

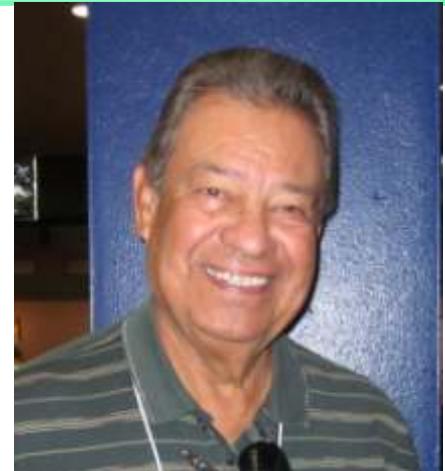


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FROM THE STATE KAIROS PAST CHAIR



**Louis Esquivel
Past Chair**

What a year 2010 was for Kairos of Texas! So many positive things happened during this year. I want to start by thanking all the great Kairos volunteers as well as the KOT Executive Committee that serve our state of Texas. We started the year with three goals: #1 recruitment #2 keep the master list updated with the correct information #3 reports from the AC to the State and reports from the State to the AC. We also implemented the division of the State into six regions with eight AC in each region helping each other and working together in order to improve our communication between the State and the ACs. This was achieved by having a phone conference call with each region and the ultimate goal being better communication. We also voted and approved to adopt the Annual Affiliation Agreement and Accountability Standards. Joe Nance and Jim Irwin of our Training and Compliance Committee started training the AC Chairs and the State Reps on the Accountability Standards. We also look forward to replacing the Observer Program with a new program called the Initiative of Excellence. While the Observer Program served its purpose, we feel that the Initiative of Excellence has many more positive areas of Improvement.

There are a few items that still concern me. Hopefully we can all work together to find solutions to correct them. Many thanks and much appreciation go to Joe Nance, Jim Irwin, and Bob Cole who are still working to solve these concerns.

On a brighter note, I would like to thank everyone that was involved in the planning of our Summer Conference for doing such a wonderful job. I want to extend a special thanks to Chuck and Susan Roach and Marvin Barnes for heading the committee. Your time and commitment was greatly appreciated.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for allowing me to serve as your State Chair. I learned a lot and enjoyed representing you and the state of Texas. I learned to be humble while at the same time I am happy that we were able to implement new programs during my term.

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FROM THE STATE CHAIR



**Bill Salser
Chair**



Our first State meeting of 2011 far surpassed my expectations. We are blessed with beautiful new facilities for the meetings and a very accommodating hotel. I felt that everyone came with a special sense of excitement and desire to participate. We had 21 people come in specifically for the Financial Orientation meeting for the new Financial Secretaries and Treasurers. All but two of our Advisory Councils were represented. In addition we had a full compliment of visitors and a total attendance approaching 120 people.

As Louis says we had a great year in 2010. There were some ups and downs, but significant progress was made especially in the arena of true communications and the regional conference call program. We survived the first test run of the Audit and speaking as a FS, I recognize many weaknesses in my performance that I have corrected for the 2010 audit. We all have access to the Accountability Standards and the Periodic Reports via the new and developing Website. We confirmed our belief that we desperately need to expand our efforts in Outreach/Recruiting as we visited with each other via the conference calls and communicated real information.

As I stood at the podium to call the meeting to order and looked out over the whole community, I was both blessed and humbled by the large number of friends smiling back at me and knowing that each of you was praying a little prayer for a successful meeting and a great start for 2011. We had exactly that! All of our Committee chairs (or alternates) provided concise and spirited descriptions of their committee and their goals for the year. Then we were able to jump start our year by getting our standing committees organized. I had the opportunity to sit in briefly on several of the meetings, and observed that people were visiting openly about concerns and about thoughts and projects for the upcoming year. It was exciting seeing our International Council members and Louis step up and cover for some of the committee chairs who were unavailable for the meetings.

It is my intention to see us maintain, even ramp up, the enthusiasm we experienced by encouraging active participation on all our committees. As we move forward, I am in hopes that each representative will find a personal "Purpose" to pursue. We have many opportunities! Let's make it as much fun serving God and Kairos at the state level as it is for support teams that are also a step away from the main battle lines on the tables. We all recognize and appreciate the hard servanthood of those tireless volunteers and now we can make the link between the "tables" and our committees that work behind the scenes in support as well.

