

KINGSWAY
PRISON and FAMILY
OUTREACH

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The staff and volunteers of Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach wish all of you a very blessed, peaceful, safe, and happy Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year. We pray that you all will thoroughly enjoy these special days!

Kingsway Is Busy All Year Long!

First, I want to say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our Annual Benefit Banquet! You helped make it the **best banquet we've had yet**, and we are so grateful that you took the time to learn more about what God is doing through Kingsway. For those who couldn't join us, I shared something important:

Although Christmas may be our busiest season, Kingsway is busy ALL YEAR LONG!

When people think of Kingsway, they may picture Apple Tree gifts for children or Christmas gifts for inmates. These are wonderful parts of our ministry, but they are only a glimpse of all that happens throughout the year.

Behind every gift and every ministry opportunity are months of prayer, planning, phone calls, paperwork, volunteering, donations, sorting, packing, and people asking, **"How can I help?"**

A Year At Kingsway

January - April: We wrap up the Christmas season, share extra Apple Tree gifts with community partners, prepare newsletters, Valentine, and Easter cards, take candy and cards to the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center (SVJC), and take part in the Great Community Give (our second biggest fundraiser of the year).

May - June: We attend prison reentry fairs, begin preparations for our Annual Benefit Banquet, fold Christmas cards, seek banquet sponsors, and participate in community networking events.

July - August: We select Apple Tree gifts, prepare gift suggestions, begin our **Christmas In July Toothpaste Campaign**, reach out to banquet speakers, send Apple Tree information to churches, and coordinate with prison chaplains.

September - November: Things really pick up! We prepare Apple Tree applications and packets, contact churches, get the office ready for thousands of gifts, and order **8,000 notepads** for inmate Christmas gifts. Then the gifts begin arriving! We sort Apple Tree gifts by age and gender, process applications, contact guardians, and begin packing and shipping all over the state of Virginia. We also prepare cards for fall and Thanksgiving.

December: Inmate Christmas gifts are delivered to prisons, while Apple Tree gifts are packed, weighed, measured, and shipped to children. We also take cards and gifts to SVJC and help local families receive their gifts.

And then, almost as soon as Christmas is over...

We start again!

But Christmas Isn't All We Do!

Kingsway serves individuals and families impacted by incarceration throughout the entire year.

Reentry assistance may include providing phones and phone cards, sober living housing, work boots or shoes, hygiene items, socks, and underwear.

At the **House of Restoration**, we meet every Sunday afternoon for a fellowship gathering, and we are always grateful for fellowship speakers. On Thursdays, we hold daytime and evening accountability support groups, and we are thankful for those willing to provide meals to the guys who attend.

We also need **speakers and volunteers to help with church services inside Virginia prisons** - quarterly at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, monthly at Coffeewood Correctional Center, and weekly at Harrisonburg CCAP. Kingsway can help volunteers pursue the required state clearance.

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We Can't Do This Without You

When you look at everything that happens at Kingsway in a year, one thing is clear:

None of this is possible without your help. Would you consider becoming part of the Kingsway team?

Become A Kingsway Champion:

Make a monthly donation to help provide the consistent support that allows us to serve throughout the year.

Pray With Us:

Pray about the direction God wants Kingsway to pursue next. We want to follow where He leads.

Be An Ambassador:

You know people. You go to church with them, work with them, and connect with them throughout the community. **Please tell them about Kingsway and how we love and serve the whole family impacted by incarceration.**

Whether you give your **time, resources, prayers, or voice**, thank you for helping us **minister through the heart of Jesus to those impacted by incarceration.**

We truly could not do it without you!

Paula Ford, Executive Director

Louise's Corner



On Saturday, September 12, Pam Presgrave and I set up a display tent at the Strength In Peers Reentry Fair. It turned out to be a beautiful cloudy day, with many non-profits and businesses reaching out to help those in need.

We shared what Kingsway does, and spoke with a few ex-offenders who had not heard of us and said they would stop by the office. We also saw some people whom Kingsway had helped over the years who came by to say "Thank you" and to let us know that they were drug-free and had been for several years. It is always good to see those who have changed. We had the

opportunity to visit other tents and found out how Kingsway could partner with them.

