

# 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

God is so good! The reason I say this is because of the wonderful people that each of you are! Because of you, our Annual Banquet on August 28 was a great success! Kingsway is so fortunate to have so many people that care about the ministry that God gave to Louise and Shel all those years ago! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Next on our list is Louise's Birthday Gala! It will be held at Vision of Hope UMC on Oct. 26 at 6:30 pm. We will have singing by the New Valley Four and The Roby Family, and of course, we will have cake! Do you know that Louise will be 90 years young? She still comes in to Kingsway every day to volunteer in any way she can.

These next few months will be extremely busy for Kingsway as Christmas is just around the corner. This year we will be distributing our Inmate Christmas to 7,600 inmates. They will receive a tube of toothpaste, a mini legal pad, and a chap stick. We need your help! How can you help? We need toothpaste!!! Lots and lots of toothpaste.

If you were so kind to bring toothpaste to the Banquet, thank you so much, but can you do it again? Can you get your church to collect toothpaste for us? That would be so awesome.

For the first time, Kingsway will also be giving Christmas gifts to the Juvenile Detention Center in Staunton this year! We are very excited about that!

I know things are different this year with the economy, but could you please help Kingsway bring some joy to those who will receive nothing but what we can give?

I will reiterate again, GOD IS SO GOOD!!!

Serving Him,

Vicki Barb, President, Board of Directors

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



## From The Executive Director of Kingsway PAFO

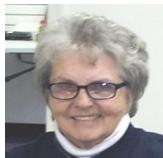
Have you received a card from Kingsway recently? Kingsway has an amazing volunteer named Pam Presgrave who handwrites every thank-you note when someone makes a donation. Pam has been doing this important part of our ministry for years, but recently our thank-you notes have taken on a little something extra.

One of our ongoing projects here at the office is the huge task of turning 10 filing cabinets (with 4 drawers each) full of client records into something we can easily access on the computer. Again, this is a **HUGE** task that wouldn't happen without the efforts of our volunteers Willie Belt and Janet McCullough. Their willingness to help with scanning client files is making it possible for us to have quick access so we can see the work we've done with each of our clients at a glance.

So as these files are going digital, we were left with a **TON** of manila folders that we previously needed for each client. Maybe they came in for help with reentry, took part in correspondence Bible studies, have an Encourager pen pal, applied for Apple Tree for their children, wrote to us to thank us for Christmas gifts, or came to the church service at Coffeewood Correctional Center. Basically, anyone who has been in contact with Kingsway over the last 40-plus years had his/her own manila folder. Those folders are a precious resource. Being the daughter of people who came through the Great Depression, I couldn't just throw them away. So, our volunteers are making thank-you cards out of them. When you receive a thank-you note from Kingsway, you're likely holding the folder of someone impacted by incarceration.

Just like these folders, I don't believe that the people in our files are throw-away people. Sure, many of them have done something wrong and been sentenced to time in prison or jail for it. But for each person found guilty of a crime, there's a whole family serving a sentence with them. Those folders represent a mother, a father, a brother, a sister, a child, a grandchild, a niece or nephew, an aunt or uncle, a cousin, a friend, a church member... and the list continues. I'm so glad that Jesus doesn't look at what we've done in the past and judge us accordingly. He doesn't see any of us as throw-away people. That's why we keep doing our best to live out our mission verse, Matthew 25:40: "*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*"

*Paula Ford, Executive Director*



### Louise's Corner

It is amazing how much you can save because you "might need it later," and later never comes until the space is needed. That is when "later" shows up, and you realize either you forgot you had it, or you never needed it to start with. That is what is happening to me now. I am trying to go through things that are now outdated and I never needed them. It reminds me of a message one of Kingsway's volunteers preached at Coffeewood Correctional Center one Tuesday night, with 86 men in attendance. The subject was "The File Cabinet." He talked about how we put things in the file cabinet for safekeeping, and never look at them again. We also put good stuff away with the bad stuff. When we open the file cabinet, we are confused with what God thinks is good, and what we thought was worth saving. I am still going through files at Kingsway that are interesting, some dating back to 1990, but are really of no worth now unless they are updated. I am finding a few things that have jogged my memory that will be in the book I hope to write.

I just realized that I have been going in to Rockingham/Harrisonburg Jail since 1979, and have been Chaplain for the women there since 2003. I just spoke to a lady that used to call me Mom, and would call at all hours of the night drunk and wanting prayer. Now she is working in Peer Support. We never know what we might say or do that will turn someone around. She was baptized a few weeks ago. God says we plant the seed, someone else can water it, and He gets the harvest. I was blessed to see God's harvest!

# TESTIMONIES

I refuse to let this moment go by without me expressing my love, feelings, and appreciation for the love, feelings, and thoughtfulness you have shown to me on a day that was lonely.

Thank you, God bless,

Derrick B.

July 25, 2025

Greetings,

I was sent an opportunity to do a Bible correspondence course a few weeks ago but I declined due to lack of time presently (80+ hour weeks at work and litigation). Kingsway staff actually responded to that letter. I'm impressed. I didn't think a letter declining a study warranted a response. That's amazing - just wanted to let you know.

Have a blessed day.

Sincerely

Gary W.

