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I enjoy listening to uplifting podcasts on my daily walks or my visits to the gym. Recently, Mike Rowe of "Dirty Jobs" fame, introduced his podcast audience to Coach Bill Courtney who now has a podcast entitled "An Army of Normal Folks." Bill is a very humble person who became famous as a volunteer Coach in America's third poorest zip code in North Memphis coaching a severely underfunded and underprivileged Manassas Tigers High School football team. The Team transformed under the grassroots efforts of Coach Bill Courtney and became the subject of a 2012 Academy Award-winning documentary titled "Undefeated." In Bill's podcast series, he interviews amazing "normal" people who have accomplished amazing results by simply humbly serving others.

What has struck me after listening to several of Coach Courtney's podcasts is that Bill served this most unlikely group of young High School boys to make them into much better men than they would probably ever have been able to do without Bill's selfless devotion; Bill identified a societal need and addressed it with no expectation of any rewards.

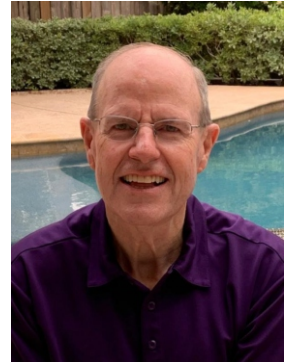
Coach John Wooden, the all-time winningest college basketball coach said, "Winning a National Championship is a great day. But you cannot live a perfect day until you do something for someone who will never be able to repay you." It has also been said of Coach Wooden, "He is a man who reads his Bible and prays, knowing that without these disciplines, he can do nothing that will count for time and eternity."

We all share several things in common as Kairos Volunteers with both Coach Bill Courtney and Coach John Wooden. We have been introduced into an arena where the needs are great and the workers are few. We also know that with determination, team effort, discipline, the Bible, and Jesus as our guiding principles, we can serve together as workers to accomplish great goals for God's Kingdom.

We embrace Matthew 25:36 where Jesus taught, "I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me." And verse 40 where Jesus taught, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Scott Baker
State Chair

**An Army of
Normal People**



As Kairos volunteers, we have a love for Jesus Christ, we have compassion for all of God's creations, and we feel motivated to serve Jesus' people. As a ministry, Kairos embraces a diverse group of Volunteers working together to fulfill God's call to action. We are purposefully and consistently going into prisons with a servant's heart and sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

So I have titled this message "An Army of Normal People" as we represent normal people doing the work God has called us to do. We have no aspirations of ever being featured on an Academy Award winning documentary, but we also do not seek recognition or praise. We will simply be overjoyed to be greeted one day in our journey as "Good and faithful servants."

The results speak for themselves in that we have 62 active Advisory Councils in Texas and more in development. We are also on track to deliver 102 Weekends in 2023 which is the same as we delivered in all of 2021 and 2022 combined!

As we are approaching the conclusion of 2023, I want to thank all who have served the ministry faithfully in 2023. With local AC election results still being tallied, I want to

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Continuing Minisfrey - Driscoll Tubbs

We had our 4th Quarter State Meeting in Austin on November 11, 2023, the attendance was up as was Zoom attendance, but it's still very much less than the attendance prior to the COVID shutdown. We did have 17 people attend my Continuing Ministry Breakfast meeting. In the First Quarter KOT State Meeting we will concentrate on Kairos Outside, so I hope to have representation from all 12 K.O. ACs at the breakfast meeting.

The Kairos Messenger on 10/23/2023 showed that from January 2, 2023 to 10/21/2023, K.I. had 20 out of 46 AC Units, K.O. had 4 out of 12 AC Units, and TORCH had 2 out of 3 AC Units posted activities. K.I.'s had Prayer and Share, Reunions, Retreats, and Instructional activities to post, K.O.'s had SWAP and Reunions to post, and Torch had Mentoring, Reunions and Bible Studies to post. Unfortunately, the posts were few and no AC Unit showed all of these. Giddings led Torch, Amarillo led K.O.'s and Lynaugh by far the most complete of the K.I.'s. Please note that for your type unit (KI, KO, Torch) the activities underlined above are supposed to be posted! Again, the people who can post this information in Messenger are the Continuing Ministry Coordinator, Secretary and the Communications Coordinator.

