



# GEORGIA NEWSLETTER

GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

OCTOBER 2007



## Chairman's NOTES

### I Give Thanks For You...

As summer gives way to autumn and we approach the end of another year, I think of the many blessings this year has brought to our Kairos ministry. On the fourth Thursday of each November, our nation sets aside one day each year to give thanks for our blessings, but in the life of a Christian, "thanksgiving" is a daily reality. And in this newsletter, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for the good work you are doing in the name of our Savior who tells us that when we visit those in prison, we are visiting Him.

Kairos is not a simple process – it is complex and involves many different ministries. I think of this web of workers in the vineyard and I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all of you. I give thanks to all who serve on teams around the state – for those who lead the teams, for those who give witnesses, who lead table discussions, who stand behind the scenes and serve, for those who raise money for the ministry, for those who write and distribute Agape, for those who donate time in so

many ways to make a weekend happen. I thank God for those who serve on advisory councils for each prison; for the chaplains who pave the way for our presence in a prison; for the clergy who minister on teams and to teams, for families who support their loved ones who are committed to this ministry.

I am grateful for men and women who serve on state committees, for those who publish the newsletter, for those who keep the accounts, for those who coordinate volunteers, who coordinate Agape for the state, for those who serve on the international committee; and the list goes on and on.

It is such a blessing to be a part of this Kairos ministry and I want each of you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers each day as I thank God for you. God bless you always and in all ways!

—Jim Mauldin

SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION

<b>KAIROS OUTSIDE NORTH #20</b> Diane Womble Jean Jennings, Cindy Credle Mary Jane Skidmore	Oct. 19-21, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	<b>HANCOCK #29</b> Butch Evans John Ulmer Doug Shenker	Nov. 15-18, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
<b>HAYS #17</b> Larry Theisen John Timme Austin Robinson	Oct. 25-28, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	<b>ROGERS #17</b> Rich Sioufi John Sheehan Bill Hinesley	Nov. 15-18, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
<b>LEE #28</b> Keith Pinkhard Joe Castongia Trent Jennings	Oct. 25-28, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	<b>MEN'S #3</b> Ralph Carroll Doug Edenfield	Dec. 6-9, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
<b>AUTRY #17</b> Ray Mann Vernon Biggers David Grantham	Nov. 1-4, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	<b>HAYS #1</b> Tom Davis	Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2008 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
<b>D. RAY JAMES #11</b> Fred Richard Wallace Bare Hal Langevin	Nov. 1-4, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	<b>KAIROS OUTSIDE SOUTH #4</b> Wendy McLeod Florence Donnan Jodi Anderson	Apr. 4-6, 2008 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
<b>VALDOSTA #15</b> Tyson McLane Charlie Crews Heath Sellars	Nov. 1-4, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		
<b>CALHOUN #8</b> Matthew Barnes	Nov. 8-11, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		
Loyd Kirkland			
<b>LEE ARRENDALE #3</b> Peggy Shipman Debbie Seay	Nov 8-11, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		
<b>GSP #17</b> Arthur Pope	Nov. 15-18, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		
Richard Roberson			

Kairos Prison Ministry  
International, Inc.  
Statement of Faith

The people of Kairos are called by God to share the love of Christ with those impacted by incarceration. Kairos encourages believers from a variety of Christian traditions to be volunteers in this Christ-filled ministry.

Kairos programs offer to prison residents, their families, and those who work with them, the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ, and to grow in their faith and servanthood in Christian community.

We stand on the common ground of the following elements of faith:

We in Kairos believe:

The Bible is God's authoritative and inspired word for our faith and our lives.

In the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

In the deity, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ;

Friendship with God is a free gift, for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The love of Jesus Christ motivates His followers to provide food for the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothes for the naked, and visits to the sick and those in prison.

In sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with all incarcerated individuals, their families and to those who work with them inside and outside the correctional institution.

MONTHLY REUNIONS

If you wish to attend a monthly reunion please contact the Institutional Liaison for that institution (not the Chaplain or Security) for a clearance form in order to be placed on the list. Names and phone numbers of Institutional Liaisons are listed below.

