

Kairos of Georgia

Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World

March 2024



Greetings Kairos of Georgia!

Here we are, three months into this new year and Spring is in the air! It's that time of year where we look around and see transformation and change! Flowers are budding and blooming! Trees are changing into magnificent colors. We're shedding our coats and basking in the marvelous sun as temperatures rise! Song of Songs 2:11-12 says it better than I can – *“See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.”* And what better time than Spring to remember and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! HE IS RISEN INDEED! He got up out of that grave with all power, which causes my heart to rejoice!



Jesus' resurrection is a vivid reminder that times and seasons do change, and each season has a purpose. Jesus spent a season of suffering and subsequent crucifixion and willingly gave His life so we could enjoy a springtime of new life in Him! Oh the wonder of it all! But in the same way that season of Jesus' life did not last, the rough seasons of our life will not last. And that, my brothers and sisters, is GOOD NEWS! Joy is coming! Trouble won't last always! Weeping may endure for a night, but only one night though!!!

So, during this season, a time where many focus on doing some much needed 'spring cleaning', let us clean out the cobwebs of disappointment and discouragement! Let us clean out the cobwebs of weariness and fatigue. Let us clean out the cobwebs of exasperation and frustration! Let us allow the freshness of Spring to revive our souls and spirit as we continue to serve the Lord with gladness!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!!

Beverly

Kairos of Georgia State Chair

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Kairos Annual Conference Registration is Open



This year the Kairos Annual Conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport.

Business meetings for Board of Directors, International Council, and State Chairs will be conducted on July 24 – 25.

The Conference begins on Thursday evening, July 25th, with dinner at 5:30pm, followed by the evening general session. The Conference will conclude on Saturday the 27th at 1:00pm.

Each Advisory Council is encouraged to send one volunteer to represent your community. The cost of the Conference will be funded by the State, and the Advisory Council is responsible for the transportation.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience this awesome time with Kairos volunteers from other States and Countries.

You can register online at www.mykairos.org/conference.html.

Call 407-629-4948 with questions not answered on the website.

2024 Kairos Annual Conference

Louisville, Kentucky

July 24 - 27, 2024

Registration is Now Open at

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Sponsor a 2-mile Walk-a-thon in your community!

This is a very active time of year for our Kairos Outside and Kairos Inside teams: volunteers are busy with reunions and prayer and share opportunities as well as preparations and team meetings for upcoming weekends.

But thinking ahead, how can we continue to raise funds and raise awareness in our communities about Kairos?

The Distance for Deliverance Walkathon is being held between June 7th and 16th. Two-mile walks can be scheduled by Kairos Communities throughout the country.

To learn more about this activity, visit [www.Distance For Deliverance.org](http://www.DistanceForDeliverance.org), or contact marketing@kpmi.org for more information.



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Spring is in the air, weekends are happening and your SCC is here to help!!

Georgia Spring Weekends

Kairos Inside

Coastal #26	3/14
Valdosta SP #48	3/14
Pulaski #51	3/21
Walker #23	3/21
Emanuel #18	4/11
Washington #26	4/11
Augusta State Medical #68	4/18
Phillips #28	4/18
Whitworth Detention Center	4/18
Smith #17	5/02
Atlanta Metro RF #5	5/16
Hancock #52	5/16

Kairos Outside

KO Northwest #5	4/26
KO Georgia #44	5/03

State of Georgia Kairos 2024 SCC Executive Committee

Chair - Beverly Upperman

Vice Chair – Walter Straham

Secretary – Diane Morgan

Financial Secretary - Roxann Davis

Treasurer - David Griffin

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Vanessa Velez-Cruz

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Clergy – Jim Smith

AKT Coordinator - Angela Straham

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Weekend Leader Notes

Rogers #41 – 11/16/2023

Covid put a halt to our program at Rogers State Prison, Reidsville, GA in the spring of 2020. Now, in 2023 with a new warden, a new chaplain and a new set of rules we were invited back to begin monthly reunions. That progressed to a weekend for November 16th thru 19th. Fewer snacks and food, and no cookies, were allowed back to the dorms as we had done for 15 years. There were fewer volunteers, and we could only support 4 tables instead of the usual 7 tables. Twenty veteran volunteers were super to grease the skids for a successful weekend

Valdosta #47 – 02/15/2024

The weekend was very successful and powerful! The team was engaged through the entire training process and involved during the weekend. The residents were engaged and found the weekend powerful. God is good. The team was engaged and made sure that all participants were engaged. They listened and loved! Kairos is an amazing experience for all involved. God was moving!



“...I was in prison, and you visited me.”

(Matthew 25:36)

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A Great Recruitment Idea From Our Friends at Lee State



The Lee State Advisory Council held a recruitment dinner March 2, 2024.

Along with 18 active members, they hosted 14 prospects for the volunteer team.

Special thanks go to Rick and Christy Walls, who prepared a seafood feast.

What a great recruitment tool!



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GDC Guidelines for Obtaining a Badge



For NEW or EXPIRED BADGES only:

1. Go to gdc.ga.gov
2. Scroll down to "Volunteer Opportunities" and click "Get Involved"
3. On the left side of the page, click "Apply to be a Volunteer"
4. On the next page, select "Apply to be a Volunteer"
5. Complete 4 Steps:
 1. Watch Chaplain Turner's Welcome video (approx. 3 minutes)
 2. Take a quiz.
 3. Watch the initial orientation video (approx. 7 minutes)
 4. Complete the online application
6. Follow the remaining instructions to complete the application process.
7. When this part of the process is completed, look for the email notification that your renewal has been received.