Another subject concerning K.I. that has come to me from several people, is people who are not Kairos Graduates participating in our Prayer and Share meetings at the Units. In accordance with the manual and the response of Craig Combs K.I. Men's Program Coordinator, no one who has not graduated from a Kairos Weekend should be in a Prayer and Share Group. Also, Inmates cannot attend our Prayer and Share event, but if one or more show up, get their name(s) and give their information to the Chaplin so that he/she doesn't get permission again to attend our meetings. Craig agreed with me that when this occurs the volunteer(s) in attendance can give them a grouping card, show them how it works. If more than one person is there and is not a Kairos graduate, they could form their group and answer the questions, but just that one time. They should be denied the opportunity to do it again with our group.

Another question I received and took to Craig Combs for K.I.'s thoughts on the subject is adding songs, testimonies, time for discussing sports and

Driscoll Tubbs Chair - Continuing Ministry



similar type subjects. Craig said that if a unit is allowing 2 hours or less, the majority of that time should be for the grouping. He suggested maybe start the meeting with a Community Prayer, then go to the groups. If all of them get finished, only then should songs and testimonies be allowed. He said adding a time in the grouping to discuss sports and other subjects should not be allowed. Including time at the end of the grouping for each group asking for personal prayers should also be allowed.

I have accepted Scott's invitation to continue to be the Continuing Ministry Subcommittee Chair. I will probably wait until February to send the A.C. Continuing Ministry Coordinators a message, but encourage you to call, text or e-mail me if you have questions or need help. I would appreciate after your A.C. elections receiving information on a new Continuing Ministry Coordinator or letting me know there is no change. I need their name, home and cell phone numbers and their e-mail address.

In closing, as I did in the last newsletter article, I continue to encourage your A.C. Board to attend all Reunions and all the team members from the last weekend (when they signed up for the weekend that is part of their commitment). K. O. Continuing Ministry Coordinators I expect to see you at the 1st Quarter KOT State Meeting! Contact me if you need help.

Driskoll Tubbs

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A Servant of Jesus - Lisa Harbert

I had the privilege to witness the women in white open their gift of Agape letters on November 11, 2023 at the Coleman Unit for Weekend #28.

Being in the room to see the response to THE LETTERS was an experience that I will never forget. Honestly, I considered that it meant even more this year due to the slow change over from REAL letters to letters on their Pad. My understanding is that they have gone about 2 months without any mail during this change over. They were hungry for communication and that special feeling that someone sent a letter- just to you! Mail call is a critical time and the excitement to receive a letter never changes in prison! But WOW to get an entire bag of letters! To see the complete joy in them and then God providing them the FIRST letter to open. Many times it completely touched their heart and their head would fall to the table in sobs. I allowed the Holy Spirit to move me among the tables. I would glance from afar at the structure of the letters. Some were pages folded like hearts that opened to the letter. Some were full pages typed. Some were two sentences and done.

What struck me the most was **the impact to The Heart** of the letters to the participants.

I have a completely NEW point of view on The Kairos 42 Letters. Some see these 42 letters as a pain to write, a DUTY, a payment to be on the Kairos Team. Some take the letters very seriously and devote themselves to the messages to each of the 42 participants. I didn't read a single letter, but just saw snapshots of them. These letters are the single most important contribution between YOU and EACH of the participants. It is Your Pure Agape, by name, to each of the participants. Just like the writers of all the Books in Bible, these letters represent us, being used by God, to communicate a message from GOD that they can read and re-read **to encourage them in their Walk with Christ**. It is our duty to realize that each letter is a piece of Agape, when God USES us to give a message. I have decided that I am just going to start writing letters now. I will always have 42 letters ready. This is the greatest gift that God uses in ME.

