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Chairman's NOTES

My dear friends,

God's blessings to you and your loved ones in this New Year! I am writing this letter to you as the chairman of the Kairos of Georgia state committee, an office I assumed at the first of this year. With God's grace and your dedicated ministry we have completed another year of bringing Christ to our brothers and sisters both in and outside the prisons.

I would be remiss if I did not express my deepest gratitude to our out-going chairman, Tom Liner, under whose leadership we have continued to expand and improve our ministry. Tom and I have worked closely these last few years and I am confident that our ministry will continue to develop under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

To each of you working in Kairos, Torch, and Kairos Outside, I offer a heartfelt thank you- for sharing your faith with others, for the love and compassion you give so freely to this ministry and for your prayers and support for the state leadership. I feel privileged to work with such a dedicated group of volunteers.

I am looking forward to the challenges the New Year will bring. While we have been denied entry for the time being into death row at Jackson Diagnostic Center and at Coastal State Prison, we will continue to pray that these doors open to us. We are also in the process of working with Alto and Washington State prisons – please pray for our success in opening those doors to Kairos.

The Sponsor program has been a great success in generating funds for the Advisory Councils for various prisons. Any Advisory Council not yet using this program is encouraged to do so. It is a wonderful way to raise funds for each weekend.

Your State Committee is continuing to make changes that should help you minister in each institution. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. Know that we are here to serve you. Let us know how we can help.

May God bless you with all good things in this New Year. Please pray for me as I will pray for you – and may the Good Lord continue to bless the work of our hands.

In Christ, Jim Mauldin

This Fall, trainers visited each Advisory Council to help them understand their responsibilities and to provide whatever help might be needed in leading the Kairos ministry in their institutions. Shown here are trainers Wray Kessel, left, and Fred Karst, bottom center, meeting with the ASMP Council.



SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION

METRO #2	Jan. 12-15, 2006
Ruth Patton	Leader
Pushpa Danes	Obs. Leader
Shirley Pettus	Adv. Leader
LOWNDES #4	Jan. 26-29, 2006
Greg Sheppard	Leader
Dennis Webrand	Obs. Leader
Chuck Everitt	Adv. Leader
ASMP #38	Feb. 16-19, 2006
Paul Balducci	Leader
TBA	Obs. Leader
Robert Stewart	Adv. Leader
KAIROS OUTSIDE SOUTH #1	Feb. 17-19, 2006
Liza Marchant	Leader
Ginger Gleaton	Obs. Leader
Joanne Astalos	Adv. Leader
AUTRY #14	Feb. 23-26, 2006
Clarke Liles	Leader
Eddie Simmons	Obs. Leader
Bob Hodges	Adv. Leader
PULASKI #21	Feb. 23-26, 2006
Donna Tanner	Leader
Terry Lees	Obs. Leader
Nancy Livingston	Adv. Leader
TORCH Boys Sumter #7	Mar. 10-12, 2006
S. Soloman & F. Kinservick	Leader
TBA	Obs. Leader
Steve & Sheila Durham	Adv. Leader
WILCOX #14	Mar. 10-12, 2006
Bob Beauchamp	Leader
TBA	Obs. Leader
Keith Forehand	Adv. Leader
GSP #14	Mar. 16-19, 2006
Rodney West	Leader
TBA	Obs. Leader
Bruce Hallford	Adv. Leader
HAYS #14	Mar. 23-26, 2006
Chuck Self	Leader
Kelvin Thompson	Obs. Leader
Chuck Clement	Adv. Leader
VALDOSTA #12	Mar. 23-26, 2006
Chris Wiggins	Leader
Ricky Mathis	Obs. Leader
Kenneth Dressel	Adv. Leader
ROGERS #14	Mar. 30-Apr. 2, 2006
Bill Wright	Leader
Kirk Duffy	Obs. Leader
Tommy Lightfoot	Adv. Leader
PHILLIPS #4	Apr. 20-23, 2006
Chris Burgett	Leader
Don McLeod	Obs. Leader
Mike Smith	Adv. Leader
LEE #25	Apr. 27-30, 2006
Bill Gahring	Leader
TBA	Obs. Leader
Jud Peacock	Adv. Leader
TORCH Girls Macon #9	Apr. 28-30, 2006
Kim Forehand	Leader
TBA	Obs. Leader
Mickey Walker	Adv. Leader
KAIROS OUTSIDE NORTH #17	May 6-8, 2006
Faye Storey	Leader
Vida Ellis, Vickie Holder	Obs. Leader
Sue Martin	Adv. Leader

