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Psalm 40

Faith Persevering in Trial – a psalm of David

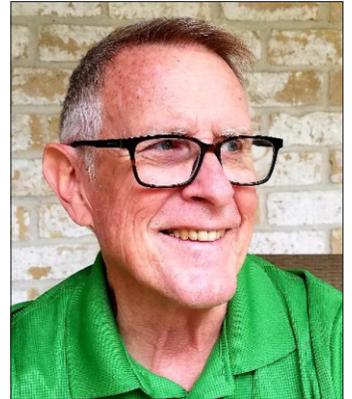
- 1 I waited patiently for the LORD.
And He inclined to me And heard my cry.
- 2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,
Out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock,
And established my steps.
- 3 He has put a new song In my mouth—
Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear,
And will trust in the LORD.

The horrible pit and miry clay of this pandemic is almost over and He is establishing our steps, praise God! He has heard our cry and is setting our feet upon a rock, the foundation upon which to rebuild our ministry.

Kairos Outside - leading the way to open Kairos in Texas, KO is already having weekends, six so far this spring, with two more scheduled in June and eleven in the fall. SWAP groups are happening. Reunions are on the rise. With some venues not being able to accommodate a Kairos Outside weekend, the effected ACs are having to move their weekends to hotels which essentially doubles the cost. For our Kairos Inside teams, please remember your local KO sisters with your inter-ministry giving.

Kairos Inside is opening up with prayer and share. As of this writing, TDCJ is allowing two volunteers in any given session, which gives us the basis for holding Prayer and Share in our prisons. If your community is not inside the prison, be in contact with the chaplain, the opportunity is there.

We don't know how TDCJ will continue to unfold. Using my own home Kairos community, the Darrington Unit as an example, Kairos prayer and share opened April 10 limited to twenty-two persons, including correctional officers, two volunteers and eighteen residents in the chapel. This past Saturday, May 15, the prayer and share session had twenty-nine inmates, still limited to two volunteers, and one correctional officer for a total of thirty-two socially distanced individuals. Use this time to develop continuing ministry with prayer and share, reunions, and one-day retreats when the volunteer numbers permit.



Ray Sims
KOT Chair

Now, fast forward and let's say that TDCJ allows ten volunteers. The temptation may be to hold a weekend, right? It's been more than a year since our last one, everyone is anxious to get back to the Kairos we know and love, but no, we don't have enough volunteers to conduct a weekend per the KI silver manual. No standards should be relaxed just because the pandemic appears to be in retreat. Our commitment to excellence is still paramount, and the weekends should not be diluted because the facility does not yet permit enough volunteers to host three table families (the minimum number of families permitted by the manual). We owe our brothers and sisters in white the best Kairos experience we can give them.

On the other hand, when TDCJ does allow the number of volunteers to properly conduct a weekend, our volunteer base may not be sufficient to support forty-two participants. Don't be disappointed with that. Work with the number of volunteers you have to support the appropriate number of participants, and look to the future to rebuild the ministry to the point we can fully engage forty-two participants. This is the time to fully address the points outlined in the Excellence Initiative Report for outstanding experience for our participants.

Kairos Torch is still closed to volunteers but Doug Brodie, Family and Community Relations Specialist for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, spoke to the State Chapter Committee meeting assembly on May 1. As the effects of COVID-19

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“Semper Fi.” If you've ever been around a Marine or really anyone in the military, you've probably heard this phrase. Semper Fi is short for “Semper Fidelis.” It's the motto of the United States Marine Corps and it's Latin for “always faithful.”

Jim was just that, first of all a United States Marine, and then a servant leader whose passion for Christ literally touched a thousand lives through Kairos. Jim was always faithful to the causes he pursued. After a long battle with cancer, he was laid to rest on May 10.

James “Jim” M. Irwin Jr. was born September 16, 1938, in Pitcairn, PA. He graduated from the University of Pittsburg with a B. S. Degree in Petroleum Engineering. He was awarded the Socony-Mobil scholarship. Jim worked 49 years in the petroleum and aerospace industries, the Texas Railroad Commission and the Texas General Land Office. He was involved with work on the Gemini Spacecraft and the test launch of the USAF Minuteman III ICBM at Cape Kennedy, FL. He was a member of the ARCO Dallas Area Speaker's Bureau presenting arguments for U.S. energy independence in the early 1980s.

Jim became a United States Marine in 1961 and earned several honors including Battalion Honor Man and the American Spirit of Honor medal. He was a Marine from then on until the day he died.