His Hand, His Love, His Heart, His Knowledge, His Direction, and His Wisdom goes through us to each Kairos Participant. What an Honor to be the scribe of God, in pure Agape dedicated to the 42 selected!

Pastor Lisa Harbert
KOT Clergy



Seeing is believing, and believing is seeing. The Letters are a critical part of the Kairos Weekend. Allow God to use you (and me) to bring Agape that can be read over and over!

May Your family be blessed this Holiday Season for Serving the Lord in such a powerful way through Kairos Prison Ministry. Let us see the Nativity as God's greatest symbol of Agape. The Christ Child was given out of Pure Love and Mercy to each one of us. He was given as The Greatest Gift of Agape.

Holy Father, we thank you for loving us first. Allow the joy and peace of the season be upon your servants. May You use us to bless others.... In Jesus name...Amen.



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thank those who have served and all who are stepping up to new positions of leadership responsibility. At the State level, I would like to acknowledge the changes for 2023 that we are currently aware of as follows and thank all for their upcoming service:

- Bill Johnson has been elected to serve as one of our five International Council Representatives replacing Joaquin Ytuarte who has completed his full term.
- Laurie Garner has been elected to serve as our Kairos Outside Sub-Chapter Chair replacing Becky Terry who is taking a break from that role.
- Nash Dowdle, Andrew Hamilton, and Joaquin Ytuarte have been appointed to serve as Kairos Inside Sub-Chapter Chairs along with Debbie Van Pelt.
- Savannah Hazleton has been appointed to serve as our State Agape Sub-Committee Chair replacing Amanda Anderson who has stepped down after a miraculous job performance in the position.
- Our Excellence Initiative Review team is being expanded with the addition of Jerry Dorman, Nash Dowdle, Andrew Hamilton and Joaquin Ytuarte for our Kairos Inside reviews and Laurie Garner for our Kairos Outside reviews.

I wish all of you, "Normal" people a blessed and healthy Christmas season with family and friends and a safe and healthy return in the New Year to serve the ministry with our great team of fellow Christians.



Praise the Lord

What Does Growth Look Like?

(READ: GALATIANS 5:22-25)

WHEN BRANCHES ARE FULL, and spilling over with big, bright fruit, we assume the tree is healthy. We may not be able to see the quality of the soil, and we probably didn't witness the tree being fertilized or pruned. But looking at its boughs, we can see the evidence of steady growth and regular maintenance.

Likewise, fruit in our spiritual life indicates health and maturity in a believer. And today's passage lists nine traits that show up in our life when God's Holy Spirit dwells in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. But how should we watch for these? What are the signs we're moving in the right direction? When we're growing in Christlikeness, these qualities are evident as we:

Bear with the shortcomings of others.

Use our words more carefully.

Give and serve more cheerfully.

Resist temptation and, when we sin, repent quickly.

Keep our promises to God and others.

Respond to challenges with peace and patience.

Most of the people we interact with on a daily basis won't see our efforts, but they will notice the Lord's character forming in us. Using the list above, take inventory. Which traits need more emphasis in your life? And The Best Is Yet To Come.

God is Like...

God is like Coke...He's the real thing.

God is like Pan Am...He makes the going great.

God is like General Electric...He lights your path.

God is like Bayer Aspirin...He works wonders.

God is like Hallmark Cards...He cares enough to send the very best.

God is like Tide...He gets the stains out.

God is like Hair Spray...He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like Dial Soap...Aren't you glad you know Him? Don't you wish everyone did?

God is like Sears...He has everything.

God is like Alka Seltzer...Try Him, you'll like Him.

