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*Report to the*  
**Kairos of Mississippi State Chapter Committee Meeting**  
*Saturday, April 27, 2019*  
**Kairos Central Mississippi Correctional Facility**  
**Advisory Council • Dianna Boring, Chair**

**Kairos Weekend #42 took place at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) April 2-5, 2019.** Led by weekend leader **Terry Smith**, this Special Time with God weekend drew new volunteers among the 30 who served the weekend. From all accounts, it has been a “long time” since a weekend produced the as much excitement and enthusiasm on the part of both volunteers and CMCF residents. The atmosphere at the closing ceremony exuded hope, peace, excitement and other positive descriptors. Highlights from the weekend are included in **Leader Terry Smith’s Report** (excerpts included with this document).

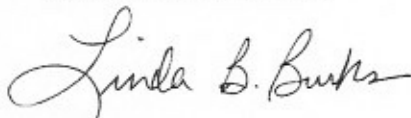
A number of the CMCF residents who completed Weekend #42 got a chance to participate in **Prayer & Share** for the first time as members of the Kairos Community on Tuesday, April 16. The activity had almost 40 persons in attendance, including volunteers and CMCF residents.

The next weekend will be led by CMCF Volunteer **Carol Neal**, who has been approved to lead **Weekend #43 this fall** and **Connie Sharkey**, who will head up **Weekend #44 in Spring 2020.**

In the meantime, CMCF has invited Kairos Volunteers to a **Volunteer Appreciation Day** program on **Friday, May 24th at 10:00 a.m.** A program is being provided by the CMCF residents, with a lunch served afterwards.

The next meeting of the Kairos Advisory Committee Central MS Chapter is set for **Monday, May 6,** at Parkway Hills United Methodist Church.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Buford-Burks  
State Representative to the  
Kairos of MS State Chapter Committee Meeting  
on behalf of the Kairos Central MS Correctional  
Committee Advisory Council

## Report for Kairos Outside of Northern Mississippi

Kairos Outside of Northern Mississippi completed weekend #3 at Crow's Neck Christian Retreat in Tishomingo County State Park, March 15-17, 2019. Lanell Thornton was the weekend leader. We had 22 team members and 18 guests. We also had three people serve as angels throughout the weekend.

Shelia Massey is the leader for weekend #4 to be held September ~~13-15~~<sup>20-22</sup>, 2019 at Crow's Neck Christian Retreat. At this time we do not have an Observing 1 or 2 in place due to the current OL1 having to step down due to a cancer diagnosis. There were names mentioned during our council meeting on April 16 and the ladies that were mentioned are in prayer for direction on how to proceed.

We've had to revise our council due to four people stepping down due to health reasons for themselves or family members; Judy Shaw, secretary, Marie Dendy agape and OL 1 weekend #4, Linnie Stone who took over as Treasurer in January of 2019 but she and her sister Darylann Hardin, who was the Continuing Ministry Coordinator, had to step down in March due to their mother having cancer.

Our new Treasurer as of March 31, 2019 is Kathy Ramage [akra1959@gmail.com](mailto:akra1959@gmail.com) 601-613-2293.

### **Below is the revised 2019 KONM Advisory Council as of March 31, 2019**

Chair-Denice Williams - [denicepwilliams@cableone.net](mailto:denicepwilliams@cableone.net)

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Secretary-Lanell Thornton - [lanellrthorn@yahoo.com](mailto:lanellrthorn@yahoo.com) \*

Donor Coordinator - Tayne Leonard - [tayneleo@gmail.com](mailto:tayneleo@gmail.com)

Treasurer - Kathy Ramage - [akra1959@gmail.com](mailto:akra1959@gmail.com). \*

Facility Coordinator - Sonshine Ashcraft- [sonshinea@gmail.com](mailto:sonshinea@gmail.com)

Outreach Coordinator - Darlene Strickland - [Darlene.strickland@icloud.com](mailto:Darlene.strickland@icloud.com)

Fundraising -Teresa Wyers - [twyers226@gmail.com](mailto:twyers226@gmail.com)

Agape Coordinator - N/A (trying to fill this position, name was propose at April A/C meeting) \*

Spiritual Director - Jacqueline Knight - [mjknight2007@aol.com](mailto:mjknight2007@aol.com)

Continuing Ministry - N/A (Lisa Sartin may take over this position holding two positions) \*

Data Coordinator - Kathy Ramage - [akra1959@gmail.com](mailto:akra1959@gmail.com) (holding two positions 1 vote)

Communication - Lisa Sartin - [lisap471@hotmail.com](mailto:lisap471@hotmail.com) (May take over Continuing Ministry)

Historian -Tasheka Carter - [tashekacarter.47@gmail.com](mailto:tashekacarter.47@gmail.com)

(\* indicates positions that were vacated and the people who stepped in to fill them)

Alicia M Dees

## KOSM

\* KOSM #17 Weekend was held April 5-7. Eleven guests attended. Of course, it was an amazing, spirit-filled weekend!

\* A KOSM Reunion was held Saturday, April 20 in Gulfport. There was a great turnout, both of prior guests and team members.

\* The "Clergy Tea" for the Ocean Springs area was held February 19, 2019. This was an opportunity to provide information about KO to female clergy and to encourage their involvement in KOSM. The first Tea was held in Hattiesburg on January 16. Another Tea is planned for Gulfport.

\* Plans are already underway for KOSM #18 Weekend. The Weekend will be November 1-3. Vermantha Lizana will be the leader.

\*Submitted for consideration is the Nomination Form for the Leader of KOSM #20 in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Walker

KOSM State Chapter Committee Representative

**From:** Gary Shelley gshelley49@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Report from the IC to SCC - Gary Shelley  
**Date:** April 26, 2019 at 9:46 PM  
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**Cc:** Von Brister vonbrister@yahoo.com, Walker, David david.walker@usm.edu, Johnny Pryor verruckte@msn.com

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Gennia, below is my report for the SCC meeting tomorrow.

The IC has the following standing committees

1. Communication
2. Guest Recruitment
3. Program Evaluation - The Kairos branded Bible is now available.
4. International New Starts
5. Ministry Coordination for KI
6. Ministry Coordination for KO - Reviewed the talk review methods. It's okay to review talks before the entire team or split into groups.
7. Ministry Coordination for KT

Communications Subcommittee - I've been assigned to the Communications Subcommittee. This committee is looking into each state website looking for the following parameters to be met:

1. Blue fish logo on every page
2. Official Kairos Mission Statement
3. Official Kairos Vision Statement
4. Link to [kairosprisonministry.org](http://kairosprisonministry.org)
5. Link to Kairos Facebook page

We will also staff a booth at Annual Conference to address questions from individual attendees regarding communication tools.

We are looking at what tools are made available to individual communities working to have a #1 weekend. Once we're aware a community is working to establish a #1 weekend we will search the area for churches and religious organizations and for media outlets.

Gary