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**Steve Newton -
Chair KOT**

PAPERWORK

Someone once said that Kairos is not a “tree-friendly” ministry. They are correct. Lots of paper is consumed in support of the ministry. Just think about the documents passed out during team meetings. There were changes suggested during the “5-Year” plan discussions at the quarterly State Chapter Committee (SCC) meeting and perhaps in the future, trees won't be so nervous of Kairos.

Two documents deserve some attention – the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Media Agreement Worksheet and the Kairos Annual Affiliation Agreement. Let's start with the TDCJ's **Media Agreement Worksheet.**

Michael Rutledge, Director of Chaplaincy at TDCJ introduced the Media Agreement Worksheet at the Crusade Provider Meeting last October. The worksheet is required every time our team wants to take a photo of the participants during the weekend. It isn't a complicated form. It simply includes when the photo is taken and what the team intends to do with it. Both the Warden and Chaplain's signatures are required.

Dr. Rutledge laid out the ground rules which include submitting the approved Media Agreement Worksheet to the Chaplaincy Department at TDCJ at least 21 days before the weekend. His message was clear – if the team does not have a completed/approved Media Agreement, you do not have TDCJ's permission to take a photo.

A copy of the Media Agreement Worksheet is on the Kairos of Texas website (kairostexas.org)

How about the **Annual Affiliation Agreement**? Many of the Advisory Councils are diligent about getting these processed and submitted at the beginning of every year. Some process them sometime during the year, and others haven't submitted them in two years.

Why are they important? The purpose of the document is to formally establish the basic agreement between the Advisory Council with the state/national levels of the Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. The Affiliation Agreements contains the Kairos Vision, Mission, Core Values and Statement of Faith along with several ground rules for the operation of the Advisory Council.

According to the Advisory Council Operating Procedure about one-third of the members should rotate off the Ad Council and are replaced by new members. Hence, at the beginning of every year, new members take over positions on the Ad Council. The Affiliation Agreement is the means where everybody on the Ad Council re-affirms their commitment to the precepts of the Kairos Prison Ministry. Not just the new members, even (maybe especially) the veterans need to read and reaffirm their commitment. It isn't a complicated process; it just needs to be a priority during the first Ad Council meetings each year.

A copy of the Annual Affiliation Agreement is on the Kairos of Texas website (kairostexas.org). If members of your Ad Council are spread around and many of your Ad Council meetings are via conference calls or Skype, it is difficult to circulate the “original” document for signatures. It is certainly okay to gather single sheets with signatures and send them in. We can group them together for your Ad Council. Electronic signatures are acceptable too.

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2018 Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Conference



2018 Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Conference

July 24th - 28th

Hyatt Regency Dulles, Herndon, Virginia

Pull out your calendars and set your dates!

Preliminary 2018 Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Conference information has been uploaded to mykairos.org at http://mykairos.org/conference_registration.html. Currently, there is a tentative schedule and a registration form, as well as a link to a prayer vigil hosted by Kairos of Virginia. Check back often as more information will be posted as it becomes available.



In Loving Memory

During the Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Summer Conference July 24-28, 2018 in Herndon, Virginia, there will be a Memorial Service for all those Kairos Volunteers who have gone to be with God during the past year. We are now gathering those names so they can be remembered and a candle lit for each one as their name is called. If you know of anyone please send the info to: **Bettye Keefer** at ewkeefer@yahoo.com, along with their next-of-kin so that I can send them a memorial card



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Nature



**Barbara
Brooks-Shirley**

NATURE has it's way of saying
What most folk seldom hear.
God has walked; and He is still among us.
You are alive, my dear!

Open your eyes, its morning,
And say, "Hello Mister Sun".
Thank you for your radiance,
It helps to get things done.

Take a sniff of the odors about you,
The air, the earth, the flowers.
Feel the grass beneath your feet.
Acknowledge the tree that towers.

Listen to the birds sweetly singing,
As their wings gently split the air.
A bird in flight is a glorious sight!
Like floating without a care.

