

# 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 worshippers.

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.