

Kairos Outside of Midland

Winter 2018



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Message From Julie

Hello to Kairos Outside Midland Community

Well, here we are already halfway through February of 2018 and Kairos Outside is BUSY!! We welcomed four new members to the KO Advisory Council – Anna Leagans, Maureen Martin, Marie Orozco, and Chloe Suckling. Santa Lander, Susanne & Cal Yonts stepped down from the council. Thanks to each of them for their service during the past years. We are fortunate that Susanne will continue to publish the newsletter.

Kairos Outside #35 led by June Walker has completed their first team meeting. The weekend date is April 6-8, 2018 at Butman Camp outside of Merkel. There's already a good group of confirmed guests and some excited team members.

Recently, Dawn Jonas, Jeanette Maroney, and I went to the Daniel Unit in Snyder to serve lunch for their team meeting. They had generously given KO Midland a \$2000 check and we certainly wanted to thank them. We had the opportunity to share about "how KO works" – facilities, guests, and finances. They were very encouraging and supportive of our community.

Since some of you are new to the Kairos Outside Community, I want you to know that Midland has an advisory council made up of 14-20 volunteers. This is an elected group which serves in such areas as finance, outreach, fundraising, reunions, etc. We have a council meeting on the 3rd Thursday in the months of March, July, September and November at 6:30pm at First United Methodist Church Midland. You are always welcome to attend any of these meetings.

Also, there are 10 Kairos Outside locations in Texas – Amarillo, Central Texas (Waco), Corpus Christi, East Texas (Tyler), Houston, Lubbock, Midland, North Texas (Dallas), San Antonio, Wichita Falls. I want you to know that so if the need arises, you can refer someone to one of the other areas to attend a Kairos Outside weekend. We have an ongoing network among each other to assist potential guests in finding the closest area to them and we need each one of you to be our 'mouthpiece.' Some of you know that both the Abilene and Ft. Worth areas are working on plans to start a Kairos Outside. The need is great and we will certainly do our part to help them in any way.

I can't help mentioning the flu epidemic. Probably you or a member of your family has dealt with the flu. I hope we'll see a downturn now that we will be getting into spring. Its been hard on everyone.

God Bless each of you and your family.

Julie Cole
KO Midland Advisory Council Chair

Kairos Outside #35

Trust in the LORD forever, for in God the LORD we have an everlasting Rock

(Isaiah 26.4).

Hello friends,

I have the honor and privilege of being the leader of Kairos Outside of Midland #35.

Team meetings are well under way and we currently have 24 guests confirmed! We can't wait to see how God moves in all of our lives.

If you would like to be a day angel, we would love your help! If you are not on team and are unable to be a day angel, please know that you are now and always will be a member of our very special Kairos Outside of Midland family.

If you would like to provide agape for the guests, please let me know and I will put you contact with our weekend agape coordinator.

It's never too late to be part of a weekend, I can be reached at cjunecircle@hotmail.com if you can serve.

I know I can speak for the team when I say that I hope we will see you at the closing ceremony at Butman Methodist Camp in Merkel, Texas.

Please keep the upcoming weekend in your prayers.

I look forward to seeing you soon, either as a day angel, at the closing ceremony or at the reunion following the weekend.

June Walker

Would you like to share your Kairos Outside story in an upcoming newsletter?

We would love to hear it!

Send an email to

susanne@cals.cc

Changed Lives

Shared by Connie Alexander

Author Unknown

In 1921, Lewis Lawes became the warden at Sing Sing Prison. No prison was tougher than Sing Sing during that time. But when Warden Lawes retired some 20 years later, that prison had become a humanitarian institution. Those who studied the system said credit for the change belonged to Lawes. But when he was asked about the transformation, here's what he said, "I owe it all to my wonderful wife, Catherine, who is buried outside the prison walls."

Catherine Lawes was a young mother with three small children when her husband became the warden. Everybody warned her from the beginning that she should never set foot inside the prison walls, but that didn't stop Catherine!

When the first prison basketball game was held, she walked into the gym with her three beautiful children and she sat in the stands with the inmates.

Her attitude was: "My husband and I are going to take care of these men and I believe they will take care of me! I don't have to worry!" She insisted on getting acquainted with them and their records.

She discovered one convicted murderer was blind so she paid him a visit. Holding his hand in hers she said, "Do you read Braille?" "What's Braille?" he asked. Then she taught him how to read. Years later he would weep in love for her.

Later, Catherine found a deaf-mute in prison. She went to school to learn how to use sign language. Many said that Catherine Lawes was the body of Jesus that came alive again in Sing Sing from 1921 to 1937.

Then, she was killed in a car accident. The next morning Lewis Lawes didn't come to work, so the acting warden took his place. It seemed almost instantly that the prison knew something was wrong.

The following day, her body was resting in a casket in her home, three-quarters of a mile from the prison. As the acting warden took his early morning walk, he was shocked to see a large crowd of the toughest, hardest-looking criminals gathered like a herd of animals at the main gate. He came closer and noted tears of grief and sadness. He knew how much they loved Catherine.

He turned and faced the men, "All right, men you can go. Just be sure and check in tonight!" Then he opened the gate and a parade of criminals walked, without a guard, the three-quarters of a mile to stand in line to pay their final respects to Catherine Lawes.

And every one of them checked back in. Every one!

Kairos Outside Goals

To provide a safe place;

To offer unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting;

To encourage the sharing of life's journey;

To foster spiritual growth;

To promote participation in support groups;

To create an opportunity for a relationship with God.

Keep Connected!

In order to better communicate with you, we need to have your most current information on file. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email address, please let us know.