In 1999, Jim joined Kairos and volunteered for 18 years where he was blessed to share the love of Christ in five Texas prisons with nearly 1000 men. He served the Kairos of Texas chapter as vice chair and later as chair. Donna, his wife, baked thousands of cookies over the years and lovingly supported him as he worked in the ministry. Jim's personal mission was to bring the Kairos Inside programs in Texas into compliance with the manual (at the time the Red manual), specifically conducting the weekend all with Kairos volunteers and without stewards (resident servers). That stand was not popular, but Jim didn't vary because he believed it was the right thing to do. That is the way he was, not afraid to take an unpopular stand because he firmly believed in the chain of command. That is the order of KPMI, delivering the ministry through the program manuals and the advisory councils in Texas implementing the ministry as written.



The passing of Jim Irwin United States Marine And a Servant for Christ

He believed that if change is needed, we have the ways and means to do it.

In 2014 Jim and Donna joined the Foundry United Methodist Church where he piloted the Ambassadors of Compassion Program in the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District. He was awarded the CFISD Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award. The following video is a wonderful tribute to Jim and speaks to his involvement as a mentor in CFISD and his love for Kairos.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VRLD3Bbn8v77NRcXIE1DQ9LNWEzWWDLY/view>

The pastor of the Foundry United Methodist Church, Ray Hughes, told us something Jim said to him shortly before his death, “I beat Hezekiah.” What did he mean by that? In 2 Kings 20, Hezekiah was told by Isaiah the prophet, “Thus says the Lord, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live'.” Hezekiah then set his face to the wall and prayed and wept bitterly. The Lord gave him fifteen years. From Jim's diagnosis, the Lord gave him sixteen years and some months. What did he do with those years? He brought people to Christ. I have no doubt Jim has met Jesus face-to-face and heard those words we all so want to hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” Semper Fi!

LISTEN **LOVE**
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KPMI Annual Conference - Scott Baker

Have You Considered Attending the 2021 Kairos Annual Conference at a Mega Discount?

The Kairos Annual Conference will be held in person this July in Louisville, KY. Most Conference attendees will travel to Louisville on Thursday, July 15, and return on Saturday, July 17. If you have previously attended an Annual Conference, you know how enriching and enjoyable the experience can be.

And this year, for the first time, KOT is offering to pay the largest cost component, the Registration Fees, for **4 AC members from each Advisory Council**. The Registration Fees cover all accommodations, meals, snacks and materials. Secondly, KOT is encouraging the AC's to pay the transportation costs for those 4 AC members, so the Conference becomes very affordable!

You may ask, "Beyond affordability, why would I want to attend?"

The Preliminary Conference Schedule can be viewed on mykairos.org at: <https://mykairos.org/docs/conference/2021/2021PreliminarySchedule.pdf>. Each day begins with Breakfast followed by Morning Worship.

Most attendees will be traveling to Louisville on Thursday. After a very nice dinner, there will be a General Session to start the Conference. It is always interesting as Evelyn Lemly and her Team will provide informative presentations, guest speakers, music and prayer. You will always learn something new to share with your AC. Following the General Session will be a Memorial Service where all Kairos Volunteers who have passed on to be with Jesus in the past year are remembered. And because of CoVid's disruption to our Annual Conference last year, the Memorial service will honor all of those who passed over the last two years. It is a solemn remembrance service and reminds us of how expansive the Kairos ministry is today.

On Friday after Morning Worship, the Workshop Sessions begin, and there will be 4 opportunities to attend any Workshops of your choice. A listing of the 25 currently planned Workshops can be found at: <https://mykairos.org/docs/conference/2021/2021WorkshopDescriptions.pdf>. The Workshops, always very informative, offer practical insight and suggestions covering a broad range of topics.

After a very nice dinner that evening, a second and totally different General Session will be presented.

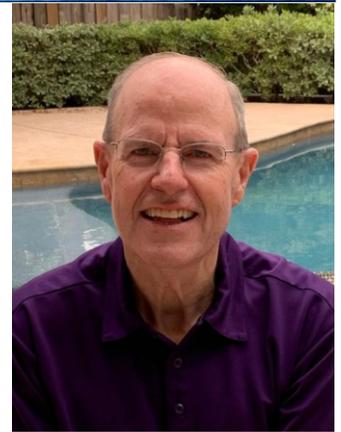
On Saturday, after Morning Worship, there will be 2 more opportunities to attend Workshops followed by lunch. The Conference concludes at 1:00PM.

