



Kairos Outside

Kairos Outside is designed to support the female loved ones of men and women who are incarcerated in state and federal correctional facilities, as well as county jails and youth offender programs. We believe that the families of the incarcerated are "doing time" right along with their loved ones. Kairos 'Outside' is designed to let those families know that there is a community that cares about them and their needs.

Loved ones invited to participate are called Guests. Guests share with each other how the incarceration of a loved one is affecting family life.

This weekend is a way to help strengthen the family unit and encourage small support groups for these women on the outside. We provide a secure place for women to share their struggles with each other and with those who are empathetic to their situations. The women on the outside, in many ways, have to be stronger than their relatives inside to survive in today's world. We hope Kairos 'Outside' will help them find strength for their life journeys and give them a chance to find and build friendships that may last a lifetime.

*Kairos Outside
- Midland
Newsletter
July, 2011*

Upcoming Kairos Outside

24 Weekend!

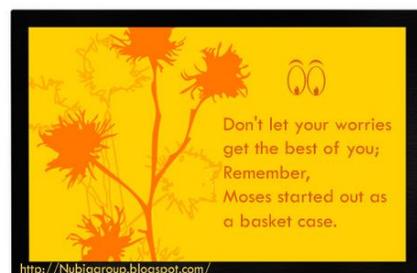
October 28 - 30

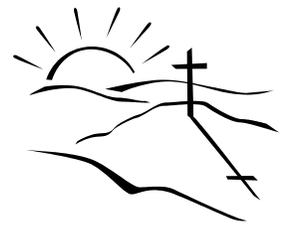
Barbara Hicks: Leader

Theme: Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born!

*This weekend will be held at
the Wooden Spoke Guest
Ranch 12 miles North of
Snyder, TX off of Hwy 84!*

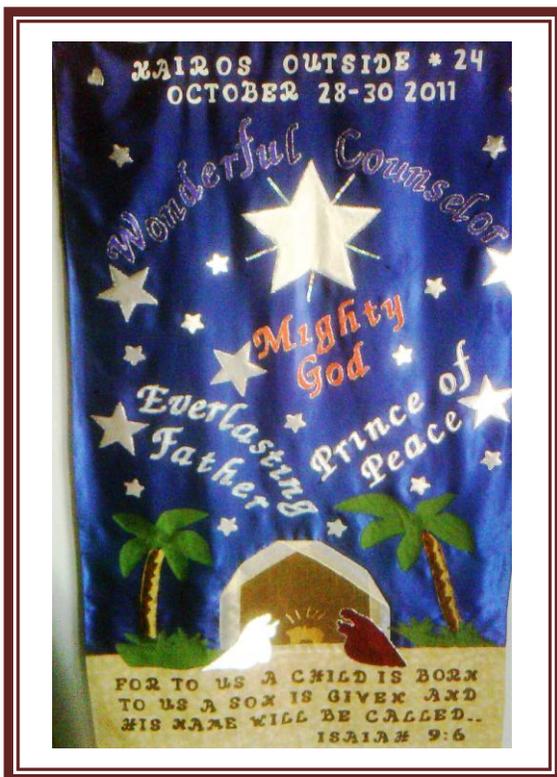




A note about Kairos #24:

We are getting ready for Kairos Outside #24! The weekend will be held October 28-30, 2011 at Wooden Spoke Guest Ranch North of Snyder, Texas. The weekend scripture is Isaiah 9:6-*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

I feel that we are being called to a new level of reverence and thanksgiving for the One who came to Earth to minister to us. If our guests don't get anything else out of the weekend I want them to know their hope is in Christ and He is the one in control. That they can call on His name and depend on Him.



I'm excited about the new location-it's a retreat where the guests and team alike will be in an environment with no influences from the outside world. Hopefully it will give the ladies a break from everyday life.

I ask for your prayers, support and presence. We will need agape in the form of food, money, pillow/table, community support for the Walking in Love to be held on Saturday, October 29th at 8:45, and Closing on Sunday, October 30 at 2:30.

The Wooden Spoke is 12 miles North of Snyder on CR 2128, off Highway 84. There are signs and we will have Kairos Outside signs on the place to turn.

- Barbara Hicks

Team Meetings for K.O #24:

August 6th

August 20th

September 17th

October 15th

All Team Meetings held at City of
Refuge, Andrews

A note from Santa on K.O. #23: *The love of God never fails. KO #23 was awesome weekend. Thanks to the team members that made it possible. Best of luck to KO #24*

*"Walking In Love"
Candlelight Service*

- 8:45 pm, Saturday
October 29th
- Wooden Spoke Guest
Ranch, Snyder, TX



*Closing: Sunday,
October 30
2:30 pm
Wooden Spoke Guest Ranch,
Snyder TX*

Read about the Wooden Spoke Guest Ranch
at their website:

<http://www.woodenspoke.com/welcome.htm>



Council Corner!

What's up in the Council Corner?!

Hello Kairos Outside Community!! The members of the Kairos Outside Advisory Council Midland have been busy this year and we want to keep you informed of what we've been up to. The council meets every other month, usually on the 3rd Thursday, this year at First United Methodist Church, Midland. The meetings are open to the KO community, so please come by and support us by your presence.

