

December 2025

Bledsoe Correctional Complex—Women



Reflections From the Council Chair

Soli Deo Gloria: Glory to God Alone

Johann Sebastian Bach often ended his masterpieces with the Latin phrase “Soli Deo Gloria”—Glory to God Alone. As we reflect on 2025, we echo this sentiment. This year has truly been a masterpiece crafted by God, filled with changes, challenges, and victories. All glory goes to God alone.

Ministry Highlights

- We are grateful for our strong partnership with Bledsoe County Correctional (BCCX-W) and Chaplain Bartlett.
- Thank you to everyone who served on a team, attended a reunion, participated in prayer and share, or contributed money, time, and—most importantly—prayer. Your support helps our ministry grow and change lives.
- In 2025, 48 participants graduated, laid down burdens and picked up hope.

Upcoming Events

- **One-Day Retreat:** We are planning a retreat this summer, pending logistics with BCCX. Please keep this opportunity in your prayers.
 - **Weekend #14:** Led by Cheria Wooten in March 26-29, 2026.
 - **Weekend #15:** Led by Lisa Etcheberry in October 15-18, 2026.
- Please pray for these weekends and sign up for the weekend prayer vigil.
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Get Involved

- Invite a member of the Kairos Advisory Council to speak at your church—representatives are available in both Knoxville and Cleveland.
- When seeking support from your church, consider asking them to make Kairos a line item in their budget. My church has done this for five years, contributing quarterly to our ministry.
- We are always looking to recruit new members and fund raise so our work can continue. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Together, we are making a difference!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Janelle Martin

Presentations

If your church would like to know more about the Kairos Prison Ministry currently serving at BCCX-W, please contact:

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and they can come and present at your organization or set up an information table.



2026 Advisory Council Members

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Now, about the Cookies...

Our team needs 560 dozen cookies to take into the prison. We want to tell you why cookies are so important. When we go in with a team for a 4-day Kairos Weekend of discipleship, only 24 of the approximate 150 women who apply will be chosen. There are another 276 women on the compound who feel rejected. Kairos makes it our goal to pass out a dozen homemade cookies to every female on the yard and tell them Jesus loves them too. In order to do this, we need help. Maybe God hasn't called you to go into a prison personally but you can support Kairos in prayer and cookies. If you will bake cookies, you will be blessed.

Kairos Weekend #14

Weekend Leader Spotlight: Cheria Wooten

We are excited to share that **Cheria** is serving as our Weekend Leader for March. Cheria is currently preparing for a team through one of the most important stages of preparation, team selection.

This process includes:

- **Interviewing new volunteers** who feel called to prison ministry.
- **Welcoming veteran team members** back into service.
- **Building unity and trust** among the volunteers.
- **Selecting speakers for talks and testimonies** that will be shared on the weekend.

Together, this team will soon step into **BCCX-W**, where they will encourage and uplift **24 incarcerated women**. The preparation is not only about logistics—it is about hearts being aligned, courage being strengthened, and the mission of hope being carried forward.

Call to Action..

We invite you to join us in supporting this ministry:

- **Pray** for Cheria and the team as they prepare to serve.
- **Volunteer** if you feel called to join future prison ministry weekends.
- **Give** financially to help cover materials, training, and resources that make this outreach possible. (see Page 3)

Together, we can bring light and encouragement to women who need to know they are not forgotten.



What Makes Kairos Inside Different?

We have been asked what makes Kairos Inside different from the many other ministries that are serving at BCCX-W.

Here is how we are different:

- Kairos ministry reduces re-offending rates by more than 50%.
- Kairos volunteers will return twice a month in order to help develop community.
- Kairos changes hearts, transforms lives, and impacts the world.

Would you believe it has been 50 years!!

This year, Kairos International will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary in Orlando, FL near it's Headquarters at DeBary, FL.

Over 500 volunteers, from all three programs, the board and CEO will attend the Annual Conference meetings, workshops and general sessions which include praise and worship and a short message.

This just might be the year you will want to attend. Go to MyKairos.org to learn more about registering for your attendance.



Ways to Support This Ministry

If you feel led to support, all Kairos does for the women of BCCX here are several meaningful opportunities:

- **Prayer Vigil:** Sign up for a 30-minute time slot to lift the ministry in prayer. (See below)
- **Meal Ticket Donation:** Contribute **\$10** to help provide a meal.
- **Cookie Donation:** Give **\$25** to cover 120 dozen cookies.
- **Weekend Sponsorship:** You can support an incarcerated woman for the weekend with a donation of **\$200**.
- **Cross Donation:** Provide a cross for **\$8**.
- **Bibles are \$5 each** given to the women going through the weekend.

Financial support may be sent to:

Kairos of TN-BCCXW

P.O. Box 1161

Lenoir City, TN 37771

Important Dates: 2026

**Kairos Inside #14
March 26-29**

**Kairos Inside #15
October 15-18**

Sign up **NOW** for a 30-minute prayer slot to support the participants, officers, prison staff and the volunteers.

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NOTE: If you would like to attend the Closing on Sunday, March 29, you MUST fill out a Closing form no later than January 17, 2026. Please turn the form into Cheria Wooten.



A Christmas Message of Grace and Gratitude

The Bledsoe Correctional Complex Advisory Council gives thanks to God for every volunteer who has served faithfully since this ministry began in 2015. Your obedience to His call—through your time, your financial support, your baking cookies, your prayers, and your willingness to work weekends—has allowed the light of Christ to shine behind and beyond the walls of BCCX.

Because of your faithfulness, women who once felt forgotten, have encountered hope, healing, and the transforming love of Jesus. You have been His hands and feet, carrying the message that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we pray that His peace fills your home, His joy strengthens your spirit, and His presence guides you into a bright and blessed 2026.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May His face shine upon you and give you peace.

With gratitude and love in Christ,
The Bledsoe Correctional Complex Advisory Council

Kairos Vision

A community spiritually freed from the effects of imprisonment reaching all impacted by incarceration, through the love, hope and faith found in Jesus Christ.

Kairos Website

Kairosprisonministry.org you will find information about our three programs, Kairos Outside, Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch their testimonies, ways to get involved, donate, and much, much more.....