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Scott Baker Vice Chair



But Wait! There is more.

I believe the people you meet and share Kairos with will enrich your Conference as much as anything else. You will meet Kairos Volunteers from around the world in Workshops, in the common areas over snacks, and over meals. You will undoubtedly gain enrichment and further understanding of the ministry by sharing with others engaged in Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch and Kairos Inside. I recall a gentleman I met one morning at breakfast who I learned has done multiple Weekends on Death Row. I found our conversation enriching, remarkable and enlightening. I also remember sharing lunch with some volunteers from a California AC where I asked them how they could already be doing Weekend #110 when, at that time, Kairos was only celebrating its 40th anniversary? We had a great and enlightening discussion. It turned out that they actually conduct 6 Weekends a year with 1 Advisory Council. Your experiences can be as numerous and informative throughout the Weekend as you are inquisitive.

There is a FAQ section you can peruse at:

<https://mykairos.org/docs/conference/2021/2021FAQs.pdf>

Now that you would like to register through Steve Newton by June 4, visit

<https://mykairos.org/docs/conference/2021/2021AnnualConferenceRegistrationFillableForm.pdf> for a Registration Form.

And finally, KOT is offering a money back guarantee: If you are not completely satisfied with your experience, Steve Newton will refund to you all of the Conference Fees you incurred!

I look forward to seeing the 4 representatives from your Advisory Council at the 2021 Annual Conference!



Cookies for Briscoe - Sherman Armstrong

Brothers and Sisters,

I had hoped to be able to write you today and tell you that the cookie distribution yesterday went as planned, but I cannot. I have to say that things went far smoother than I could have imagined! Jeff Fasenmyer, wearing his CVCA hat, joined Brian Boles and me to pass out cookies with the help of our Chaplain Atkinson, his field ministers and our beloved Osie and J.B. We were able to visit each wing and hand cookies out to men as their cell doors were opened to us one a time. The residents were so excited about their cookies. We were able to quickly bless each man and remind them that the Kairos community was praying for them.

Thanks in no small part to Steve Ryan who had all the cookies loaded on carts when we arrived at UUMC to pick up our sweets. We arrived almost 30 minutes early to Briscoe. We got in quickly with the cookies with great cooperation from the staff and officers who all knew what was going on and were ready for us. It was a beautiful day to bless everyone with love from God and His people...all of you!!!!

Many of you had a hand in pulling this cookie agape event together, some behind the scenes, others at our bagging event which was inspiring and fun, and still others who could not join us this time around but were with us in prayer. As the body of Christ we all had a part in this expression of agape that will have positive reverberations for months to come. I'd like to share two impressions from my own perspective.

First, I can't begin to guess at the number of men who stood in their cells after the door had closed. They were holding the note in their hand, the note our baggers inserted into each bag of cookies. They were reading it carefully and soaking in the fact that people who don't know them took the time to prepare cookies for them to remind them that they are prayed for and not alone. I witnessed this many times throughout our journey across the unit.

Finally, a story. One of the field ministers named Guy shared with me that he has been quietly discipling some Muslim gentlemen in his wing being very respectful and tactful in the things he says so he's in a position to minister to them as God provides opportunities for him to tell them more about Jesus. About a week ago one of these men learned that his brother in the world had passed away. He was distraught as he held onto Guy and Guy held onto him as he wept over the loss of his brother. Guy said to



him, "I know you lost a brother, but you've also gained a brother 'cause I'm here for you."

Now, I want you to imagine what that man must have felt when he received cookies from people who don't know him and loved him anyway with the love of Jesus. Take a moment to close your eyes, put yourself in his shoes and think how those cookies may impact him for Christ. Was all the work and expense worth it? Absolutely!!!

*I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16*

Remembrances

At the KPMI National Convention in July these people, who have gone to be with Jesus in the past year, will be honored:

Roy Blevins
Johnnie Blake
Steve Cheney
Gary Curry
Tommie Dill
Ross Dunn
Jim Irwin
Steve Roach
Gerald Schorr
Joanne Spiller



If you know anyone we have missed please let us know.

