

# *Kairos Outside of Georgia*



*Newsletter*

*February 2023*

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***Save the Date!!!!!!!!!!***



*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

*Kairos Outside of Georgia*

*The celebration will be held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023,*

*at Holy Cross Catholic Church,*

*3773 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341*

*from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.*

*Further details will follow.*

***Kairos Outside Weekend #43***

*November 10-12, 2023*

*Camp Echeconnee*

*637 Mount Paran Road*

*Lizella, Georgia 31052*

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### *Chat with the Chair*

Dear Kairos Family:

We want to welcome you to 2023! We are starting our new year and our new year for the Advisory Council as well. We would like to welcome Maribel LaBenita and Maria Bailey to the Kairos Outside of Georgia Advisory Council. There will be several ladies who will be joining us as non-voting members who will be assisting the Council members.

We are looking forward to exciting things this year. Kairos Outside of Georgia's Weekend # 43 is planned for November 10-12, 2023, with Roxann Davis as God's appointed Leader. During this year, we have some training planned. There are Advance Kairos Trainers who will facilitate the training. As we prepare to be our best for our Guests, knowledge is the key!

It is hard to believe that Kairos Outside of Georgia has been serving ladies whose lives have been impacted by incarceration for 25 years, this year! We will be sharing with you later the details of the celebration. We thank God for each Leader, Guest, Team, and Angel who has served over these years. There is NO doubt that hearts and lives have been touched and changed through the blessings of Kairos.

Blessings with anticipation,

*Nita Hodges  
Advisory Council Chair  
Kairos Outside of Georgia*

### *Kairos Outside Virtual Trainings*

Kairos Outside of Georgia will be having virtual trainings to enhance our readiness for the different positions on a Kairos Outside Weekend Team. These trainings will be over and above the 36 required team formation training hours. They will be open to anyone interested in learning more about the different positions that God will call us to serve, now and in the future. ***Table Leaders and Table Servers trainings will be held via ZOOM on the following dates: February 16th, March 15th, and March 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. There will more trainings for other areas. Everyone is invited to attend. If you are interested contact:***

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## ***The Power of Agreement***

***“So, there are three witnesses that tell us about Jesus: the Spirit, the water, and the blood. These three witnesses agree.” {1 John 5:7-8}***

As we start this new year 2023, with the Kairos Community, I thought it would be wise to remind each of us of the global mission that God has entrusted into our hands. If we are to remain successful in all endeavors as it relates to this call, we must see the broader picture of how it affects our entire world and the importance of our response to cause and effect. While we all have various gifts, talents, and abilities, it would not do us or the people we serve any good if we are not in one accord and walking in the spirit of agreement. **Agreement** is like a meeting of the minds when we come together for one common cause and that is to glorify our God. With that comes a spirit of love, mercy, grace, and peace.

***1 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV) Reads: “I appeal to you, brothers, and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.”***

As faithful members of this community, and as we set the pace for this year, I would like to suggest a few statements as a charge to us all daily as we serve our God, our families, and our communities.

### **I exhort:**

That we all remain open to new ideas and ways of doing ministry as long as it doesn't violate the rules of the Kairos manual.

1. That we lead with integrity,
2. That we do our absolute best for the sake of the people we serve and the commitment to our God,
3. That we remain appreciative,
4. That we listen, listen, listen...better,
5. That we are willing to serve within our own means,
6. That we remain steadfast.
- 7.

Let us all be mindful that the power of agreement is the power that is given to us to fulfill our God given purpose for the people we have been chosen to serve. The blueprint has so graciously been prepared for us in the Word of God and if executed by those means, how can we fail?

***Amos 3:3 so eloquently states it all for our remembrance which is a question that echoes throughout the entire bible, “Can two really walk together unless they agree?”***



## **Prayer**

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*I come to You as humbly as I know how asking You to cleanse me of my own unrighteousness that I may take on Your righteousness. Your Word tells me that when I am submitted to Your council and Your will, I receive power. Dunamis power that helps me to become more like You in character and service. Father, endow me the ability to be an instrument of Your love, grace, and mercy. I want to be in agreement with Your will on earth so that heaven may be experienced in all that I do for You. Father, fill me until I overflow.*

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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



Greetings in the name of Jesus!!!

We are looking forward to the planning of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It has been 25 years since our first Kairos Outside Weekend #1 led by God's Appointed Leader, Joanne Astalos on May 22 -24, 1998. We are in the process of putting together a committee to organize the details of this great celebration. If you would like to be part of the committee, please contact me at (478) 957-2307 or at [vanvec@yahoo.com](mailto:vanvec@yahoo.com).

If your address or phone number has changed, please email us the updated information at [kairosoutsidegeorgia@gmail.com](mailto:kairosoutsidegeorgia@gmail.com).

