

The Kingsway Banner



Our Mission:

“Ministering through the heart of Jesus to the broken hearts of those impacted by the criminal justice system, both those incarcerated and re-entering and their families.”

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From The President of the Board of Directors

The Annual Banquet

Did you ever in your life see such a turnout as was at the Weyers Cave Community Center on August 24? Wow!! I couldn't even imagine such a fine turnout. Louise had reservations for 90 folks, but the final count was **154!** There were people everywhere! Thank you so much for your faithfulness to Kingsway and to Louise Jennings who, along with her husband, gave in to the call on their lives from God. Kingsway has been in the Harrisonburg area now for 40 years and is still going strong, only because of the fine people who support Kingsway with their generous donations of money, time, and other material donations.

Kingsway had some fine speakers at the banquet. First was Carol Kelly, who spoke on being the mother of an inmate. Next was Jennifer and Thomas Truslow, speaking about God's grace and the New Mercies For You ministry in Waynesboro. Next was Jeanne Carter. She gave a rousing talk on the color purple and what colors make the color purple. Purple can only be achieved by blending the colors of blue and red. Red symbolizes the blood of Jesus Christ and blue is the color of mankind. Rev. 12:1 says that we overcome by the blood of the Lamb (red) and the word of our testimony (blue). That is how our lives will have maximum impact! That is how we walk in the power and authority given to us by God. That is how we defeat the

devil! That is the power of purple! Lastly, Alvin Yoder, a two-time member of the Board of Directors, shared the positives of Kingsway.

Did I mention we had reservations for 90 people and **154** showed up??!!! There were some tense moments about the food when they saw all those people, but God showed up as well. When dinner was over, the staff were walking around with food left over and giving it away. Does that sound like the story of the fishes and the loaves to you? It did to me. When God shows up all things are possible!

I said before about Louise and her husband Shel giving in to the call of God on their lives. They were at Bethany UMC at the time. We want to thank Bethany UMC for the beautiful lay-out of the tables as well as the flowers and time that were given. Also, to Fellowship Community Church who worked wonders with the food and even had leftovers, we say thank you so very much for supporting Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach. We appreciate you...thank you!

Again, thank you to all who made the Annual Banquet an amazing success! Thank you, business sponsors, table sponsors, and individual sponsors. Kingsway could not do it without you and your partnership with us.

Serving Him,

Vicki Barb, President, Board of Directors

The Banner is published as a bridge between you, the Kingsway supporters, and the hands-on prison and family outreach ministry of Kingsway.

The Banner welcomes your comments, suggestions, questions, testimonies, and article submissions. If there is something of interest you would like to know more about or have included in this newsletter, please let us know.

Please send all submissions and communications for this newsletter to the Editor at kingswaybanner@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENT!!!

Louise Jennings' Birthday Bash & Benefit Concert

Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 6:00 PM
Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church
9148 Rawley Pike, Hinton, VA
Featuring the Music Ministries of
Smokey Wilson and 3 In 1 Quartet

Annual Benefit Banquet Roundup

Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach held its Annual Benefit Banquet on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

Kingsway Outreach would like to thank the generous sponsors of our 2023 Annual Banquet. Thanks for making Kingsway Outreach's 40th year celebration successful!



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Welcome to the Annual Banquet!



Opening Prayer by Vicki Barb



This wonderful team fed us very well!



Music was provided by folks from Faith Community Church



Testimony from Carol Kelly



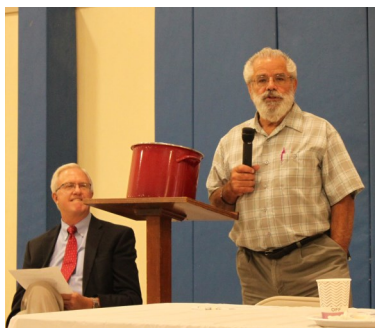
Testimony from Jeanne Carter



Testimony from Alvin Yoder



Testimony from Jennifer & Thomas Truslow



Testimony from Harvey Senger



Louise Jennings with former recipients of help from Kingsway

TESTIMONIES

Mrs. Louise W. Jennings
Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach

Dear Mrs. Jennings:

The Kingsway Prison Ministry has given me the ability to recognize God's Holy Spirit within me, and His blessings upon me. On my own I've lived every imaginable lifestyle. I became as Superman and survived seven (7) years of prison as a forgotten man; I used resilience to rise and fall like a break-making man; and only recently through Kingsway recognized God's purpose for life.