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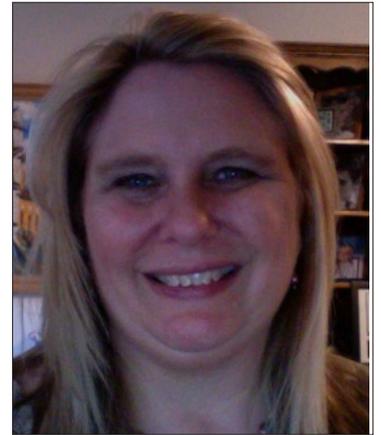
Venturing Out - Susan Mannas

This has been such a crazy time of late. The political unrest, the Economic upheaval, the scare about our health from COVID and the divesting losses it has brought. Amongst all of that our Kairos Outside family who have a loved one on the Inside have had compounded angst. They are trying to deal with all of the above, but also be there and be strong for their loved ones on the inside. All the while they worry about their loved ones' health and safety as they hear stories of the ravaging the virus was doing behind the walls. This was compounded by the new distance that separation and lack of visitation brought. The expense of phone calls and in rare circumstance a video call and the sporadic nature of receiving those calls and then the endless time in between when they would actually get those calls added to their stress as well.

As I have talked with KO communities across the state so many have quietly and faithfully just done what has been needed for their communities. They have been the glue for each other. They have reached out to check on each other and spent endless time comforting and listening to each other. In some communities there has been so much loss. Every week the email would come with the new names of those who needed prayer and support, listing those who were now in the hospital and those who had gone to be with the Lord. It has been grueling to hear this week after week. The need and the loss has been so great. I have listened to communities struggle with how to regroup, how to pick up the pieces and find new council members and fill their leadership. Some of the councils have been too busy just supporting their communities let alone trying to gather and begin to think about their next weekend.

Yet despite all this some have begun, many are pushing through and picking themselves up and pressing on. It has been amazing and humbling to watch and incredible to think what has been accomplished. For those who have had weekends the awesomeness of God as He showed up for the guests has been spectacular. It is as if the greatest KO weekends ever have just started to take place. The guests have been so hungry and open and ready to gather and there have been amazing moments Councils have found new flexibility as they comply with the COVID restrictions and teams have found new strength in creating new places for collaboration like never before. Angels have stepped up and gone to great lengths to fill in the gaps and it has been amazing.

Susan Mannas
KO Co-Chair



I am reminded that sometimes in order to see the light we need to have been in the dark. Evelyn Lemly, CEO of KPMI, has challenged us to "Find The Blessings". I say it is in our resilience and our steadfastness to have stood by each other in these darkest of times and to now venture out into a new light. I feel our councils will be stronger and we will share stronger bonds. We are ready to begin God's work again and to be there to Listen, Listen and Love, Love. We must start with prayer and supporting each other and then the rebuilding will come. Assess where your community is, take is slow lean into God and each other and the empty council positions and gaps in your leadership and teams will fall into place. Grace - extend Grace and work with those as they come back where they are at.



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God at Work Through Kairos Outside - Nancy Patterson

Yesterday we participated in a local event called Abilene Gives. We are thrilled and richly blessed that we collected almost \$9,000 in donations. There are *many* excellent and worthy non-profits to choose from in Abilene, so most of our donations were made by Kairos members and their families and friends.

Last year we just dipped our feet into the water and were surprised to collect \$3100. This year we put our efforts into educating the volunteers, thereby increasing the donor base. Next year we hope to continue building our base and add some corporate sponsors or matching donors.

Abilene Gives 2021 was so much fun! Excitement was high as we participated in contests and actually won \$1400 from matching donations and drawings! Texts and phone calls were flying back and forth all day. Some of us accomplished little that day, choosing to answer questions, communicate about team contest efforts and mostly sit on the edge of our seats as the dollars kept coming in.

However, at the end of the day, God's glory was best seen in the many acts of sacrificial giving from the heart and not from a surplus of resources.

Many of us are uncomfortable approaching people about money, period. However, our goal was to contact every volunteer, including previous guests, offer them an *opportunity to participate* in this event by donating even \$10, and maybe asking some friends and family to do the same. Imagine our relief when we found that everyone was glad to hear from us. We actually did not encounter negativity, instead we received blessings. Some of the guests were burdened down and hungry for someone to simply Listen, Listen, Love, Love and perhaps to pray with them.

When one of the volunteers reached a guest on her list, she quickly got the impression that her contact might not have money to contribute to fund-raising. The volunteer actually decided not to mention Abilene Gives, but just to talk about the upcoming garage sales and the fun reunion planned for July. However, when she opened her mouth, out came the information about Abilene Gives after all! It is a fact that the guest works hard for little money, but the instant she understood about the fund-raiser, she eagerly asked if she could meet us at her bank so she could donate \$100. When she arrived as scheduled, she had decided to write a check and had the KO volunteer fill it out for her as they worked atop the trunk of her older model, hail battered car. Sacrificial giving!

