



"You came into prison and visited me" —Matt 25:36

THE STONES CRY OUT!

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Anticipation, Disappointment, Anticipation, Joy & Praise

God's timing is perfect if we get out of His way. Kairos #15 was originally scheduled for October 2000.

A few days prior to the scheduled date, the team was informed that USP Lompoc was in lock down and would be for some time. As the days approached for the weekend with team building/training complete, the team was geared up and filled with great anticipation. Needless to say, when we were informed that the weekend would not proceed, disappointment filled our being. Was God teaching us a lesson? Could it be that His timing – and not ours – is important? The answer is an unequivocal YES! Kairos #15 was rescheduled for February, 2001.

The team for Kairos #15 regrouped with a few new members in the beginning of 2001. New talks were assigned, and team building/training was abbreviated, but the spirit and tenor of the meetings again were filled with great anticipation of what the Lord had in store.

Thirty outside-team members entered USP Lompoc Friday night, but only twenty-nine departed after the weekend closed. Shortly after we arrived, one of our key team members was informed that his father had been taken to the hospital, not expected to live. It was apparent we were entering Satan's turf, and he did not want us in USP Lompoc. God provided forty-seven residents who stayed and received God's grace.

A few comments from those who attended:

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Tuesday comes around, these people won't be here. But we are all brothers in Christ, and this experience doesn't have to end on Tuesday. We can make ourselves stronger and make our light shine brighter. I will do whatever I can."

"Up in chapel last week somebody asked me whether I was white or Indian. My mother is Indian, so I said, 'I am whatever you think I am.' But now I know *this* is where I belong. *You* guys are *my* people."

"It was the hardest thing I could have done – to forgive. But when I did (whew!) it was the greatest thing."

"I've never done anything to make my mother proud. I called her last night and told her all about Kairos. This weekend has validated my life."

"I thought the volunteers were coming in to look at the animals. I was wrong. I loved their honest sharing. It lit up the darkness inside of me."

"Ever see a wanted poster? I felt like my face should be on an un-wanted poster. This weekend I found out that God wants me."

The theme for the weekend was John 7:37, "If anyone is thirsty let him come to me." The Fourth-Day speaker closed with, "Keep on checking Jesus out. He is the supply source that never runs dry. He has rivers of flowing water of life. Keep on checking Jesus out." I can only add, AMEN!

I close with great joy and praise for the opportunity to have been Rector for Kairos #15. It was worth the wait. Praise Jesus!

—Fran Burrus

Council Minutes

Lompoc Kairos Advisory Council Meeting
9:30AM, May 12, 2001, at Don Pepe's in Lompoc, CA

(Edited for length)

Cliff McMullen (Chair), Efren Ramirez (Treasurer), Ben Fisher (Logistics), Larry Fran Burrus (Agape), Roy Smith (Newsletter), Deacon John Burke (Chaplain), and Dave Matthews (#17 Rector).

Bracketed: {*Votes (Moved, Seconded, Passed)*}

Starred: ****Action items****

Cliff McMullen opened with prayer at 9:30AM.

Previous Minutes (January 13, 2001) not available. Cliff summarized. The previous action item relating to meeting the new warden remains an action item. Cliff will arrange a meeting in the near future. Ben asked to be included.

Treasurer Report: Efren reported bank balance is \$3,972. We have paid the 2001 first-quarter dues of \$650, and have received the second-quarter bill. Discussed whether to pay the second quarter because we only had one [Kairos] weekend last year. ****Cliff will follow up with Darrell Tate and Darrell Bratten, recommend course of action.****

Re-cap of Kairos #15: Fran reported approximately 10 critique sheets received. General consensus of the weekend was favorable, with the primary concern the extended sharing at closing. It was recommended future Rectors and Deacon John monitor time more closely. Fran commented on outstanding work by the inside team. Deacon John expressed concern about the number of guests attending closing. After discussion (negotiation) John agreed to a maximum of forty names submitted before the weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Phil Womble – Deacon John reported that Phil is approved to be on the team for Kairos #16. Logistics and other issues will fall under guidance of the next Rector, Gary Clancy. Gary has approved Phil for Kairos #16.

