

Summer 2016

Message from Julie



Kairos Outside of Midland

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Hello to all – well, can you believe that summer is almost over! School starts soon and that means more traffic and more schedules for all of us, whether we have someone in school or not. The one thing we all have in common is that it has been a really, really HOT summer.

The Midland Kairos Outside Community is gearing up for the many events scheduled during the next four months.

KO Weekend #32 is slated for October 21-23, 2016 at Camp Butman in Merkel, which is just southeast of Abilene. The weekend will be led by Adriana Kocak and team formation meetings begin the last of August.

Charlotte Dalton, Fundraising Coordinator for KO Midland is planning a “Junk for the Trunk” on September 17 in Odessa. We also try to serve a meal for the local Kairos Inside units as they have their team meetings. We will be serving a meal to the Lynaugh Unit on Saturday, September 17th, as they meet at The Hub in Midland (contact me if you would be able to help). Some of you have not yet had the opportunity to participate in our “Frozen Bread” fundraiser, but this will take place in middle September and October – details will follow on that event. There are additional details in this newsletter about the above mentioned items – these next 3 months are always a busy time for us.

Also in this newsletter is information about the Kairos Outside Midland Advisory Council upcoming nominating and election process. I would encourage you to please participate in this process as there are enough service opportunities for everyone.

Those of us who attended the KO reunion on August 6 had a great and fun time, full of music, fellowship, good food and sharing. Thanks go to the Odessa SWAP group for hosting this event and to Celestina Lunda, Coordinator for all Kairos Outside of Midland’s continuing ministry.

God Bless each of you and your family.

Julie Cole
Kairos of Midland Advisory Council Chair
Julie@kotexas.com

My dear friends,

About 2 years ago I was asked to serve as a Kairos Outside leader for Oct. 2016. It surely looked like it would never come, but lo and behold, our first team meeting is fast approaching!

The verse that kept coming to me has been so dear to my heart ever since I myself traded spiritual darkness for joy of freedom in Christ. "...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom". And we all ... are being transformed into His image with ever increasing glory. (2 Cor. 3:17, 18). And what a better image of transformation resulting in freedom than the story many of us read as children: The Ugly Duckling! Happy ending in the image of a beautiful and majestic swan that we all are in the sight of our Heavenly Father. We see ourselves as ugly ducklings only because we don't dare look at the real mirror offered to us in loving Christ.

I want to extend an invitation to anyone willing to be part of this Ministry and the weekend that will take place in Camp Butman on Oct.21 - 23.

Our team meetings will take place on August 27, September 10, September 24 and October 8 at Spring Creek Fellowship in Big Spring, Texas.

You can be a guest, a team member, an angel!, or someone who offers their time, talent, or finances to help us make this special time possible. If you feel the Holy Spirit's tap on your shoulder, please come to me, or get hold of me and I will explain all in more detail.

Also, if you have a female relative or friend whose life has been impacted by the incarceration of a family member, please encourage to attend the weekend as our guest.

May our Heavenly Father shower you with an abundance of blessings and joy!

Adriana K.

My phone # is: 432-466-6993 and my email: adriaticsea33@yahoo.com

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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 address, please let us know.

Email susanne@cals.cc. Thank you!

Five years ago. That's when I was introduced to Kairos Outside. My weekend was #24. But my journey as a soldier in God's army began much earlier than that. He began grooming me for the position from birth I believe.

Fast forward, past all the childhood traumas (some not so "normal", but that's a story for another time), to what I call my "Yahweh University" years. Enter the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I have been there – more than once. And each time I was supernaturally (and quite paradoxically, to say the least) saved from myself.

I heard of the Kairos Prison Ministry for the first time, as well as all the incarcerated times thereafter, in prison. However, I chose not to sign up for any of the "inside" weekends because I was delusional mainly. I saw what satan would have me see. Having been tainted by "church" inside the walls of prison, where lots of ungodly things transpire, I adamantly refused to try the Kairos experience while there. My loss – that's for sure.

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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
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MIDLAND, TEXAS

Facilitator: Charlotte Dalton
Location: Keller Williams
Conference Room
4410 N. Midkiff Rd
Every Thursday Evening 7:15-8:15 p.m.
432.352.7298

ODESSA, TEXAS

Facilitator: Jeanette Maroney
Location: Chick Fil A
(Purchase Not Required)
3805 E. 42nd 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

SAVE THE DATE!!

