

What is Kairos?

Kairos is an ecumenical Christian ministry designed for use in men's and women's correctional institutions. The ministry is conducted in cooperation with chaplains of correctional institutions, by teams of laity and clergy who are qualified by their experiences in Christian renewal movements.

The purpose of Kairos is to help build and nurture strong Christian communities among the residents of correctional institutions. The Kairos experience for residents starts with a 3-day short course in Christianity. This weekend involves 30 inmates selected by the Chaplain and a team of 30 lay and clergy persons. The weekend is modeled after renewal weekends like Catholic Cursillo, Cum Christo, Emmaus Walk and Via De Christo.

After a Kairos weekend, residents continue their faith walk by participating in small Prayer and Share Groups. These groups meet weekly to share their lives on a deep spiritual level and to pray for one another. Kairos participants also attend monthly reunions and 1-day retreats twice a year in the institution with Kairos volunteers.



God's Special Time

Kairos Prison Ministry in Ohio

There are currently 25 Ohio institutions at which the Kairos 3-day "short course in Christianity" is provided twice per year.

The officers of Kairos, Ohio District, are in communication with the wardens and chaplains of other correctional institutions to offer the Kairos prison ministry.

Please pray that other institutions would open to receive this ministry and that more Kairos volunteers would come forth to serve at additional institutions.

Kairos—Warren Correctional
kairos-wci.org

Kairos Ohio
www.kairosohio.org

Kairos Prison Ministry International
www.kairosprisonministry.org

Cookies Needed for Kairos Ministry



Weekend #20 at
Warren Correctional Institution
November 8-11, 2018

Every team member provides
75 dozen home-baked cookies

Can you help ?

Cookies are needed by:

Cookies Spread God's Agape Love on Kairos Weekends

Only home-baked cookies are used.

Baking and packaging instructions:

- Cookie mixes, pre-mixed cookie dough (tubes or tubs) from your supermarket, or frozen cookie balls from food wholesalers are easy beginnings.
- Chocolate chip, oatmeal, cookies with M&Ms or butterscotch bits, peanut butter, and plain sugar cookies are easy to make and popular. Rice Krispie bars and brownies are special.
- Cookies should be 2-1/2 to 3 inches in diameter and not more than 1/2 inch thick.
- Don't over-bake cookies. Brittle cookies may break during shipping and handling. Soft cookies do not handle well either. Sturdy cookies are ideal.
- No powdered sugar.
- Cool cookies before packaging so they don't stick together.
- Package one dozen cookies per bag in one gallon zipper-lock bags (no metal ties). No notes or paper plates—only cookies in bag.
- Freeze your cookies if baking more than a week in advance.



...I was in prison and you visited me.”

Matthew 25:36

A Key Ingredient: Prayer

- Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing.
- Pray over the cookies as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them.
- Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on the Kairos Weekend.
- Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God. We want every person to become part of the family of God.

Why So Many Cookies?

Each Kairos Team Member is to bring 90 dozen home-baked cookies to a Kairos Christian renewal weekend. That adds up to 2700 dozen cookies!

How are so many cookies used? The cookies represent at least three truths of the Christian life:

1. **God's unending grace.** Cookies are everywhere in the prison. They are a physical symbol of God's grace, available to all believers (i.e. agape love)
2. **The power of Christian Community.** All Kairos cookies are home-baked demonstrating that real people on the outside can see the inmates through the eyes of agape love and have prayed for the inmates while baking the cookies.
3. **Availability of forgiveness.** You can imagine that God's forgiveness and self-forgiveness are difficult to accept in a prison. On Saturday evening, each Kairos participant is asked to take a bag of cookies to whomever in that institution he/she considers his/her worst enemy and ask for, or grant, forgiveness.

In addition, every evening participants take back to their cell or dormitory cookies that are shared with other inmates as the participants answer questions about the Kairos weekend.

Cookies are available to participants every day, all day, in the meeting room

All inmates not involved in the Kairos Weekend receive one dozen cookies. This requires almost 1400 dozen cookies! By this time, everyone in the institution know that something really special is happening inside the walls.