



KOCT
Kairos Outside Central Texas

Be Still

AND KNOW
THAT *I Am*
GOD
PSALM 46:10

Kay Johnson
KOCT #2
Weekend Leader



Back in the spring 2008, I asked this lady named Joyce Boelsche to come speak to a new UMW night circle that I was trying to start. She spoke on a prison ministry that was not inside the prison, but outside the prison. I had never heard of such a thing. At the end, she asked me if I would be interested in volunteering. God had a plan. Little did I know that after I started volunteering for Kairos Outside San Antonio, that my husband would be charged with a felony. Little did I know that I would spend the next 3 years going to monthly court appointments and resets, rewritten charges and re-arrests. Learning how to visit jails. Learning the ugly side of the legal system. Learning the system of jpay to send him money to buy a thermal shirt (the wind blows cold in winter). Learning how to keep the house together on one paycheck instead of two. I Praise God! He gave me my Kairos Outside family to lift me up and pray for me and support me through the entire ordeal, because He knew my own family would not.

Forward to year 2013. My joy had left me, but I had not realized it until it appeared again, just this summer. This summer I was blessed with the opportunity to go as a guest on a Kairos Outside weekend. I was thunderstruck by the love. Amazed by the listening. My joy returned, just like Psalm 30:5 says: "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." I am in awe of KO. God gave me the depth of understanding behind the words "give strength for the journey."

Now in March 2014, I get to pass it forward. I am humbled by the opportunity to lead KOCT #2. We have a strong core team (our core team training is in November). I am happy. We have many wonderful potential team members (our team meetings start in December). I am blessed. Moreover, I am looking toward to meeting our extraordinary guests, and passing forward the "listen, listen, love, love," that helped heal my broken spirit. Thanks be to God. Yes. Now, I look forward.

LISTEN LISTEN

LOVE LOVE

What KOCT#1 meant to me

God orchestrated the ending of my career, the beginning of retirement, and a calling into prison ministry through many circumstances and events in the last year. It's a beautiful intricate, story which just confirms for me how intimately God is working in each of our lives.

My son is incarcerated, and the last seven years have been difficult, but God is bringing me through this painful time and deepening my walk with Him.

As a guest at KOCT #1, God's love surrounded and enveloped me in a palpable way – from the moment I arrived for the check-in to the closing. As a result of the weekend, several powerful, healing things happened:

I got a letter from my son (who is typically self-absorbed and all about what you can do for him.) The letter started with "I want to start by saying that I love you and could not imagine a better mother." And ended with "I love you for all that you are and everything you have been. Your loving son, Joel." I keep this letter in a special place and read it often.

I was able to lay my problems at the foot of the cross and destroy the bondage of unforgiveness by forgiving others and myself, watching it dissolve in front of me.

I experienced love poured out by being lifted up to Him in prayer.

I have remembrances, some of which I have shared with my KAIROS Inside team.

Through KOCT #1, God threw me the best retirement party one could hope for, and called me into this ministry for the broken-hearted. I am part of the KI Lane Murray #16 team and hope to be part of KOCT #2 team.

I thank all the KOCT#1 team members for allowing God's love to be seen through them in such a powerful way.

Your Sister in Kairos, Nancy Scott



Praise
the
Lord

Websites:

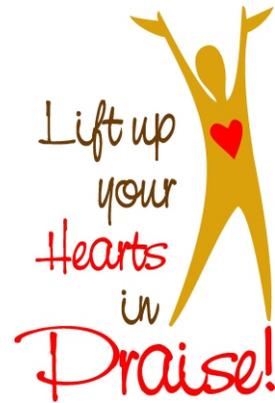
Kairos of Texas: kairostatexas.org

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Kathy Gryta
KOCT #2
Music Director



Sisters, do you remember the conference room music from your weekend? Did you find yourself humming along, patting your knee, tapping your foot? Did that remind you of years ago when you would sing to your hairbrush and dance around your bedroom to songs on the radio? We need your energy and your enthusiasm to join us in bringing music to our KOCT community. Go to your closet, find your dusty guitar, take it out of its case....hug it and say you're sorry for the years of neglect! Even if you are a beginning guitarist, we can use you. You do not have to be a professional-quality musician to lead songs in the conference room. All you need is a willing heart to learn and to be available. Other instruments are welcome as well. Presently we have guitar, mandolin, and drum, but if you play a banjo or fiddle or keyboard, we will work with that as well.

