



Kairos Outside North Texas

Demonstrating God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have loved ones who are or who have been incarcerated.

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KONT's New Home



**KONT
Weekend #29
will be held
October
28-30, 2011
at Sabine
Creek Ranch
in Royse
City, Texas.
Please see
the website
for more
information.**

You may have heard that KONT Weekends will no longer be held at Lake Sharon in Corinth, Texas. We confirm that this is correct. Lake Sharon has changed their ministry goals and is now the home of a church plant. Lake Sharon has been a precious part of the KONT experience for many years, and we will miss Debbie Burks and the crew!

With this news, the AC elected a Site Search Committee: Liz

Gaffaney, Jenny Smith, and Shelley Stevenson. The SSC began researching and touring local retreat facilities looking for a "home" that would meet the needs of a KONT Weekend. After prayer and careful consideration, the AC selected Sabine Creek Ranch in Royse City, close to Rockwall.

SCR has been used by local Emmaus and 4th-Day Communities, and their experience has

always been a pleasant one!

We are excited to begin this new chapter in the life of KONT and eagerly look forward to our first Weekend at SCR! We invite you to join us in October for the next Weekend by serving as an Angel, attending Walking In Love and Closing. More info to come! We thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving and growing with you!

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DO WE HAVE THE CORRECT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOU?

We are updating the KONT Database with current addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. This will ensure that you are informed of KONT events and can be contacted about opportunities to serve! Please email your info to our Database Coordinator, Jenny Smith, at jennysmith@verizon.net. Thank you!

From The KONT Council Chair

A new year, a new opportunity for Kairos Outside to minister! The Advisory Council (AC) has welcomed lots of new faces to it who bring lots of energy, ideas and hope. I'm honored to serve as the chairperson this year and look forward to making some new strides in growing the impact of Kairos Outside North Texas.

The AC meets the second Saturday of each month. If there are changes in the meeting time or place, they will be posted on our website. Everyone is invited to join us.

Speaking of websites, check out the new and informative KONT website at: www.kairosoutsidenorthtexas.com. The website has KONT events, updates and information from the Advisory Council. Jenny Smith has done an awesome job at putting our website together. (I don't think she sleeps much at night - her mind is busy doing things like this!) The website also has all the applications you need to be an Angel on a Weekend, a Team Member, as well as Guest Reservation forms!

At the end of December 2010, we were informed that our Weekends could no longer be held at Lake Sharon, so the AC started planning immediately to find a new facility. In February 2011, after much prayer, consideration, and research, the AC voted to begin holding our Weekends at Sabine Creek Ranch in Royse City. I think you will be very pleased with the new Weekend location!

That also means we postponed the Spring Weekend in order to allow the AC and leadership of Weekend #29 proper time to

plan and adjust to the logistics of the new facility. Donna Humphrey, Leader of KONT #29, has been praying and planning for the Fall Weekend, which will be held at Sabine Creek Ranch on October 28-30, 2011. Please keep Donna in your prayers as she seeks Christ's guidance in forming and preparing the Team for this Weekend.

Our primary goal for 2011 is to ensure the best possible experience for the Guests of KONT by ensuring that we are following the KO program and seeking God's heart in all we do. Another big goal for KONT is to raise funds needed for our Weekends and to promote Kairos Outside to the people who need it! We are also focusing on growing the KONT Community and holding gatherings more frequently so that we can better stay in touch with each other! Stay tuned and watch the website for coming events!!

As we labor to give hope to those without hope, we ask for your prayers for us: for wisdom in decision-making, for the Fall Weekend and the participants, for God's favor in raising the funds we need, and that HE would be glorified in **all** that we do. Thank You!

In closing, I would like to invite anyone who has any concerns about KONT or ideas that we could incorporate into our plans to call me at 214-564-2216. You may also reach me by email at: fernsandroses@sbcglobal.net.

Blessings,

Liz Gaffaney

KONT AC Chair 2011



KONT Weekend #29 Leader

Hello Friends!

The time has come for us to get ready for the upcoming KONT Weekend #29! Sadly we were informed last year that our usual location at Lake Sharon would no longer be available to hold our Weekends, and so it became necessary to find a new location. On June 24th, our KONT #29 Core Team went out to the Sabine Creek Ranch to see our new home and we were all very impressed with the accommodations! Change can be difficult at times, but we believe that this change will bring about growth and a fresh start to our ministry!

Our Team will be busy preparing for the upcoming Weekend, to be held October 28-30 at Sabine Creek Ranch, over the course of these next several months. We solicit your prayers and your support as we are in great need of both!

As always, we invite you to serve on the upcoming Weekend as an Angel, to participate in the "Flowers At Dawn" service on Sunday morning, and to attend the Closing on Sunday afternoon. More information will be coming via email in the coming weeks that will tell you how you may serve.

You may also serve by contributing Agape for the Weekend. We are requesting sets of 30 identical pieces of Agape. (This is a change from our previous number as the Advisory Council has decided to accept a smaller number of Guests per Weekend so that we may better serve and minister to them.) The Weekend Logo is attached to this email and may be copied and colored by your family, friends, church friends, or Bible classes. These should be turned in to a KONT #29 Team Member or given to Jenny Smith, the KONT #29 Agape Leader.

We also invite you to join us for our fundraiser dinner September 24th. Come meet the Team and find out what we are all about!

This ministry has been such a blessing to my family, and I count it such joy to have the opportunity to serve as Leader of this upcoming Weekend. I know that it is God who will be doing it all, and I ask that your prayers will be for me, as His servant, to do as He would have me to do!

