

# *Kairos Outside of Georgia*



*Newsletter*

*December 2022*

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Christmas is that special time of the year in which we celebrate and appreciate the birth of Jesus Christ. In this season, we do our best to reach out and be a blessing to our families, as well as others who mean a lot to us. God's promises remain sure and steadfast in the familiar Scripture passages of the Christmas story: *"Do not be afraid"* (or the more emphatic translation "Fear not"). The shepherds needed this reassurance from the angels.

***"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in a town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11).***

We also find the wonderful meaning of Christmas summarized in **John 3:16** - ***"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."***

The Christ Child is the most precious gift any of us can ever receive. It is a GIFT that can never be matched nor repaid, only graciously and joyously accepted. Through this acceptance, we try to emulate Christ in our daily living – reflecting His light and His love to others, so that those living in darkness may come to know Him as their friend and savior, as well.

May your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

**Kairos Outside of Georgia**



## *Chat with the Chair*

Dear Kairos Family,

Welcome to the holiday season. We have so much to be thankful for daily, and we set aside a day to focus on Thank You God. Then in a flash of time we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus. We see so much commercialization, decorations, and focus that is not on the actual season. The reason for the season is... Jesus. I have already heard Christmas carols on some of the radio stations. To me, when the music starts it starts the Christmas season.

As we end the year, we can look back to a year that has brought changes, challenges, and victories as Kairos Outside of Georgia was able to have a Weekend. We had a super Weekend where our Guests, Team and Angels were blessed. The involvement of the Kairos community and the friends of Kairos were amazingly supportive. We could not have had such a successful Weekend without your support and prayers. We ask that you continue to cover us in your prayers as we plan for our next Weekend.

Our Kairos family is a special group of people. May the joy of the season touch each one of you in a way that only God can do. This is the first time I have said, "Merry Christmas"!

Blessings for a Blessed Christmas season,

*Nita Hodges*  
*Advisory Council Chair*  
*Kairos Outside of Georgia*

## *Kairos Outside #42*

Thank you to all of you who made it possible that we could have our Kairos Outside Weekend #42. It was a challenge being the first Weekend after COVID. Our Guests had a wonderful time in the Lord. We could not have done it first without God, and then without time, effort, dedication, support, donations, and love that we received from you. It was a privilege and an honor to serve as God's Appointed Leader for our #42 Weekend.

Looking forward to continuing to serve God on this wonderful ministry and to support our Next God's Appointed Leader for #43, Roxann Davis.



Have a blessed and wonderful Christmas!!

*Pam Pitts*  
*Leader #42*  
*Kairos Outside of Georgia*

## *Christmas...Sharing the Spirit of Christ*



***“Think about what we have in Christ: the encouragement He has brought us, the comfort of His love, our sharing in His Spirit, and the mercy and kindness He has shown us. If you enjoy these blessings, then do what will make my joy complete: Agree with each other and show your love for each other. Be united in your goals and in the way you think. In whatever you do, don’t let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves. Don’t be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too.” Philippians 2:1-4 (ERV)***

Here we are again in the middle of the Advent season, where sacrifices of prayer, fasting and acts of repentance are being sent up to God. Petitions of hope, peace, forgiveness, and anticipation of a new birthing in us. Why? Because we want to be used by God according to His divine plan. Not according to our will but His purpose that was instituted before we were formed in our mother’s womb.

To prepare ourselves for what’s ahead, we must position ourselves, by walking in humility and a willingness to obey His commands to be strengthened by His power. This, however, will take more than just a whim but a strong commitment and desire.

Secondly, we must put on the character of a servant and stand in agreement with God as He weaves His Spirit into our lives. This process can take as long as we let it if we agree with too many other things. Whether it be people, prestige, or power, they must go.

The power of agreement is the strongest bond other than love that can ultimately bring change into our lives and the lives of others. God created us to be change agents in a world that in many instances is resistant to it. However, we know that despite it all, with Him all things are made possible. Can Christ count on you?

### **Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father,

You said that “they that hunger and thirst after You and Your righteousness shall be filled.” So, I pray that You would cause my soul to hunger and thirst for You, as if I were in a dry and thirsty land where there was no water. As a deer pants for water, may my soul thirst and pant after You. Father, as I hunger and thirst after You, I thank You for filling me with Your Spirit, Your power, Your love, Your wisdom, and Your strength until I overflow. In Jesus Name, Amen.

***Bertha Booth  
Spiritual Director  
Advisory Council  
Kairos Outside of Georgia***



Greetings in the name of Jesus!!!

The Christmas season is a reminder of the most incredible event in human history: The birth of Jesus Christ. It requires faith to recognize that God's Son stepped out of heaven to be born of a woman. It is a season to rejoice and give thanks because God gave us the best gift ever: His Son Jesus Christ.

For years, our Kairos Outside community has been dreaming with having a newsletter. We encountered obstacles along the way but finally, in God's time, we have our Christmas miracle. Welcome to the first edition of our Kairos Outside of Georgia newsletter. We are so excited to have this new avenue to communicate with our Kairos Outside of Georgia family and keep you updated of future events and activities.

