

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 a *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 // [click here](#)

Hillside commits to a total of 4 Kairos weekends yearly and monthly reunion accountability gatherings.

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

Who can serve?

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

You must be 18 or older, have a willing heart, and spirit of obedience which will allow you to be able to play

a crucial role in God's ministry of changing hearts, transforming lives and impacting the world.

Currently Hillside serves at men's prisons; there you must be a male. Women are welcome at Kairos closing. If you are 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 currently serves at two different men's prisons.

- Walker State Prison in Rock Springs, GA which is about a 1 1/2 hour drive. The fourth 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 Walker, email [Kurt Yaeger](#).

- Phillips State Prison in Buford, GA which is about one hour drive. The third 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](#).

FAQ?

- **How well do I need to know my Bible to serve?**

Knowing the Bible inside out is not a requirement. Many of the prisoners are very 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 to teach me how to serve at a prison?**

Yes, the chaplain provides 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 at that prison?**

No. If you are on the visitation list at that prison, you cannot serve. However, you are highly encouraged to serve at the other prison in which Hillside serves.

- **Do I have to have experienced a *Walk To Emmaus* to serve a Kairos weekend?**

It is highly recommended, however it is not required.

- **I am afraid of going inside of a prison. How can I be a part of this ministry without actually going inside the walls?**

We have had servants going inside for over 20 years without incident, however if you feel that strongly about not physically participating, we can still use your help through:

- Financially sponsor an inmate to attend a Kairos Walk. A typical cost of an inmate to attend a Kairos Walk is \$125.
- Write Agape Letters. These are letters of encouragement to inmates that attend the Kairos Walk.
- Send Children's Agape. These are letters, pictures, cards, posters of encouragement that are created by Children and given to the inmates that attend the Kairos Walk.
- Being Part of the Cookie Team. Bake homemade cookies for the Kairos Walk. Approximately 250 cookies are taken on each Walk.
- Prayer Chain. Organize and/or participate in praying for the inmates and the servants during the Kairos

Walk and gathering weekends. The walk lasts from Thursday night at 8:00 pm until Sunday at 12:00 noon. For all of the 60 hours, prayer warriors to commit to pray in 1/2 hour segments. The Kairos team needs prayer covering the entire 60 hours of the walk.

- Daily Prayer. The inmates and prison administration as a whole continue to need your prayers. Pray for strength and discernment to follow the Lord's Word and path for what is right and to follow the path according to the bible. Daily prayer is always a need.

- **Does Kairos Prison Ministry really benefit the inmates?**

Yes, studies have shown that prisons which are actively engaged with Kairos Ministry have reduced their recidivism (return to prison) rate by up to 50% in comparison with prisons without Kairos participation.

- **Can I try it without making a long term commitment?**

Yes, one may participate in a reunion weekend without any commitment of participating or committing to further weekends.

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