I ask that you keep our Team and our future Guests in your prayers and that in all we do, God's face will be reflected!

Blessings,

Donna Humphrey

KONT Weekend #29 Leader



Help Support KO North Texas



I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve beside you as the Fundraising Coordinator for the 2011 KONT Advisory Council. As the Fundraising Coordinator, it is my goal to raise community awareness of Kairos Outside, as well as raise awareness of our ministry's needs.

We need your help to continue to demonstrate the grace and love of Jesus Christ for these women. There is no charge to any woman who attends a Weekend, so your financial support is needed.

However, there are many more ways you can become involved:

- Sponsor a Weekend Guest for \$130.00. This covers all Weekend expenses including food and lodging, and provides an awakening of not being alone, a greater understanding of God's love, and a network of women who have been in the same situation.
- Pray for the Weekends. The revelation that there are hundreds of people praying for these women during the Weekend is often a source of amazement and grace for them; please let us know if you are praying!
- Make this information available to your church, and please link to our website. You might have someone in your church that needs to hear about Kairos Outside but is afraid to tell you.
- Volunteer to serve on a Weekend *or* assist as an "Angel" helping behind the scenes as your schedule permits. This is an experience that will lift your faith and change your life.
- Allow one of our speakers to come and share a word about Kairos with your women's groups, or your entire church.

Please remember, no donation is too small and we hope that you prayerfully consider assisting these women in your own community. For more information or if you have questions, you may email us or visit our website. You may also contact me personally and I will be happy to talk to your group or church.

Serving Him beside you,

Brenda Kerrick

(214) 734 - 0106

KONT Fundraising Coordinator

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***Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. is qualified as a tax-exempt charitable organization and all gifts are tax-deductible. A receipt will be provided for all donations. Please make checks payable to: Kairos Outside North Texas (KONT) and send to:*

KONT, PO Box 836126, Richardson, TX 75083-6126.

Thank you for your interest, support, and prayers!

From Our Spiritual Coordinator

We are now planning for the next Weekend of introducing the healing grace of Christ to the ladies in North Texas on October 28th, 2011. We are assembling a Team that we believe has been picked by God to carry His love to melt the hearts scarred by bitterness and loneliness. We are now reaching out to people He has called to be a part of this great endeavor of the Spirit.

It is incredible to see the work of the Holy Spirit in restoring the broken lives of women whose loved ones are in prison. These ladies live with their own "sentence." They live lonely and secret lives because they would become outcast if anyone at their work, or even their church, knew about their imprisoned loved one. People who support the Kairos Outside Ministry are enabling this Kingdom work of healing souls lost in grief, bitterness and unforgiveness. They have become part of a "great cloud of witnesses" around the world that enables the light of Christ and the grace of God to be carried into the darkness of a wounded and broken heart.

We are seeking women of faith to join our Team as Spiritual Directors on these wonderful life-changing Weekends. We ask that you prayerfully consider asking the women who pastor in your churches (or are attending seminary, serving as deaconesses, sisters, pastoral counselors, or are in training for ordination) to consider working on one of our future KONT Weekend Teams. Please forward us any contact information you may have so that we may add them to our database to be invited to serve on future KONT Weekends. More information about this ministry can be found by visiting our website, and you may also contact us there.

May you be blessed in your service to Him,

Liz Compton

KONT Clergy and Spiritual Coordinator



Kairos Outside North Texas Summer Reunion & Picnic

The KONT Advisory Council cordially invite
you and your family to our annual Summer Reunion!

PARENTS: You are responsible for the supervision and safety of your children at the Reunion.

WHEN: Saturday, July 16, 2011 from 10am - 1pm

WHERE: Gatewood Park Pavilion - 4917 Duck Creek Drive, Garland, TX 75043

(Close to the corner of Duck Creek and Oates; the parking lot/pavilion is directly off of Duck Creek Drive.)

WHAT TO BRING: Bring a meal to feed your own family. (Lawn chairs, sunscreen, and a blanket might be a good idea, too.) We will provide drinks. Alcohol is **not** permitted.

OPTIONAL: We will have Kairos Outside goodies for sale: key chains, nametags, t-shirts, mugs, pens, etc. If you would like to make a purchase, please bring **cash!**

Don't forget to wear your Kairos Outside Cross Lanyard!

Questions? Call Jenny Smith at (972) 276-4749

FYI: The Gatewood Park Pavilion is close to the Surf & Swim wave pool. After the Reunion, you and your family may want to go swimming there, but this is **not** a Kairos function and you assume your own safety and liability. There is a cost for admission to the wave pool. You can call Surf & Swim at (972) 205-3993 for more information.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>16 - KONT Reunion Gatewood Park (Garland) Starts at 10am BRING YOUR OWN FOOD</p> 	<p>6 - KONT #29 Team Meeting</p> <p>13 - Fundraising Meeting Canterbury House (Rowlett) Starts at 9:30am</p> <p>27 - KONT #29 Team Meeting</p>	<p>10 - KONT #29 Team Meeting</p> <p>*Advisory Council Meeting will be held after the Team Meeting at St Stephen's Methodist Church (Arlington)</p> <p>24 - KONT Fundraiser Dinner at Saturn Road (Garland)</p>

This information is subject to change at any time. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.

The Canterbury House is located at 3809 Miller Road, Rowlett, Texas 75088.

*Team acceptance letters will be mailed to selected Team Members
with further information about Team Meeting location and time.*

2011 KONT Advisory Council

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