**Kairos Outside of Midland
Has begun a series of fundraiser
campaigns that we would
LOVE you to sign up for!**

September 2016

**9/17 Lynaugh Team Meal
The Hub in Midland
Contact Julie 432-352-2356**
**9/17 Junk in the Trunk
Place TBA**
**9/20 Chick Fil A Spirit Night
In Midland On Andrews Hwy
5:30-8:30 pm**
**9/29 Chick Fil A Spirit Night
In Odessa on 42nd street
5:30-8:30 pm
Contact Charlotte 432-352-7298**

October 2016

**10/1 Annual Bread Campaign
Individual collection
All Month Long
Contact Julie 432-352-2356**

**10/1 Baked Goods Campaign
Big Spring , Texas Walmart
Contact Eufemia 432-978-7014**

**10/20 Grub Burger Spirit Day
In Midland Loop 250 & Midland Dr
Contact Charlotte 432-352-7298**

December 2016

**12/3 Christmas Wrap
Place TBA
Contact Eufemia 432-978-7014**

**12/15 Grub Burger Spirit Day
In Midland Loop 250 & Midland dr
Contact Charlotte 432-352-7298**

**FYI:
During this month we usually
participate in the Angel Tree
Program**

Kairos Outside of Midland - Strength for the Journey

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These campaigns will do more than help us fundraise. They will allow us to get the word out about KO Midland, possibly recruit more guest and volunteers. They will also provide us an opportunity to come together, build a sense of commendatory, and friendships within our KO community group. We highly encourage ALL members in different cities to unite and try to help with these upcoming events even if they are not in your particular county. When participating lets wear our RED Shirts and show them who we are!



Upcoming Advisory Council Elections

Hello Kairos Community!

This is an invitation to submit a person(s) to serve on the Kairos Outside Advisory Committee beginning in January 2017. The person(s) being nominated need to be familiar with the ministry and has been serving as a team member during the last 3 years or been involved with the ministry in some form within the last 3 years.

The K.O. Advisory Council meets 6 times a year and meetings are almost always held in Midland. Members are expected to attend reunions which are held throughout the year. Members are to support the weekends when possible, i.e. being on a team, providing prayer support, being an angel for transportation for guests and promoting community.

There are some that may not be nominated because they are already on the council or they haven't been off the council for the 3 year break that is required. They are as follows: Debbie VanPelt, Scott VanPelt, Suzy Sam, Dorothy Hearne, Carol Jo Scott, Linda Gomez, Santa Lander, Celestine Lunda, Eufemia Esquivel, Cal Yonts, Susanne Yonts, Tracey Embrey, and Connie Alexander.

If you are interested in serving on the council you may submit your own name if you meet the requirements listed above. The deadline for submissions is August 31st or before. Please send your nominations to me at bhicks.ko2006@yahoo.com. That gives us time to contact each person nominated to let them know their name was submitted and ask them if they are interested in serving. Our next council meeting is September 15 and we need the information before then.

Thanks for your participation in this process.

Barbara Hicks
Kairos of Midland Advisory Council Secretary

Finding Myself

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After my final release, in 2010, I knew change was to be had. I just didn't quite know how God would bring that about. Boy...did He show up and show out when I almost reluctantly and very warily accepted the invitation to be a guest. It was there that Yahweh revealed to me my true position in life. With each talk, each exercise, each ceremony, every hug, every prayer, every piece of Agape, every single piece of the puzzle that makes up the weekend's whole was ramped up to that of intense spiritual nature. It was there learned to forgive myself. I learned that all I had endured – be it self-inflicted or not – was parts of the Master's plan. He was grooming me for my real purpose in life: to be His child and to share “me” (warts and all) with others so that they may heal. It took me a half a century to understand that I am worthy in God's eyes. Does that mean I'm perfect now? Hardly! I am, indeed, a work in progress.

Needless to say, I joined the Kairos Outside organization at the very first opportunity. I have not regretted that choice once. I find great worth in helping others (especially kindred females) who have been impacted by incarceration. My seat in God's army has been firmly secured. Find yours, won't you? Join our team. You won't regret it, I promise.

Shana

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.

Upcoming Events

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

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.