



Kairos Outside of Amarillo 2nd Quarter Community Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 8

Ladies Emmaus Meal

Sept. 15

Serving Emmaus team lunch

Sept 10

Advisory Council monthly meeting
First Christian Church

Sept 14-16

KAIROS OUTSIDE

22 WEEKEND

Bishop DeFalco

Retreat Center

Sept. 20

Serve KI 38 Formal Dinner

Sept. 22

Serving Neal Unit KI lunch

October 6

Serving Neal Unit KI lunch

October 8

Advisory Council
monthly meeting

Nov. 4

HEARTS N HARMONY

November 12

Advisory Council
monthly meeting

December 10

Advisory Council
Monthly meeting

Advisory Council:

Doris Fuller, Chair
Peggy Adams,
Spiritual Director
Trish Bailey, Treasurer
Kelly Beavers,
Reunion Coordinator
Maxine Benavidez,
Reunion Coordinator Assist.
Cindy Cooksey,
OL #1/Inventory Controller
Vickie Carver,
Interim Financial Secretary
Linda Dominguez,
Food Coordinator
Janice Faggan,
Leader #22
Tonya Freeman,
Observing Chair
Rhone Gary,
State Representative
Ossie Green,
Outreach Assistant
Chris Guill,
Talk Facilitator
Lindy Lee,
OL #2
OPEN,
Fundraising-Corp.
Cookie Taylor,
Historian/back State Rep.
Cynthia Walker,
Outreach
Mistey Williams,
Secretary
Kina Wilson,
Interim Agape Coordinator
Newsletter

NOMINATION TIME FOR KAIROS OUTSIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

It is time once again to begin the process for electing active members to fill seats on the Amarillo Panhandle Region Kairos Outside Advisory Council. Please be in prayerful consideration of the sisters you have worked with or are working with to submit names to the council to go on the nominations list for the election that will take place in September. You may nominate yourself also.

According to the Advisory Council Operating Procedures 7/26/2012: Qualifications of an Advisory Council Member are: Advisory Council members must be active in their church community, have served on a Kairos team within the past 2 years and/or have been active in the continuing ministry during the past 2 years. Kairos encourages members to be active in a Christian Accountability Group.

The Terms of Service: The term of service for each Council member will be three (3) years. *Meaning each person nominated is agreeing to serve and commits to serve for three years regardless of the position on the board that they may find themselves serving in—it may be a different position each year.* A Council member may not serve as chairperson for more than three (3) consecutive years. All Council members may be re-elected for a 2nd consecutive 3-year term of service. No one may serve more than two consecutive terms without rotating off for a 3-year period.

Election of the Advisory Council: The Advisory Council should constantly evolve. At the yearly election, 1/3 of the members rotate off and new members fill these seats. In September of each year, the Secretary will deliver a written communication to each active member of the local Kairos community regarding the election process and reporting how many seats will need to be filled for the following year. (This letter will go out early September). "Active" Community members are those who are active in their church community, have served on a Kairos team within the past 2 years and/or have been active in the continuing ministry during the past 2 years.

The newly formed Council meets and establishes, by majority vote (within the Council), the Council position of each member for the coming year.

All **positions** are for one (1) year and may be re-elected. Multiple positions may be held by the same individual unless otherwise stated in the position description.

Amarillo Panhandle Region Advisory Council currently has 17 positions on the board and proposes 18 positions for 2013. Twelve members remain on the current board to fulfill their 3-year terms and therefore, not eligible for nomination.

They are as follows: Doris Fuller, Tonya Freeman, Rhonne Gary, Linda Dominguez, Cynthia Walker, Ossie Green, Mistey Williams, Trish Bailey, Cookie Taylor, Chris Guill, Kelly Beavers and Maxine Benavidez

There will need to be six (6) active members voted onto the board to fill the seats that will be vacated by the 1/3 roll off.

