

# Winter 2016



## Kairos Outside of Midland

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## Message from Julie

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Hello to Kairos Outside Midland Community,

I hope you have started the New Year well and here we are – already in February! Since it is the beginning of a new year, I wanted to share with you about Kairos Outside of Midland and how it functions. We are one of the many groups that fall under Kairos Prison Ministry International, which is headquartered in Florida. We then have Kairos of Texas that has over 55 units – 10 of them being a Kairos Outside. Here are our Core Values:

- Lay-led, Christ Centered Ministry
- Empowerment while Building Accountability
- Continuing Ministry Model to Build Community
- Trustworthy
- Respect and Love
- Stewardship

We have an advisory council made up of 14-20 Kairos Outside of Midland volunteers. This is an elected group that serves in such areas as finance, outreach, fundraising, reunions, etc. We have a council meeting after each one of our reunions plus the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the months of March, July, and September @6:30pm at First United Methodist Church Midland. You are always welcome to attend any of these meetings.

As I said, there are 10 Kairos Outside locations in Texas – Amarillo, Central Texas (Waco), Corpus Christi, East Texas (Tyler), Houston, Lubbock, Midland, North Texas (Dallas), San Antonio, Wichita Falls. I want you to know so if the need arises, you can refer someone to one of the other areas to attend a Kairos Outside weekend. We have an ongoing network among each other to assist potential guests in finding the closest area to them and we need each one of you to be our ‘mouthpiece.’

Kairos Outside is very strong in Texas and we are fortunate to receive support from the men’s units (prisons) – both financial and as volunteers for our weekends. We, in turn, furnish one meal for a Kairos team meeting – Daniel (Snyder), Lynaugh (Ft. Stockton), Wallace (Colorado City). This gives us the opportunity to stay connected and present the Kairos Outside story.

I hope to see each one of you at a Kairos Outside reunion or other KO event. God Bless each of you and your family.

Julie Cole

Kairos Outside of Midland Advisory Council Chair

## Kairos Outside #30

*Past Weekend*

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I just wanted to say what a blessing it has been to be a part of this ministry. I started this journey in KO#7

To be a leader at KO #30 in Brownwood was a true honor. To watch the team God had put together to work and be His hands and feet was truly amazing. To watch the new women come in Friday through all the bad weather so determined to see what God had to offer them was nothing less than a miracle in my eyes!

To be a part of this wonderful Ministry that I know changed my life forever, is God's amazing grace in action.

My prayers are that the new ladies stay connected and keeps growing with us as a family and spirit in the years ahead.

In loving service,

Carrie Stanton

## Kairos Outside #31

*Upcoming Weekend*

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Kairos Outside of Midland #31 is coming up April 29-May 1, 2016. Johnie Rollwitz is the leader.

If you know of any woman that has or has had an incarcerated family member, invite her to attend! We all know what a blessing this ministry has been to those of us who attended as a guest. Let's spread the blessing!

Day angels are still needed! Day angels work behind the scenes and are a vital part of every weekend. Angels can volunteer for as little as 4 hours, a day or the entire weekend.

Agape is always welcome! Agape is the gifts that are given to the guest at various times throughout the weekend.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Johnie at 432-638-9524.

### ***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!



## **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**

# 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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Advisory Council Meeting--March 17, 2016 at First United Methodist, Midland

Kairos Outside of Midland #31--April 29-May 1, 2016

Reunion--May 14, 2016 at the HUB in Midland

Advisory Council Meeting--July 21, 2016 at First United Methodist, Midland

Reunion--August 13, 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

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.