

Kairos Outside Midland Newsletter



Mark Your Calendar

October 15, 2022
KO Midland Reunion
Stepping Stones Ministries
2400 Elkins Rd Midland, Tx
11am-2pm (everyone welcome)

October 15, 2022
Picking up Bread Orders 2:30pm
First United Methodist Church
Midland, Tx

November 12, 2022
Kairos State meeting and elections for
Kairos of Texas

November 12, 2022
Wallace Team Meeting Feed 11:30am
Stepping Stones Ministries
Contact Charolett Dalton to help out:
432-352-7298

December 10, 2022 6pm-10pm
Kairos Christmas Party
Stepping Stones Ministry
2400 Elkins Rd Midland, Tx

March 31-April 2, 2023
KO Midland Weekend #44
Weekend Leader: Ashleigh Harlow

October 2022

Chaplain's Corner

God has been working on me in the area of forgiveness, perhaps He is speaking to you.

It has been hard to let go. After all, I had every right to be mad. I was the injured party. Actually, it was my granddaughter, but still my family, my job to protect her. And I failed. So maybe the forgiveness was not just of others, but firstly of myself. I have realized that this has been one of the hardest areas of forgiveness. Sometimes in defining a term, we need to define what it is not. Forgiveness is not condoning a wrong. Forgiveness is not allowing sin to continue. Forgiveness is not given from a position of weakness, but from one of power, God's power. Forgiveness is not tied to the legal system. One can rob a bank and be forgiven, but you are still going to prison. Finally, forgiveness is not dependent on repentance.

Forgiveness requires vulnerability and transparency. I have to open myself up to scrutiny before God, before others, and before myself. I have to be honest with myself about myself, especially my faults, my failures, my flops, and the futility of my actions. And that was a hard revelation, as well as a hard discussion! Another thing I needed was accountability. Fortunately, I went to the altar at our church, to our denomination's Family Camp, and then Kids Camp, and to a recent Kairos Inside. Having people pray for you, pray you through, and ask, "Where have you walked with God this week? Where have you not?" is pretty heart-revealing. This time I spent locked up with my brothers-in-white was the very thing I needed to be free of my past.

I also had to forgive others. Forgiveness is ultimately about trust, trust in Jesus, and trust in God. Do I trust that God will make all things right? Do I trust that He is Just, as well as Merciful? Can I give up vengeance

and allow God to be God? Another way of looking at it is, “Do I want to put someone between me and God, deflecting my blessings?” If I have the power to place someone there, I have the power to remove them. If I forgive them, that is between me and God. If they do not seek repentance, that is between them and God. My forgiveness of someone is not dependent on their repentance.

Similarly, I have to forgive God. While this is a theological impossibility as God can do no wrong, it is a practical reality if I have something against God, where I think He has failed me, often by omission, by not doing something I expected Him to. I need to trust God and let Him out of the box! Finally, I have to accept God’s forgiveness. In Luke 4:18, when Jesus said these words, He was speaking to me!

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set free those who are oppressed.”

Jesus wants to set me free from the prison bars of doubt, of fear, of pain, of regret, of hate, of unforgiveness. Prison bars where I am jailed, but also where I am the jailer! -Scott Jimenez

Kairos Outside Midland Advisory Council and Their Roles

Want to join or nominate someone for Midland Advisory Council for the 2023 year? Send all nominations to Jennifer Baker’s email theboysmom1516@gmail.com.

Currently our Advisory Council for 2022 is:

Chair- Dawn Jonas	Fundraising- Anna Leagans
Vice Chair- Socorro Hendry	Continuing Ministry- Ellen Best
Secretary- Jennifer Baker	Agape- Sue Hannaman
Financial Secretary- Bob Cole	Facility- Ella Nichols
Treasurer- Susan Butler	Communications- Ashleigh Harlow
Outreach Coordinator- Haylee McBride	Data- Jae Deen Waldon
Clergy- Scott Jimenez	

Get Involved

We need your help. There are many opportunities for you to serve in this ministry. All we ask is that you have a willing heart and a spirit of obedience, and you can play a crucial role in God's ministry of Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives and Impacting the World. Here's some basic information to help you "get involved."

- ~Be a team member
- ~Be a prayer partner
- ~Be a support volunteer
- ~Be a financial donor
- ~Be a cookie maker

For more information visit <https://mykairos.org/involved.html>



**“NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PAST, YOUR FUTURE
IS ALWAYS SPOTLESS!”**

Ashleigh Harlow