The 18 proposed positions are:

1. Advisory Council Chairperson—Standard
2. Observing Chair/Rule Keeper—Optional
3. State Representative—Standard
4. Food Control Coordinator—Standard
5. Outreach/Recruiting Coordinator—Standard
6. Fundraising/Sponsorship Coordinator—Standard
7. Agape Coordinator—Standard
8. Secretary/Administrative Coordinator—Standard
9. Financial Secretary/Kairos Donor Coordinator—Standard
10. Treasurer—Standard
11. Clergy/Spiritual Director—Standard
12. Historian—Standard
13. Talk Facilitator—Standard
14. Reunion Coordinator—Standard
15. Inventory Coordinator—Optional
16. Core Team Coordinator/Trainer—Standard
17. Newsletter/Communications Coordinator—Optional
18. Document Custodian/Coordinator with Data Committee—Standard/Optional

Please submit nominations to Mistey Williams, KOAC Secretary at miss41106@yahoo.com or mail to KO Advisory Council, attention Mistey Williams, PO BOX 51012, Amarillo TX 79159.

You should be receiving a letter in the mail as well.

TRUSTING THE UNSEEN HAND

As a follower, friend and believer of Jesus Christ, I have come to realize more and more, the cornerstone of our Christian walk is TRUST. On the flip side of this, one could say that as a follower of Jesus Christ, the hardest part of our Christian walk is *also* TRUST.

For me personally, I do tend to get frustrated with life circumstances. My natural tendency if I don't "**feel**" like God is present in whatever the current circumstance I'm in at the moment is to get frustrated and then begin to question my purpose of being here in the first place. But, what I have been learning is, that it is **exactly in those times of frustration** that God is doing His best work.

The key in all of this is again, trust. I've learned that frustration is not always a bad thing. Frustration with my circumstances often leads me to give up control, and to discover the trust that I deep down want and need to have in God. Frustration stirs my heart to want to know God more, and to find the fulfillment of my deepest desires in Him alone and not in the circumstances around me. Frustration reminds me that I can't do life on my own - that I need to abide in Him in the middle of pain and frustration. It leads me to trust in Him even when the world tells me to do the opposite, to make things happen for myself.

Walking by faith and not by sight is always easier said than done, but I find more and more that as long as I continue to abide in Him, He keeps His promise to abide in me, then I am able to reach deeper, and walk out the frustration and find true joy that can only be found by trusting Him explicitly with every aspect of my life. More than ever, I trust in God's perfect purposes for me in every situation, even when they are difficult to walk through.

I challenge you today and in the coming months, to begin to **look for opportunity** to trust that God is working in you, drawing you closer to Himself and preparing you for greater things - for the joy of knowing Him more. Or you could, if you so desire, remain in your frustration and opt out of joy. As Dr. Phil would say....let me know "how that's working for you!"

I pray you choose the high road, and begin to seek Him in all situations that you are in today. He holds the key to open the door and reveal to you His great love, grace, and compassion. His purposes are always higher and stronger than our circumstances. As I am increasingly finding my truth, that God often does allow us to be stripped of our happiness in order to prepare us for joy. *We can trust in the Unseen Hand.*

Doris Fuller, Advisory Council chair

"Las Manitas and Closing"

You are cordially invited to join Kairos Outside # 22 to show Christian love by participating in Las Manitas and handing bouquets of flowers to our guests, and to closing to encourage our women and welcome them into KO and KI Community.

This is a way for you to demonstrate God's grace & love through Christian support for women who are mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, grandmothers & friends of the incarcerated.

This is an open invitation to all Emmaus, Cursillo, Epiphany, Chrysalis, Tres Dias communities, Restorative Justice Ministries, sponsoring churches, and the Kairos Inside & Kairos Outside community to enhance the experience of our new Kairos Outside Sisters as they receive the love of flowers!

LAS MANITAS

WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 16

TIME: arrive between 5:30-5:45 a.m., go to dining room

CLOSING

When: Sunday, Sept 16

TIME: 2:30 p.m. Please quietly arrive at 2 and go straight to chapel

WHERE: Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center

2100 N. Spring

Amarillo Texas



Reunion Round-Up

The next KO Reunion is scheduled for:

Saturday, October 13

1-3 p.m.