2-day Instructional Reunions in the USP Lompoc Environment – Cliff reported no action has taken place. Discussed effectiveness of 2-day reunions. ****Cliff asked Efren and Deacon John to contact Darrell Bratten and Emma Jones to find out which Kairos communities are doing 2-day reunions and their effectiveness.****

Newsletter – Cliff encouraged Roy to publish the newsletter quarterly. Roy acknowledged that the frequency has not been as timely as he would like. There has also been a lack of material for the newsletter. Cliff suggested Roy feature various team members in the future. The goal continues to be a quarterly newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Badge Training Dates – Current training dates are July 14, 9AM; July 17, 6PM; Oct. 6, 9AM; and Oct. 9, 6PM. Deacon John will notify those due for renewal.

National and State News – No report.

Council Positions and Term Limits – The last Council meeting decided to attempt to fill all Council positions, but no one knew what they were. Our historian provided a profile of what existed in 1993. According to state and national offices, each Kairos community determines its own needs and positions. Cliff received positions that several communities currently use. The following positions were approved, with names of those currently serving, or those who have agreed to serve (**bold typeface**):

Committee Chairman – Cliff McMullen
Committee Vice Chair – Scott Wilson
Chaplain – John Burke
Treasurer – Efren Ramirez
Secretary – Larry Santarossa
Agape – Fran Burrus
Newsletter – Roy Smith
Institutional Liaison/Meals & Housing – Ben Fisher
Spanish Representative – Joe Salcedo (?)
State Representative – **Dave Matthews**
Logistics – **Rich Antles**
Music – **Frank Percival**
Historian –
Recruitment –
Fund raising –
Publicity/Outreach –

Cliff moved that position(s) for English and Spanish Spiritual Director(s) also be established, with primary responsibilities to assist the Rector recruiting Clergy, and to be available on weekends and reunions. {Motion seconded by Roy, passed unanimously.} **** Cliff to discuss position(s) with Brother Alan Smith.** **Cliff and Fran will work on job descriptions for positions above.****

The subject and structure of term limits will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Kairos #16 – Fran will meet with Gary Clancy to pass on information. Dave Matthews will not be available on the weekend due to family commitments.

Cups – Ben suggested we readdress issuing cups on the weekend. Suggestion was voted down.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Burrus, for Larry Santarossa

Kairos Team #16 Membership Application

United States Penitentiary, Lompoc • October 5 – 8, 2001

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Bus.): _____ (Fax): _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Drivers License #: _____

Social Security # ____-____-____ email: _____

Cursillo Emmaus Other Date: ____/____/____ Place: _____

Number of "Street" weekends worked: ____ Positions: _____

Kairos experience other than Lompoc: (Location, Number and Position) _____

Please list both Kairos and "street" talks that you have given on the reverse of this application.

Church Membership: Name _____ Location: _____

Denomination: _____

I understand that by serving on a Kairos team I am obligated to attend monthly reunions with residents who have made a Kairos for a period of up to one year. I will make a reasonable effort to attend this crucial follow-up.

I will buy, read, and follow the Kairos manual upon my acceptance as a member of the Kairos outside team. I understand the importance of team formation, and I will make a reasonable effort to attend team building meetings preceding the weekend.

I will serve in whatever capacity appointed, but I believe that my best capabilities are in the following area(s):

Table Leader Speaker Agape Server Music Coordinator
Other _____

I will do my best to read and obey prison regulations pertaining to visitors and will submit the required forms and take the yearly training.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Please send completed application to the Rector for the weekend:

Gary Clancy

5454 San Patricio Dr.

Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Ph: (805) 683-2542 Fax: (805) 683-5625

email: gclancy@impulse.net

Note: The estimated team cost for the weekend is \$65 / person. Please make checks payable to "Golden State Kairos."

Use the reverse side for any additional comments.

