



*“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think....to Him be glory.”
Ephesians 3:20-21*

When I was a chaplain in North Carolina, the inmates would like to sing, “He is an on-time God, yes He is.” There are many things we can’t do at the prison that we would like to do, but God has a way of working things out for the good of those who love Him! It may not be how we would do things, but God is awesome in His ways!

Don is a man I wrote about before. He has been in Mental Health segregation area for 20 years. We meet every Friday morning in the back room for an hour of Bible study. He has been no problem for the staff for a few years now. When we started to meet for Bible study a few years ago, he had leg irons and handcuffs, so they could chain him to the table where we held our Bible study. Don had been high up in the gang life for many years. He really got serious about God in 2017 when Jesus changed his life. We have talked about baptism for the last several months and how to get this done. Don was excited to think about it! The only problem was getting to the Chapel for the baptism since he is not in population. A few weeks ago Pastor Greg and I did several baptisms during the Wednesday afternoon church service. Since there was water in the baptismal, I thought this would be a great time for Don to get baptized after everyone had left the service. It involved finding the Major who I had not seen that day. She would be the one to give the approval. As I was walking around the corner

there she was and I asked her if Don could get baptized. The Major asked, “When do you want to do this, next week?” I said, “No today, right now.” She made a phone call back to the section where Don lives. They worked it out, so I could get him with a staff escort. Pastor Greg was still in the Chapel, and it was nice to have him present. When I baptized Don, he came out of the water with a big grin! Don had waited a long time for this to happen and he told Pastor Greg how awesome God is for allowing him to get baptized. He could have preached a sermon that day! God is awesome in working this out for Don!

In last month’s newsletter I wrote about God’s timing and waiting on Him. The other day when I called an inmate to the office, he did not come. I was ready to call another man, but God urged me to wait. Ten minutes later a man around 50 years old, who had been coming to church and Bible study stopped by asking for a certain book. It was a divine appointment, because after getting to know him better I explained the gospel to him and he said he believed it all. When questioned whether he had a time when he could remember inviting Christ into his life and trusting Jesus as his Lord and Savior, he said no. He got emotional and said he wanted to have Jesus as his personal Savior and Lord of his life! God is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than we ask or think!

I want to thank you all for your prayers and financial support! Have a blessed June!

In Christ,

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