We have music at every KOCT reunion, and anybody who is able is welcome to join in and play along. Before KOCT weekends the musicians can meet together to practice and get comfortable playing together. All we need are more musicians!

Contact Kathy Gryta at kgryta@austin.rr.com or 512-203-9991 if you have questions or would like to talk about playing with us. We are eager to hear from you.



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Doesn't God work in the most amazing ways?!?!?

Barbara Scates

A couple of months ago, I was shopping at the mall for a particular item like one of my friends had worn in the unit during our recent Kairos Inside Weekend. My friend and I had been talking about how the ladies always take notice of what we are wearing. Anyway, as I was trying on the items, I just began blabbing about the prison weekend and this and that. The pretty saleslady sat down beside me and got really quiet (I thought that was odd... maybe she was tired). Anyway, she and I walked together to the cash register and she quietly said, "My husband is incarcerated at a prison unit". She told me a few more details, and so I continued telling her that I was involved in a prison ministry program called KAIROS. Her eyes got big and she said, "Oh, my husband just went through Kairos a few weeks ago!" We talked a bit more, and as I started to leave, I was prompted to get her husband's address. I told her my husband was also involved in men's Kairos weekends, and would it be ok for him to write to her husband? She seemed excited about this.

So, my husband wrote a little note of encouragement to her husband, and he immediately replied with a very lengthy "heart-felt" letter. In this letter he wrote that "it was just at the time he and some of his friends were praying that someone would come into his wife's life to show her God's love and help her be able to go to a Kairos Outside Weekend... when I showed up and talked to her at her workplace". I think he was pretty much blown away by my meeting his wife - what a "God-incidence". He sent his wife's phone numbers and explained that she worked extended shifts almost every day. He was really insistent that I get in touch with her with information about a KO weekend.

I've been thinking how his wife could be best helped and thought of my friend, Audrey, who is involved in KO. I feel that she can empathize with her in ways I cannot. In addition, she knows much more about Kairos Outside and can perhaps give her the information she needs to attend a weekend. I will put her in touch with Audrey.

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The programs of Kairos Prison Ministry International are defined by the Board of Directors and delegated to the Texas State Chapter Committee to oversee the implementation of the programs through the KOCT Advisory Council. It is the Advisory Council (AC) that oversees the local community where God has called you into service. The KOCT AC is a body of volunteers from our KOCT community who serve in leadership roles for the benefit of the health of the ministry. As a member of the KOCT community you participate in the hands-on ministry activities. In addition, you take part in the election of persons who serve as members of the AC.

Current Advisory Council Members:

Chairperson - Maren Raines
 Vice Chair - Mona Trevino
 Secretary - Barbara Newman
 Treasurer - Joyce Boelsche
 Financial Secretary - Susan Dehnel
 Clergy/Spiritual Director - Suzanne Guinn
 State Representative - Leah Harbison
 Outreach Coordinator -Mona Trevino
 Agape Coordinator - Val Corry
 Fundraising/Sponsorship Coordinator - David Trevino
 Facility Coordinator - Val Corry
 Reunion/Guest Liaison/Historian - Susan Mannas
 Talk Facilitator - Kathleen Moore
 Communications/Newsletter/EZRA - Bettye Keefer
 Music Coordinator - Kathy Gryta
 Inventory Coordinator - Susan Dehnel