God is like Scotch Tape...You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

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Blessed Year - Michelle Edwards



Michelle Edwards
KOT Vice-Chair

What a year, but a very blessed year! We are seeing our weekend numbers almost back to 2019 which is very encouraging. I presented a presentation at the 4th quarter meeting to lay out the following plans for 2024. This is with a lot of discussion, prayer, and collaboration with KPMI and other State Officers. What the plan lays out looks like this:

Training – we are looking at scheduling these for January and February to get as many trained as possible on the Advisory Council positions. Breakouts at the State meetings or on-line Zoom training for other positions as possible. We have so many new volunteers and others who have gotten out of the Riverbanks that this is necessary to continue the ministry with our foundational principles.

Programs – We have been blessed to have 3 great program leaders for Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch. While we will continue to see Dickson de le Haye in Torch, Kairos Outside with the new Chair, Laurie Garner and Debbie Van Pelt with Kairos Inside, we are adding three more folks to help with Kairos Inside. These volunteers are; Andrew Hamilton, Joaquin Ytuarte and Nash Dowdle. Each of these will have 11-12 units and they will help with monitoring program compliance, completion of weekend requirements, and other things for certain units.

For Kairos Insides, you will have more one-on-one engagement with the State and their help to tackle any of your needs when you need help. I'm honored to work with a Chair who gives so much time, energy, and opportunity for improving our programs. At the last meeting, it was recommended that we have an additional person helping to monitor the Zoom, and we had several people step up to the task.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting in February. Please be sure to get there early to help with the set up of our tables. This is exciting news for everyone and yes, your voices were heard. Much love to you all and thank you for trusting me in the position for another year. It is an honor to serve Texas in this capacity of Vice Chair.

Thanksgiving

It's the week of Thanksgiving, and I have a question for you. Do you ever wonder why the Pilgrims are a prominent part of American history?

After all, the Pilgrims weren't the first colonists to settle in the New World. The French, Dutch and Spanish already had well established colonies. They weren't even that successful at first.

Half of them died that first year. And the other half struggled to keep a roof over their heads and food on their tables. So why do we remember the Pilgrims with such fondness? The reason is their faith.

In November of 1620, the Pilgrims were looking out from the Mayflower at the rugged coastline of Cape Cod and facing the harsh reality of their first New England winter.

Their rations were dwindling, they had no means of protection and they had no plan for moving forward with their colony. Their outlook was bleak. Their prospects were few. But they changed everything with 6 simple words.

“In the Name of God, Amen.”

The Pilgrims used that simple prayer along with 197 words to write the Mayflower Compact.

And in doing so, they set a faith-based course for leadership that would evolve into American Democracy and lead to establishing religious freedom as our First Freedom.

When the Founding Fathers composed the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, they remembered the wisdom of the weary Pilgrims. They made sure that all our freedoms depended solely on the security of religious freedom.

Today, religious freedom is still the cornerstone that supports all our other freedoms.

You and I both have hope for a better tomorrow because we stand firm in the defense of faith.

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Thanksgiving Jokes

Why did the turkey cross the road twice? To prove he wasn't chicken.

Why didn't the Pilgrim want to make the bread? it's a crummy job.

What is the most musical part of a turkey? The drumsticks.

What is the turkey thankful for this Thanksgiving? Vegetarians.

What do you get when you cross an octopus with a turkey? Finally, enough drumsticks for everyone.

What does Thanksgiving have in common with Halloween? Gobble-ins!

What do you call a running turkey? Fast food.

Who doesn't eat on Thanksgiving? A turkey, because it is always stuffed.

What is a turkey's favorite dessert? Peach gobbler!

What did Aunt Lisa say to the pumpkin pie? You are the pick of the patch.

Why did the farmer separate the chicken and the turkey? He sensed fowl play.

My family told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes...but I couldn't quit cold turkey.

If your great-grandmother saw you making boxed mashed potatoes, she would turn over in her gravy.

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? Plymouth Rock.

What key won't open any door? A turkey.

What did grandma say when picking out the turkey? Go big or gourd home.

What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving? A turkey trot.

What sound does a turkey's phone make? Wing, wing, wing!