Ultimately, Recruiting, Recruiting, Recruiting has to be a mindset for each Kairos volunteer. We must strengthen our active volunteer bases to assure continued support of our existing programs in a manner consistent with our dreams to "Bring Christ's Love to the Incarcerated and their Families ..." To achieve this dream long term we must dramatically increase our volunteer rosters. We must remember that a big difference between Kairos and many other ministries is our long range, should I say PERMANENT, commitment to the ministered. This requires people forever. Once we are at desired and revolving program bases we can then begin to think about expansion into new arenas; more of our current programs and then into the dream areas of aftercare, mentoring and specialized support.

God knows the plans he has for us and for KOT; all we have to do is willingly volunteer!

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt when little Jason interrupted, 'My mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

From the KO State Chair



**Julie Cole,
KO Chair**



Kairos Outside Ministry Is Growing in 2011

2011 will be an exciting year for Kairos Outside in Texas. We are adding another location to our already seven units, which continues to keep Texas with more groups than any other state. Lubbock will hold their #1 on April 1, 2011 at Mercy Center in Slaton. They already have over 20 guests registered, have had their first team meeting, and are supported by the Emmaus and Kairos communities in the area.

Kairos Outside will continue to provide a KO representative at all Kairos Inside closings upon request. This is now listed in the schedule in the Red Manual so it is no longer optional. We have assigned the various KO locations to certain units. If you do not know anyone associated with KO or get no response for a representative at closing, please contact Linda Neeley at socksy_cat@yahoo.com, 806-679-7630.

Each one of you can help us in getting the names of women who would benefit from a Kairos Outside weekend. The qualifications are simple – they must be at least 20 yrs. old and be impacted by incarceration in some way. The mailing address of the locations will soon be on the website.

By ministering to the family, Kairos Outside joins with Kairos Inside to provide the opportunity for men and women to experience Christ's agape love.

A Prayer That has Been Handed down From Past Generations

I pray you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I pray you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I pray you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I pray you enough pain so that even the smallest joys in life may appear bigger.

I pray you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I pray you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I pray you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them,
a day to love them, but an entire life to forget them.

Recently, the first Kairos Excellence Award was presented by Bill Rushing, Coordinator of Training, to Eddie Williams, Senior Warden at the James V. Allred Unit in Iowa Park, Texas. The award, tied to the Kairos Excellence Initiative, is recognition for the outstanding level of support and cooperation provided by staff and administration at Allred toward the Kairos Prison Ministry. Duplicate awards were also presented to Tom Mechler, Vice Chairman, Texas Board of Criminal Justice and Madeline Ortiz, Director of the Rehabilitation Programs Division, TDCJ. The ceremony was attended by many from the state's supervision and chaplaincy departments. The staff and administration at Allred were well represented as well.

Thanks goes to everyone who was involved in putting this event together. It was a big success and provided more tangible evidence of God's presence at the Allred Unit.

David Ross, Kairos Volunteer, James V. Allred Unit



From left:

Tom Mechler, Vice Chairman Texas Board of Criminal Justice
Madeline Ortiz, Director Rehabilitation and Reentry Program Division
Eddie Williams, Senior Warden, James V. Allred Unit



Bill Rushing
KPMI Coordinator of Training

From the Wichita Falls Newspaper Monday, November 9 Members from Prison Ministry to be Honored - Kairos Helps Inmates During, after Jail Time

A successful transition from prison life to the outside world takes more than a suit of clothes and a new address. Since 2001, Kairos, an international Christian prison ministry, has given Allred Unit inmates the spiritual tools needed to cope with life during and after their incarceration.

This week Allred's senior warden, Eddie Williams; chaplains Jeff Smith and Timothy Anderson; and staff will receive the first Excellence Initiative Award from Kairos International for their support of the program. "Allred has been the poster child for the most effective way to operate a Kairos program," said Steve Newton, chairman of the Kairos Allred Advisory Council. "Kairos teams from around the world are encouraged to structure their programs using this model. Instruction manuals provided to those teams were written by active Allred volunteers."

Kairos Inside is a weekend-long course of Christian study for qualified inmates; the application list is usually long. Graduates go on to become "stewards" who help new participants. Floral Heights United Methodist is the "anchor church" for the Allred program. "By its very nature Kairos provides a proven method of changing hearts, which changes behavior while in prison and impacts the community upon release," Newton said. "The awards, of course, are very gratifying, but our success is measured in the stories of men who have kept Christ as their guide outside."

