

Chapel at Augusta State Medical Prison

ABOUT KAIROS MINISTRY

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 30-42 inmates screened by the Chaplain. The weekend is modeled after renewal weekends like Cursillo, Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus and Via De Cristo.

After their Kairos weekend, residents continue to participate 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 in the institution with Kairos volunteers. Kairos volunteers conduct two spiritual retreats per year for residents who have made a Kairos weekend.



For more information about Kairos Prison Ministry or to find out how you can share in the Ministry, either on a team or as a sponsor of a Resident , contact:



KAIROS

PRISON MINISTRY



GEORGIA CHAPTER

BUILDING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES IN PRISONS



26 AND COUNTING!

Augusta State Medical Prison
Aultry State Prison
Calhoun State Prison
D. Ray James C. F.
Dooly State Prison
Georgia State Prison
Hancock State Prison
Hays State Prison
Lee State Prison
Lee Arrendale State Prison
Lowndes State Prison
Macon State Prison
Men's State Prison
Metro State Prison
Phillips State Prison
Pulaski State Prison
Rivers State Prison
Rogers State Prison
Scott State Prison
Torch Boys
Torch Girls
Valdosta State Prison
Ware State Prison
Wilcox State Prison

AND ON THE OUTSIDE...

Kairos Outside North
Kairos Outside South

Kairos Prison Ministry International

WHAT IS KAIROS?

The purpose of the Kairos ministry is to help grow and nurture strong Christian communities within state and federal adult correctional institutions.

Through a systematic structured program, God helps Kairos volunteers provide residents the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and/or to renew that relationship — starting with the 3-day Kairos "short course in Christianity." During the weekend and subsequent follow-up spiritual growth activities facilitated by Kairos volunteers and prison chaplains, residents are challenged to accept God's call to a life of Christian witness and service to one another and to staff during their stay in the institution and beyond.

As the mission of Kairos is accomplished in an institution, there is a positive impact on the total environment of the institution.

KAIROS IN GEORGIA

The Georgia Chapter of Kairos is now serving 24 institutions and is still growing. Included in the ministry, in addition to the weekends inside prisons, are Kairos Outside, for women relatives of those incarcerated, and Torch, for youthful offenders.

DOES KAIROS MINISTRY REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

The wardens and chaplains at the institutions where Kairos is operating have very positive opinions about the Kairos Ministry. One positive is that Kairos volunteers keep coming back to the institutions month after month and year after year. This provides continuity in the ministry and builds security for the Kairos participants, because they witness the continuing support of volunteers.

The wardens have reported improvements in the prison living environment due to the positive influence of residents who are in the Kairos program. Many residents who are active in the Kairos program have become committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

KAIROS AROUND THE WORLD

The numbers are always changing as Kairos grows and expands. The Kairos prison ministry is active in 33 states and five foreign countries. The ministry is operating in 270 prisons. About 170,000 incarcerated men and women have been introduced to the Christian ministry of Kairos. For more information about Kairos Prison Ministry, go to: www.kairosprisonministry.org or www.kairosorgia.org.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN KAIROS AND ESTABLISHED CHRISTIAN RENEWAL MOVEMENTS

People are considered for service in the Kairos prison ministry if they have completed one of the following Christian renewal weekends:

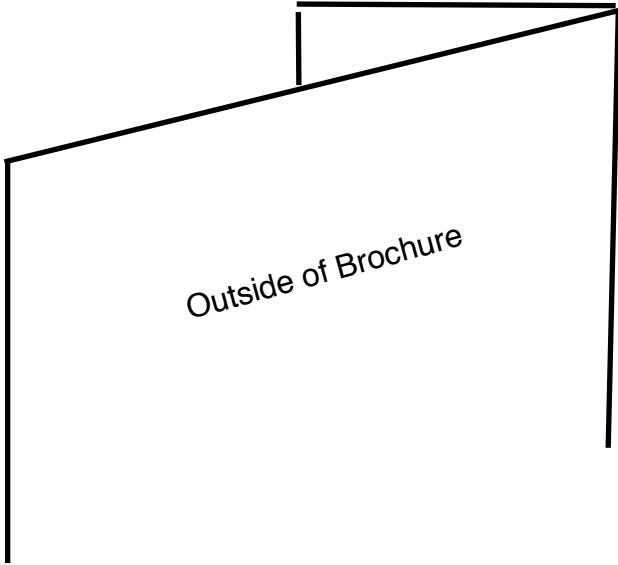
Catholic Cursillo
Episcopal Cursillo
Lutheran Via De Cristo
Tres Dias
Walk to Emmaus

There are also a couple of other ways to qualify for serving in the Kairos Ministry. Ask a Kairos leader about these alternatives.

FOLDING THE BROCHURE

First Fold

Tick Mark to fold on



Second Fold

Fold in to crease