AGAPE

Agape letters for Kairos weekends should be sent to:

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Please, letters only, no envelopes, folded **once** with the resident's name on the outside; or else general agape for all on the weekend. No tracts or pamphlets, etc. are permitted. Ron Walling, as District Agape Chairman, will coordinate General Agape with the Council Agape Chairmen.



Hays #13

ADVISORY COUNCIL LIAISONS AND CHAIRMEN

If you wish to attend a monthly reunion please contact the **Institutional Liaison** for that institution or the **Rector** of the short course (*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	Adv Council Chairperson	Phone Number
Augusta	3rd	1:00 PM	Ron Walling	706-855-1075	Harold Gibson	706-486-2412
Autry	4th Fri	6:00 PM	Kirk Beckham	229-226-4774	George Gibbs	229-551-0080
Calhoun			Mark Meagher	229-888-9515	Tommy Dale	229-995-2469
Dooly	4th	9:00 AM	Charles Jones	229-645-3303	Hugh Marchant	229-276-0642
GSP	1st	10:00 AM	Bruce Hallford	912-876-5659	Kirk Kukshel	478-987-9924
Hancock	3rd	8:30 AM	Carl Clayton	770-663-7753	Tom Kibler	770-719-8266
Hays	1st	8:30 AM	Jim Miller	770-777-0621	Paul Daniels	770-641-0086
D Ray James	4th	8:30AM	Bob McKie	912-729-4218	Hubert Clark	912-729-2884
Lee	3rd	10:00 AM	Tom Liner	229-439-2574	Mike Jones	229-924-0120
Lowndes			Tommy McNeal	229-247-2414	Vic Jameson	229-249-9441
Metro	1st	12:00 N	Anne Armstrong	770-579-9624	Beth Maycumber	770-830-8985
Phillips	3rd		Warren McClellan	770-497-0025	Joe Sheridan	770-491-0025
Pulaski	4th	12 Noon	Sheila Canady	478-788-5439	Joyce Bryant	912-264-4564
Rogers	2nd	9:00 AM	Fred Karst	912-728-4153	John Ross	912-897-3568
Scott			Randy Griffin	478-986-9374	Randy Griffin	478-986-9374
Valdosta	1st	8:00 AM	Tommy McNeal	229-247-2414	Vic Jameson	229-249-9441
Ware	2nd	10:00 AM	Jack O'Brien	912-449-3577	Bob Golding	912-638-0858
Wilcox	2nd	9:30 AM	John Clements	912-568-7617	Russell Clark	912-568-7440
K Outside No.					Johnnie Duncan	706-788-2641
K Outside So.					Liza Marchant	910-619-2542
Torch					Marilyn Lewis	770-412-7354

AUTRY #13
Sept 15–18, 2005
Bob Hodges, Leader

Guess What. September is hot in South Georgia, but the heat didn't deter the residents or team at Autry SP Kairos #13. The Holy Spirit burned even hotter.

Our Chaplain of many years accepted the position of Director of Chaplaincy Services for the State of Georgia, shortly before we began team training. Our team boldly prayed for a quick replacement, and God's man with a heart for Kairos. Our prayers were answered in a mighty way. A new Chaplain was hired about a month before the weekend. A Kairos advocate he immediately made the weekend a priority in the midst of a hectic transition. God is good.

The weekend started with a bang as the residents arrived an hour earlier than expected. Our flexible team quickly jumped to task and no one was inconvenienced.

All 42 residents who began the weekend completed it. One young man had a visitor but after council with the advising leader decided to stay with the weekend. The advising leader also filled a last minute vacancy at a table which gave us a full 21 team members at tables including 7 clergy.

The Lord touched the heart of all the men on the weekend. Although no first time confessions of faith were recorded, there was much evidence of the men drawing closer to the Lord and re-dedications were many.