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

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

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### **Continuing Ministry**

Happy New Year and welcome to the year of the Lord Two Thousand, Twenty-Three (2023). It appears time is moving quickly, and the truth is the days are being shortened. **Mark 13:20 says, “And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days”.** Guess what? We are the very elect. Isn't that good news that Our God cares that much for us?

So, what are we to do? We continue to love, support, and encourage our brothers and sisters because God wishes none would be lost. We do this through our Continuing Ministry. This is why we encourage each of you to join us in the reunions even if you are no longer actively involved in Kairos Outside, but we sure hope you stay involved.

In 2022, we held our first in-person gathering since our world shut down due to Covid-19. It was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, in Yatesville, Georgia, special thanks to Angela Johnson opening her camp to us. We were so happy to see one another live and in person. We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> in-person reunion after weekend #42 in Tucker, Georgia, thanks to Pat Sheridan and Holy Cross Church. We were able to gather virtually via zoom in March and again in December where we celebrated Spring and Christmas respectively. We had a wonderful time and were able to catch up with people we had not seen in a very long time and meet new Kairos Outside family. We are thankful for Beverly Upperman, State Chair of Kairos of Georgia, being able to participate in our December reunion where we loved on each other and celebrated the birth of Christ.

**We hope you are contacting your S.W.A.P groups and make every effort to attend our next Reunion on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM at 10:00 am.** If you have any ideas, I would love to hear from you. It is my prayer that the blessings of the Lord shall chase you down and overtake you especially with health, prosperity, love, family, and anything else your heart desires. Blessings,

***Lynne Green***  
***Continuing Ministry Coordinator***  
***Advisory Council***  
***Kairos Outside of Georgia***

### **UPCOMING REUNIONS**

***April 15<sup>th</sup> – In person. Location and time to be determined.***  
***June 10<sup>th</sup> – Virtual via ZOOM at 10:00 am***  
***December 2<sup>nd</sup> – In person. Location and time to be determined.***

## *Keeping You Up-to-Date from the Secretary:*

Happy New Year & Welcome from Kairos Outside of Georgia Advisory Council.

Starting off with the word “**Agreement**”, the Advisory Council is excited to begin the 2023 New Year with determination of unity and renewed purpose serving our Lord through the Kairos Outside Ministry.

### **“Greetings” to each member of Kairos Outside of Georgia Advisory Council.**

Thank you to each member for saying "Yes" to this commitment.

"Welcome Back" to the returning members and "Special Welcome" to our two newest members:

- Maria Bailey
- Maribel LaBenita

Saying a big "Thank You" for the dedicated service of two members that who rolled off the Council at the end of 2022. Each of these ladies want to stay involved by serving with the various sub-committees needed throughout the year from the Advisory Council and on future teams.

- Pat Sheridan ~~ Served as Agape Coordinator
- Pat Hicks ~~ Served as Data Coordinator

### **Introduction of your Kairos Outside of Georgia Advisory Council 2023 Members are as follows:**

- Nita Hodges ~~ Advisory Council Chair {returning}
- Jeanenne Brewton ~~ Vice Chair {returning}
- Joyce Moore ~~ Secretary {returning}
- Roxann Davis ~~ Kairos Donor Coordinator & Financial Secretary {returning}
- Treasurer ~~ Gayle Roberts {returning}
- Facility Coordinator ~~ Pam Pitts {returning}
- Katie Kennebrew ~~ Outreach Recruiting Coordinator {returning}
- Rosa Gilbert ~~ Fundraising / Sponsorship Coordinator {returning}
- Maria Bailey ~~ Agape Coordinator {new}
- Bertha Booth ~~ Clergy / Spiritual Directory {returning}
- Lynne Green ~~ Continuing Ministry Coordinator {returning}
- Maribel Labenita ~~ Data Coordinator {new}
- Vanessa Velez-Cruz ~~ Communications Coordinator {returning}

Also, "Welcome & Thank You" to non-voting volunteer members that attended the Advisory Council meeting:

- Debra Green
- Jenny Ham
- Pat Sheridan
- Patricia Thompson
- Rhonda Barlow

As the Advisory Council starts the year with many plans and renewing our commitment to the ministry, we will need the assistance and support of our Kairos Outside Community. If any of you are interested in volunteering to serve on a "Sub-Committee", please reach out to a member of the Advisory Council.

Thank you for your support, loyalty & prayers!

**Joyce Moore {McElroy}**  
**Secretary**  
**Advisory Council**  
**Kairos Outside of Georgia**



## ***Interest Meeting***

***Luke 1:37: "For nothing will be impossible with God."***

***For many years we have been praying for the possibility of having a Kairos Outside Community in the Savannah area. The Lord heard our prayers and opened many doors. There will be an Interest Meeting on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 1745 Benton Blvd, Pooler, Georgia 31407.***

***If you know anyone in the area who may be interested, please let us know. Also, if you would like to attend and support this new initiative, you are welcome to come.***

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