Former Allred inmate Michael Bryant would agree. Bryant now lives in Central Oklahoma after serving a full eight-year sentence for aggravated assault. He is a veterinary technician and operates a successful lawn care business. He says as a child he was "drug to church" but never got to see the Bible's lessons lived out in his own family. After a brief encounter with Kairos while at the John Wallace Unit in Colorado City, he said he wanted more.

"You learn to put your life in God's hands, in his will. I knew I would be coming back to Oklahoma City, having to trust in the Lord that everything would work out," Bryant said. "What I learned is that when the Lord wants in your life, he's going to get in." Again and again Bryant said he found himself meeting other Christians who helped reinforce the Kairos message through everyday faith. Today he is married and enjoying life in a way he never dreamed was possible. "I don't discount my prison time," Bryant said. "But like Joseph, it was all for a reason."

"Bill," a Kairos graduate who asked to keep his name confidential for the sake of family members, became entangled in the web of methamphetamine. What began as recreational use to fuel his fast-paced career led to a nine-year prison sentence. "I can't explain the kindness of Kairos, to come into the prisons and show the love of Christ," Bill said. "I had read the Bible before but never really was that serious about it." Becoming a Christian helped me see things more honestly and stop denying my responsibilities."

At Allred, Bill was a Kairos steward, taking great satisfaction in helping others experience the difference faith makes. "There are lines now that I'll never cross again, moral limits that have been set higher now because of Kairos," said the 42-year old Texan. "A lie is a serious thing now." Having completed his sentence two years ago, Bill has now rebuilding his career. He has also connected with a teenage daughter he didn't know he had. "She got on the Internet and found me," he said. "She's a Christian, too. She understands forgiveness."

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Recipe for the Garden

How to plant your garden

First, you come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses.



FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING, PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul



PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness



PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce us be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another



NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another



TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends
4. Thyme, most of all, for God



WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE
WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR
GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.



Letter from a Kairos first-time volunteer - Lowell Goecker

It's Sunday night after Kairos

11 pm to 3 am - fell asleep - too tired to dream ... or think ... or remember ...

3 am to 9 am - deep in sleep, but relieved and continued the recent Kairos experience, a flood of experiences ... in my sleep ... a time when the brain works to solve problems and organize thoughts.

Woke up – with Jesus on my mind and Stevie on my mind. He smiled and told me to write. Forget the stuff you usually read. You don't need fears on your mind. You need Jesus – all the time. He focused me on what the brothers experienced and what it felt like for them to see Jesus. Stevie was talking for our group – a group of brothers who just had hearts united as a family, united in love and feeling real joy, and real peace for the first time in their lives. Joy and peace, for the first time in their lives!!! Praise God! Praise God! More love, more power, more of you in my life.

Free world - are you listening?

Picture yourself. You're 28 years old and in prison for the rest of your life. You have no earthly idea how to handle this situation. No one prepared you to face life in this world or life in this prison. You feel hatred for a father who abandoned you and a mother stabbed you in the back and rejected you all your life in all circumstances. You feel anger and a confused mind toward the whole world, and you see yourself as a monster – you can't even stand yourself. Hatred and anger fills your heart. Your mind is like a sewer pipe filled with disgusting crap and a lot of it keeps oozing out into your mind and mouth and you react to everything. You act without thinking. You blame everyone in the world, yes and even deep down your blame yourself. You blame God, if He exists, for also abandoning you. Christians make you sick. They talk crazy stuff about hope and joy and peace.

You signed up for Kairos to get some of that good food and some cookies you heard about. You went there just expecting to put in your time to get some food. You're doing time anyway – just as well take advantage of these fools who come in to give you food. You enter the door to the Kairos event, and you hear clapping. Thunderous clapping, it echoes everywhere and you wonder what it's for. You walk in and see a lot of fellow inmates and men in color – man, they're all clapping for me and the other 42 guys coming to Kairos for food. I don't know these guys in color, but one of them greets me with a handshake and a smile and welcomes me in to a table with cookies. I haven't been smiled at like that since I don't remember when.

