

Kairos Outside of Midland

Fall 2018



Message From Julie

Kairos Outside Midland Community,

It has been quite a year for Kairos Outside Midland and it's hard to believe that 2018 is quickly coming to a close. Our two weekends this year, led by June Walker and Connie Alexander, brought us 36 ladies to welcome into our Kairos Outside Midland Community. Through our reunions full of fun, food, and fellowship, and weekly SWAP groups, I hope each one of you is staying connected to Kairos Outside Midland.

The Kairos Outside Midland Advisory Council has recently elected some new members for 2019 and will be joined by Jennifer Baker, Ellen Best, Dawn Jonas, Marie Orozco, Carolyn Quine, Melinda Teel, and JaeDeen Walden. Rotating off the council are Julie Cole, Eufemia Esquivel, Vicky Frazier, and Celestina Lozano. We certainly thank them for their service and hard work during these past years.

There is a flyer in this newsletter about the Kairos Christmas party scheduled for December 1. If you are new, let me share with you some information about our get-together. This party includes the Kairos communities from Wallace Unit in Colorado City, Lynaugh Unit in Ft. Stockton, Daniel Unit in Snyder, and Kairos Outside Midland. Dress can be from blue jeans to party dress, so anything goes! This is NOT a 'couples' party.' If you don't think you can afford the cost, please come anyway. There are many generous Kairos folks that can help take care of the expense. We will be handing out Angel Tree packets at the event. If you are not familiar with Angel Tree, it is a program where inmates complete a form asking for toys and/or clothes for their children. These forms are then distributed to Christian communities that will take care of the requests. I know some of you have participated in Angel Tree before and realize what a great program it is.

As we enter into our seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, please remember those who are suffering and grieving because those holidays will not be the same for them this year. Pray to the Lord our God and thank Him for His continued mercy and grace to each one of us. As the weekend scripture from Kairos Outside #35 says "Trust in the Lord forever, for in God the Lord, we have an everlasting Rock." Isaiah 26:4

God Bless each one of you and your families,

Julie Cole
Kairos Outside Midland Advisory Council Chair

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And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

Kairos family,

I have been selected to the human leader for the upcoming Kairos Outside of Midland weekend #37 even though we all know that the entire weekend is in the hands of our Lord Jesus.

The verse that was put on my heart for the weekend is Philippians 4:7, "*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*".

The weekend will be held March 29—31, 2019 at Butman Methodist Camp in Merkel, Texas.

I welcome previous guests or team members to join the team. You can download the application at http://mykairos.org/docs/ko/team_application.pdf. The completed application can be mailed to:

Kairos Outside of Midland
P.O. Box 52987
Midland, TX 79710

We have most of the core positions filled but still need lots of other workers including men and angels.

As always, I'm sure it will be a joyful, fun and Spirit filled weekend.

Blessings to you and your family this holiday season.

Carol Jo Scott

Would you like to share your Kairos Outside story in an upcoming newsletter?

We would love to hear it!

Send an email to
susanne@cals.cc

Kairos Outside #36

Past Weekend

From Connie Alexander

I would like to express my appreciation to the advisory council for the great opportunity to lead Kairos Outside #36! This was an incredible experience! I am so thankful to the awesome team which God brought together! He truly put ladies and men in positions which they were equipped to not only accomplish but that they excelled at.

Everything was beautiful that needed to be! Entertainment by the kitchen crew was hilarious, the Saturday night entertainment by Scott Gasch was perfect for the ladies, and the Lord blessed us with lots of laughter and His Love! To each team member, "Thank You." I do not have the words to express how much I was blessed to serve these ladies with you.

Kairos Outside #36 was held at Camp Butman on October 12-14, 2018. The theme was Jesus, The Good Shepherd. The banner was a picture of Jesus, holding a single lamb. The lamb was representative of the lost sheep, and how often in life that we have been the lost sheep that Jesus left the 99 lambs and went out over hill and dale to rescue the one. The scripture was: Psalm 34:18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and He recuses those whose spirits are crushed.

The 22 ladies who attended came with an open & receptive heart. They were looking for hope and encouragement! The first night was one of laughter and fun! They were not really shy. They enthusiastically participated in singing and an activity that centered around bucket lists. The next day as they moved into the table families they began to realize that they were not the only ones who had gone through some of the difficult experiences and obstacles in their lives. In their table families they started to share and to realize that they were not alone. They also realized that the choices that their loved ones had made were not their fault. Some who had previously been incarcerated, released heavy burdens at the forgiveness ceremony. They were bonding together and began building each other up. The elegant dinner was a time where it began to hit them that the way God viewed them was as His child and His Love was available for each one of them individually. They were starting to believe that God saw them as special in His eyes. The closing was a time where they willing shared of the impact of the weekend on their lives. They were going back to their world with a fresh new perspective on life!

Kairos Outside Goals

- To provide a safe place;
- To offer unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting;
- To encourage the sharing of life's journey;
- To foster spiritual growth;
- To promote participation in support groups;
- To create an opportunity for a relationship with God.

Keep Connected!

In order to better communicate with you, we need to have your most current information on file. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email address, please let us know.

Email susanne@cals.cc.

Thank you!



News From Kairos Prison Ministry International

By Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator

I hear repeatedly that Kairos Outside communities have difficulty keeping Guests involved with the ministry following their Weekend. I know this is a challenge for communities. I know that our Guests and volunteers have busy lives, but Continuing Ministry is the heart of our ministry, it is what makes Kairos unique, and it is what keeps Kairos Outside Guests and team members connected.