I continue to enjoy going into the prisons with the ministry team; however, I do miss being Chaplain for the women at the jail. I did see a couple of released women at the reentry fair who stopped by to give me a hug. Hugging is not allowed in jail.

ART FOR A CAUSE

Local artist **Derek Jackson** is combining his love of art with his heart for the community through "Pop For A Cause," a First Friday art exhibit at **Asbury United Methodist Church in downtown Harrisonburg.**

Derek created colorful pop-art paintings featuring 11 local nonprofits, including Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach. Each painting includes a QR code so visitors can learn more about the organization and support its work.

We are grateful to Derek for including Kingsway in this special project and for using his creativity to shine a light on local ministries making a difference in our community.

The exhibit continues through October, with another reception on **Friday, October 2, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.** Come enjoy the art, meet Derek, and learn more about the organizations he is helping to support!



TESTIMONIES

Dear Kingsway Family in Christ,

August 4, 2026

I was incarcerated a month after I turned 25 years old, and if you're keeping records, I'm turning 61 on August 7. Yes, I'm finishing my 36th year (9-17-1990) and I can't remember a time when the Kingsway family, especially Mrs. Louise Jennings and her husband, weren't a part of my life in here.

Your cards of encouragements over the 3-plus decades have been successful each and every time, and from a grateful Brother in Christ, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, with ALL my heart!!! I've wanted to write this since forever, but prayerfully it's not too late.

I came to Virginia from Lancaster, PA, in June 1990, and my alcoholism and addictions that I thought I could run from, but sadly, an innocent life was taken.

I attended a Baptist Christian school from 8th to 11th grade and met my high school sweetheart there. We chose different paths. Hers was a family, mine was the military after I graduated.

God had other plans as we were married in 2005 while I was at Augusta CC. She still travels from Lancaster, PA, to visit when possible, which is this Sunday for my b-day.

I could write pages upon pages of how my God has watched over and protected me, but don't be fooled because I used the past tense, because He continues to do so as I walk and talk with Him every day.

We have an awesome chaplain here, Ron Applegate, whom I cherish not only as my spiritual advisor, but I'm proud to call him my brother and friend.

I continue to go up for parole each year as I'm serving a life sentence with eligibility of parole under the old law, with no release date. I saw the parole examiner, Ms. Doris Franklin, on May 26 for the 24th time, and my wife, Lisa, stepbrother Craig, best friend Larry, and an advocacy lady (Fighting4Freedom) had a meeting on July 28 with the chairperson of the parole board. A productive meeting, but I can't emphasize enough that no matter how well my or anyone's chances are, I'm a main subscriber of "His will be done!" I continue to share and help the men in here, young and old, not just in the faith, but programs and institutional business. I'm studying and training to be a Peer Recovery Specialist, so the opportunities my Jesus continues to afford me assure me that wherever He has me, He has reasons and a purpose. If it was up to me, I'd have been home YEARS ago, but am thankful our God knows better than me!

Thank you for my birthday cards and also all other holiday celebration wishes!

May you and all of your be abundantly blessed!

Hi, Mrs. Jennings!!! I love you and the family at Kingsway!

Robert M.

Mrs. Vicki,

July 30, 2026

Thank you for sending back these assignments so fast. Yes, I've seen myself in some of these lessons. One doesn't know what is truly going on with one's self until they take a good hard long look.

The last few lessons have done just that. Matter of fact the first lesson, something special happened. I believe the lesson was about fear. Anyway the day I got the first four lessons I was very fearful about my case.

I prayed for a while about it, then I opened the envelope and the first one to pop up was the one about fear, so I was like a little astonished. But I don't believe in coincidences.

I set the lesson to the side for a bit, then I turned on my tablet and one of the churches I watch and enjoy was preaching about fear and Psalm 23!

I then looked up out the frosted glass window here at the jail. And it was cloudy all day looking like rain. Then it was like someone opened the curtains on a dark room. The sun came in strong enough to make me feel the heat. So I started laughing and I said out loud "I hear you Lord!" It says in the Bible 365 times "do not fear." I wasn't being an obedient son when I get full of fear. Now I feel an inner peace and somehow I know everything's going to be ok. And this will not be the end of my story. I take joy in knowing that Jesus has met me right here in my own mess and He's not going to leave me here to rot. I've tried to share this message with as many people that will listen but I think they have to have their own spiritual awakening just as I have. Thank you.