To hold a baby and cuddle it close:
A miracle God lets us perform.
A hatching egg, a budding sprout,
Touch them – You too were born....

As I think of NATURE'S wonders,
It enlightens the dulllest day.
I feel blessed, I too am NATURE.
I get down on my knees and pray.

When you look in the mirror
and see God's gift,
On Him you can depend.
His words are strong, binding:
They will not bend!

Not just for a moment or a day,
In all types of weather.
Forgiving, loving and His merciful grace..
Then, now and forever.

Who God is, is plain and simple
As the rhythm and rhyme you read.
You are treasured; a precious gem.
Unlike a carnival bead!

God gives the sunlight each day.
That blossoms flowers – the dew.
His creation, look about.
Is done Especially for you!

Kay West - KOCC

Kairos Outside Corpus Christi is extremely grateful for the response to our requests for "help" in order that our past weekend might take place. We have received significant help from the following Kairos Prison ministries as well as Kairos Outside ministries. If I have slighted any prison ministries please accept my apology. Other individuals and local churches have also helped. Our weekend was "a go" for March 23-25, 2018. Thank you to the following Kairos units - Allred, Boyd, Connally, McConnell, Neal and Wynn. Also thank you to KO East Texas, Lubbock and North Houston.

Kay West-State Representative-
Kairos Outside-Corpus Christi

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One last point: If someone on the Advisory Council refuses to sign the Affiliation Agreement, the Ad Council needs to consider whether that person should be a member of the Ad Council. Nothing on the Affiliation Agreement violates the spirit of the ministry.

Thanks to those Ad Councils that have already submitted their Agreements to Joy Drady. I am pleading with the Ad Councils that have not submitted them for 2018 to take care of that sooner rather than later.

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Posted: Saturday, March 24, 2018 1:15 am
By Bob Campbell bcampbell@oaoa.com
Odessa American Newspaper

Kairos of Texas is a unique ministry that sends teams into 46 men's and women's state prisons twice a year to spend the weekend teaching the Gospel and encouraging Christian conversions. Volunteers like Ken Black of Odessa also go once a week to follow up.

Explaining that 42 inmates are involved in the program at the Lynaugh Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at Fort Stockton, Black said, "It's more of a fun time than a church time when we go in for three days with lots of singing, outside food and roundtables where we talk about who Jesus is.

"The last time, we had poster board and ugly sock contests. The inmates have a band, and they're pretty good. God loves everybody, and we are his hands and feet to help people. He is not mad at them, he just wants to help them."

"When we get through this life, the only thing that will matter is if we tried to help anybody or just did what we wanted to."

Black, an 83-year-old retired swimming pool construction contractor, said "Kairos" is a Greek word meaning "in God's special time."

"Some inmates go through it and it's like water off a duck's back, but others say it's life-changing," he said. "A lot of guys get out of prison, get on the Kairos team and go back in."

Black said the organization sends 35-40 volunteers and 20-25 women who cook but only go into the prison on Sunday at Fort Stockton. Smaller groups make Friday and Saturday "refresher" visits every three months.

Ken Black Lynaugh Unit



Senior Warden Joel Gauna agreed that Kairos "is unique. It's non-denominational and led by people from all walks of life, including some ex-offenders," Gauna said in a news release. "I appreciate that Kairos insures an offender's religious needs are met and especially how an offender's behavior changes for the better. My experience with Kairos volunteers has been great. Their enthusiasm is genuine, and they are sincere in their mission to change offenders' lives for the better."

Kairos of Texas Chairman Steve Newton of Arlington said volunteers are also busy at the Rudd Unit in Brownfield, the Robertson Unit north of Abilene, the Wallace Unit at Colorado City, the Daniel Unit east of Snyder, the Smith Unit in Lamesa and the Montford Unit south of Lubbock. "Twelve Kairos Outside programs minister to the female relatives of someone incarcerated," Newton said. "In addition, we have a program called Kairos Torch for youthful offenders in two units." Newton said the program's central feature is continuity. "Kairos is unique in that we don't leave," he said.

