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**Kairos Annual Conference** - from July 13 through 17 in Louisville, KY, for those attending, what an absolutely wonderful experience! It was so refreshing to see people gathered again celebrating the ministry we all love, Kairos. Of the 450 Kairos men and women attending, 93 were from Texas! Each day opened with praise, worship and a message, then closed with an over-the-top general session, again with praise, worship, and inspirational testimonies. In addition, beginning Thursday morning and ending with lunch on Saturday, twenty-four workshops were held addressing such diverse topics as spirituality in Planning for Prayer and Your Identity in Christ, then ranging to the practical nuts and bolts of the ministry, How to Get Volunteers and then Retaining Volunteers was also offered. All workshops are recorded and can be found on Mykairos.org. The annual conference was once again held in God's perfect time – Kairos!

## Looking Forward -

Meanwhile, the Delta Variant rages on in Texas. KPMI directs us to follow the Center for Disease Control, the CDC, and local guidelines and directives. Within that framework, each AC must decide as to how it will participate in the fall. Pray, pray, pray! Each volunteer participating in a face-to-face meeting or event must have a **Health Requirements for COVID-19** signed copy on file, maintained by the AC secretary and each Kairos Outside guest must also have a **Health Requirements After COVID-19 – For Kairos Outside Guests** signed copy on file. Both documents are found at [mykairos.org/downloads](http://mykairos.org/downloads).

**Kairos Outside** - Kairos Outside continues to be the only one of three programs holding weekends in Texas. In addition to the eight weekends completed thus far in 2021, nine more are scheduled for the fall. Weekends are happening, continuing ministry is ongoing with SWAP groups and reunions, and overall, the Kairos Outside communities in Texas are in great shape.

Unfortunately, there are a couple of exceptions and one Kairos Outside community in particular is especially threatened with cessation, **Kairos Outside Central Texas**. This community is vital to Texas and it needs leadership volunteers. KOCT needs five saints immediately to fill the



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**KOT Chair**

positions of chair, vice chair, secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer. Without these leadership positions filled, KOCT will become the first post pandemic AC in Texas to dissolve which will leave a gaping hole right in the middle of the state. Without KOCT, those precious women affected by incarceration living in this area will have to travel much further to receive the love of Christ through the experience of Kairos Outside. Right now, a team of prayer warriors are praying for KOCT. That team prays that God will raise up an army in central Texas to serve our sisters in that part of the state. If you hear that still, small voice nudging you, don't disregard it, reach out and serve! Note that, regarding an advisory council in a restart state, one can serve on more than one AC, and where you are called, God will provide you the wherewithal to meet that calling!

**Kairos Inside** – The bar for opening a prison to the pre-pandemic volunteer programming is set at 70% vaccination rate for both the inmates and the administration. However, the two following situations illustrate that it is really up to the warden and chaplain at each individual unit as to whether Kairos weekends happen once that 70% mark is achieved. The C.T. Terrell and Wallace Pack units are very similar in several ways. Both units are medical units which have reached the 70% rate. However, the Terrell unit has recently experienced an outbreak, COVID cases and is now off limits to

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## Letter from Evelyn Lemley

Greetings Annual Conference Attendees,

It's been roughly a month since we were together for the 2021 Annual Conference. It was a wonderful, blessed time of learning, sharing, fellowship, and renewal for all of us. I trust you have taken the time to review your experience, and reflect on the blessings you encountered during the conference. Please don't allow your learnings and blessings from the conference to remain with you only. – Share them with your fellow Kairos family!

A few reminders from the conference:

- Find the Blessing! We will continue with this theme for 2021. Look around and see what God is doing and praise Him for all. Share the blessings with others so they can see the Lord at work too. Our verse from Psalm 105:1 says it well. "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done."

- Remember that Continuing Ministry is the heart of Kairos. The Lord is giving us an opportunity as we re-enter Correctional Facilities slowly to restart or to start with Prayer and Share, and Reunions for Kairos Inside; or to have reunions with the youth. It's also an opportunity to strengthen Kairos Outside and ensure we are holding wonderful Share, Witness, Accountability, Prayer (S.W.A.P) groups and reunions with Kairos Outside. Please don't miss the opportunity to help those we have served on the Weekends to grow in their journey with the Lord.

