

Charismatic Chaplain Helps Troops Keep the Faith in Afghanistan

✖ It's another hot and dusty Sunday morning, and service is about to begin at the Camp Kunduz Chapel.

No, this place of worship isn't nestled in a small town in the heart of the Bible belt. It's about as far away from there as one can get.

Furthermore, the small plywood structure is nothing reminiscent of a massive cathedral capable of housing a huge congregation of worshipers.

Still, for soldiers of faith stationed in the heart of northern Afghanistan, the place serves its purpose quite well.

It's a place where Capt. Emmanuel Woods, chaplain for Task Force Guns, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, charismatically finds a way to get his message across to the troopers in attendance, with sermons that emphasize spiritual resilience.

The emotion Chaplain Woods invokes during his sermons makes for a lively atmosphere, according to Pvt. Brandon Blocker, originally from Tuscaloosa, Ala., assigned to Company D, TF Guns.

Another soldier who normally attends church service at Kunduz agrees.

"He has a unique and humorous way of delivering his messages,"

said Spc.

Shyteria Miller, a supply specialist, originally from Houston,
assigned
to Headquarters Company, TF Guns.