Our music team was awesome and the residents eagerly joined in both spirited and

reverent praise songs.

Heard at Closing

- I feel like someone special for the first time in my life.
 - I found the support and direction I had been praying for.
 - Praise God! We are not alone on this journey.
 - I've got ammunition for the battle ahead.
 - (Referring to a team member) He's cool as a milkshake in a snowstorm!
- It was an honor to lead our team in service to our Lord and our fellow man.

CALHOUN #4
Nov. 10–13, 2005
Bill Dixon, Leader

What a wonderful weekend. The Lord Jesus Christ prevailed. I know that Satan doesn't want us to present the Kairos program and I thought that I was prepared for some things to go wrong. What I wasn't prepared for was that everything seemed to go wrong. Jesus taught me that He was in control and that I wasn't. Thank goodness.

Using the new manuals and the Leader "EZRA" program was difficult. One has to learn what new terms mean and it is not consistency throughout the EZRA program: Rector/Leader, Inside Coordinator/Coordinator, Participant/Resident etc. Up to the Weekend, I was still discovering things that Ezra could and could not do. It has some advantages but the old manual is easier to

use with everything being in the manual. A lot of reports that Ezra produces takes several pages where the same information could be obtained with one page on a Word or Excel file.

The number of team members went from having so many that some of them standing around with little to do during the Weekend to having just barely enough; three of them had to drop out for various reasons in the last five days.

Thursday started off with a bang. The Kairos trailer, with the supplies and music instruments, was to enter the prison at 2:30 and was delayed by the prison until 4:30. At the Warden's request, the residents would not be entering the gym, where the Weekend was to be held, until 5:45 and the volunteers could not enter before 5:30. We rushed into the gym and were getting ready to greet residents when the Chaplain chose to address the volunteers. This took about 20-30 minutes away from the schedule. Due to the time restraints the Leader's "End of the Day" talk was reduced to "put your name tag and Freedom Guide in your shoe tonight to remind you to bring them tomorrow". It must have been okay because all 42 residents showed up Friday morning and the same 42 were there for the Closing on Sunday.

Warden Roberts allowed us to have the community/conference room in the barber-shop instead of having both the conference room and chapel in the gym, one either side of the centerline. Normally for Chapel, the residents had to sit on bleacher benches and it was hard to maintain the atmosphere of spiritual reverence and family unity. The resident Kairos workers did wonders to make the chapel more spiritual and established family unity by forming eight rows of nine chairs per row, one row per Family. They then took the bleacher benches and laid them down on the backs, stood up about five feet high, covered the sides with paper. They arranged the benches to form three walls of a square around the chairs with the gym wall being the fourth wall. We now had a chapel.

The music team did a great job. The residents really got into the singing and participating in the songs. Steve Neal had an electronic percussion instrument that made all sorts of weird sounds. The Chaplain's aid

TAX NOTICES

Effective Jan 2006, thank-you notes will only be mailed to those who give a donation in the amount of \$250.00 or more to cut down on the cost and time involved in mailing thank-you notes. Thank-you notes for amounts less than \$250.00 and year end requests will be faxed or mailed to the donor upon written or email request.
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Thank-you for your continued support of the Kairos Prison Ministry.

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 State Committee

introduced me to his Muslim friend and related that the music team had him singing Christians songs.

The speakers for the Talks did a great job. Several times the residents had to be reminded not to give recognition to the speaker. On Saturday's open mike just about all residents wanted to talk, they were really into the Weekend. One related that he had been through Kairos at another prison, been released and got back in trouble again but this time he was going to stay out of trouble and stay on the right path. I don't know if he knew how lucky he was to be able to attend Kairos twice.

Sunday was eventful. The Closing was scheduled for 2:00 with the closing guest to arrive at 1:30. The Chaplain, who had forgotten the Kairos date, made other commitments and was not able to attend Sunday. He normally leads the Closing guest in for the closing and has a "callout" for the Kairos community to attend the Closing Ceremony. The Kairos community was not called out for the Closing Ceremony. While giving the "Leader's Final Talk To Participants" in the conference room, the officers/staff brought in two ladies that showed up early for the Closing Ceremony right through the conference room and had them sit in the gym. We asked the staff to please hold the rest of the Closing guest until 1:45 before bringing them in to the gym. The Cross Ceremony and the Closing Ceremony were awesome with all accepting their cross.