Communities need to make sure that they are doing everything they can to grow their Continuing Ministry. Are you encouraging and reminding Team Contacts of their responsibility to maintain contact with Guests for 6 to 12 months following the Weekend? Are volunteers being reminded to offer former Guests rides to reunions if possible? Are we all encouraging Guest(s) to get involved with a support group and/or a church community? Are your Table Leaders reaching out to the Guests from their table to keep them involved following the Weekend? Are you personally calling people and inviting them to S.W.A.P. groups or Reunions? All these things are so important, and really make a difference in the success of your Continuing Ministry.

Share, Witness, Account, and Prayer groups, and Reunions provide a continuous opportunity for everyone to do life together. We must always remember the purpose of Kairos Outside is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women impacted by incarceration. On a Kairos Outside Weekend our Guests learn it is safe to make friends, and they learn the importance of support, so they can avoid living their lives in isolation as well as strengthen their personal relationships and grow in their relationship with God. Kairos Outside communities must do everything they can to build up the Continuing Ministry.

For more information and resources:

If you would more to learn more about Kairos Prison Ministry, please visit:

<http://mykairos.org/>

To learn more about Kairos of Texas, please visit:

<http://www.kairostexas.org/index.html>

For more information about Kairos Outside of Texas, please visit:

<http://www.kairostexas.org/Outside.html>



Get Involved!

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.



“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

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.



West Texas Area Kairos Christmas Party

Saturday, December 1, 2018 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church

300 N. Main Midland

(Park in north parking lot and enter through double glass doors)

Catered Meal by James & Jennifer Dyer

Suggested Donation - \$15 per person

(Smoked country style pork ribs, 3 cheese potatoes, fresh green beans with bacon, homemade apple cobbler + several surprises!!)

Angel Tree Project

**Bring a guest that has never
worked Kairos and THEIR
meal is FREE!!!**

**Worship music by
Men of Praise**

Please RSVP by text, email, or phone by November 26th to

Julie Cole 432-352-2359 julie@kotexas.com

Carl Brown, 432-557-6810, carlb@forl.com

Dave Pearcy, 432-528-4221, midpearcy@suddenlink.net



Angel Tree 2018 by Harry Tate

To my Kairos and Kairos Outside families –

I plan to bring this news to our West Texas Christmas party (scheduled for December 1, 2018) and ask for your help again this year. As you may remember, at this time last year, we had 258 Angel Tree children in our communities that didn't have a sponsor. The response was over whelming - our Kairos families covered all these children (a few couldn't be contacted)!!! This is the eighth time that we have been asked at the last moment to help sponsor the children that the normal sponsoring churches and organizations couldn't cover. Each time I have been amazed how our Kairos family has stepped up.

This year the need is less with 204 unsponsored children at this time (based on early data from Angel Tree). At the current time we have 189 children in Midland, 11 children in Odessa, and 4 children in Ward county. I don't have the names yet, but will send them as they are available. These numbers are encouraging with the lower numbers in the all the towns except Midland. We had made a push to get local churches involved and from these early numbers it looks like we were successful. Praise God!!

Some of you may not be familiar with Angel Tree. It is a part of Prison Fellowship and allows the inmate "to give" a Christmas gift to their children. The inmate fills out a Participation Form in mid year through the Chaplain which Angel Tree then distributes to the sponsoring churches. Angel Tree asks the sponsor to buy one gift for each child (toys or clothes for \$20 to \$25) and deliver it to the child with the parent's message. Any further gifts/needs of the family would be a gift from you as Kairos. You will need to contact the caregiver (may take some detective work because they move around) and confirm sizes and wants/needs of the child. This is a great companion ministry to our Kairos ministry. Be ready to be blessed.

If you feel like you want to sponsor some of these children, please let me know which zip code and how many. If you don't have time to do the buying and delivering but want to help out financially that would be great. We have some family members that may not have the financial resources but have the time to bless others. Prayers for giving and receiving angels are needed.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Just email me back htate82842@aol.com or text to 432-853-0990 with the number of children in the zip code you would like to sponsor. I will get the contact information to you via email..

May God continue to bless you, your family, and our Kairos ministry.

Tate

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." Luke 2:13-14



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 LOZANO
432.288.7642
clstnalozano@gmail.com**

ABILENE, TEXAS

**Facilitator: Becky Berry
Location: St. Paul United Methodist
525 Beech Street
Every Monday Evening 6:00-7:00 p.m.
325.518.9813**

MIDLAND, TEXAS

**Facilitator: Charlotte Dalton
Location: Brew Street
4610 N Garfield
Every Monday Evening 7:00-8:00 p.m.
432.352.7298**

ODESSA, TEXAS

**Facilitator: Jeanette Maroney
Location:
GRP #1 Dairy Queen
2716 N. Grandview
Every Other Monday 5:45-7 p.m.
GRP #2 Chick Fil A
3805 E. 42nd Street
Every Other Tuesday 5:45-7 p.m.
(Purchase Not Required)
432.664.1084**

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

**Facilitator: Carol Jo Scott
Location: 1305 Tucson Road
Every Monday Evening 6:00-7:30 p.m.
432.296.3874**

ANDREWS, TEXAS

**Facilitator: Johni Rollwitz
Location: Corporal Rays Coffee
801 N. Main St.
Every Thursday Evening 6:00 p.m.
432.523.2480**

WEST ODESSA, TEXAS

**Facilitator: Carrie Stanton
Location: Country Café
7725 W. University
Every Thursday Evening 5:30-7 p.m.
(Purchase Not Required)
432.638.6569**