This year we had several new members come on board and they have been doing a wonderful job and truly have a servant's heart and desire to serve. Several of us were able to attend Advisory Council training in Amarillo earlier this year. It was a fun trip, great fellowship and there are always new things to learn.

We had KO weekend #23 in April, lead by Santa Lander. She did a great job and the weekend was wonderful. Our next weekend, #24 will be October 28-30, 2011 lead by Barbara Hicks. She too will be a wonderful leader. Barbara has elected to hold her weekend at the Wooden Spoke retreat facility outside of Snyder. We have had weekends there before, it was formerly Wagon Wheel. We are truly excited to be giving Wooden Spoke the opportunity to host this weekend. It's a great facility with rustic charm and away from the distractions of daily life. If you are interested in serving on Barbara's team, please email her at our new email address Kairos.midland@gmail.com or mail a team application to our new address: Kairos Outside Midland PO Box 52987, Midland, TX 79710. If you know of a potential guest, email her name, address (if possible) and phone number to the above email address or mail same info or guest reservation form to our PO Box.

If you are unable to serve on the team, there are many ways you can help support the weekend. First and foremost, by your prayers! Satan is always on the attack because he wants to keep our guests from receiving God's unconditional love. He attacks in so many different ways and times. Begin covering this weekend with prayer right now! We need help with fundraising! As you know, the guests who attend the weekend attend at no charge. It is up to the Advisory Council and team members to raise the funds necessary to cover the expenses of the weekend. You can help financially by donating money personally, asking your employer(s), your

church, friends, family to support this ministry. You can volunteer to help us with various fundraising projects. We also seek "in-kind" donations- people or businesses donate goods rather than money, like food, flowers, etc. All these donations are tax deductible. We also seek Agape- those little love gifts left on the guests beds or table settings or food agape- beverages, snacks, desserts, water, etc. We need the KO community to serve as day angels during the weekend, or helping provide transportation to some of the guests, come to our Saturday night Walking in Love services and closings to show our guests they are loved and are a part of a wonderful community of support. Help us help these ladies who are hurting and are left behind by someone incarcerated.

We also sent the next 2 weekend leaders to AKT- Advanced Kairos Training. Kristi Pritchett will be leading #25 in April 2012 and Debbie Van Pelt #26 in October 2012. This weekend training is not only for future leaders, but for anyone who desires a deeper understanding of the Kairos ministry. The council has also nominated and voted on 3 more future leaders. However, we are always looking out for future leaders, so if you think you might be interested, please contact the Advisory Council. We will send you some paperwork to complete and will help you meet any qualifications required that you may not have met yet.

It is also the time of year we begin working on voting on new council members for next year. Each council member serves a 3 year term and the terms are rotated so we always have members rotating off each year, but we always have experienced council members serving. There are no major requirements to serve on the council, just a willing heart and sacrifice of some of your personal time. If you would like to be considered for the council or would like to nominate someone for the council, please complete the attached nomination form and return it to the Advisory Council as soon as possible. We do have and need both men and women to serve on the council.

Also needed by the council are those interested in serving on committees with the council. There are jobs on the council that require more help than just voting members can provide, so we are asking for volunteers to help serve on committees. Though committee members are not voting members, by serving on the committees, it gives the volunteer the opportunity to see how the council works, gives them experience to serve on the council at a later date and gives the council the opportunity to learn about possible council members and future leaders. It's a win/win!!

This is my last year on the Advisory Council and this year, I have had the blessing of being the chair of the council. It has been a fast year and a busy one as you can see. I will miss serving on the council but look forward to all the things the council will continue doing for the benefit and growth of the Kairos Outside ministry.

We'll be keeping you informed through our newsletter!

Thank you and God Bless!!

[Kristi Pritchett, Midland KO AC Chair](#)

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Kairos Outside Midland #24 will be having a "Walking In Love" Candlelight Service at 8:45 pm on Saturday, October 29th at the Wooden Spoke guest Ranch North of Snyder.

There will be music, scripture, a message from a past guest, praying over the names of each guest, and other wonderful and worshipful times. This service provides a powerful opportunity for Weekend Guests to experience God's love for them through the silent presence of the Christian Community. YOU, as a part of the Kairos Outside Christian Community, are invited to attend and support these women.



57 Cent Church

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was too crowded. "I can't go to Sunday School" she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so happy that they found room for her, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kindhearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements. As she was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note, scribbled in childish handwriting, which read: "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School".

For two years she had saved for this offering of love. When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion. He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building. *But the story does not end there...*

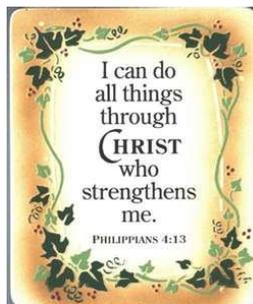
A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered to sell it to the little church for 57 cents. Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000.00--a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). *Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.*

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300. And be sure to visit Temple University, where thousands of students are educated.

Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of beautiful children, built so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, author of the book, 'Acres of Diamonds'.

This is a true story, which goes to show **WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH 57 CENTS!**





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