What souvenir did the turkey take home from the stadium? A gobblehead.

What's the best way to stuff a turkey? Serve him lots of chocolate and ice cream.

What do you get when you divide a pie's circumference by its diameter? Pumpkin pi.

What's a pumpkin's favorite sport? Squash.

What did Uncle Jim say to the pecan? I only have pies for you.

Riddles

1. I have cities but no houses; I have mountains but no trees; I have water but no fish. What am I?
2. If you eat me, my sender will eat you. What am I?
3. What living thing has a heart that doesn't beat?
4. What's the coolest letter in the alphabet?
5. I can fly but have no wings; I can cry but have no eyes. What am I?
6. Always in you, sometimes on you; if I surround you, I can kill you. What am I?
7. What can't be burned in a fire nor drowned in water?
8. What word gets shorter when you add two letters to it?
9. A barrel of water weighs 60 pounds. Someone put something in it, and now it weighs 40 pounds. What did the person add?
10. What is it that, given one, you'll have either two or none?
11. What has 10 letters and starts with gas?
12. When you need me, you throw me away. When you don't need me, you bring me back. What am I?
13. What kind of coat is always wet when you put it on?
14. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with the wind. What am I?
15. What can you hold in your right hand but never in your left?
16. When is a door not a door?

ANSWERS

1. A map
2. A fishhook
3. An artichoke
4. B (it's surrounded by A/C)
5. A cloud
6. Water
7. Ice
8. Short (becomes shorter)
9. A hole
10. A choice
11. Automobile
12. An anchor
13. A coat of paint
14. An echo
15. Your left hand
16. When it's ajar

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Bob Crane - Donations



Bob Crane
State Treasurer

Thanksgiving is in the rearview mirror; can Christmas and New Years be far behind? With the year end approaching, there are many activities that the Treasurer and Financial Secretary must complete to ensure Kairos remains in compliance with IRS rules regarding charitable donations.

In short, all cash donations received in 2023 as well as checks that are dated **and** postmarked on or before Dec 31, 2023, must be recorded in Kairos donor as a 2023 donation. This is true even if checks are retrieved from the AC PO Box and deposited in January 2024. As long as they are dated and mailed by December 31, the IRS considers them a 2023 donation – and so must we. The same rules apply to PayPal donations, so I will be processing them early on January 1 to ensure any last-minute donations are included and reported.

I will be emailing more detailed instructions to all 2023 Treasurers and Financial Secretaries in early December. It will be a lengthy – but important – email. Please take the time to read it carefully and completely. If you have any questions, please contact me or Steve Newton for assistance.



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the Heart.

When We Feel Frustrated

(READ: PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13)

IN DIFFICULT SEASONS, it's natural to want to make changes--such as quitting a job, ending a friendship, or moving away--in order to resolve frustration. But first we should investigate the cause. Discontentment may come from:

INABILITY TO ACCEPT OURSELVES AS WE WERE CREATED. The talents, personality, and physical attributes God gave us are exactly what we need to follow His will for our life. Dwelling on the things we lack or would change distracts us from our purpose.

RELUCTANCE TO DEAL WITH OUR PAST. We can't move beyond painful memories and mistakes until we confront the emotional or psychological issues that resulted from them.

HOLDING ON TO UNGODLY BEHAVIORS OR ATTITUDES. Sin naturally breeds discontentment. But Psalm 119:165 says, "Those who love Your Law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble." The key to contentment lies not in our circumstances but in God Himself. The next time you're frustrated and want to change your situation, take a moment to look inward: Do you accept who God made you to be? Are you in need of His healing? Should you approach Him in repentance? Whatever the case may be, turn to the Lord--He is the source of true peace and fulfillment.