August 1, 2025

Dear Friends,

Thank you for caring for me, and many others, just got this little card. I wish more people knew the truth on Va. prisons, see what we do, them more would care, and push politicians to fix/reform things.

Have a nice day, stay safe and well, sorry this is so sloppy, got nerve damage in my hand.

Hugs - Love For All,

John L.

"The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts." Romans 5:5 King James Version

July 30, 2025

I just wanted to take the time to write, to let all of you know how much I have been enjoying the warm feeling that you bring to me. On every special occasion passing, for the past several years, you all have kept me on your radar. That has meant a lot to me. Even family have not reached out to me at those times that you all have. I thank you and I thank God for people like you in this world. I also always tell people what I hate the most is selfishness and greed. Most of the world's problems begin therein. Because of you all's love for others, I know that all are not consumed by it.

So, to Montana, Mary, Ashley, Carol 1, Barbara, Willie, Kim, Joe, Nathaniel, Louise, Bonnie, Paula, Vicki, Pam Carleen, and Carol 2, "You are...God's instruments to do His work and speak out for Him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference He made for you." 1 Peter 2:9, The Message

I am 74 years old, and love keeps me strong.

Larry M.

## UPCOMING EVENT

### Kingsway's Annual Benefit Concert / Birthday Celebration

Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Vision of Hope United Methodist Church, 1723 Port Republic Road, Harrisonburg, VA

## BELK CHARITY DAYS

Please join us for Belk Charity Days on November 7th & 8th, 2025

Belk Department Store, 1925 East Market Street, Harrisonburg, VA

Tickets are only \$5.00, and can be purchased from the Kingsway table at the event, or in advance at the Kingsway office from 10am to 2pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays.

The \$5.00 from your ticket purchase is donated directly to Kingsway.

## Annual Benefit Banquet

Kingsway's Annual Benefit Banquet was held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at Mount Olive Presbyterian Church.



### Our Kingsway Folks



### Our Special Guests



### Our Founder Louise!

# It's Apple Tree Season!

Do you like apples? So do we, and all of the things that Kingsway's Apple Tree Program means to so many families in the state of Virginia. Kingsway asks churches, businesses, and community individuals to "pick apples" which contain gift ideas for children aged 0-18.

While these gifts are making their way to the Kingsway office, inmates in prison and jail are giving their chaplain the Apple Tree Project applications on which they are nominating their children for Christmas gifts. Kingsway guarantees that each child will receive 3 things: a game, a toy, and a Bible or Christian book. These gifts are just a small connection between the children and their incarcerated parents.

Last year, Kingsway helped 225 children to receive gifts from their incarcerated parent. We hope to double that number in 2025. Apple Tree can happen only because of people like you! Want to help a child connect with his or her incarcerated parent? We'd be happy to send you some apples! Please reach out to Kingsway for apples of your own. We're open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am-2pm, or reach out by email at [info@kingswayoutreach.org](mailto:info@kingswayoutreach.org).



**2.1.1**

Virginia

Are you looking for resources to help you get through a problem? Virginia

211 is such a resource for any Virginian who reaches out 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Do you need to find a nursing home? Virginia 211 can help with that. Need to find food or legal counsel? Virginia 211 has guidance about that. Need help knowing where to turn when you are returning to the community after being locked up? Virginia 211 is likely to send you to Kingsway for help and advice. Thanks, Virginia 211, for being there for all vulnerable Virginians!

**SET  
YOUR  
CLOCKS  
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1 HOUR  
FOR  
EST ON  
NOV. 2.**



## Kingsway Needs Your Help!

Seeking caring churches/individuals to provide a meal once or twice a month for our participants who come to the special programs on Thursdays during lunch and dinner.

This is a great way to show love to individuals who have never been shown God's love and forgiveness in the past.

Please contact Vicki Barb at the Kingsway office by phone at 540-433-5658 or by email at [info@kingswayoutreach.org](mailto:info@kingswayoutreach.org).

Thank you!



Please help us honor Louise Jennings with a Card Shower in honor of her 90th Birthday! Please mail birthday cards to Kingsway at 2217 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. And please join us for her birthday celebration on October 26th at 6pm at Vision of Hope in Harrisonburg.



## *Toothpaste Campaign*

*July 1, 2025 - October 31, 2025*

We are prayerfully preparing to reach 8,600 inmates this year through the Kingsway Christmas Program. This is just a small way to let them know that they are not forgotten and that God loves them.

Starting now, we are gathering tubes of toothpaste to give as Christmas gifts. Tubes must be 3 to 6 ounces in size, individually boxed, and alcohol-free.

We need help from churches and the community to reach this goal. Toothpaste can be delivered to the Kingsway office during regular hours, or you may call us at 540-433-5658 to schedule a drop-off time.

## **BENEFIT CONCERT & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**THIS YEAR, WE CELEBRATE LOUISE JENNINGS' 90TH BIRTHDAY!**

JOIN US ON  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025, AT 6:30 PM**  
FOR A BENEFIT CONCERT  
FEATURING THE MUSIC OF  
**THE ROBY FAMILY**  
&  
**THE NEW VALLEY FOUR**  
**VISION OF HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**1723 PORT REPUBLIC ROAD, HARRISONBURG, VA**

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*The Roby Family*



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