

# KAIROS IS ...

## CHRISTIAN

Kairos volunteers represent the Christian faith and present a Christian perspective.

## ECUMENICAL

Kairos volunteers come from many Christian denominations but present only those principles that all share in common.

## LAY-LED

Kairos leadership is drawn from lay persons, although clergy play a vital role.

## VOLUNTEER

Kairos is an overwhelmingly volunteer organization, with over 20,000 volunteers worldwide.

## MINISTRY

Kairos ministers to incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them.

“Being incarcerated and separated from family, friends and ministry for the first time in my life was quite difficult for me. I was dealing with depression, guilt, shame, fear, anger and doubt. I could not forgive myself. The Kairos weekend allowed me to experienced God’s unconditional love for me in spite of what I had done. I still had worth, and with God’s help I could become a better person and perhaps share with others what I have received.”

Kairos Grad  
John Brown

“Kairos is the perfect picture of God’s love and Jesus’ servanthood. Volunteers love and serve inmates through their actions while challenging them, without condemnation, to look realistically at their lives. Inmates and volunteers experience the transforming power of God.”

Chief Chaplain, Pastoral Care Services  
Lloyd Roberts

“Kairos offers Christians an opportunity to be salt and light to men and women who need to know the life-changing love of Jesus Christ. Whether its the individual who regularly ministers inside the correctional institute, the homebound prayer warrior interceding. the “angel” who adds a measure of love to each batch of cookies or the generous benefactor who extends a financial blessing to the cause, each has a critical role in the body of Christ known as Kairos.”

Sr. Chaplain, Tyger River Correctional Inst.  
S. Allen Edmisten

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# KAIROS OF SOUTH CAROLINA



**God's Special Time**

*I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

Matthew 25:38

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## THE MINISTRY

Kairos is an interdenominational Christian ministry designed to be presented in state and federal medium and maximum security correctional institutions for both men and women in the U.S. It has been adapted for other countries and languages. This ministry is governed by the international board of Kairos Prison Ministry, Inc. with headquarters in Winter Park, FL.

## THE ORIGINS

Kairos Prison Ministry grew out of efforts to launch movements in prisons similar to the three-day Catholic, Episcopal, and Presbyterian Cursillo, the Methodist Walk to Emmaus, the Lutheran Via de Cristo, and the ecumenical Tres Dias.

## THE STRATEGY

The Kairos strategy is to identify leaders from the key environments of the institution who have the potential to impact their environments with the message of Christ's love. These leaders are then invited to attend a Kairos weekend.

## THE METHOD

The Kairos method is to tell the story of God's unconditional love and forgiveness through a series of meditations and talks and to demonstrate this love and forgiveness through community involvement in prayer for the weekend and sacrifice of time to make posters, bake cookies and to write letters. The environment created by these activities allows the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those invited to Kairos.

## THE RESULTS

In 2008 the yearly cost of incarceration in SC was \$16,462\* per inmate for an average 24,600\* inmates totaling \$404,965,200. At some time in the future, most of the inmates will be released, and 1/3\* of those released will return to prison within 3 years. A study in South Carolina shows that Kairos reduces the number returning to prison by as much as 36%\*\* . While this represents an impressive savings, a family gaining and retaining a loved one and South Carolina gaining a contributor to society are priceless.

\*Statistics from SC Department of Corrections

\*\*From a study at Lieber Correctional

## I am interested in learning more about ...

- Serving on team
- Attending a Closing
- Financial Support
  - Sponsoring an inmate
  - Sponsoring a table family
  - Sponsoring a weekend
  - Sponsoring expansion of Kairos
- Baking cookies
- Writing letters/posters
- Offering prayers for weekend

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 Lay Person     Clergy  
 I have attended Cursillo, Emmaus, Tres Dias, Via de Cristo, etc.  
 I would be interested in acting as my church's contact person