The river of life had capsized my canoe. How many fixes have we tried? Doctors, lawyers, and psychologists never address the problem. I already knew everything about everywhere but nothing about my strengths and resources. I reached out blindly and touched nothing until Kingsway placed my hands in God's capable hands. The Lord confirmed the first and second commandments to me, just as Jesus said to the Pharisees. We've known the commandments for years. Have we lived, used, heard, or believed in them, or allowed the commandments to direct our lives? Usually only when it was convenient.

Kingsway helped me find knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in God and in myself. Everyone's life has purpose, meaning, and the choice to run wild or maintain self-control and discipline. I've got peace and

security while sitting amongst a den of lions. Satan roams everyday but my trust in our Lord has encompassed me with the "Whole Armor of God" and I fear no more. My Lord is working miracles through my friends, and before God saved me I had no friends. Now I've got a life, a whole lot of hope, and a purpose. Kingsway gave me the key to a fulfilling life and tools to live responsibly with God as my Father and my guide to success.

The ministry has given me study materials of the Word, meditation, and prayer. And the abundance of WISDOM I have now is directly attributed to God, through His Holy Spirit as He guides Kingsway and fills the need for love in my life. The ministry has indirectly given me the nickname "Wisdom" because I share gifts God has provided to me, and I also lead some Bible study services.

I may be delayed, but I'll never be denied the Kingdom of Our Lord.

Sincerely,

John

Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Jail



THE COLOR PURPLE

Purple is not a primary color. It can only be created by blending the colors of red and blue. Red symbolizes the blood of Jesus Christ, and all that His salvation has done for us. It created a pathway for us to be redeemed and able to have our heavenly home with God, the Father. Blue is the color of mankind. It represents our weak, emotional state. Think of when you are sad or down, and you say I feel blue. Humanity is inherently weak and unable to avoid negative, detrimental behavior when left to ourselves. We will satisfy our own fleshly desires, and earthly lusts. Therefore, we need the mixture of the red of the blood of Jesus Christ with our blue color of our human side. When the blue mixes with the red, it creates a beautiful new color, one that can only be achieved by mixing two primary colors. Man needs God. In order for us to achieve our ultimate

purpose, we need to add the red with our blue. That is when the beautiful color of purple appears! And that is when we can see the function of our purpose being realized. That beautiful color points us toward our destiny. But it also always serves as a reminder that it could never be achieved without God. Our purpose is not just to be happy, or stay sober, or stay out of trouble. Our purpose is to infuse our human testimony (blue) with the red of the power of the message of the cross to allow our lives to be a living example of the power of God, still operating in the earth today. Revelations 12:1 says that we overcome by the blood of the Lamb (red) and the word of our testimony (blue). That is how our life will have maximum impact! That is how we walk in the power and authority given to us by God. That is how we defeat the devil! That is the power of purple.

-Jeanne Carter, Vice President, Board of Directors.

Kingsway PAFO Out and About



ABOVE:
 Executive Director Louise Jennings and Board of Directors members Vicki Barb, Pappy Pless, and Sandy Pless attended the 2023 Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN, in July.

