

Kairos at Pathways

What is Kairos?

Kairos offers a healthy place for people to explore and mature spiritually -- it's a flexible structure for intentional and effective spiritual growth. Kairos is a set of very purposeful and theme oriented groups led by one or more facilitators. Their roles are primarily to pastor people within the group and guide times of discussion, activity and learning.

I've been to other churches before, is this a Bible Study?

Kairos is not a traditional "Bible study", instead it's made up of diverse and frequently changing groups. It isn't an attempt to create a dry, classroom like atmosphere, but instead it's a gathering of people who are interested in living out their faith as they grow together. Scripture will play a vital role within the groups as we try to live it out rather than simply studying it like a textbook.

Why should I be a part of Kairos?

Our Sunday morning services are times of worship and fellowship when the church will congregate to celebrate and honor God. Kairos is where Pathways focuses on pastoral care and spiritual growth. We believe that "church" happens throughout the week and throughout our lives, not just on Sunday morning!

How does it work?

Kairos breaks the year into trimesters, with groups meeting for three months followed by a one month break. New groups and schedules will be announced during each break, giving participants opportunity to pick

and choose groups based upon their schedule and interests. Groups will gather once a week for a variety of activities based on their theme, the goals of the people involved, and to some degree based on what Kairos and Pathways as a whole is up to at the time.

Who is Kairos for?

This is for the grown-ups. Pathways has existing ministries that focus on children and youth, and we think it would prevent a lot of good discussions if there were younger ears around who might not be ready to encounter some of the spiritual topics being discussed. Because of the dynamic makeup of the groups, childcare will be up to the group to find the best way to handle things. We think it's a good chance for the parents to work with each other in creating positive experiences for our community's kids.

Do I need to be a member or attendee of Pathways to be a part of Kairos?

Not at all. We're open to anyone, from within another church or not. If someone isn't a member of Pathways and wants to possibly facilitate a Kairos group then they need to discuss that with the church leadership to figure what's best for everyone involved. We don't have a policy on this, we just want to be wise about it.

When and where does Kairos happen?

The gatherings will happen whenever and wherever the group decides to have them. Often the day and time

will be set by the facilitator, but plan on the group gathering once a week for the three months it's scheduled to meet. We'd encourage people within the groups to volunteer for hosting so that everyone can experience the fun and the work of being hospitable and serving each other. The Pathways facility is also an option for groups who are meeting when no activities are already scheduled for the facility.

How do I sign up for Kairos?

During the one month break every trimester, Pathways will make a Kairos catalogue available that describes each of the upcoming groups, who is facilitating them, and when they will meet (if that has already been decided by the facilitator). Once you determine the group you'd like to join, you can sign up for that group on the sign-up sheet in the lobby at Pathways, by email (info@pathwaysweb.com), or by phone (410.638.7717).

“And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works...”

Hebrews 10:24