Each day of Kairos makes me think more, learn more about things I've never heard, and realized that this was good stuff to know, but confused. As Kairos experience moves on, my mind is flooded with questions, with thoughts running through my mind at a million miles an hour. It's either too hard to even speak, or all I can do is talk, talk, talk, to sort out what all this means for me. The energy level rises through the experience. There is something very, very real about this, but yet it's like a dream, it seems unreal ... but it's real, in a sort of unreal way. What's going on? Really? I begin to realize that the men in color who keep calling me "brother" and smiling at me and listening to me like they care about what I say are angels. They're angels from God. I begin to realize that they really do love me just as I am ... without one plea. They talked about Agape love. Never seen the word before and thought it was pronounced A gaip. These brothers love me and want me to know the love of Jesus. But, where's Jesus? They keep saying that He's in the word; He's present, He's present and I know He is, but again I'm confused. He's real in an unreal sort of way, but He is real. My heart is melting and breaking down the walls of hatred. The angels listen and love. They keep telling me not to thank them, but to look to Jesus, only Jesus. I don't get it but the message is the same hour after hour.

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By Sunday, I get it. It all comes together in my mind and heart. My mind and heart are flooded with joy and peace that I have never known before. I have hope – even in this dark place of my life. A light is shining on my mind and my heart, changing me, giving me hope and purpose for a life that seemed worthless and useless and guilty and filled with shame. My pipe still had a lot of crap in it, but a lot of it got pushed out and there's a part of the pipe that's getting cleaned. Will God be there for the rest of my life to clean it more, or is it all clean now? I'm confused again. But I still have the Joy in my heart and a peace that passes any human understanding.

Before the brothers in color left the Closing ceremony, Stevie led the brothers from our table in a prayer, a prayer for a missing brother, Darrel. Darrel had to leave Sun. a.m. and deal with another family issue. Stevie led us in prayer, united by God's love, to bless Darrel and to share our love for him and how he was missed, but we understood – he has a big family and we're a part of his big family too. God bless him and the Family of Peter – also now a growing family. Stevie reached out, like an angel to Darrel, to each of us, to you brother. What a family. Never realized how big it is and how real it is, in an unreal sort of way – know what I'm talking about? Hello!! Hmmm.

Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us.

My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!'

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so ... Love the people who treat you right. Pray for those who don't.

Life is ten percent what you make it; and ninety percent how you take it! Have a garbage-free day!



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Rough road to redemption: Losing hate, finding God One-time addict now helps inmates

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Posted: Thursday, October 22, 2009 Cheryl Berzanskis

The intruder thought he was breaking into an empty apartment on a warm June day in 1998.

Tac Buchanan



He intended to steal food and items to pawn, but it wasn't long before he heard someone. It was Ronnie Dawn Hewitt, who lived with her fiance in the apartment on 11th Avenue in Amarillo. As she dressed for work, the intruder - a South Carolina drifter named Tony Roach with a criminal record dating back years - hid and waited.

She screamed when she finally spotted him in the hallway of the apartment. Hewitt begged him not to hurt her, but it was not enough to stop him from using a belt to choke her. Roach then raped her lifeless body. He attempted to cover his crime by setting the apartment ablaze; firefighters later found her body.

The killing devastated Hewitt's fiance, Tac Buchanan, who affectionately called her Kitten. Buchanan, who had long found solace in alcohol and was still troubled by the scars of a near-fatal auto accident as a teen, lost his moorings.

"I just really didn't care about life," he said.

But the terrible events in the apartment did not become the epilogue to Buchanan's life. Rather, after years of despair, Buchanan, now 37, embraced a new life, one predicated on personal redemption and forgiveness - both for his own sins and the grievous ones committed by Roach.

Hewitt was a mother, bartender and a 5-foot-7, 94-pound beauty. She and Buchanan had been on-and-off for seven years but were living together when Hewitt was killed at 37.

After her death, Buchanan's rage was like a white-hot poker.

He was arrested for drug possession and had hoped to encounter and kill Roach in jail while he awaited trial.

The downward spiral of alcohol, drugs, unemployment and rootlessness continued until 2002 when he landed in prison on another drug charge and entered a drug treatment program.

While in the program, an angry Buchanan wrote in a journal, "I will have my face pressed against the glass until he (Roach) is dead, then five minutes later I will be dead, too, so I can follow him to hell and spend my eternity killing him."

Prison officials were so disturbed by the words, he was sent to a chaplain.

His journal writings continued, "I would yell, '(expletive) you, God. Everybody tells me you are there when we need you. Well, I don't (expletive) need you, but Kitten did, so where the (expletive) were you then?'"

