

# Spring 2016



## Message from Julie

Hello to Kairos Outside Midland Community,

I'm sure all of you want to join me in welcoming our 19 guests from Kairos Outside #31 who just completed their weekend. We enjoyed seeing some of you at our recent reunion at The Hub in Midland. Congratulations to Kimberlly Caeaveo, winner of the Walmart gift card.

We've been busy this spring having our team formation meetings plus the Weekend itself. We served meals to Daniel (Snyder) and Wallace (Colorado City) during their team formation meetings. This time is used for fundraising but mainly for sharing about Kairos Outside and what it can mean to women affected by incarceration. These Kairos Inside groups are always generous with their finances and also with their time, allowing us to give a short testimony.

It's hard to believe that summer is already here. We'll be taking a two month break from our activities and then start in August with several exciting events.

I wish each of you a safe and fun-filled summer and pray God's protection and guidance over you and your family

Julie Cole  
Kairos Outside of Midland Advisory Council Chair

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### The Reluctant Guest

I was a guest at a Kairos Outside weekend almost 10 years ago. My son became involved with Kairos while serving time in a federal prison. He called one night to tell me that he had signed me up for a KO weekend. My response was lukewarm while wondering what he was getting me into.

I tried to find a reason not to make the six-hour drive to the retreat center, but every reason was taken care of along the way. The only reason, or so I thought at the time, that I went was to be supportive of my son and something positive that he was involved in. I could never have imagined the impact of that weekend on my life.

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## Kairos Outside of Midland

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## Kairos Outside #31

*Past Weekend*

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Yee-Haw! What a fantastic weekend we experienced at Kairos Outside of Midland #31!

I feel that the Lord has been honored by all of our obedience to do His will as guests and team members like. We praise His name!

There were amazing women who stepped out of their comfort zone, took a chance and attended this weekend as a guest. I know it was not easy for many of you. Ladies, I pray this weekend has been one of joy and that healing has started taking place in the broken hearts you carried with you on your journey here. I hope that wherever you are or whatever path God takes you down, that Kairos Outside is something that you will continue to be part of because you are now part of one of the most special families ever created. I am blessed and honored to call you friend and sister.

Of course, I cannot forget the most incredible team that God has put together over the past few months. I consider these wonderful people not just team members and friends but family. Thank you for all your work, serving and praying for the past few months. There are simply no words to express the love and appreciation I feel for each and every one of you.

Happy Trails to all of you!  
Johni Rollwitz, Kairos Outside of Midland #31 Leader

## Kairos Outside #32

*Upcoming Weekend*

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Kairos Outside of Midland #32 is coming up October 21-23, 2016. It will be held in the beautiful location of Camp Butman near Merkel, TX. If your heart is telling you to be part of my team, please send an email to [adriaticsea33@yahoo.com](mailto:adriaticsea33@yahoo.com).

The theme of the KO # 32 Weekend will be transformation and freedom in Christ. And what a better image of it than the one portrayed in The Ugly Duckling story we are all familiar with from our childhood. The team formation meetings will be held @ Spring Creek Fellowship in Big Spring TX tentatively on these dates: August 27, Sept. 10, Sept. 24, & Oct. 8.

Looking forward to seeing you soon! May you be richly blessed by serving Him today and always!

With love,  
Adriana Kocak, Kairos Outside of Midland #32 Leader

### ***Keep Connected!***

In order to better communicate with you, we need to have your most current information.

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please let us know.

Email [susanne@cals.cc](mailto:susanne@cals.cc). Thank you!

My journey to Kairos Outside started on a Saturday night in March. I received a phone call from my son, telling me that he had gotten in trouble and was facing prison time. Nothing in my life had ever prepared me for that phone call. The shock sent me into an emotional tornado that was unlike anything I had ever experienced. I was a mess. And now, I was supposed to spend a weekend with complete strangers and talk about it? I arrived on Friday and checked in. This normally talkative, social butterfly, who rarely meets a stranger, was so uncomfortable! I did not want to be there. I did not want to talk to anyone. I just wanted this over with. I was forced out of my comfort zone so many times that weekend. I wanted to talk at the closing ceremony but public speaking has always been a huge fear for me. I finally stood up and told the group that Kairos Outside was not a group I would have ever imagined being part of but I was so thankful that my son's choices led me there.

Through my KO weekend, I was finally able to understand that I was not alone. I was not the only woman in the world that this had happened to. The unconditional love and acceptance was unlike anything I had ever experienced. As I drove home that Sunday and reflected on the weekend, I decided I wanted to be involved with KO as a team member.

Kairos Outside has become very special to me. I am still so grateful to be able to look back at a traumatic time in my life and see the blessings and amazing people that have come into my life from being part of this organization.

If you have been a recent guest, please consider serving on an upcoming weekend and helping another woman know she is not alone in her journey.

Susanne



## **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**

**CELESTINA LUNDA**

432.288.7642

### **MIDLAND, TEXAS**

Facilitator: Charlotte Dalton  
Location: Keller Williams  
Conference Room  
4410 N. Midkiff Rd  
Every Tuesday Evening 7-8 p.m.  
432.352.7298

### **ODESSA, TEXAS**

Facilitator: Jeanette Maroney  
Location: Chick Fil A  
(Purchase Not Required)  
3805 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Every Monday Evening 5:45 -7 p.m.  
432.664.1084

### **BIG SPRING, TEXAS**

Facilitator: Carol Jo Scott  
Location: Denny's Café  
(Purchase Not Required)  
Every Thursday Evening 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
432.296.3874

### **ANDREWS, TEXAS**

Facilitator: Johni Rollwitz  
Location: Chamber of Commerce  
700 West Broadway  
Every Thursday Noon 12-1 p.m.  
(Bring Your Sack Lunch)  
432.523.2480

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

We'd love to hear it!

Send an email to  
[susanne@cals.cc](mailto:susanne@cals.cc)

# Get Involved!

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**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.

## Upcoming Events

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Reunion--August 6, 2016 at Mid Cities Church

Advisory Council Meeting--August 6, 2016 at Mid Cities Church

Advisory Council Meeting--September 15, 2016 at First United Methodist, Midland

Kairos Outside of Midland #32--October 21-23, 2016

Reunion---November 2016. Details coming soon

For more information about events, please contact us at [susanne@cals.cc](mailto:susanne@cals.cc)

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### *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.