Email susanne@cals.cc.

Thank you!



News From Kairos Prison Ministry International

By Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator

Team Formation Meetings are a Must

It is February 1, 2018 and most of our communities are busy preparing for their upcoming Spring Weekends. One of the biggest parts of that preparation is attending team formation meetings. We often hear from volunteers that they don't feel they should have to attend all of the team meetings if they are experienced volunteers. This is truly a mistake.

Team formation meetings are spiritual preparation for your upcoming Weekend, and we all need that. I would also guess that most of you have never served with the exact same group of people on a Kairos Weekend before. Each of you comes to your Kairos team as an individual, but as you go through your team formation process you will bond and learn to love one another – your team becomes a unified body - the unified Body of Christ that has been chosen by God to serve Participants and Guests on the Weekend.

For that reason, it is extremely important that Volunteers must commit to attend and fully participate in every team meeting, and just as a side note, it is Kairos Policy that volunteers attend at least 75% of all team meetings. If volunteers are unable to commit to attend the team formation meetings in preparation for the upcoming Weekend, this may not be a Weekend when God is calling them to serve.



For more information and resources:

If you would more to learn more about Kairos Prison Ministry, please visit:

<http://mykairos.org/>

To learn more about Kairos of Texas, please visit:

<http://www.kairostexas.org/index.html>

For more information about Kairos Outside of Texas, please visit:

<http://www.kairostexas.org/Outside.html>



Get Involved!

Team Volunteer--Working a team requires members meet for 36 hours to prepare for a Kairos Outside Weekend. Members share their special talents – musical, spiritual, social – with Guests and each other. The process begins with a volunteer application, which is submitted to the council and leaders of upcoming Weekends. Leaders begin choosing their team many months in advance, so becoming a Team Volunteer can take a long time because of all the planning involved.

Angel Volunteer--“Angels” are special volunteers who work behind the scenes during a weekend. They help prepare Guest quarters, set up tables and chairs, clean, cook, run errands, set up luminaries and pray during the weekend. We also need help with guest transportation during weekends.

Prayer Partners--In Kairos Outside, we depend on God to make things happen, so we recruit volunteers to pray for us from start to finish.

Agape--Agape is a sacrificial “love” that takes many forms. It could be prayer or working as an angel. Or it could be making little gifts such as bookmarks or food, for our Guests on the weekend.

Financial support--Kairos Outside of Midland is a volunteer organization that depends entirely on donations. We have two weekend retreats per year at an average cost of \$10,000 per weekend. Donations of any size are always appreciated. Remember, your donation is tax deductible.



“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Purpose of Kairos Outside

To demonstrate God’s grace and love through Christian support for women who have loved ones who are or who have been incarcerated.



JOIN US FOR A

bake sale

BENEFITING
KARIOS OUTSIDE MIDLAND

MARCH 10, 2018

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

PORTER'S THRIFTWAY

1201 N. MAIN

ANDREWS, TX

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cookies, cakes, brownies, doughnuts, pies
cake pops, muffins, breads & more

Contact Anna Leagans 432-664-9788

or leagans10284@yahoo.com





ISAIAH 26:4

KAIROS

OUTSIDE FAMILY REUNION

SPRING CREEK FELLOWSHIP

1801 FM 700 BIG SPRING, TEXAS

APRIL 21, 2018

11:00 A.M. ~ 2:00 P.M.

HOSTED BY: BIG SPRING S.W.A.P GROUP

POTLUCK LUNCH (#35 GUESTS & FAMILY, YOUR LUNCH IS PROVIDED).

CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED

WORSHIP~DOOR PRIZES~FELLOWSHIP

"TRUST IN THE LORD FOREVER"



Kairos Outside Midland, Texas

YOU ARE INVITED

A SUPPORT GROUP
IS THE MEETING OF FRIENDS
ON A REGULAR BASIS TO SHARE THE
GROWTH IN THEIR LIVES AND THEIR
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. THEY SHARE
THEIR LOVE, ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES
AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.
BASICALLY, THE PURPOSE OF A
MEETING OF A SUPPORT GROUP IS TO S.W.A.P.
YOUR STORIES!

Come and Join Today!

*RELIEVE THE TROUBLE IN MY HEART
AND BRING ME OUT OF MY DISTRESS*

PSALM 25:17

S.W.A.P. SUPPORT GROUP COORDINATOR
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ABILENE, TEXAS

Facilitator: Becky Berry
Location: St. Paul United Methodist
525 Beech Street
Every Monday Evening 6:00-7:00 p.m.
325.518.9813

MIDLAND, TEXAS

Facilitator: Charlotte Dalton
Location: Brew Street
4610 N Garfield
Every Monday Evening 7:00-8:00 p.m.
432.352.7298

ODESSA, TEXAS

Facilitator: Jeanette Maroney
Location:
GRP #1 Dairy Queen
2716 N. Grandview
Every Other Monday 5:45-7 p.m.
GRP #2 Chick Fil A
3805 E. 42nd Street
Every Other Tuesday 5:45-7 p.m.
(Purchase Not Required)
432.664.1084

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Facilitator: Carol Jo Scott
Location: 1305 Tucson Road
Every Monday Evening 6:00-7:30 p.m.
432.296.3874

ANDREWS, TEXAS

Facilitator: Johni Rollwitz
Location: Corporal Rays Coffee
801 N. Main St.
Every Thursday Evening 6:00 p.m.
432.523.2480

WEST ODESSA, TEXAS

Facilitator: Carrie Stanton
Location: Country Café
7725 W. University
Every Monday Evening 5:30-7 p.m.
(Purchase Not Required)
432.638.6569