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CHRISTMAS

This is how it happened...I just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed, when I heard a noise in the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree. He placed his finger over his mouth so I would not cry out. "What are you doing?" I started to ask. The words choked up in my throat, and I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager, boisterous soul we all know. He then answered me with a simple statement. "TEACH THE CHILDREN!" I was puzzled; what did he mean? He anticipated my question, and with one quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree. As I stood bewildered, Santa said, "Teach the children! Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that now-a-days Christmas has forgotten." Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a FIR TREE and placed it before the mantle. "Teach the children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind, all the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning toward heaven." He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant STAR. "Teach the children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of His promise." He then reached into his bag and pulled out a CANDLE. "Teach the children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness." Once again he reached into his bag and removed a WREATH and placed it on the tree. "Teach the children that the wreath symbolizes the real nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection." He then pulled from his bag an ornament of himself. "Teach the children that I, St. Nick (Santa Claus) symbolize the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December." He then brought out a HOLLY LEAF. "Teach the children that the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly represents the blood shed by Him." Next he pulled from his bag a GIFT and said, "Teach the children that God so loved the world that HE gave HIS only begotten SON..." "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. "Teach the children that the wise men bowed before the Holy BABE and presented HIM with gold, frankincense and myrrh.

We should always give gifts in the same spirit of the wise men." Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a CANDY CANE and hung it on the tree. "Teach the children that the candy cane represents the shepherds' crook. The crook on the staff helps to bring back strayed sheep to the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper." He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. "Teach the children that it was the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will toward men.'" Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a BELL. "Teach the children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should ring mankind to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return." Santa looked back and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw that the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the children the true meaning of Christmas and do not put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One that is, and I bow down to worship HIM, our LORD, our GOD..... Praise Jesus!!!



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Brave Love

Do everything in love. (1 CORINTHIANS 16:14)

The four chaplains weren't known as "heroes." But on a frigid February night in 1943, when their transport ship, the SS Dorchester, was torpedoed off the coast of Greenland during World War II, the four gave their all to calm hundreds of panicked soldiers. With the ship sinking and injured men jumping for overcrowded lifeboats, the four chaplains calmed the pandemonium by "preaching courage." a survivor said.

When life jackets ran out, each took his off, giving it to a frightened young man. They had determined to go down with the ship so that others might live. Said one survivor, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

Linking arms as the ship began to sink, the chaplains prayed aloud together, offering encouragement to those perishing with them.

Bravery marks their saga. Love, however, defines the gift the four offered. Paul urged such love of all believers, including those in the storm-tossed church at Corinth. Roiled by conflict, corruption, and sin, Paul urged them to "be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13). Then he added, "Do everything in love" (v. 14).

It's a sterling command for every believer in Jesus, especially during a crisis. In life, when upheaval threatens, our bravest response reflects Christ---giving to others His love.



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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 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 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

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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

Attributes of God

(READ: PSALM 90:1-2)

FOR US AS BELIEVERS, understanding as much as we can about the Lord deepens our relationship with Him. It also helps us to share our faith with others. With that in mind, let's explore four attributes of almighty God.

1. HE HAS THE QUALITIES OF PERSONHOOD.

Mankind was created with the ability to feel, reason, and make decisions. And God has the capacity for emotion as well---Genesis 1:26 says we were made in His image. The Bible frequently makes mention of His feelings, like anger and love.

2. **THE LORD IS SPIRIT** (John 4:23-24). Because of this, He has no limitations. He isn't confined to a place, so we can worship Him anywhere. What's more, His Holy Spirit indwells each believer, so we can enjoy His presence and guidance anytime (Ps. 66:18).

3. **GOD IS ETERNAL** (Isa. 40:28). He always was, is now, and forever will be. Nothing existed before Him or will outlast Him.

4. **OUR FATHER IS UNCHANGEABLE** (Mal. 3:6). His nature and attributes always remain constant. Yes, God experiences variety in emotions, but not in the essence of His character.

What a blessing that God would teach us about Himself through the Bible. Praise Him for His attributes, and continue seeking to know Him better through His Word.

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Important websites:

Kairos of Texas: www.kairostexas.org

KPMI: www.mykairos.org