- Pray! Often and diligently. Praise the good, pray for the struggles, pray for each other, lift up Kairos. Remember Kairos is His ministry and we lift it up to Him at all times. Pray!

We have numerous opportunities to move into new facilities with Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch and to grow with Kairos Outside. To do this we need people – so share your story and help us recruit people to serve as God opens the door for us.

**Evelyn Lemley**  
KPMI - CEO



A recording of the workshops, along with copies of the presentations and handouts, are on MyKairos.org. You can review those you attended, view those you missed, and encourage others to utilize these tools. Some may be good for group sharing to review and discuss. There are numerous ways to use these, and they are tools for our volunteers to use. Special thanks to all the presenters who did a wonderful job.

- The Thursday and Friday evening general sessions are posted also for review and to view the wonderful testimonies. Please remember to be diligent in our planning for Kairos and always strive to help Kairos work with excellence. We want to give our best to the Lord daily.

Thank you for coming to the Annual Conference. Your presence made the time together special. Thank you for your service in Kairos. Praying together for safety and good health for all.

Blessings,



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## We Are Blessed - Scott Baker

Noting that 2021 has been a challenging year for our Kairos Ministry would be an understatement. The Covid 19 pandemic has presented a very significant global health challenge that has produced many deaths and has touched every aspect of our work and personal lives. It has isolated people in their homes, challenged social interactions, and produced a degree of fear in all citizens of the world. We have learned to adapt to the reality of a global pandemic, but it has been a first for most of us on this earth.

However, if we think our lives have been adversely impacted by the pandemic, consider the impact that it has had on all those people who are incarcerated and even further distanced from their families. Visitations have been practically non-existent. The daily movements of all incarcerated men, women and youth have been significantly restricted. And many meals have had to be served and eaten in their housing units as Dining Halls were closed for social distancing. Accordingly, interactions were significantly curtailed, aggravating loneliness. Most activities and exercise opportunities have had to be drastically curtailed. And religious programs, Bible studies, church services, Prayer & Share functions, Kairos Reunions and Kairos Weekends have been largely stagnated.

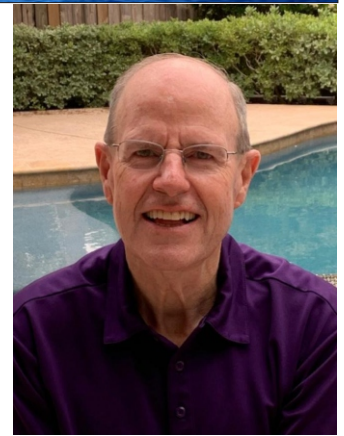
Our KPMI theme in 2021 is "Find the Blessing." Even with the very discouraging impact the Covid virus has imposed on our society and our ministry, we are Blessed! Consider that everyone in our nation is "Blessed" to have the freedom to worship as we feel led. We are all also able to access a bountiful supply of food, clean water, power, fully equipped hospitals, housing, doctors, vaccinations, and personal protection, just to name a few. In short, "We are blessed."

I am reminded of a statement made in our church one Sunday about how blessed we are that went:

"The earth is moving at 67,000 MPH or 1,600,000 miles per day. Our heart beats over 100,000 times per day. We breathe approximately 17,000 times per day. So why are we worried? Seems as though God has it all under control."

~ Pastor Mark Sorenson

**Scott Baker**  
**Vice Chair**



### Kairos Energy

Kairos Weekends have been significantly fewer in 2021, but I am excited to report that Kairos is alive and well in Texas. Texas is known globally for its Energy, and Kairos Prison Ministry in Texas is no different.