Sherman Z.

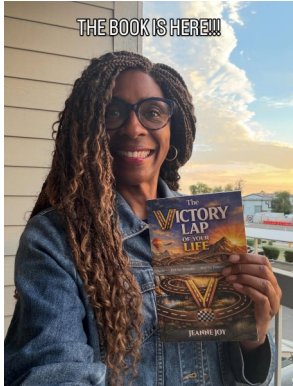


Above: Randy Kelley, son of Carol Kelley (volunteer and leader of the evening Mothers of Prisoners Support Group) is sharing his artistic gift through his paintings at State Farm Correctional Center.

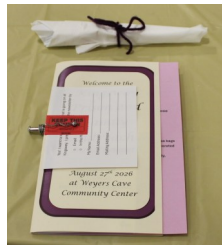
KINGSWAY HAPPENINGS

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

On Saturday, August 22, 2026, Kingsway had the honor of hosting author Jeanne Carter's book launch event for her new book, *The Victory Lap Of Your Life*, at the House of Restoration. Jeanne served the Kingsway ministry for several years as a volunteer, as a member and Vice President of the Board of Directors, and as the facilitator for the Mothers of Prisoners (MOPs) Support Group. Jeanne's career moved her from Virginia to Arizona in July 2024, where she now has her own ministry named Jeanne Joy Enterprises. She continues to participate with and support Kingsway when possible.



Thank You! Kingsway's *Annual Benefit Banquet* was held on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at the Weyers Cave Community Center. We gratefully welcomed more than 200 guests, in spite of pouring rain, hail, and high winds!



Door Prizes and Place Settings



Music by Darwin Hurst and Marcus Stoltzfus



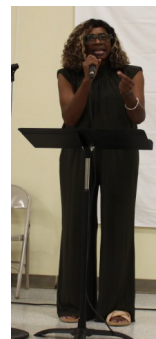
Master of Ceremonies
Costella Forney



LEFT:
Executive Director
Paula Ford



RIGHT:
Guest Speakers
Kimberly Gamble
Sonny Layman
Jeanne Carter



BELOW::
Louise Jennings with some
of "her guys" who have
been helped by Kingsway
over the years, and who
have called Louise "Mom"
ever since those days.



KINGSWAY HAPPENINGS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Louise's Birthday Celebration & Benefit Concert

Sunday, October 25, 2026

6:30 PM

Faith Community Church, Harrisonburg, VA

SEE DETAILS ON THE FLYER!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING... AND THAT MEANS...
IT'S TIME FOR THE APPLE TREE PROJECT!

HELP US GROW THE APPLE TREE!



This Christmas, you can help bring joy and hope to children who have a **parent in prison**. Through Kingsway's **Apple Tree Project**, we provide games, toys, and Bibles to children of incarcerated parents.

We invite **individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations** to join us by purchasing or donating gifts. Every gift reminds these children that they are loved, remembered, and not forgotten.

Help us fill the Apple Tree with Christmas blessings!

To participate, request apples with suggested games and toys, and learn more by contacting Kingsway by email at info@kingswayoutreach.org or by phone at 540-433-5658.

BENEFIT CONCERT & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HELP US CELEBRATE LOUISE JENNINGS' 91ST BIRTHDAY!

JOIN US ON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026, AT 6:30 PM

FOR A BENEFIT CONCERT

FEATURING THE MUSIC OF

THE ROBY FAMILY

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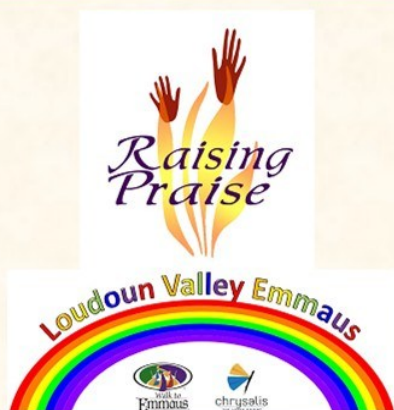
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The Roby Family



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by the criminal justice system.*