"The volunteers who conduct the weekend programs return to let the participants know they are loved and have not been forgotten. At some units, over 300 Kairos graduates return every week to participate in programs designed to reinforce the messages taught during their weekends."

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Torch is Alive and Well in Texas! - Marcia Wiseman

What is Kairos Torch all about? Torch is a program that offers unconditional love and acceptance, encouraging male and female incarcerated youth age 25 and under to share their life journey through participation in a long-term mentoring process. The key is "mentoring".

The youth participate in Torch, in a 2-1/2 day Weekend inside the facility, to encourage the "participants" to remove their masks, so that the real person can shine forth - rather than who they pretend to be.

The program creates a safe place for the participant to realize their God given potential in a Christian setting that encourages them to share their life's journey, and moves them towards making better choices for their lives. Sadly for some, this is the first time in their lives they have freely received compassion and love.

The Weekend is followed by a continuing ministry that includes six months of weekly one-to-one mentoring of the youth by Kairos volunteers, and monthly Reunion groups.

Texas currently has two Torch programs: Amarillo and Harris County (Katy). Dean Cooke is the State Rep for Amarillo and Dyan Wiseman is the State Rep for Harris County. There are others that are interested in starting Torch in other communities so we will have a challenging 2018!

Torch Harris County is a re-start after having three prior weekends. This community was close to fizzling but Bill Salser and Marcia Wiseman are working together, along with the KOT New Starts Chair, Ray Sims to plan and implement a Weekend #4 in the fall of 2018. The Advisory Council is comprised of 3 new younger volunteers ages 29, 30, and 50, seasoned volunteers and clergy Richard Ater, including a former State Chair, Jim Irwin as advisory. Three interested persons will soon join as council members. This Advisory Council is blessed to have the financial support given to them by Kairos Inside Eastham and Kairos Outside Houston. To date, this community has enough funds for the next three Torch weekends and we are grateful to God for his many blessings!



**Marcia Wiseman
TORCH**

If you are interested in joining either the Torch Amarillo or Torch Harris County, please contact Amarillo's Dean Cooks at towsupply@gmail.com and/or Harris County's Marcia Wiseman at mwiseman13@comcast.net to answer any questions you may have regarding Torch.

These two Torch communities are active at KOT quarterly meetings so be on the lookout for Torch volunteers, wearing Torch shirts, at future meetings. You are loved!



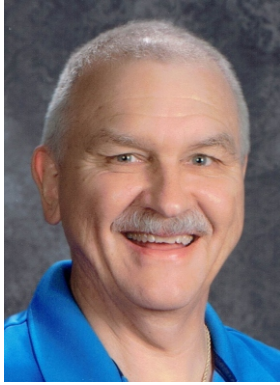
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Kairos Agape - Opportunities to Share Jesus' Love with Excellence



SEND AGAPE TO:
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Houston, TX 77095

Email:
kairos@cjsalzman.com

As Christians we are charged to love one another and to share the love of Jesus with everyone. In Kairos we "Listen, Listen, Love, Love" through a variety of activities. One example of this is that we use wall agape, a physical expression of Jesus' love, to bless everyone who participates in Kairos Weekends all across Texas.

Shown below is a table showing the number of pages of wall agape that each Kairos Community in Texas provided to bless the 106 Kairos Weekends that were held across Texas during the past 12 months. Some communities shared Jesus' love in a powerful way while others missed opportunities to bless others through agape. I especially want to encourage those communities that are highlighted below to step up your game and commit to utilize every opportunity to share Jesus' love through your agape blessings.