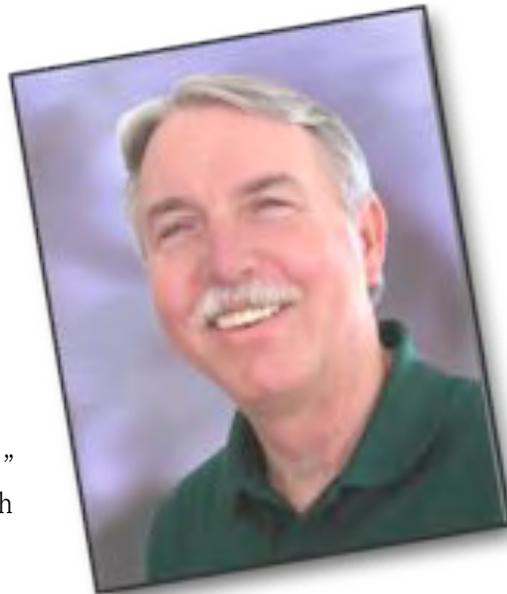
Prison Name	Reunion Dates-Sat	Meeting Time	Institutional Liaison	Phone Number
Augusta	3rd	8:30 AM	Ron Walling	706-855-1075
Autry	4th Fri	6:00PM	Kirk Beckham	229-226-4774
Calhoun			Mark Meagher	229-888-9515
Dooley	4th	9:00 AM	Charles Jones	229-645-3303
GSP	1st	10:00 AM	Rodney West	912-977-0009
Hancock	3rd	8:30 AM	Larry Sullivan	770-599-9112
Hays	1st	8:30 AM	Chuck Clement	770-516-3725
D Ray James	4th	8:30AM	Hubert Clark	912-729-2884
Lee	3rd	10:00 AM	Harry Bryant	229-883-0017
Lee Arrendale	2nd	12:00 N	Teresa Osborne	706-486-2412
Lowndes	3rd	8:00 AM	Tommy McNeal	229-247-2414
Macon				
Men's				
Metro	1st	12:00 N	Anne Armstrong	770-579-9624
Phillips	3rd		Chris Burgett	678-297-9091
Pulaski	4th	12 Noon	Sheila Canady	478-788-5439
Rivers	1st	8:00 AM	Ed Hall	478-452-4524
Rogers	2nd	9:00 AM	Fred Karst	912-728-4153
Scott	2nd	9:00 AM	Randy Griffin	478-986-9374
Valdosta	1st	8:00 AM	Tommy McNeal	229-247-2414
Washington				
Ware	2nd	10:00 AM	Jack O'Brien	912-449-3577
Wilcox	2nd	9:30 AM	John Clements	912- 568-7617

ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRMEN

Prison Name	Council Chairman	Phone Number
Augusta	Ray Clemons	706-790-6395
Autry	Bob Hodges	229-294-0952
Calhoun	David Barnes	229-446-0223
Dooley	Ken Carter	229-273-0957
GSP	Dennis Shasteen	912-876-8623
Hancock	Chris Parker	770-775-6219
Hays	Jim Cheetham	770-739-2939
D Ray James	Harrel Butler	912-778-4449
Lee	Roger Presnell	229-649-7151
Lee Arrendale	Dianne Gibson	706-486-2412
Lowndes	Vic Jameson	229-249-9441
Macon		
Men's		
Metro	Beth Maycumber	770-830-8985
Phillips	Hal Benson	770-664-9118
Pulaski	Joyce Bryant	912-264-4564
Rivers	Gordon Cook	678-423-1069
Rogers	John Ross	912-897-3568
Scott	Mike Newsome	478-474-9006
Valdosta	Vic Jameson	229-249-9441
Ware	Horace Godfrey	912-778-4330
Washington	Edd Harrison	912-287-0440
Wilcox	Russell Clark	912-568-7440
K Outside No.	Mary Jane Skidmore	678-947-8567
K Outside So.	Ginger Gleaton	229-725-4445
Torch	Marilyn Lewis	770-412-7354

# INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

*Tom Linn*



Remember Where You Came From

*"I am doing a great work for the Lord. I cannot come down."*  
—Nehemiah

Sometimes Kairos seems just impossible. Do you ever get frustrated? We have Reunion meetings and team meetings and Advisory Council meetings, and the state wants state committee meetings on top of all that. And we haven't even touched the latest requirement that National sends down: Observer Program, Advisory Council Operating Procedures, Financial Operating Procedures. And what is this Donor program that Liner keeps talking about in the Newsletter? Sheesh! Enough already!

Ever feel that way? My friend Mark Meagher added up all the Saturday meetings that were "required" and discovered, to nobody's surprise, that there just about weren't any Saturdays left. And Mark does more than most. I confess that for the last few months, secretly in my heart of hearts, that was what I was thinking. This is impossible. Lord, I've done my bit. Isn't it about time I rotated out of all this stuff, took a break, let somebody else step in? What about it, Lord? And silence.

Then something seemingly unimportant happened, something routine. I went this week to our Emmaus Gathering in this area. Really, Bob Pharis reminded me that we were having one. So, OK, I'll go. Haven't been in a while. And that was the point: *I haven't been in a while.* Well, you probably know what happened. The Lord was there. I don't know when I became aware that He was with us, maybe in the singing or the

fellowship or communion or the fourth day speaker or the sharing of all the service these folks were doing, joyfully, selflessly, sacrificially. He was there. I got my little cup filled up pretty well.