We have many plans for next year and we will update you next month. In a previous email, I sent you the links to three Kairos Facebook pages. Please click on the links and be part of these Facebook public pages. You will find very useful information about Kairos.

**Kairos Prison Ministry International**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational>**

**Kairos of Georgia**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/87114803112>**

**Kairos Outside of Georgia**

**<https://www.facebook.com/kairosoutsideofgeorgia>**

If you have any questions, any ideas that you would like to share, or would like to be part of our Communications Sub-Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me at *kairosoutsidegeorgia@gmail.com* or you can call me at (478) 957-2307.

May your spirit rejoice in the wonder of His birth. Wishing you a joy-filled Christmas season. Have a blessed Christmas!

*Vanessa Vélez Cruz*  
*Communications Coordinator*  
*Advisory Council*  
*Kairos Outside of Georgia*

***New Mailing Address:***

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## **Kairos Outside Fundraising**

Kairos Outside of Georgia depends on the generous support of individuals, churches, and communities for assistance to raise enough money to cover the costs of providing these weekends. We cannot hold these life changing weekends without your help. We need **YOU**. There are several ways that you can raise money to help fund a Kairos Outside Weekend.

### **Meal Tickets:**

\*Give a \$10 donation for a meal ticket to sponsor a meal for the weekend. Ask family, friends, co-workers, and others to sponsor a meal.

### **Change in a bottle:**

\*Get an empty water bottle or drink bottle and fill it with change. Ask family, friends, co-workers, and others to donate "Change to help change a life."

### **Facebook and Social Media:**

\*Put a message on your social media asking for donations. A sample script is available to help you set up your Social Media message.

### **Church, Clubs, Organizations:**

\*Ask for donations from your church, sororities and fraternities, clubs, and organizations.

### **Give a Donation:**

\*Give a donation in honor of someone, in memory of someone, or just because.

These are just a few things that you as an individual can do to help raise money for Kairos Outside. There will be several fundraising events next year. We are a team, and we need your help. There are many other ways that you could help with fundraising. If you would like to help and be part of the Fundraising Sub-Committee, please contact me at [teacherlady91@gmail.com](mailto:teacherlady91@gmail.com) or at (478) 501-6940. Any assistance will be appreciated.

Thank you for all that you do, and all that you are going to do, to help us raise money so that we can continue to provide Kairos Outside Support Weekends for ladies whose lives have been impacted by incarceration. May God continue to bless you!

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas!

***Rosa Gilbert***  
***Fundraising Coordinator***  
***Advisory Council***  
***Kairos Outside of Georgia***



### **Kairos Outside #43**

I have the pleasure to announce that we have a date for our Kairos Outside Weekend #43. It will be on November 10-12, 2023, at Camp Echeconnee, 637 Mount Paran Road in Lizella, Georgia. (Macon area). From January until June we will be having Reunions, fundraising activities, Virtual Trainings via ZOOM, and many opportunities for fellowship and praying. We cannot do anything without God's help and your prayers.

I am honored and blessed to be God's Appointed Leader for our Kairos Outside Weekend #43. If you want to know more about the Weekend #43 or need additional information, please contact me at (404) 734-0564 or at [davisroxann@hotmail.com](mailto:davisroxann@hotmail.com).

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

***Roxann Davis***  
***Leader #43***  
***Kairos Outside of Georgia***

### **Kairos Outside Weekends**

A Kairos Outside Weekend is a no-cost retreat, hosted by a Christian community, for women who now have (or have had) relatives and/or friends in State and Federal prisons, jails, youth facilities, or who have been incarcerated themselves but were unable to attend a Kairos Inside Weekend. These women are shown Christ's love and treated as Guests of Kairos Outside. To attend, Guests do not need to be Christian. Weekends are usually held twice per year and last from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon.

If you know any woman whose life has been impacted by incarceration and would like to be a Guest, please contact Nita Hodges at (706) 283-5446 or at [kairosoutsidegeorgia@gmail.com](mailto:kairosoutsidegeorgia@gmail.com). We will send you a Guest Reservation Form and information about the Weekend.

**The Special  
Guests**



### **Fundraising Sub-Committee**

Fundraising activities are essential to raise the funds to financially support our Weekends. If you would like to help and be part of the Fundraising Sub-Committee, please contact Rosa Gilbert at [teacherlady91@gmail.com](mailto:teacherlady91@gmail.com) or at (478) 501-6940.



### **Continuing Ministry Sub-Committee**

Continuing Ministry is an especially important part of our Kairos ministry. It is the success of the Kairos' programs – which also sets Kairos apart from other ministries.

The Weekend is the vehicle, Continuing Ministry is the destination.

Planning the Reunions requires a team effort. If you would like to be part of the Continuing Ministry Sub-Committee, please contact Lynne Green at [lynnegreen01@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegreen01@gmail.com) or at (917) 302-4578.