Saint Stephen UMC West Campus

More detailed information will be sent via postcard

- Kelly Beavers, kbea1@suddenlink.net

Reunion Coordinator

Maxine Benavidez, assistant, maxpat5444@sbcglobal.net

Fun Fund Raising Opportunities!

If you like to cook and/or serve this is your opportunity to help KO raise money!



Kairos Outside cooks and serves lunches to various Kairos Inside or Emmaus teams.

There are several dates coming up in September and October that need help!

If you have a passion for cooking and/or serving please contact Chris Guill at chrisguillid@suddenlink.net or 806/359-1752 or 806/680-4269.

Hearts N Harmony



A showcase of praise, benefiting Kairos Outside is one of our biggest fund raisers! There are several musicians who donate their time and talents to perform for this event. An elegant dinner has been planned as well as a silent auction.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, November 4 at First Presbyterian Church
Silent Auction starts at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m.
Concert begins at 7 p.m.

We need donations for the silent auction ASAP!

Please support us and help us get these items as soon as possible. We also need help with the event itself. We need people in place to help sell tickets at the door, ushers, crowd control, concession stand, set-up and clean-up. Please prayerfully consider helping with this event.

Please contact Tonya Freeman at 32bloom@gmail.com or call her at 806-584-8015.

Get your tickets ordered now!

My KO Experience on KO #21—Audrey “Dot” Jones

When I arrived at my KO, I was a little anxious. I wasn't anxious about being there, necessarily, I was more anxious about letting myself be ministered to. I knew that God was going to move in my life in a powerful way, but I had no idea just how powerful it would be. The one area in my life that I was still "wrestling" with God over was the relationship with my incarcerated loved one—it didn't really exist. I held, deep within me, some anger and resentment toward him. I was frustrated, hurt, and couldn't quite understand why he didn't want to be and had not been a part of my life. I knew that God was going to deal with me about this on my KO—and He sure did!!

Although the relationship with my incarcerated loved one hasn't improved and is still basically non-existent, God used KO 21 to truly help me to forgive and to soften my heart towards this individual...and to realize that God is my amazing Heavenly Daddy! Prior to my KO, I knew that God had called me into ministry but always felt like there was some missing puzzle piece that was left unresolved. Well, I'm here to tell you that God put that missing puzzle piece where it belongs that weekend—and I was finally able to surrender to His plans for me! The KO was an absolutely amazing experience and I met so many wonderful ladies (and gentlemen, too!) who are part of my forever Christian family! The Holy Spirit moved and did an amazing work, not only in my life, but in the lives of those who attended the weekend, as well. God is good!

KONNECTING OURSELVES TO THE LORD



Konnecting Ourselves is a Bible study held 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday nights beginning at 7p.m. Peggy Adams has been leading through the Word scripture by scripture. They are studying 2 Samuel at this time. It is a wonderful way to learn the word for beginning Christians and for old hats too! This group has been meeting for a little over two years and is open to all especially our new KO guests and community to help get connected with Kairos outside and more importantly with the Lord.

Meetings are held at 4219 Albert Avenue. For further information contact Chris Guill at 680-4269

THE WORK OF JESUS—From Ada Tenorio 8/20/2012

I was thinking about retiring from Jesus' work and either Saturday or Sunday I had my feet propped up due to them being swollen and I was a little on the depressed side and the guy that was doing the sermon on television came on pretty strong and said "No one is allowed to retire from Jesus' work. No One; We Christians have a work duty and it's called sharing the Word of the Father's up above. We are to be His witnesses of the Spiritual Power no matter how tough the job may be."

I said "whoa!" How did he know that and then I remembered when a traveling evangelist came to our church and said He tells us or let's us know or shows us. Then I said "O.K. Father, I am back in the saddle again and to stay in Kairos period no matter what, I am here to stay put." Thank you Father for having me. I love you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

The man that gave the sermon left us with these scriptures:

All of the Book of Acts

James 1:12; Luke 16:9; Job 22:21; Prov. 28:6; Eph 4:32; Psalm 18:2; Psalms 55:22; and Matthew 5:8

Thank you for letting me share this story with each and everyone. I love you all my dear family.