And somehow I didn't feel like quitting anymore. Yes, Kairos is impossible. That is the point. I cannot do any of this stuff without you and without Him. There is just too much, and it is sometimes too hard. But with you and with Him, I am OK. Really OK.

Not much of a lesson in this. It is sort of obvious. But if you have been feeling more than a little tired lately of all the stuff to do, or of all the extra stuff to do, like Advisory Council duty, or AKT, or volunteer training for that badge, or dealing with the Financial Operating Procedures. That kind of stuff. If so, take a little inventory. When was the last time you went to your Ultrea or Gathering, or to a Serenade or Candlelight? How is your Cursillo or Tres Dias or Emmaus community doing? How is your weekly prayer group? When was the last time you sponsored a friend on a weekend? (That is one I need to give attention.)

So where did you come from anyhow? And isn't it time to get back to it?

You are doing a Great Work for the Lord. May our Lord bless you in your service!

**AKT** ADVANCED  
KAIROS  
TRAINING

**Inside**

**February 8-10, 2008**

**NORCROSS, GA.**

**Location:** Simpsonwood Conference Center

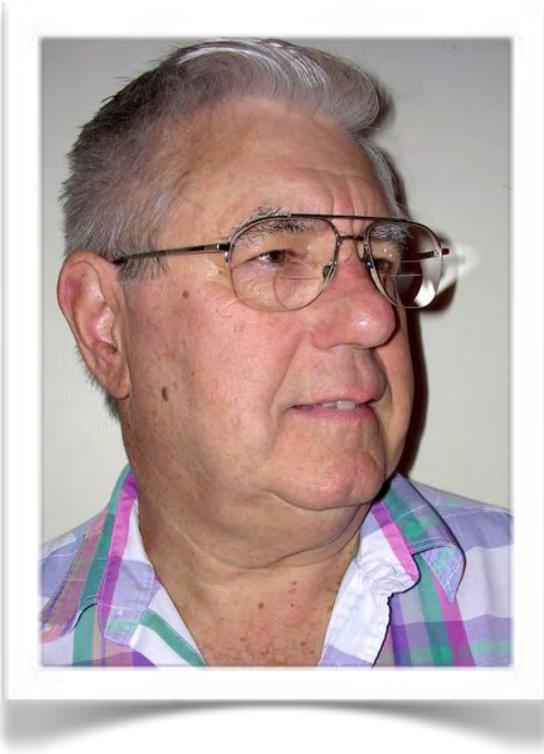
**Contact:** Jan Thrower, plainjan@yahoo.com or 352-473-7896

**May 30-June 1, 2008**

**JACKSONVILLE, FL**

**Location:** Marywood Retreat Center

**Contact:** Jan Thrower, plainjan@yahoo.com or 352-473-7896



A Secret of Advisory Council Effectiveness.....

# TEAMWORK

By Bob Astalos, National Field Rep to Georgia

A common difficulty we have across our Kairos communities is finding enough servant-hearted volunteers who are willing to take on the responsibility of holding an Advisory Council (AC) position.

One of the issues is that many potential AC leaders feel they would need to know all the answers, to know how to solve the problems of recruiting, fundraising, etc.

Life has taught me that I often do not know the solution to a problem, but that when a *group* of experienced people come together to share their ideas, listen to each other and build on each other's contributions, creative and powerful solutions are produced.

Jesus said, "when two or three are together in my name, I am with you". Counting on that scripture, please see a leadership position on your Advisory Council not as needing someone who already knows the solution, but as an opportunity to invite others to join together to (a) think through the issues, (b) make a plan, and (c) make sure it gets carried out.

The basic requirements are an open mind, a willingness to share & listen, and a willingness to let the Holy Spirit move in your group.

I pray that teamwork will replace the need for "experts" in our Advisory Councils, and will break through some of our barriers to assembling the human and financial resources we need to continue growing our ministry.

## ADVISORY COUNCIL SELF-IMPROVEMENT

### The "Kairos Excellence Initiative"

The best improvement is "Self-Improvement" by asking the Holy Spirit to lead us to see the truth, rather than having someone from the "outside" tell us how to improve.

It is in that spirit that the Kairos Excellence Initiative provides a mechanism for that self-improvement.

This initiative, adopted at this year's summer conference and effective immediately, changes the State Observer Program, so every Advisory Council is now responsible for observing & evaluating itself for two consecutive weekends, then the State will provide an outside observer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. The National Monitor, or the State Observers, may still come at any time, but the general plan will be to only come on every 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. The Advising Leader for the weekend will be responsible for completing the Observation form for the Advisory Council and for discussing the results with them afterwards.