For RENEWALS only:

1. Go to <https://gdc.georgia.gov/community-support/volunteering/apply-be-volunteer>
2. On the left side of the page, click "Volunteer Renewal Application"
3. Scroll down and click "FILL OUT THE RENEWAL FORM"
4. Complete the info with your name, badge number, and expiration date, click that you are not a robot, then click "Submit." This will take you to the correct screen.
5. Watch the video, then follow the remaining instructions to complete the renewal.
NOTE: Please ensure that you list a host facility, the main prison you will serve. Even though many of you serve at multiple facilities, you must choose one for this form. It does not limit your ability to serve in another facility. Without this information your application will go into an "incomplete" file and processing stops.
6. When this part of the process is completed, look for the email notification that your renewal has been received.



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*Welcome Home,
Good and Faithful Servant*



Carol Jean Curran Crankshaw, July 1938 – Dec, 30, 2023: As a member of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Carol served in the order of the Daughters of the King until devoting herself to the Kairos Prison Ministry at Pulaski State Prison for women for nearly 20 years. Her quiet smile, merry temperament – and yet a firm intolerance to foolish noise – underscored the simple wisdom and dignity of her faithful soul.



Kairos Daily and Monthly Prayer Times

Prayer is foundational,
transformative, and prayer works!

We are asking every volunteer to
pray for Kairos daily at noon (your
time).

Also, a Kairos prayer conference
call is held on the first day of each
month at 12 noon Eastern
Time/US for 15 minutes.

A designated Kairos volunteer
leads us in prayer each month.

**This call is open to everyone in
Kairos!**

Dial-in: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 3202518737#
Passcode: 215540



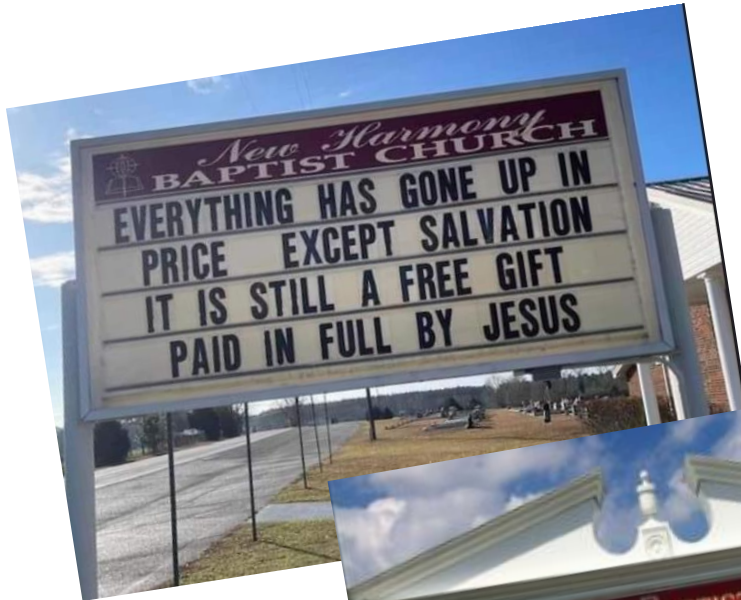
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Simple Truths to Encourage You!



WHEN YOU ARE
HANGING ON BY
A THREAD, MAKE
SURE IT'S THE HEM
OF HIS
GARMENT
AMEN

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FABULOUS Peanut Butter Cup Cookies!



- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups all purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, softened
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup peanut butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 40 miniature chocolate covered peanut butter cups, unwrapped

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees
- Sift together flour, salt, and baking soda; set aside
- Cream together butter, sugar, peanut butter and brown sugar till fluffy. Beat in egg, vanilla and milk
- Add the flour mixture, mix well
- Shape dough into 40 balls and place each into an ungreased mini muffin pan and bake 8 minutes
- Remove from oven and immediately press an unwrapped mini peanut butter cup into each ball.
- Cool, remove from pan, and enjoy!

“It’s a winner!”

“You’ll be shocked how easy it is to make these peanut butter cookies.”

“I used white chocolate cups and they came out great.”

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Keep My Hands On The Plow

Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62



As I stand looking out at my garden area I sometimes wonder if it is worth the effort. The sand gnats; cutworms; drought; hail; all the things that could go wrong. But, when I walk into the kitchen, look in the cupboard or peek into the freezer and see the outcome of my efforts, it spurs me to keep my hands on the plow.

I believe Caleb had to feel the same way. In the book of Joshua, we see Caleb was 40 years old when he helped spy out the promised land; spent another 40 years wandering around in the wilderness; then 5 years doing battle. At 85 years of age, he acquired what Moses promised him in Deut. 1:36. He kept his hand on the plow. He said the outcome was worth the effort.

Those of us who have been "at it" for a while might begin to think, is it still worth the effort? Can we still be effective? This is the word I have for us.

Let's look at how God sees us. He knows our knees and hips are bad. Our eyesight is helped by various power of glasses. Oh yeah, the TV can never be loud enough. The back hurts just thinking about bending over. Stairs are daunting. Cultural changes are depressing. Computer technology is terrifying. Even so, He has made you a mighty warrior. If you can hold a cane, you can hold a battle ax. You have suffered but endured so you have honestly earned every gray hair.

There is a generation out there that is in dire need of what we bring to the table. If we take our hands off the plow, younger generations will suffer. When we woke up this morning, we had a choice to make. Did you decide to just go through the motions, or did you serve notice to the enemy that we have not been released from the battle by the King of Kings, the Lord of Lord's, the great I Am?

Our legacy is secure, but it is still incomplete. You see-We woke up this A.M. I've read the Book. We win.

Jim Smith

State Clergy