

## Good People,

The 58th Kairos prison ministry weekend is upon us. The retreat is built around a series of talks to and with men incarcerated at the Buckingham Correctional Center in Dillwyn. It commends the Christian faith as a PRACTICE, not simply as a belief system. Laced with prayer, it has been nothing short of life changing for many men with long sentences.

This Kairos weekend runs from Wednesday, April 17 through Sunday, April 21. You can help.

First of all, pray for inmates, staff, and the team structuring the weekend.

If you would consent to pray for those on the weekend during those days, please fix your first name and Initial to the intercessions sheet that will be in the narthex of the church on Sunday, the 14th.

Those names will be picked up on Wed. 4/17 and transferred to a floor to ceiling sheet in the prison gym through the weekend. It becomes a powerful witness to connection in Christ for participants.

... and then there are cookies. Why?

The baking of cookies is an essential part of the ministry. They are the only initial attraction for many of the participants in the Kairos program. Homemade cookies demonstrate love in a deliciously concrete way.

Prayerfully baked, this part of the ministry shows the men of Buckingham love in a way that goes beyond mere words. When the residents learn that many people put in so many hours for them, it reaches them as our talk cannot.

### Cookie Preparation

The types of cookies that are generally acceptable are: Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Molasses, and Chocolate Chip. Recipes are on the Kairos website: [kairos-bkcc.org/get](http://kairos-bkcc.org/get) involved

Cookies should be between 2 inches and 3 inches in diameter and not more than 1/2 inch thick. It is very important not to use icing, sugar or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie. Do not add any kind of nuts to the cookies (Allergies ya know...)

### Packing the Cookies

Bag thoroughly cooled cookies in a Quart-Sized Zip Lock bag. Place one dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the type of cookie.

Bagged cookies can be left in the kitchen of the parish house or in the narthex [entranceway] to the church.

I [Bill Wells+] will pick up the prayer list and cookies on Tuesday, 4/16.

Remember Our Lord's words: 'I was in prison, and you visited me.'

We're all just following directions.

Thank you. God bless you all.

Bill+