

KO STATE Reps. Meetings 2023

Dates: Nov.11

Time: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Location: Hill Country Bible Church

12124 RR 620 North Cedar Park, TX

Meeting Minutes Archived

KO STATE Reps. Meetings 2024 Dates: Feb. 10, May 11. Aug. 10, Nov.9

Time: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Location: Hill Country Bible Church

12124 RR 620 North Cedar Park, TX

Meeting Minutes Archived

KO Executive Committee Meetings 2023

Date: Nov. 10

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 **KO Executive Committee Meetings 2024**

Date: Feb. 9, May 10, Aug. 9, Nov. 8 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

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Important websites:

Kairos of Texas: www.kairostexas.org

KPMI: www.mykairos.org