



# KARIOS OUTSIDE MIDLAND COMMUNITY NEWS

Your Newsletter - Our Stories (*Listen, listen, love, love*)

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## Advantages of a Community Newsletter

The purpose of a Community Newsletter is to provide specialized information to a targeted audience. Newsletters can be a great way to keep up with all the activities, "Weekend" announcements and Kairos Outside needs, as well as, create credibility and build awareness for you and the services that Kairos Outside provides. *We welcome your feedback!*

### A WORD FROM OUR LEADER

Kairos means *God's special time*.

For me that means so much. In 2006 I was a mess. I was blaming myself for my son's bad choices that now had him in prison. I was invited to attend a Kairos Outside and even though I had no clue what that was I figured I had nothing to lose. I left that Sunday with new hope and a desire to give back the love I had just received. I hope I have touched someone's life and made a positive difference. I give God all the credit for this awesome ministry!

Barbara Hicks, President  
Kairos Outside Advisory Council  
Strength for the Journey

### Your 2019 Kairos Outside Advisory Council Members are:

*Top row left to right*—Marie Orozco; Jeanette Maroney; Susan Butler; Carolyn Quine; Connie Alexander; Charlotte Dalton; Vicky Frazier; Dawn Jonas; Anna Leagans

*Bottom row left to right*—Ellen Best; Chole Suckling; Barbara Hicks; Carrie Stanton; Johnnie Rollwitz; Jennifer Baker; Carol Jo Scott.

*Not pictured:* JaeDeen Walden; Melinda Teel; Maureen Martin



### Meet "The Board"

So what does "The Board" do? You might say they are the heartbeat, brains and core muscles of the local Kairos Outside community. They are the backbone of each "Weekend" (as well as the "Funny bone")

They make decisions based on the safety and well being of each weekend guest and team member, and plan for ways to best serve the community through reunion celebrations, and by initiating fundraising activities to provide for the cost of two weekends per year. They also oversee training for those interested in being involved in working a weekend and or serving on the council, or the other multiple ways of making Kairos Outside successful.

If you are interested in becoming involved with Kairos Outside or working a weekend contact us for more information. We would love to have you alongside. (contact info on 2nd page)





## CHAPLAINS CORNER

### The Pastor's Blessing

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, giving you His peace. May you be free from the fear of the past, looking forward to the joy of tomorrow. May every controlling thing in your life be destroyed, and may you be completely controlled by the spirit of God and the love of Christ. Let this day be the first day of the rest of your life...a day filled with love, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' name. Amen!

A word of encouragement from our Spiritual Director.

*Carrie Stanton*

The Lord really laid this on my heart to share.

### Meditation for the Month

*John Hagee Devotional*

*Rev. 12:11*

*"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death"*

Child of God, get a vision of this: living your future in absolute victory.... Today, in Jesus' name, declare that if God is for you, who can be against you?! The bible promises that you will be given back seven times what the enemy has stolen from you....Put the enemy on notice that God is in control of your life...Move from tragedy to triumph, because whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

## WEEKEND #37 REPORT:

By Leader, Carol Jo Scott

When the guests began to arrive, one guest stated that as soon as she turned the corner into the camp, she felt the Spirit heavy on the camp and knew this was where she needed to be. Ten total guests arrived at the camp and the weekend officially began with a tea party followed by dinner and introductions.

Highlights for Saturday included the elegant dinner and the forgiveness service. During the forgiveness service, many burdens were laid at the cross. As the final two members received the pronouncement of a blessing the entire group of guests stood and began singing "How Great is our God", the team joined the singing and the Spiritual Director finished the service by reminding the participants of the need to allow the Holy Spirit to fill them up now that they had emptied themselves of the things they laid at the cross. Prayers were lifted as the group continued to sing "Fill me up."

Sunday began with the "flowers at dawn" activity and another trip to the chapel. Other high points on Sunday were the special letters, the cross ceremony and the closing ceremony. After closing the guests pitched in and helped clean and load up indicating they felt like a part of the community.

**What a GREAT report Carol Jo! Thank you & your team for all of your hard work.**



## Spotlighting Specialness

*By JaeDeen Walden*

When I think of what it means to be an "Overcomer", I think of Anna Leagans. Her start in life as a newborn was to battle withdrawal symptoms from her mom's addiction to drugs. It didn't stop there but went one to include a childhood full of emotional roller-coaster rides from a dysfunctional homelife. She lived with grandparents for awhile before returning home to more of the same scenarios & worse. With her mom in and out of her life on so many different levels, stability and security seemed like a fairytale.

But God's mercy gave her an opportunity to change her harsh beginning to a much softer ending. Through the coaxing of caring family members she was invited to a Kairos Outside Weekend. She resisted, but they wouldn't take no for an answer. The change that weekend made in her life was a drastic one. The love of Jesus now shines from her face as her past fades in the shadow of Christ's love.

Anna has continued to be involved with Kairos Outside and currently serves as the Fundraising Coordinator on the Advisory Council. She has been so gifted at it, that she will be going to the State Council meeting this summer to share her success secrets. She is a true blessing to the Council, her family and to all those who know her.

***Thank you Anna for your light that shines so brightly!***

## What's Next?

### Up and Coming events:

- May 11, 2019 10am until Mother's Day Basket Fund-raiser event at 2 locations:  
Odessa—Lowe's Grocery on 42nd & Dixie  
Midland—H&R Block on Midkiff & Cuthbert  
Contact **Anna Leagans** for details. Call: 432-664-9788
- **Chole Suckling** will be the Leader for Weekend #38 in October. Taking applications for Guests & Team Members. Call or text: 432-257-1136
- Have a question on getting involved with Kairos Outside? Call or text JaeDeen Walden at: 432-638-4779