When Buchanan told Chaplain David Graves his story, it brought Graves to tears.

"It touched my heart. It was like he was taking the pain for me," Buchanan said.

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"One Sunday (the chaplain) asked if there is anyone who hadn't accepted Jesus Christ in their lives to please stand up and accept him now. Then all of the sudden it hit," Buchanan said. "I need to do this. So I swallowed my pride, traded in my hatred and stood up. The chaplain squinted his eyes and said, 'Tac, is that you?' It took everything I had to say yes."

Buchanan realized redemption was the first step in living a new life, but he never expected to forgive Roach. He thought God was asking too much.

"I found out forgiveness is like letting something go so you don't have to carry it around the rest of your life," he said.

Roach was tried, convicted and sentenced to death in Potter County for Hewitt's murder. He was executed in 2007 after eight years on death row.

Buchanan attended the execution at Huntsville prison in South Texas. Roach, strapped to a gurney, was about a minute from dying when he locked eyes with Buchanan.

"I am sorry. Forgive me," he said in his final statement.

Peering through the big window that separates the death chamber from the gallery of observers, Buchanan said he felt a connection to the man who, in the end, accepted blame.

He nodded forgiveness and believes Roach understood the grace he granted.

Buchanan considers his old hateful chapter closed. In a way, though, he has circled back to those days. He now volunteers by ministering to inmates.

"It's a promise I made to the Lord," said Buchanan, who hopes to eventually serve in a pastoral role in prison ministry.

At Randall County Jail, Buchanan is the "testimonial guy" - the man who talks about his past and his brighter future.

John Alexander is a long-time volunteer chaplain who met Buchanan through a church group. "More people come to hear his story," Alexander said. "It's a true story, it's the story of their success."

Tac is currently a Kairos volunteer on the Clements WALK this weekend. He can share countless stories of how he is blessed by this ministry from sharing his story with others in his same situation. I thought I would share this with you to encourage others to volunteer because of the difference we make in others' lives.



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TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2011

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Today I will share with you ten predictions that are true.

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great To Remember Who Is Really In Control,
(1 Peter 1: 24-25) For, All men are like grass, and all
their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass
withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord
stands forever. And this is the word that was preached to you.
"Till the nets are full, keep on fishing."

Ancient Proverb

**He that knows not and knows not that he knows not;
He is a fool - shun him!**

**He that knows not and knows that he knows not;
He is simple - teach him!**

**He that knows and knows not that he knows;
He is asleep - wake him!**

**He that knows and knows that he knows;
He is a wise man - follow him!**

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BEST POEM IN THE WORLD

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.'

'And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

JUDGE NOT!!

Remember...Just going to church doesn't
make you a Christian any more than standing
in your garage makes you a car.

Every saint has a PAST...
Every sinner has a FUTURE!
Now it's your turn ... Share this poem.



Be sure to visit our website at www.kairossoftexas.org. Our webmaster, Bill Darnall, has done an amazing job of putting this all together. The new schedule and location for State Board meetings for 2011 are included here. We have a calendar showing when all the weekends will be held. Check your weekend - we depend on you to keep them updated.

On that same website you will find the current state officers, state meetings and minutes, map of state meetings, committees, and when the weekends are to be held. You will also find this current and past newsletters. If your unit does a newsletter we would love to add it. There are links to KPME and TDCJ.

There is information about Kairos Outside, including structure, forms and information, newsletters, and mission field. The minutes for KAO meetings can also be found there.

Please take a look and see if we need to change or add anything.

DIRECTIONS HOME

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
DIRECTIONS TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE

Make a Right onto Believeth Blvd

Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.

There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith, which is over troubled water.

When you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight.

You are on the King's Highway - Heaven-bound.

Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son, and One for the Holy Ghost.

Then exit off onto Grace Blvd. From there, make a Right turn on Gospel Lane.

Keep Straight and then make another Right on Prayer Road.

As you go on your way, Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Ave.

Also, avoid SIN STREET because it is a DEAD END.

Pass up Envy Drive, and Hate Avenue.

Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane, and Backbiting Blvd.

However, you have to go down Long-suffering Lane, Persecution Blvd.

and Trials and Tribulations Ave.

But that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead!
USE THESE DIRECTIONS SO YOU WILL NOT GET LOST!

*Life is God's gift to you.
The way you live it.....is your gift to God*