In Texas, we currently have 63 Advisory Councils. This translates to having Kairos currently available in 48 men's and women's State prisons. It also translates to having 12 very active Kairos Outside Units serving women in the free world whose lives and families are impacted by incarceration. We additionally currently have Kairos Torch offered in two Texas Juvenile Detention Centers. During our Quarterly Kairos of Texas State meeting in Austin August 7, 2021, the State Chapter Committee and the State Representatives from each Advisory Council voted to approve a New Start Torch Unit for the Giddings State School in Giddings, TX. KPMI has challenged us to "Find the Blessing" and having 63 Advisory Councils needs to be on the list! Just consider the number of lives and families that are positively impacted by the love of Jesus being shared. And think about the future impacts of the ministry on all the Participants AND on the Volunteers. The energy generated from these Kairos Weekends reminds me of the Parable of the Mustard Seed which is contained in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. In this parable, Jesus predicts the amazing growth of the kingdom of heaven. The mustard seed is quite small, but it grows into a very large shrub and Jesus says that this is a picture of kingdom growth. The point of the Parable of the Mustard Seed is that something

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I'd like to talk to you about Relationships within our 3 programs and how those affect our Continuing Ministry responsibilities. Back in 2019, we started working on realigning our communities and trying to level out the playing field as far as who has who. Unfortunately, that is limited to distance so some of our Kairos Outsides have more Units to take care of and vice versa. We talked to the Advisory Council Reps/Chairs and explained how all of this would come together, what was expected, how to navigate through those waters and how to develop those relationships. We were ready! Then Covid hit. Some of you may believe that the only communication you need to have with your Kairos Outside community is just to schedule a closing speaker, and get reservation forms and brochures to take into the unit. We are so much more than this and wow, what a difference we can make if we work together in all aspects of the ministry.

Here are some ways that we can help one another:

- When you have your team meetings, think about inviting your Kairos Outside Community to come and serve lunch. I promise you; this is an honor to be asked to serve and give back.
- Send a Kairos Inside or Kairos Torch representative to come and talk about your programs at a Team Meeting.
- Take our flyers and reservation forms into your units. Kairos Outsides, let me remind you that you should be working with the Institutional Liaison to coordinate this. Please do not just mail in packets to the Chaplains. We always want to follow the chain of command and respect those boundaries. These don't have to wait for a weekend to go in but communicate with each other, so everyone is on the same page.
- During Prayer and Share, take a few minutes to remind them to send their adult female family members. It's easier now more than ever and they don't need a form. Tell them simply [www.kairosoutside.com](http://www.kairosoutside.com).
- When a guest is coming on a weekend, the Observing Leader can reach out to that Unit and let them know you have a guest coming. Names are not necessary because we also want to protect the confidentiality of that

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guest. Sometimes, that relationship with that inmate is hostile and we don't need anything to sabotage that experience.

- Go to the closings – for all of our programs, this is so important. It shows our participants and guests that we support them, that we are praying for them and that they are now part of a bigger family. I've seen as many as 15 Outside volunteers show up for an Inside closing and wow, you could feel the spirit in that gymnasium. Be sure that you are communicating early so those names can get on the gate list. If you are attending a Kairos Outside closing, this is so impactful and it's always a joy to hear these ladies' testimony. Let me add that the ladies are not pressured into speaking. Sometimes you may have a very small number and other weekends you may have too many to count. Remember, a lot of these women have just shared their story and to now share it with total strangers may be too difficult. Just like the men, it's often the quietest ones who will be the first to hop up and speak.
- Participate in the Walking in Love or Flowers at Dawn. Each Advisory Council has chosen which of these they will have on their weekends. Walking in Love is where the outside community shows up around 8:00 pm; they have a short discussion time with a previous guest and how much of a difference the weekend made for them. They will dismiss and then line the walkway, holding a candle and singing to the ladies as they go from one area to another. This is so moving for the ladies and yes, there are usually lots and lots of tears. The Flowers at Dawn are done on Sunday morning around 5:30 a.m. and the outside community will offer a flower for each guest. You should bring your own flowers just in case there are not enough of what is already there. The guests end up with these huge bouquets and yes, again. LOTS of tears as some of these ladies have NEVER been given fresh flowers. I can't promise that you might not also get a little teary eyed.

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## THANKFULNESS

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
His love endures forever. ( Psalm 107:1)

In the early days of the settlement of the western part of the United States, travelers encountered considerable difficulty. One party of pioneers on the Oregon Trail had suffered greatly from a scarcity of water for themselves and grass for their horses. Some of the wagons had broken down, causing delays in the stifling heat. Optimism and cheer were gone.