Heard at Closing

- I had no family, now I do.
- I learned that I didn't have to earn God's love.
- It really changed my life.
- I now have love in my heart.
- When I came I had hate in my heart – I found forgiveness and love.
- I forgot that I could forgive people.
- I was lost and found hope in Jesus Christ.
- I will never forget the first night I walked into Kairos.
- My wall came down.
- I found answers that I was searching for.
- Found that I had a family that I never knew.
- I turned my life over to God.
- Came to Kairos for the food and found a spiritual feast.
- The Kairos Weekend was like a birthday present from God.
- I haven't cried in 35 years but a letter from a little 7 year old changed that.

D. RAY JAMES #7
Nov. 3–6, 2005
Bill Gross, Leader

Kairos #7 is over and 42 more names are added to the Kairos community rolls in D. Ray James prison. The weekend was very special in that the team was lead by a Spirit of

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June 2 - 4, 2006
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June 23 - 25, 2006
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October 6 - 8, 2006
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Calhoun #4

obedience and humility and more negative leaders were selected for the weekend than ever before. No problems were encountered, not one emergency count or disruption. Each weekend the Warden assigns a staff lieutenant from security as staff liaison. He and the team liaison work closely together and make all arrangements for movements, counts, departures etc. that are required during the weekend. Each weekend seems to be smoother than the last.

I learned that Kairos is really a community ministry and once again the community excelled in support by providing outstanding prison missionaries for the team, financial support, more cookies than ever before for the staff and security officers, prayer coverage

for the weekend, agape for the participants and team and Boy Scout Troop 222 sponsored by the St. Mary's UMC provided breakfast each day and maintenance and cleanup for the teams living facilities.

I also learned that preparing for the weekend requires a lot of hard work from each member of the team. We found out early on that everyone must be committed to the call and must be willing to re-arrange their priorities. Support from our families is absolutely necessary because routine family activities more often than not must be put on hold. In addition volunteers are expected to help raise the funds needed to conduct the weekend. We come to realize that God's call to service is not always fun but we don't need to enjoy every aspect of the job we are called to do. We are only expected to be obedient. Each member of the team was indeed committed and performed flawlessly.

The usual comments were heard at closing. The Fourth Day Speaker was the present Rector/Leader and he spoke about accepting Christ on his weekend and how God through Kairos has changed his life completely during his 4th day. He rallied the Kairos community in support of the new 42 as they adapt and become an active part of their new family.

The Ezra computer software was used to conduct Kairos #7 exclusively even though many glitches existed in the system. For example the Rector's comments would not print for this report and many changes made during training did not take effect in the software and therefore did not print out correctly. Hopefully we can look forward to a program of continuing improvement in the software application before the next weekend.

It was indeed an honor and high privilege for me to lead Kairos #7. I praise God for the ministry and for being called to serve.



Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Rules...

There is nothing more frustrating than having a good intention and meeting with resistance because of prison rules and regulations. As you know from working in the prison system, there are many rules that Kairos ministers must follow. Some of these rules are consistent from prison to prison while others may be unique to a particular institution. Regardless, it is the duty of each of us in Kairos to obey the rules and follow the regulations that govern the prison where we are working. It may go against our caring and generous nature to do so – but as they say “rules are rules!” We cannot risk being evicted from a prison because the warden sees us breaking a rule. Please familiarize yourself with all the prison regulations and be careful to follow them without exception.

—Jim Mauldin

KAIROS OUTSIDE SOUTH KICKS OFF IN FEBRUARY

On New Years many of us eat black-eyed peas for good luck and greens for a better financial year. We are excited that many women in South Georgia will have a great start to a new year because of their experience at Kairos Outside. The date has been set for the first Kairos Outside of South Georgia. The weekend will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday, February 17 at Kamp Kirksey in Albany. Closing will be held at 2:30 on Sunday and all are invited to attend.

The vibrant team is being led by Liza Marchant. This team of 38 has been hard at work and have put in many hours of training. Please pray for this team and its leaders as they strive to demonstrate God's love for these South Georgia guests.