YOUR WORD IS A SPOKEN PROMISE!



It is not irony that God works the way He does. He has His own way of working out and preparing us for things that He wants us to do. When I came to prison I did not come alone. I came with someone whom I have been with for the last 11 years of my life. This person is someone I put my all into. I loved him more than I loved myself, and did things for him that I would never have dreamed I would do. This crime was committed by both of us together and both of us were sent to prison. During our incarceration we were both faithful to write one another 3 to 4 times a week knowing just how important it is in prison to receive mail from the ones you love the most. Prison has a specially designed way of stripping you of everything, having nothing left mail is the only thing that can somehow replace everything that has been lost.

Through the choice that I made my family relationships were strained. There have been many bridges that I have burned and had to sit and wonder how I was going to get back across. Only by the Grace of God and much prayer, God has repaired broken walls and restored unto me the years that the locusts have eaten (Joel 2:25). Some of these relationships were restored by mail. Just to receive that letter, J-pay or card from someone I care so much about has made a difference in my life and has made my days behind bars easier to deal with. For the last 2 months, I have been going through so many emotions due to this very thing I am writing about now. The person that I loved so much who was released from prison a little over 3 months ago has now stopped writing. The feelings I am left with are anger, resentment, fear, irritation, and pain. I see now that the feelings stem from a root of abandonment. **Abandonment is the #1 feeling felt in prison.**

Without regular contact from family, significant others, and friends, I feel as though I have been thrown into a deep dark pit and forgotten about. On the other hand, when mail is called and my number is yelled out to alert me that I have mail, and I open it up to see a J-pay, hand written letter or pictures, the joy that fills my heart, along with the happy tears that cloud my vision makes me feel like I am still apart of a world that I am not able to live in right now. I feel loved and important, but most of all I feel remembered, all because someone took 10 minutes out of their busy schedule to sit down and devote time to writing a letter, typing out a j-pay or simply picking up a card to say I love you and I miss you.

I have come to realize that someone's word is truly their bond. When I took time and thought about that, what it truly boils down to is, **your word is a spoken promise.** As a believer in Christ, when I go to God in prayer I always make it a point to remind God of His word. Why? Because His word is full of His spoken promises, and I know that if He said it He will do it! If we are striving to be more Christ like each day, this is a lesson we can learn from.

I find myself in two places right now emotionally. I am happy and filled with joy because God has placed people in my life that seem to make it their mission as long as I am incarcerated to keep in touch on a regular basis and keep me informed of things going on outside this environment. Yet, on the other side of the scale, I am currently dealing with feelings of abandonment from the man I love most. It is always easier to deal with something if you have complete understanding of it. When I don't receive mail explaining the answers to the questions I have about why I haven't heard from you, I immediately think the worst. My imagination creates its own scenarios that are never favorable to the situation. I spend a lot of time practicing 2 Cor. 10:5 which says "*cast down your imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive.*"

I am faced with a situation by someone who has been where I sit now, who has experienced the pain and abandonment from not receiving mail, but even more than that gave his word to me to never leave me or abandon me while I am still doing time. There is not a day that goes by that I don't pray to God to restore the communication between us in order to calm my anxious heart and put the battle in my mind to rest. To have complete understanding to the things I don't understand.

YOU have the power with you now as the reader of my personal struggles that I have been through in the past, and am currently going through now inside prison, to never have to let anyone you know that is incarcerated feel any hurt, anger, or abandonment. You can play a starring role in an inmates life story by simply keeping your word to write and following through, because in our eyes it is better not to promise us anything at all than to make a promise and not keep it.—*When Mercy Found Me*, Lashana Taylor # 1624628

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YOU are VERY important to the Kairos Outside Ministry!!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS

FREE JOB & LIFE SKILL TRAINING BEGINNING SEPT. 4

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

FROM 8:30 TO 11:30 A.M.

SEPT. 4- NOV. 29

- Money management
- Life recovery
- Women's health issues
- Computer skills
- Job preparation and job skills
- Family wellness
- Bible study and spiritual support

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