Core Team for KOCT #2

Christ - Head of the team
 Kay Johnson - Weekend Leader
 Advising Leader - Leah Harbison
 Observing Leader #1 - Maren Raines
 Observing Leader #2 - Barbara Newman
 Spiritual Director - Suzanne Guinn
 Talk Facilitator - Bernadette Urdy
 Agape Leader - Bettye Keefer
 Angel Coordinator - Val Corry
 Music Leader - Kathy Gryta
 Head Table Leader - Kathleen Moore
 Head Table Server - Susan Dehnel
 Head Chef - David Trevino



The Ministry Connection (Jo Chapman, Women's Ministries Coordinator) - When you think of the KI, KT and the KO connection, we sometimes don't realize how important it is for the inside graduates to be able to sponsor their families members to a KO weekend. I received a call from a mother, whose son had attended a Kairos Inside and he desperately wanted her to attend the Kairos Outside weekend. He had just completed being a servant on a KI weekend and he really wanted his Mom to get to the KO weekend before he was released on parole. He knew he needed him and his Mom to be on a similar path for him to succeed. She told me he was calling her every night checking to see if she was going to be able to attend the next KO weekend in their state. I got in touch with the AC chair of the KO in their area, and confirmed that this Mom was in fact going to be a Guest on their next KO weekend. It made me realize how important it is for the inside graduates and the KO Guests to be bonded through the Kairos ministries. The families of residents are the first line of defense as inmates are released, so let's give these inmates and their families the best chance to succeed in their lives and their communities.

*KOCT #2 Locations & Times***Weekend to be held March 28-30, 2014**

The team meetings will be held at the following location and time:

8:30 am - 4:30 pm at Hill Country Bible Church 12124 RR 620 N., Austin, TX
(Approx. 1 mile west on 620 off 183 - See page 5 for map) on the following dates:



December 14, 2013

January 4, 2014

February 8, 2014

February 22, 2014

March 8, 2014

The actual weekend will be in Caldwell, Texas at the **Crossroads Retreat Center - directions below.**

In the heart of Central Texas— 90 miles from Houston, Austin and Waco

Avoid unpaved county roads by NOT using GPS, MapQuest, or any satellite mapping.

FROM HOUSTON

U.S. Hwy 290 West through Brenham, Hwy 36 N through Somerville to Caldwell
Stay on Hwy 36 N for exactly 6 miles to Chriesman, Turn left on CR 1363 into Chriesman**

FROM TEMPLE/KILLEEN/WACO

Hwy 36 South to Milano, In Milano turn left onto Hwy 79, Then right onto Hwy 36 South, Go 10 miles to Chriesman, Turn right onto CR 1363 into Chriesman**

FROM BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION

Hwy 21 West to Caldwell, Turn right onto Hwy 36 North, Stay on Hwy 36 N for exactly 6 miles to Chriesman, Turn left on CR 1363 into Chriesman**