One night a meeting was called for the purpose of airing their complaints. When the pioneers had gathered around the campfire, one of them arose and said, "Before we do anything else, I think we should first thank God that we have come this far with no loss of life and that we have enough strength left to finish our journey." After the prayer, there was silence. No one had any grievances that they felt were important enough to voice. Thankfulness often transforms a grumbling spirit into one of contentment, enabling us to see the many mercies of God that we ordinarily would overlook. A grateful heart finds God-given blessing in every hour of distress.

Are you experiencing frustrations and difficulties? As the burdens rest heavily upon you and the temptation to murmur increases, take time to thank God for His enduring mercies. In counting your blessings you will find that thankfulness will change pessimism to praise.

The sure cure for depression is praise.

## PRAISE

*A Prayer for first thing in the morning.* Good morning, Lord! Great is Your faithfulness and Your steadfast love! Your mercies are made new every morning. I don't know what is going to happen today, but You do. So I give this day to You. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and energize me for Your work. Awaken me to the wonder of Your salvation, and quicken my spirit to Your presence in my life. This day is Yours. My body is Yours, My mind is Yours. Everything I am is Yours. You will be faithful to complete the good work You've started, and as I step out into my day, I declare Your sovereignty over every area of my life. I entrust myself to You and ask that You use me however You see fit. May You be pleased with me today. "Abba!" ( Father!) Amen! Shalom! (Peace).

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## PRAYER

Prayer is a conversation with God, not a formula. Yet sometimes we might need to use a "method" to freshen up our prayer time. We can pray the Psalms or other Scriptures (such as the Lord's Prayer), or use the ACTS method (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication). I recently came across this "Five-Finger Prayer" to use as a guide when praying for others:

When you fold your hands, the thumb is nearest you. So, begin by praying for those closest to you---your loved ones. (Philippians 1:3-5).

The index finger is the pointer. Pray for those who teach- Bible teachers and preachers, and those who teach children. (1 Thessalonians 5:25)

The next finger is the tallest. It reminds you to pray for those in authority over you---national and local leaders, and your supervisor at work. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

The fourth finger is usually the weakest. Pray for those who are in trouble or who are suffering. (James 5:13-16).

Then comes your little finger. It reminds you of your smallness in relation to God's greatness. Ask Him to supply your needs. (Philippians 4:6, 19)

Whatever method you use, just talk with your Father. He wants to hear what's on your heart.

It's not the words we pray that matter; it's the condition of our heart.

God  
is in Control



## Michael Garner - On His Parents

This is a story of an aging couple told their son who was President of NBC NEWS

*This is a wonderful piece by Michael Gartner, editor of newspapers large and small and president of NBC News. In 1997, he won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing. It is well worth reading, and a few good chuckles are guaranteed. Here goes...*

My father never drove a car. Well, that's not quite right. I should say I never saw him drive a car. He quit driving in 1927, when he was 25 years old, and the last car he drove was a 1926 Whippet.

"In those days," he told me when he was in his 90s, "to drive a car you had to do things with your hands, and do things with your feet, and look every which way, and I decided you could walk through life and enjoy it or drive through life and miss it."

At which point my mother, a sometimes salty Irishwoman, chimed in: "Oh, bull shit!" she said. "He hit a horse."

"Well," my father said, "there was that, too."

So my brother and I grew up in a household without a car. The neighbors all had cars -- the Kollingses next door had a green 1941 Dodge, the VanLaninghams across the street a gray 1936 Plymouth, the Hopsons two doors down a black 1941 Ford -- but we had none.

My father, a newspaperman in Des Moines, would take the streetcar to work and, often as not, walk the 3 miles home. If he took the streetcar home, my mother and brother and I would walk the three blocks to the streetcar stop, meet him and walk home together.

My brother, David, was born in 1935, and I was born in 1938, and sometimes, at dinner, we'd ask how come all the neighbors had cars but we had none. "No one in the family drives," my mother would explain, and that was that.

But, sometimes, my father would say, "But as soon as one of you boys turns 16, we'll get one." It was as if he wasn't sure which one of us would turn 16 first. But, sure enough, my brother turned 16 before I did, so in 1951 my parents bought a used 1950 Chevrolet from a friend who ran the parts department at a Chevy dealership downtown. It was a four-door, white model, stick shift, fender skirts, loaded with everything, and, since my parents didn't drive, it more or less became my brother's car.