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Nancy Patterson
KO Abilene Chair

Then there was the guest who responded to a pre-call text, saying that this was not a good time for her to talk. *Her son, who had been incarcerated in a prison far distant from Texas, had died that morning from a drug and alcohol overdose.* He had been out of prison only 3 months. His Mom was planning to visit him in the fall. But fall, for him, never came.

She said “If it hadn't been for the letter I got from him at the KO Weekend, I probably would never have spoken to him again, but thankfully that letter put us back in touch!”

Our hearts broke for her loss and disappointment, but we were also filled with the joy of the Lord, believing that this was a “God wink”. Sometimes He lets us see the fruits of our labor. This was such a time. It was an affirmation for the KO process and all that goes into it and all that it means.

We never mentioned Abilene Gives or the upcoming garage sales that we were inviting people to help with. Of course not, when she had lost her son that very day.

When we thought our conversation was over for the night, she texted once again.”Who could I talk to that has responsibility at Kairos?” We wondered if she had a complaint and explained that the local KO chairperson might be able to help, or she could put her in contact with someone at the state or national level. She said, “Oh I just want to find out how I can make a donation”.

What??? We didn't ask her for a donation! We knew who prompted her to think of a donation at such a time in her life, yet we were amazed anew by the love of our Father, the sacrificial death of Jesus our Lord, and the power of the Holy Spirit who is our indwelling spiritual guide!

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Governor's Awards



**Thomas Barnes
Chair of New Starts
& Pack Unit**

(AUSTIN) –Thomas Barnes of Waller, Texas was presented the Leonard Davis Award during the Governor's 2020-2021 Criminal Justice Volunteer Service Awards program today. The award was presented by Texas Board of Criminal Justice Patrick O'Daniel and TDCJ Executive Director Bryan Collier during an online ceremony.

“These volunteers give their time and talents to help others throughout Texas,” said O'Daniel. “They selflessly serve because they feel a responsibility to help others.”

“These volunteers dedicate themselves daily to helping others succeed,” said Collier. “In the coming years, the scope of the precious time and effort that they invested will be evident across the State of Texas.”

Mr. Barnes, a certified volunteer chaplain's assistant (CVCA), has been a volunteer since 2001. He has shown exemplary dedication and faithfulness at the Pack Unit for the last three years, working with unit field ministers, facilitating chaplaincy programming, and completing daily administrative tasks given to the Chaplaincy Department. During the pandemic, he has continued to volunteer at the Pack Unit, three to four times a week for seven hours each day. He has served more than 1,100 volunteer hours during fiscal year 2020. He responds to inmates' requests, facilitating their phone calls, communicating with staff regarding DVD scheduling for inmates and coordinating indigent supplies with outside sources for inmates' use. He has proven to be an invaluable team member for the Pack Unit Chaplaincy Department.



**Robert Diggs - Telford,
Beto, Estes, Hilltop and
Mountainview**

The Governor's Award was presented to Tommy Diggs by Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman Patrick O'Daniel and TDCJ Executive Director Bryan Collier during an online ceremony.

“These volunteers give their time and talents to help others throughout Texas,” said O'Daniel. “They unselfishly serve because they feel a responsibility to help others.”

Mr. Diggs, a certified Volunteer Chaplain's Assistant (CVCA), has served since 1998. During the pandemic, he helped cover the Telford Unit by working with the chaplains several days a week. He has picked up religious service DVD's on numerous occasions, commuting from the Dallas area and delivering to the unit in New Boston. He also helped in the daily rotation of worship services. He assists with weekly COVID phone call requests made on behalf of the inmates to their families. The chapel never missed a beat because of his untiring efforts, as he traveled more than 20,000 miles during the fiscal year 2020.

Mr. Diggs is one of 16 individuals and 6 organizations from across the state recognized for their efforts to help inmates and those who are on parole and probation. They donate many hours of their personal time every year with the goal of changing the lives of convicted offenders, and aiding and comforting their victims.

Bob Diggs is also a leader in conducting Kairos Weekends in Texas TDCJ Units.

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wanes. TJJD is slowly opening up and letting volunteers in. The criteria to be a volunteer begins with a background check, and fingerprints. He expects that volunteers will be required to be vaccinated for COVID. Volunteers cannot not have any criminal record. Tremendous opportunities are in TJJD to work with these kids and their families. Some groups are reaching into the facilities with prayer, food, cards, etc., and they will continue to grow.