FROM SOUTH AUSTIN

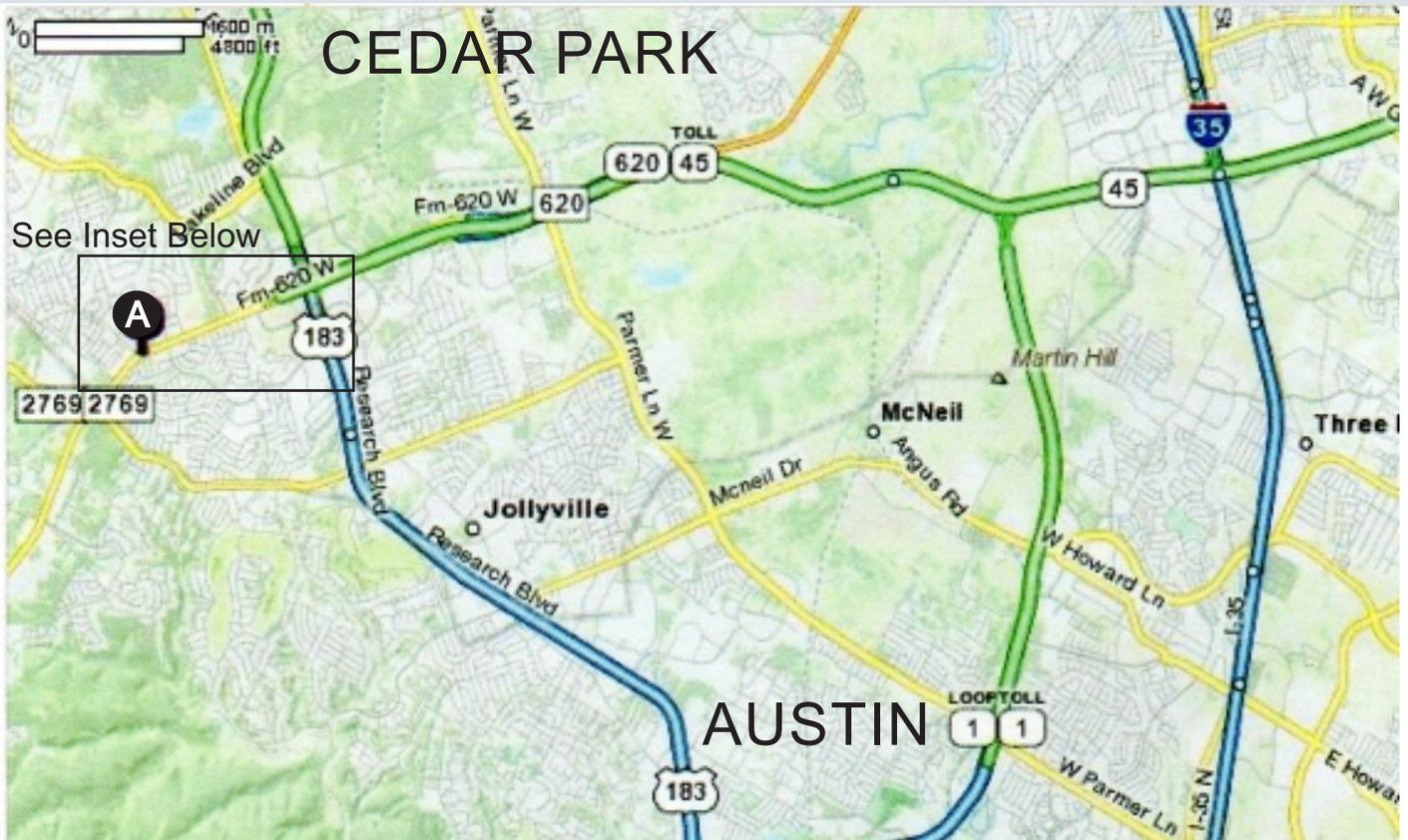
Hwy 71 East through Bastrop, Left on Hwy 21 East to Caldwell, Left on Hwy 36 North
Stay on Hwy 36 N for exactly 6 miles to Chriesman, Turn left on CR 1363 into Chriesman**

FROM ROUND ROCK

Hwy 79 East to Milano, Then right onto Hwy 36 South, Go 10 miles to Chriesman
Turn right onto CR 1363 into Chriesman**

