

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:36



The Mission of KAIROS Prison Ministry is to share the transforming Love and Forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth as well as their families to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

What is Kairos?

Kairos is a Greek word meaning *God's Special Time*. Kairos as a ministry is a lay-led, interdenominational Christian ministry in which men and women volunteers bring Christ's love to prisoners and their families. It can be compared to *Walk to Emmaus*. It involves a structured model that includes a weekend experience followed by participants gathering monthly for accountability, support, and prayer. For more information about Kairos, visit [Kairos Prison Ministry](#).

If you are truly looking to serve for an organization where you can visually see the Lord move in individuals lives, this ministry is for you!

Who can serve?

To serve in Prison Ministry, volunteer servants share a desire to follow Christ's admonition in Matthew 25:36.

You must be 18+, have a willing heart, and spirit of obedience which will allow you to play a crucial role in this ministry. Hillside currently serves at two male prisons, and to serve there you must be male. Women are welcome at Kairos closing. If you are a female and would like to get involved in Kairos Women's Ministry, we can connect you with a local chapter.

Where do we serve?

Hillside's Prison Ministry team currently serves at two different men's prisons:

- Phillips State Prison in Buford, GA, which is about a 1-hour drive. The 3rd Saturday of each month is the Gathering meeting date. The team meets at Hillside and carools to the prison. For information on the next Kairos weekend at Phillips, email Mike Long (printman0622@gmail.com).
- Atlanta Metro Re-Entry Facility, which is about a 40-minute drive to Southeast Atlanta. The 3rd Saturday of each month is the Gathering meeting date. The team meets at Hillside and carools to the prison. For more information on the next Kairos weekend at Atlanta Metro, email Harry Booth (harybooth@gmail.com).

Frequently Asked Questions

How well do I need to know my Bible to serve? Knowing the Bible inside and out is not a requirement. Many of the prisoners are well-versed in the Bible and are willing to help as needed. The vision of Kairos is to "Listen-Listen, Love-Love."

What are the expectations of serving? It is important that you are real, authentic, and respectful.

Are background checks required? Yes. Although background checks are required by the prison system, not all offenses would disqualify you from serving. All results are kept confidential.

Is there training? Yes, a chaplain will provide training. You are allowed to serve at one Reunion gathering before training is required.

Can I serve at a prison if I know someone serving time there? No. If you are on the visitation list at that prison, you cannot serve there. However, you are highly encouraged to serve at the other prison.

Do I have to have experienced a Walk to Emmaus to serve a Kairos weekend? It is recommended but not required.

How can I be a part of this ministry without actually going inside the walls?

- Financially sponsor an inmate to attend a Kairos walk (\$125/participant, all contributions welcomed).
- Write Agape Letters – letters of encouragement to inmates that attend the Kairos Walk.
- Children's Agape Letters – Letters, pictures, cards, or posters of encouragement created by children.
- Cookie Team – Bake homemade cookies for the Kairos Walk
- Prayer Chain – Organize and/or participate in praying for the inmates and servants during the walk.
- Daily Prayer – The inmates and prison administration continue to need your prayers. Pray for strength and discernment to follow the Lord and His path for what is right and Biblical.
- Join Kairos Outside Ministry that supports the family of those incarcerated.

Does Kairos really benefit the inmates? Yes, studies have shown that prisons that are actively engaged with Kairos Ministry have reduced their recidivism (return to prison) rate by up to 50%.

Can I try it without making a long-term commitment? Yes, you can participate in a reunion weekend without any commitment of participating or committing to further weekends.

Connect with the Hillside Prison Ministry

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