Dickson de la Haye, dicksondlh@gmail.com, is leading the way for the Kairos Torch premier in TJJD with the Giddings State School. Located between Houston and Austin, just off US 290, the school is not yet open to volunteers, but that should change this year. Dickson is looking for volunteers to help in building the advisory council, targeting a weekend for 2022 and mentoring Torch graduates residing at the school after the first weekend.

In the meantime, both our existing programs, Torch Amarillo and Torch Katy (Houston) are looking to October, 2021 for their weekends. In addition to needing the facilities granting access, both team leaders need volunteers. Amarillo team leaders are Steve and Marion Fike, fikefive@sbcglobal.net, and the Katy team leader is Tracy Moragas, tjmrgs@sbcglobal.net. If you feel God's nudge to be involved, reach out to them!

In conclusion, what good news! After a year and three months, God is lifting us out of the miry clay and setting our feet on a rock. As with King David, God is putting a new song in my mouth for which I give praise to Him and I will trust in the Lord! How about you?

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Yes, our campaign was very successful... and as a side bonus we raised a bunch of money! All glory to God!

P.S. This was a reminder for us to stay in contact with our people, even if they never reach out to us!

There are other cities who have this same program. Perhaps other ACs that need to do fund-raising could check that out in their area!

Sincerely happy to be part of Kairos Outside and on behalf of all the women who are so faithfully engaged.

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AS WE GO ON

Barbara Shirley KOCT

(This poem was written to Ann when her precious husband went to be with God.)



Sweet, loving, precious Ann,
My love feels your pain.
Do not be anxious: Do not fret.
You will be with Claud again.

I know your days are longer yet,
And the nights are longer still.
As a woman of faith you're trusting
And believing that it was God's will.

As family and friends surround you,
I know it's not the constant presence of Claud.
And when your flesh give in to your grief,
Trust he is in the hands of God...

So, take care my dear friend,
You were present and steadfast on your post,
When the trumpet sounded and the angels rejoiced,
As Claud surrendered and gave up his ghost.

From the time we met you have had an impact,
On my life as we struggled thru life.
We laughed, shared, cried and prayed!
About our hardships, losses and strife.

You will get on with your life my friend.
I am here when you want me or not.
Our Spiritual bond will never separate us,
My love for you will always be red-hot!



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Governor's Award for Tommie Dill

Tommie Dill Posthumous Award Polunsky Unit



(AUSTIN) – Tommie Dill of Livingston, Texas was posthumously awarded the Chaplaincy Department Award during the Governor's 2020-2021 Criminal Justice Volunteer Service Awards program today. His widow, Linda Dill of Livingston, accepted the award on his behalf.

The award was presented by Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman Patrick O'Daniel and TDCJ Executive Director Bryan Collier during an online ceremony.

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Since their arrival at the Polunsky Unit in Livingston almost two decades ago, Tommie and Linda Dill have made their mark with the men who are incarcerated there. As a pastor, Tommie took the services to a new level by providing "his church," as he referred to it, with the latest in spiritual and technological gifts. He had the latest programs and installed a completely digital sound system, as well as an in-unit radio station. Even during the pandemic, the Dills continued as faithful volunteers at the Polunsky Unit. Linda shifted roles from teaching to recording messages that were broadcast regularly on the radio station. Tommie's last wish was for his devotionals to continue for the inmates. His daughter now records them weekly in his honor.

Tommie Dill is one of 16 individuals and 6 organizations from across the state recognized for their efforts to help inmates and those who are on parole or probation. They donate many hours of their personal time every year with the goal of changing the lives of convicted inmates, as well as aiding and comforting their victims.

In FY2020, there were 19,589 volunteers who provided a total of 220,502 hours of service.

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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 2021 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.

STATE Meetings

Dates: February 6; May 1; August 7; November 6

Time: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

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

Location: Hill Country Bible Church

12124 RR 620 North

Cedar Park, TX

BOARD Meetings

Dates: February 5; April 30; August 6; November 5

Time: 5:00 pm Kairos of Texas Board

Time: 7:00 pm Kairos Outside Board

Location: Austin Hampton Inn

10811 Pecan Park Blvd.

Austin, TX

512-249-0045

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Important websites:

Kairos of Texas: www.kairostexas.org

KPMI: www.mykairos.org