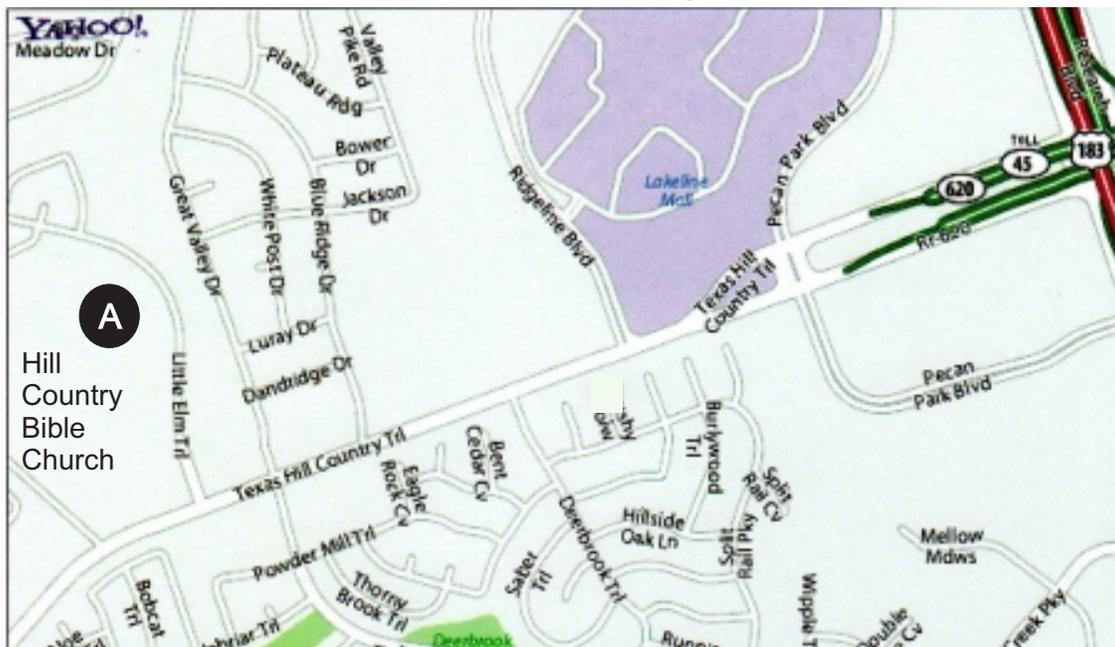
****After turning on CR 1363 into Chriesman**

Turn right immediately after crossing the RR tracks onto CR 315, Stay on the paved road for exactly 3.6 miles, You may think you've gone too far, but you haven't!



A. Hill Country Bible Church
 12124 RR 620 North
 Cedar Park TX
 Behind Community State Bank
 at corner of 620 and Little Elm

Meetings for KOCT #2 will be held
 in the Worship Center Building
 on the fourth floor room 4.114.
 Parking on the north side of
 bldg. A.



Contact Bettye Keefer if you have information or questions concerning this newsletter:
ewkefer@yahoo.com. I especially would like to hear any "God" stories from your weekends.



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KO Central Texas
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512-557-4678

TEAM APPLICATION
PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____ GENDER (circle) F M
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____
CELL PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
BEST TIMES TO CALL YOU _____ EMAIL _____
CHRISTIAN CHURCH AFFILIATION _____

ATTENDED 3 DAY WEEKEND (circle) Cursillo / Emmaus / Tres Dias / Via de Cristo /

Kairos Outside / Kairos Torch / Kairos Inside Weekend # _____

at (location) _____ on (date) _____

Are you active in a Share/Prayer Group? ____ YES ____ NO

Are you active in a Reunion Group? ____ YES ____ NO

PREVIOUS TEAM EXPERIENCE? ____ YES ____ NO

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

LEADER ____ ADVISING LEADER ____ SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR ____ (Ordained) ____ YES ____ NO

MUSIC ____ (Instrument)? _____ SONG LEADER ____ KITCHEN ____ SET UP ____

TABLE LEADER ____ TABLE SERVER ____ AGAPE ____ FACILITIES/ANGEL COORDINATOR ____

DAY ANGEL ____ SPEAKER ____

Talks/Meditation Given _____

Team Application **AGREEMENT**

By my signature, as a faithful member on a Kairos Outside Team:

1. I will obtain a current Kairos Outside Manual and will be familiar with my responsibilities as presented therein.
2. I will make every effort to attend ALL team meetings.
3. After becoming familiar with the program, as a Christian I agree to support, in good faith, the weekend activities, as well as the theological and scriptural content of the Talks/Meditations outlined in the Kairos Outside Manual.
4. I will abide by the rules of confidentiality as set forth in the Kairos Outside Manual. **I understand if I breach confidentiality during any Kairos Outside activities, I may be dismissed from the ministry.**

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____