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Kairos Community	Agape provided to others 6/17 -5/18 for 106 weekends	Kairos Community	Agape provided to others 6/17 -5/18 for 106 weekends
Kairos of Texas	106	KO Midland	204
Allred	217	KO North Texas	155
Beto	106	KO San Antonio	241
Boyd	733	KO Wichita Falls	304
Briscoe	106	Lockhart	326
Clemens	42	Luther	17
Clements	155	Lynaugh	212
Coffield	239	McConnell	140
Connally	1	Michael	49
Dalhart	97	Montford	0
Daniel	487	Mountain View	106
Darrington	106	Murray	284
Eastham	317	Neal	106
Estelle	101	Polunsky	251
Estes	106	Roach	0
Ferguson	41	Robertson	22
Hightower	106	Segovia	43
Hobby	222	Smith	78
Hughes	192	Stevenson	247
Huntsville Wells	86	Stiles	106
Hutchens	0	Telford	12
Jordan	85	Terrell	0
KO Amarillo	383	Torch Amarillo	0
KO Central Texas	2	Torch Harris City	0
KO Corpus Christi	247	Torres	114
KO East Texas	106	Vance	0
KO Houston	106	Wallace	106
KO Lubbock	106	Wynne	107



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Shown below in the second column is the number of pages of wall agape from each Kairos Community that is currently in Kairos of Texas Agape Coordinator inventory. The third column shows the Additional Agape Needed in order to bless each Kairos weekend in Texas for the next 12 months with one page of agape each. And finally the fourth column shows the number of additional agape pages that would provide an EXCELLENT blessing of 3 pages per Kairos Weekend. I want to encourage each of us to up our agape game to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to share Jesus' love in a powerful way.

First Column: is Kairos Community

Second Column is:
Wall Agape Inventory as of 4/22/2018

Third Column is:
Minimum Additional Agape needed
for 12 months (1 page for each weekend)

Fourth Column is:
Agape Excellence for next 12 months
(3 pages per weekend)

Kairos of Texas	79	27	239
Allred	421	None	None
Beto	115	None	203
Boyd	565	None	None
Briscoe	71	35	247
Clemens	0	106	318
Clements	134	None	184
Coffield	229	None	89
Connally	0	106	318
Dalhart	59	47	259
Daniel	1065	None	None
Darrington	54	52	264
Eastham	290	None	28
Estelle	37	69	281
Estes	64	42	254
Ferguson	58	48	260
Hightower	73	33	245
Hobby	167	None	151
Hughes	235	None	83
Huntsville Walls	1	105	317
Hutchens	0	106	318
Jordan	107	None	211
KO Amarillo	768	None	None
KO Central Texas	0	106	318
KO Corpus Christi	212	None	106
KO East Texas	368	None	None
KO Houston	208	None	110
KO Lubbock	134	None	184
KO Midland	383	None	None
KO North Texas	490	None	None
KO San Antonio	350	None	None
KO Wichita Falls	945	None	None
Lockhart	227	None	91
Luther	0	106	318
Lynaugh	143	None	175
McConnell	234	None	84
Michael	0	106	318
Montford	0	106	318
Mountain View	37	69	281
Murray	210	None	108
Neal	57	49	261
Polunsky	323	None	None
Roach	0	106	318
Robertson	26	80	292
Segovia	1	105	317
Smith	55	51	263
Stevenson	251	None	67
Stiles	24	82	294
Telford	53	53	265
Terrell	0	106	318
Torch Amarillo	0	106	318
Torch Harris City	0	106	318
Torres	85	21	233
Vance	0	106	318
Wallace	2	104	316
Wynne	162	None	156



A sixth grade child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. His version is suitable for folk of all ages--a little shaky on dates, but good chronology. Here is what he wrote...

The Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve.

Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast.

Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore.

There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, "Close the door! Were you born in a barn?" It would be nice to say, "As a matter of fact, I was.")

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

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National Day of PRAYER

April 30 - Texas Governor's

NDP Prayer Breakfast

Doubletree Hotel - Austin

May 2nd - Camp Mabry NDP Luncheon

May 3rd - Texas Noontime Capitol Event

For other Texas events go to

www.ndpaustin.org

or call 512-249-6535



What if you woke
up **TODAY**
with only the things

that you
thanked
God for
yesterday?

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Be sure to visit our website at www.kairostexas.org. Our new webmaster is Cheryl Glasgow. The schedule and location for State Board meetings for 2018 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 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.

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folk!

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently.
"But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said,
"Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign...
"Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass.
Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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