Having a car but not being able to drive didn't bother my father, but it didn't make sense to my mother. So, in 1952, when she was 43 years old, she asked a friend to teach her to drive. She learned in a nearby cemetery, the place where I learned to drive the following

year and where, a generation later, I took my two sons to practice driving. The cemetery probably was my father's idea. "Who can your mother hurt in the cemetery?" I remember him saying more than once.

For the next 45 years or so, until she was 90, my mother was the driver in the family. Neither she nor my father had any sense of direction, but he loaded up on maps -- though they seldom left the city limits -- and appointed himself navigator. It seemed to work.

Still, they both continued to walk a lot. My mother was a devout Catholic, and my father an equally devout agnostic, an arrangement that didn't seem to bother either of them through their 75 years of marriage. (Yes, 75 years, and they were deeply in love the entire time.)

He retired when he was 70, and nearly every morning for the next 20 years or so, he would walk with her the mile to St. Augustin's Church. She would walk down and sit in the front pew, and he would wait in the back until he saw which of the parish's two priests was on duty that morning. If it was the pastor, my father then would go out and take a 2-mile walk, meeting my mother at the end of the service and walking her home. If it was the assistant pastor, he'd take just a 1-mile walk and then head back to the church. He called the priests "Father Fast" and "Father Slow."

After he retired, my father almost always accompanied my mother whenever she drove anywhere, even if he had no reason to go along. If she were going to the beauty parlor, he'd sit in the car and read, or go take a stroll or, if it was summer, have her keep the engine running so he could listen to the Cubs game on the radio. In the evening, then, when I'd stop by, he'd explain: "The Cubs lost again. The millionaire on second base made a bad throw to the millionaire on first base, so the multimillionaire on third base scored."

If she were going to the grocery store, he would go along to carry the bags out -- and to make sure she loaded up on ice cream. As I said, he was always the navigator, and once, when he was 95 and she was 88 and still driving, he said to me, "Do you want to know the secret of a long life?"

"I guess so," I said, knowing it probably

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"No left turns," he said.

"What?" I asked.

"No left turns," he repeated. "Several years ago, your mother and I read an article that said most accidents that old people are in happen when they turn left in front of oncoming traffic. As you get older, your eyesight worsens, and you can lose your depth perception, it said. So, your mother and I decided never again to make a left turn."

"What?" I said again.

"No left turns," he said. "Think about it. Three rights are the same as a left, and that's a lot safer. So, we always make three rights."

"You're kidding!" I said, and I turned to my mother for support. "No," she said, "your father is right. We make three rights. It works." But then she added: "Except when your father loses count."

I was driving at the time, and I almost drove off the road as I started laughing.

"Loses count?" I asked.

"Yes," my father admitted, "that sometimes happens. But it's not a problem. You just make seven rights, and you're okay again."

I couldn't resist. "Do you ever go for 11?" I asked.

"No," he said, "if we miss it at seven, we just come home and call it a bad day. Besides, nothing in life is so important it can't be put off another day or another week."

My mother was never in an accident, but one evening she handed me her car keys and said she had decided to quit driving. That was in 1999, when she was 90. She lived four more years, until 2003. My father died the next year, at 102. They both died in the bungalow they had moved into in 1937 and bought a few years later for \$3,000. (Sixty years later, my brother and I paid \$8,000 to have a shower put in the tiny bathroom -- the house had never had one. My father would have died then and there if he knew the shower cost nearly three times what he paid for the house.)

He continued to walk daily -- he had me get him a treadmill when he was 101 because he was afraid he'd fall on the icy sidewalks but wanted to keep exercising -- and he was of sound mind and sound body until the moment he died.

One September afternoon in 2004, he and my son went with me when I had to give a talk in a neighboring town, and it was clear to all three of us that he was wearing out, though we had the usual wide-ranging conversation about politics and newspapers and things in the news.

A few weeks earlier, he had told my son, "You know, Mike, the first hundred years are a lot easier than the second hundred." At one point in our drive that Saturday, he said, "You know, I'm probably not going to live much longer."

"You're probably right," I said.

"Why would you say that?" He countered, somewhat irritated.

