



KARIOS OUTSIDE MIDLAND COMMUNITY NEWS

Your Newsletter - Our Stories (*Listen, Listen, Love, Love*)

Editor's Note:

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In our last edition (April), we introduced you to the Board Members and gave you a glimpse of what they do that keeps them so busy.

In each issue, we would like to introduce you to some of our community members—both long standing & new to the team. We do this in order to encourage everyone to get involved with your local Kairos Outside SWAP groups and your Advisory Council Board. We love making new friends, hearing fresh ideas and seeing new talent come into our fold. This is why we do what we do. So come join us and get connected. You'll be glad you did!

JaeDeen Walden

SWAP Reunion

Saturday

July 27th

Questions? Call or text:

432-257-1136

You Can Wear Your Kairos Outside T-Shirts!



GAMES



SINGING!

Perfect Potluck

at Crestview Baptist Church, Midland, TX (Childcare Provided)
301 North Loop 250. Food, Fun, Fellowship 11:00am—2:00pm



Meet Christina Gonzales:

Christina went on her Guest Weekend in March of 2018 and was "hooked" right away. She signed up to work that same year in October & is on the list to work again this upcoming Weekend.

When asked what made her keep coming back she replied, "I love the sense of family, the bonding, & feeling like I belong". Christina loves to serve in the background. One of her favorite things is to make the agape gifts that are left on the beds of the guests.

Her "Kairos Story" is the "secret" that she now no longer has to keep quiet about, because she received the gift of acceptance and sharing the same "secret" that others also had. She realized she was not alone in the pain of keeping her secret from others. The "Secret"? Her fiancé had served time in prison, in the beginning of their relationship. It took her awhile to let go of the anger and feelings of abandonment while he was gone. But the shame continued to haunt her until she received emotional healing during her very special weekend experience.

We are so glad to have her. She is as beautiful on the inside as she is outside. Her smile is infectious & fills the room with God's grace. Thank you Christina for sharing your heart with us.



Spotlighting Specialness



It was my pleasure to visit with **Carolyn Quine** recently. She refers to herself as an "Open Book". She has been around from the "Get Go" with the Midland Kairos Outside group, involved since its beginning days, and she knows "a thing or two".

In the beginning she wasn't willing to get involved because she had a lot of anger and frustration towards her stepson—who was in prison. But over a period of time she was able to make peace with him and because her mother enjoyed being involved in Kairos Outside, she became more involved and worked alongside her mother.

While Carolyn prefers to be in the background, making agape or working in the kitchen, she is a "Get Ur Done" kinda gal. So she became very active in both Kairos Outside & Kairos Inside until 2008, when the tragic death of her own 21 yr. old son caused her to slow down, in order to work through her grief.

When asked what difference Kairos had made in her life, she reflected on the different aspects of ministry perceptive. Working inside the conference room, at or around the tables, it could get very emotional because of the pain caused by incarceration, isolation, anger and all that goes with it. But its also very healing because you learn that its ok to have emotions, while learning to let go of them and finding ways to move on. It gives hope for those who have loved ones still incarcerated.

On the other hand, working in a serving position, ministry related, helps to form bonds with others and provides an extended family in an atmosphere of spiritual growth. New friends & shared activities are a constant source of love and fun.

One of Carolyn's biggest take-a-way experiences with Kairos Outside was watching a lady that she had known for a long time, who had been burdened downed with a lot of emotional garbage, get set free from her chains. This woman left her Weekend a completely different person. Her whole countenance had changed. She came depressed and left with joy. This is what Carolyn loves about Kairos & why she continues to be involved today. The change it makes in the lives of others through the Grace of God.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KAIROS

1. Anna, Celestina, Maurine, Dawn & Jennifer attended the State Mtg in Austin this month. Anna gave a presentation on Fund Raising.
2. Barbara and Charlotte are attending the Kairos International Conference the last weekend in Florida. Theme is: "Better Together"

There will be a report submitted in September's newsletter on what our ladies brought back from their trips. Be watching for it!



CHAPLAINS CORNER

Have you stopped dreaming?

Dreams are the golden ladder by which we ascend to heavenly places; the mountain peaks of vision we climb to view the promises of God. Our dreams are the lantern by whose light we pass safely through the darkest valley, the inner strength that helps us fight in days of adversity. Divine dreams come from God and sustained by Divine favor. Allow God's dream to take root in your soul.

Acts 2:17-18

Prayer over you:

In these last days, Abba, pour out your Spirit on every kind of people; so that your sons & daughters will prophesy. Give your young men visions, your old men dreams. When the time is right, pour out your Spirit on those who serve you, both men and women.

Amen



MEET OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR *Carrie Stanton*

COMING UP:

- **Sept.**—Bread Sale Fund Raiser & next Newsletter
- **Oct. 18-20** —Weekend # 38 / Chloe Suckling
- **Nov. 2nd**— next SWAP Reunion
- **Dec. 7th**—Kairos Outside Christmas Party at UMC

WEEKEND # 38
Still accepting applications
Call Chloe at:
432-257-1136
Verse: Exodus 14:14
Song: Redeemed
Logo: Cross with boxing gloves
Colors: Cobalt blue & Hot Pink
Theme: Ladybugs