The policy structure and the Excellence Observer form are available on the new Georgia Kairos website at <kairosofgeorgia.org>.

A Kairos of Georgia brochure is available in PDF format so that you can print and distribute as many copies as needed.

Download a copy at <kairosofgeorgia.org>.



**ABOUT KAIROS MINISTRY**

Kairos is an ecumenical Christian ministry designed for use in men's and women's correctional institutions. The ministry is conducted in cooperation with chaplains of correctional institutions by teams of laity and clergy who are qualified by their experiences in Christian renewal movements.

The purpose of Kairos is to help build and nurture strong Christian communities among the residents of correctional institutions. The Kairos experience for residents starts with a 3-day short course in Christianity. This weekend involves 30-42 inmates screened by the Chaplain. The weekend is modeled after renewal weekends like Cursillo, Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus and Via De Cristo.

After their Kairos weekend, residents continue to participate in small Prayer and Share groups. These groups meet weekly to share their lives on a deep spiritual level and to pray for one another. Kairos participants also attend monthly reunions in the institution with Kairos volunteers. Kairos volunteers conduct two spiritual retreats per year for residents who have made a Kairos weekend.





**KAIROS of Georgia**

For more information about Kairos Prison Ministry or to find out how you can share in the Ministry, either on a team or as a sponsor of a Resident, contact:

— or —  
[kairosprisonministry.org](http://kairosprisonministry.org)  
 or  
[kairosofgeorgia.org](http://kairosofgeorgia.org)

# KAIROS

## PRISON MINISTRY



**GEORGIA CHAPTER**

BUILDING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES IN PRISONS



- 26 AND COUNTING!**
- Augusta State Medical Prison
  - Autry State Prison
  - Calhoun State Prison
  - D. Ray James C. F.
  - Dooly State Prison
  - Georgia State Prison
  - Hancock State Prison
  - Hays State Prison
  - Lee State Prison
  - Lee Arrendale State Prison
  - Lowndes State Prison
  - Macon State Prison
  - Men's State Prison
  - Metro State Prison
  - Phillips State Prison
  - Pulaski State Prison
  - Rivers State Prison
  - Rogers State Prison
  - Scott State Prison
  - Torch Boys
  - Torch Girls
  - Valdosta State Prison
  - Ware State Prison
  - Wilcox State Prison
- AND ON THE OUTSIDE...**
- Kairos Outside North
  - Kairos Outside South

## Kairos Prison Ministry International

**WHAT IS KAIROS?**

The purpose of the Kairos ministry is to help grow and nurture strong Christian communities within state and federal adult correctional institutions.

Through a systematic structured program, God helps Kairos volunteers provide residents the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and/or to renew that relationship — starting with the 3-day Kairos "short course in Christianity." During the weekend and subsequent follow-up spiritual growth activities facilitated by Kairos volunteers and prison chaplains, residents are challenged to accept God's call to a life of Christian witness and service to one another and to staff during their stay in the institution and beyond.

As the mission of Kairos is accomplished in an institution, there is a positive impact on the total environment of the institution.

**KAIROS IN GEORGIA**

The Georgia Chapter of Kairos is now serving 24 institutions and is still growing. Included in the ministry, in addition to the weekends inside prisons, are Kairos Outside, for women relatives of those incarcerated, and Torch, for youthful offenders.

**KAIROS AROUND THE WORLD**

The numbers are always changing as Kairos grows and expands. The Kairos prison ministry is active in 33 states and five foreign countries. The ministry is operating in 270 prisons. About 170,000 incarcerated men and women have been introduced to the Christian ministry of Kairos. For more information about Kairos Prison Ministry, go to: [www.kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org) or [www.kairosofgeorgia.org](http://www.kairosofgeorgia.org).

**CONNECTIONS BETWEEN KAIROS AND ESTABLISHED CHRISTIAN RENEWAL MOVEMENTS**

People are considered for service in the Kairos prison ministry if they have completed one of the following Christian renewal weekends:

- Catholic Cursillo
- Episcopal Cursillo
- Lutheran Via De Cristo
- Tres Dias
- Walk to Emmaus

There are also a couple of other ways to qualify for serving in the Kairos Ministry. Ask a Kairos leader about these alternatives.

**DOES KAIROS MINISTRY REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

The wardens and chaplains at the institutions where Kairos is operating have very positive opinions about the Kairos Ministry. One positive is that Kairos volunteers keep coming back to the institutions the Kairos participants, because they witness the continuing support of volunteers.

The wardens have reported improvements in the prison living environment due to the positive influence of residents who are in the Kairos program. Many residents who are active in the Kairos program have become committed disciples of Jesus Christ.