"Because you're 102 years old," I said.

"Yes," he said, "you're right." He stayed in bed all the next day.

That night, I suggested to my son and daughter that we sit up with him through the night. He appreciated it, he said, though at one point, apparently seeing us look gloomy, he said, "I would like to make an announcement. No one in this room is dead yet." An hour or so later, he spoke his last words: "I want you to know," he said, clearly and lucidly, "that I am in no pain. I am very comfortable. And I have had as happy a life as anyone on this earth could ever have." A short time later, he died.

I miss him a lot, and I think about him a lot. I've wondered now and then how it was that my family and I were so lucky that he lived so long. I can't figure out if it was because he walked through life, or because he quit taking left turns.

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So, love the people who treat you right.

Forget about the ones who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it and if it changes your life, let it.

Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would most likely be worth it.

**ENJOY LIFE NOW - IT HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE!**



**1960 White Chevrolet**

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big and blessed, the kingdom of God, had humble beginnings. How significant could the short ministry of Christ be? He had but a handful of followers, He was a man of no rank and without worldly means, and He lived in what everyone considered a backwater region of the world. The life and death of Christ did not catch the world's attention any more than a mustard seed would lying on the ground by the road. But with God, what seemed inconsequential at first, grew into a movement of worldwide influence, and no one could stop it.

The same parable applies to the ministry we are serving. Well planted and nurtured Kairos communities, while humble and fragile at first, will be nurtured, by God, into a ministry that impacts the lives of many souls. As Kairos volunteers, think of the energy we get the opportunity to experience, support, and witness as God's bountiful blessings are seen in the lives of all people involved in the ministry.

I am happy to report that our Advisory Councils, despite Covid headwinds, are continuing to meet, pray, and plan our Kairos activities. Weekends and fundraising opportunities are being planned. When a Weekend is not possible, our Advisory Councils are meeting to plan opportunities to serve the Units with cards of

encouragement, Cookie distributions and hygiene kits. We are additionally focusing on planning Continuing Ministry opportunities such as Prayer and Share, Reunions and Retreats.

I am also happy to report that Kairos Outside has already conducted this year 8 powerful Kairos Outside Weekends and is finalizing the planning to conduct perhaps 11 more in 2021. What a blessing these Weekends have been to the women they serve, particularly in this period where group gatherings have been so challenging to conduct. Kairos Outside is a sincere blessing to the communities it serves throughout Texas.

Our Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Conference conducted in Louisville, Kentucky, in July was another huge success. The attendees were engaged in learning how to better serve the ministry through workshops, fellowship, worship, and excellent presentations of how Kairos has positively impacted families. Texas was very engaged with 93 representatives, 75 of which were Advisory Council representatives.

In short, our Kairos ministry in Texas is “energized” and well.



**Texas Group at KPMI Conference in July**

**Front row l-r: Vance Drum (TDCJ), Audrey Duke, Bettye Keefer, Rubby Burris (KPMI), John Wait  
Back row: Steve Whatley, Lynda Morrison, Driskoll Tubbs, Steve Morrison, Robert Kimmel, John Osbourne**

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all volunteers. The Terrell AC chair, Marc Weaver, says that the Terrell #10 team is going ahead with their team formation meetings this month. They know that not meeting guarantees no fall weekend. Meeting keeps them in the hunt for a fall weekend, which in turn keeps their community engaged. Whatever the outcome, God will use that determination to advance Kairos: kudos to Marc and the Terrell team for forging ahead!

Meanwhile, the Pack unit warden and chaplain are all in for a Kairos weekend. They enthusiastically support Kairos in the unit. Permission to bring in food still needs to be granted from Huntsville, but in the words of Mike Ratchford, the AC chair, "Is Jesus Christ any less attractive without food?" The mission of Kairos is for the Kairos Prison Ministry to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families, and to become loving and productive citizens of their communities – with or without food!

If your advisory council determines to proceed with a fall weekend, my suggestion - take what TDCJ gives you. If the unit allows only two volunteers and you are limited to twenty-two at a time in a room, do prayer and share, praise God, thank Him, and know that He will use it! If they allow twenty volunteers but no food, plan for a weekend of three or four table families, then praise God, thank Him, and know that He will use it! If they allow a weekend with food and all the trimmings, and you have the inside volunteers to support it, then praise God, thank Him, and know that He will use it! In short, take what they give you, praise God, thank Him, and know that God will use it for His glory!

