

WHY BAKE COOKIES FOR KAIROS?

Thank you in advance for baking cookies for an upcoming Kairos Prison Ministry weekend. Many of the men and women in our state prisons have been abandoned by their families and friends. Often these cookies are the only indication to them that they are not become simply a South Carolina Department of Corrections number.

At the end of each of the three days, the team participating in the Kairos weekend, take a bag of homemade cookies to each person in their dorm, cottage, or cell block. Residents who have already experienced a Kairos weekend will bag the cookies each day and enclose a verse of scripture in each bag.

These cookies tell the residents that someone who doesn't know them still cares enough to give a part of their life - the time it takes to bake the cookies - without wanting something in return. Such selflessness is often a unique experience for them. It also teaches them to trust. Most inmates in our prison system are takers, not givers. This brief experience of sharing something of value freely - often with those they do not like - has a powerful effect. Someone has said these cookies are "seeds of love" being sown in the hearts of those who know so little of the love God's children are commanded to show forth to the world.

Hopefully, this helps you understand the importance of the "Cookie Ministry". Your part in the Kairos ministry is as important as anything else done during the weekend. Who knows what heart will be touched and what lives changed by your act of love.

Suggestions for Cookie Preparation

Cookies can be made ahead of time and frozen. While you are preparing the cookies, we ask that you pray for the people who will eat them.

Types of cookies: Dropped cookies, rolled cookies, or bar cookies. (If you make dropped or rolled cookies, make them about 2" to 2.5" in diameter. Small cookies do not break as easily as large cookies. Please do not make thin crisp cookies as they break and cannot be used.)

Packaging: Let the cookies cool completely. Place them in sturdy boxes in layers separated by wax paper. This will make it easier for the Cookie Room to transfer the cookies to the delivery bags.

Cookies may be dropped off at the church. Mark them "Cookies For Kairos". If you need assistance please call Jerry Bode at 864-877-3538 or email JEBode@aol.com

God Bless you and all your efforts.