

History – Vision – Ethos of Kairos Church Planting

1. **What is the history of this idea?** It has been in the heart and DNA of the Green Lawn church to be evangelistic since we began more than 50 years ago. Two years ago the shepherds and ministers were led by the Spirit into a period of discerning how we can best join God in what He is trying to do in our world. Now after two years of prayer, listening and discussing, we are ready to present our plan.
2. **What is the mission or purpose of Kairos church planting?** To participate in mobilizing a new generation of churches using Green Lawn people and Green Lawn resources.
3. **What does ethos mean?** Ethos has to do with the nature that is inherent in church plants. The ethos of these church plants is to be intentionally evangelistic.
4. **Why are we doing a stateside church plant?** Statistics indicate that churches across the United States are in decline. The United States has become a huge mission field. A stateside church plant will be easier to oversee, work with and support.
5. **Why partner with Kairos?** Jesus said: *“This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come”* (Mark 4:26-29). Just as God causes a crop to grow and the farmer uses his best tool, God empowers the evangelism and Kairos provides the best resources and knowledge to raise the probability of success.
6. **Who is Kairos?** Born from a passion for people who need Jesus, the Southwest Church of Christ in Jonesboro, Arkansas raised one million dollars to start Kairos. It is a group of experienced missionaries from churches of Christ with a proven method of mobilizing kingdom growth.
7. **What is the role of Kairos in the church plant?** They provide assessment of potential planters, evaluate planter mission plans, provide coaching, mentoring, training, fund raising, team raising, problem solving, and spiritual/emotional support for churches and planters.
8. **Will Green Lawn shepherds have oversight to the church plant?** Yes. While the church is growing towards being self-supporting, the church planter will be viewed the same as other Green Lawn ministers. Under the oversight of the Green Lawn shepherds, the planter will teach and practice baptism for forgiveness of sins, weekly communion and acapella music.
9. **What is the cost?** Green Lawn will provide \$250,000 over 5 years. First year: \$75,000. Second year: \$75,000. Third year: \$50,000. Fourth year: \$40,000. Final year: \$30,000. A sum of 6% of planter’s salary will go to Kairos, and as part of its ethos, the new church plant will contribute 10% (a percentage which will decrease over 10 years) of its weekly contributions to Kairos in order to sustain the ongoing work of church planting in other places.
10. **What does “Pathways” mean?** It is a term used to express the intentional training, teaching, and directing of Green Lawn members toward opportunities that reach lost people.