**Kairos Torch** – Scott Baker recently had a conversation with Robert Byrd, Amarillo Torch chair, and learned that the Torch team is also proceeding with team formation meetings without any guarantees of being able to enter the facility. In fact, Amarillo is one of the Delta Variant COVID-19 hotspots and the facility may indeed be off limits to a fall weekend. However, if it is opened, Robert and the team will be ready. If not, like Terrell, the Amarillo Torch team is engaged. Kudos again to Robert for his leadership and to the Amarillo Torch team for their dedication and focus to their mission, the boys and girls of the Youth Center of the High Plains!

On a second front, Dickson de la Haye is leading the way for opening Torch in the Giddings State School which is one of five facilities in the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, the first one for Torch. He has the advisory

council in place to achieve new start status, which allows Giddings Torch to have a bank account and begin raising money. Giddings Torch is now a recognized AC with all the privileges and responsibilities of any other AC. The other day I asked Evelyn Lemly if KPMI still provides \$500 for new starts, and she said yes before adding she hadn't even thought about it. She hasn't seen a new start in a year and a half, but I reminded her she had one coming her way, Giddings Torch!

**2022 Elections** – Just a reminder that the Kairos election season is only six weeks away. Elections for your advisory council should begin with notices for nominations from the secretary to the active Kairos community in October, elections in November, and record the results of the elections by December 31, 2021. Not sure how to do it? AC secretaries are key to the process and **Secretary Training** is scheduled for September 11. Here is the link and instructions to register, [Zoom Line 5: TX Secretary Training: 9:00 AM CST](#). Please make the most of this training opportunity.

**Advanced Kairos Training** - one more opportunity for AKT this year in Texas, November 19-21, in Waxahachie, TX. AKT is required for upcoming leaders and observing leaders in all three programs, KI, KO and KT. Registration is online at <https://www.kairosmessenger.org/aktregister>. Please don't miss this opportunity if AKT is needed in your leadership track.

With **32 weekends** scheduled for this **fall**, plenty of Kairos is happening in Texas! Please pass any changes in your weekend status to Julie Cole, [julie@kotexas.com](mailto:julie@kotexas.com), so she can update the KOT Master List and the KPMI calendar. In the meantime, be in prayer for your community, praise God, thank Him, and keep your communities engaged. He will use you in mighty ways!

**LISTEN**      **LOVE**  
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**Remembrances - 2021**

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

Marureen Arp  
Reb Bacchus  
Esquiel Becerra  
Ray Blevins  
Johnny Blake  
Steve Campbell  
Jesus Caquias  
Steve Cheney  
Sherby Clary  
Vicki Cox  
Gary Curry  
Tommy Dill  
Ross Dunn  
Chet Frasier  
Steve Hoyt  
Kim Hunt  
Jim Irwin  
Fredrick Jones  
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Joe Lorenz  
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Gennis McDaniel  
Rev Ella McDonald  
Donna Meyn  
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Be sure to visit our website at [www.kairostexas.org](http://www.kairostexas.org). Our webmaster is Cheryl Glasgow. The schedule and location for State Board meetings for 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.

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When it comes time to schedule that speaker, the Inside group should reach out to their Outside Community to send someone. That said, a good Communications Coordinator will already be on top of that, months in advance and already have that done. Each AC delegates that role, and it may not always be the Communications coordinator and that's okay, as long as someone is doing it. One of the things relayed to us a few years ago and what started this was a Kairos Inside not having anyone to speak. This is never acceptable. It is the responsibility of the Kairos Outside to have their speakers lined up as well as a backup and to get all of them on the gate list on time. If for any reason a cancellation is inevitable, make sure you have an outside team contact person, not inside the unit, who you can notify.

If you ever have a need or question, please reach out to your Sub-Committee Co-Chairs, we are always here to help.

### **KO STATE Reps. Meetings**

**Dates:** February 6; May 1; August 7; Nov. 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

Meeting Minutes Archived

### **KO Executive Committee 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:** Hill Country Bible Church

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