Channel Islands Walk to Emmaus #25

From the Community Director

Walk #24 demonstrated once again the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives during an Emmaus Walk. My prayer is that all of you will take the time to invite our Lord to lead your daily walk.

• **#25's dates are:**

Team Building #1 – June 30, 2001
 Team Building #2 – July 14, 2001
 Team Building #3 – July 28, 2001
 All Team Buildings are 8:30AM – 3:30PM

Men's Walk – August 2 – 5, 2001
 Women's Walk – August 9 – 12, 2001
 Reunion – August 25, 2001

If you need a team application, contact Ruthie Burrus, at 805-967-5144.

• **The lay leaders for Walk #25 are:**

Women's Lay Leader: Shirley Lentz
 805-964-8946
 e-mail: AA6JG@aol.com

Men's Lay Leader: Mike Sorensen
 805-581-9216
 e-mail: michael@sorensen.org

From the Men's Lay Leader

The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. — John 1:5

"NOTICE: Men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages. Bitter cold. Long months of complete darkness. Constant danger. Safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in case of success."

This ad was placed by Ernest Shackleton to gather a team together for his 1914 expedition to the Antarctic. While you might imagine there would be little response to such a notice, the number of men who responded was overwhelming. I have to believe that the men who answered did so because they sensed they would be part of something real and lasting. I want to offer each of you the same opportunity to be part of something real and lasting. I encourage each of you to commit to working the August Walk. Each Walk I have worked has truly been a blessing and an important time of growth in my relationship with God.

The Men's Walk #25 will be the first weekend in August, and the process of building a team has already begun. The scripture for the walk is John 1:5, *The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.* We are called to be light in this world, and the Emmaus weekend allows the Light of Christ to shower the pilgrims with its brilliance.

Let me close with another ad.

"NOTICE: Men wanted for Emmaus weekend. Small rooms. Sleeping on the floor. Long days of close community. Constant prayer. Returning unchanged doubtful. Eternal rewards in case of success."

Anyone wish to sign up? Write me at michael@sorensen.org and send a team application to Ruthie Burrus.

Together in Christ,
 Michael Sorensen

Letters

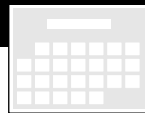
When you send letters to residents, follow these procedures: All letters must be *unsealed*, addressed to the resident by full *name, number, and unit*, and placed into a larger envelope addressed to:

Chaplain Mike Kirkness
 U.S. Penitentiary
 3901 Klein Blvd.
 Lompoc, CA 93436

Never give your address or phone number to a resident. The "return address" for residents to reply to you is:

[Your Name]
 Golden State Kairos
 P.O. Box 1178
 Santa Barbara, CA 93160

Calendar



The team meeting dates for Kairos #15 are as follows:

Badge Training: at Scott Williams Memorial Training Center

July 4, 9AM
 July 17, 6PM
 October 6, 9AM
 October 9, 6PM

Monthly Reunions Meet at USP Lompoc Front Entrance

(Must have badge)
 June 9, 11:45AM
 JULY 14, 11:45AM
 AUGUST 11, 11:45AM

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Because Kairos is adapted from the three-day Cursillo renewal weekend, team members come from the community of those who have attended such weekends. Here is information on upcoming weekends:

- **Channel Islands Emmaus**
<http://home1.gte.net/hundley/fishnet.htm>
 Contact Ken De Vore (805) 964-3055
 KenDCaSr@aol.com,
- **Search**
 (coed, ages 18–30, Santa Barbara)
 Contact Larry Santarossa regarding dates for Search #57 (see p. 4).
- **Central Coast Cursillo**
 (Episcopal) Men’s Cursillo #72,
 Contact John Rouse (805) 687-7280
 jrouser@mindspring.com
- **Central Coast Emmaus** (Santa Maria)
 Contact Dick Benesh (805) 934-1685
 djbenesh@yahoo.com

There are still positions on the Council without representation. It is my hope that people will step up to fill these positions.

—Cliff McMullen

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Please see pg 1 for Fran Burrus’s reflections on Kairos #15 at USP Lompoc.