Above L: Kairos Prison Ministry volunteers from the State of Virginia
 Above R: Evelyn Lemly, Chief Executive Officer of KPMI, with Louise Jennings
 Louise was recognized at the Conference as the longest serving Kairos volunteer (over 40 years)




ABOVE:
 Harrisonburg Reentry Fair, September 9, 2023
 L-R: Vicki Barb, Louise Jennings, Pam Presgrave, Carla Bugg

*November 11: We honor all our veterans.
 Thank you for your service! Psalm 4:8*

*November 23: We wish you a blessed Happy Thanksgiving!
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*December 25: We wish you a joyful Merry Christmas!
 Isaiah 9:6*



Has the ministry of Kingsway impacted your life in some way?
 Have you felt a calling to serve and to have a voice in prison ministry?

Kingsway has openings on our Board of Directors.

If you feel that you may be interested in serving, please contact Louise Jennings and/or Vicki Barb to discuss your interest and qualifications.

Serving on the Board does not require a commitment to go inside the prisons. We need your heart and your desire to help others, your wisdom, your enthusiasm, and a little of your time!!



NEW POSITION

Kingsway is seeking a special person for the position of Administrator in Training. This is a paid position with the goal of learning the role of Executive Director for the Kingsway Outreach ministry.

Please contact Louise Jennings, Executive Director, and Vicki Barb, President of the Board of Directors, at info@kingswayoutreach.org for all details.

BENEFIT CONCERT & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE LOUISE JENNINGS' 88TH BIRTHDAY!

JOIN US ON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023, AT 6:00 PM

FOR A BENEFIT CONCERT

FEATURING THE MUSIC OF

SMOKEY WILSON

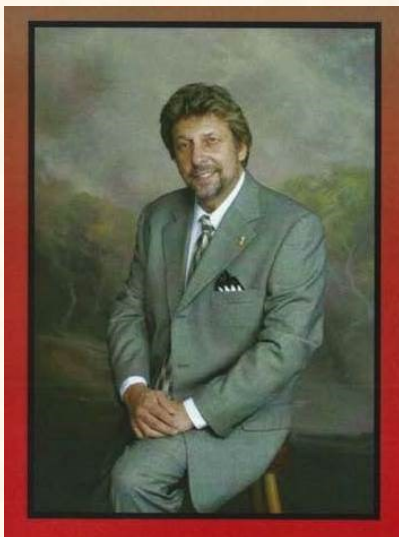
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MT. OLIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9148 RAWLEY PIKE, HINTON, VA

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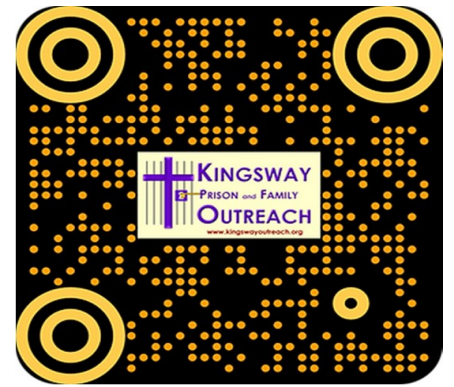
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Louise's Corner

Since writing the story about Jeremy last month, he has received the help he needs. Kingsway is receiving requests concerning his recovery, so this is what we know now. Jeremy is doing well and no longer must wear the bulky hot back brace; however, he still has therapy 3 times a week. He has been blessed with a vehicle to use and his rent is taken care of, but he is bored with not being able to work or do the things he enjoys. He is staying clear of drugs and is alcohol free, and he really wants to work. His doctors have said he can work a simple office type job part time. If anyone knows of something they think he can do, please let Kingsway know. He now has a good attorney that is working with him and the young man that caused the accident has now admitted guilt. That's another whole story Jeremy will have to deal with, and he is asking for prayer. He said he is so glad that he knows Jesus and is using his downtime now to learn more about the Bible. He is attending Kingsway's Sunday afternoon gatherings and says they really help him to know he now has a wonderful family at Kingsway, and he feels love he has never known before. Sharing the love of Jesus is what we do. The first 7 days in September we helped 8 returning citizens with everything from a room in Oxford House to phones and hygiene kits. Please keep us in prayer as we look forward to our Christmas projects.

The Banner provides a means of raising funds to carry on the work of Kingsway. Donations can be made by mail or online by scanning this QR Code.



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