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BAPTISMS

The first Sunday in March marked one month in the new Chapel at Camp Johnson. After the service that Sunday morning I was talking with two Marines about their spiritual walk, the Chaplain was talking to another two. Two had accepted Christ years before but had not followed the Lord in Baptism yet. One came to Christ the week before and the last one had been saved when he first came to the Camp a few months ago. Praise God I was able to baptize all four that night at Counterview Baptist.

TRAVEL

We got back on the road this month. With the new schedule at Chapel we are free to visit more churches so we had back to back trips in the middle of the month. We hit the road to Maryland for a family get together for Patty's family on a Saturday, then dropped in to our good friends at Southside Baptist in Dover, DE. The next weekend the good folks at Word of Life Chapel in PA had us in for Missions Conference and gave me the keynote speakers slot. It was great meeting their new Pastor Aaron Spoonhour, and reconnecting with some great friends.

SEDER DINNERS

This year marked the 22nd year for me teaching "Christ in the Passover." I taught it every year at both churches I pastored, and every year since we came to the Center. This year was the 9th year in North Carolina, but this year was different. Chaplain Carp at Camp Johnson asked if I would teach it on the Wednesday night prayer meeting before Easter. We had about 18 show up for the dinner. This was the first time that I taught it with full audience participation. Patty and I scoured our area for matzah, horseradish, romaine lettuce, parsley and the ingredients to make charoset (the sweet). Each participant had a small seder plate in front of them and they poured the cups and ate the elements along with me. It went so well we set up the same way for 20 on Friday night at the Center. Then I taught the dinner again on Saturday for the staff between services at Catalyst Church here in Jax, where my son Ben is the worship pastor. I look forward to this service every year and I got a triple blessing this year.

SUNRISE SERVICE

We ended the month as you did, with Easter services. Again, this year was different. Chaps wanted to do a sunrise service next to the New River, about a mile walk behind the new Chapel. Patty and I got there just as the service started at 6:45 am. We went to the Chapel and Patty started cooking; She made her famous French Toast Casserole and sausage biscuits to accompany the fruit salad she made and chocolate filled croissants we bought the night before. I took our ministry vehicle and started for the riverside location. I ended up taking three trips there shuttling Marines and Sailors that I met walking the road to the service. After the service was over I shuttled nearly a dozen back to the Chapel as others caught rides with other attendees. There everyone enjoyed the breakfast we set out and Patty and I got to have some deep conversations with several young servicemembers. One was a Missionary Kid! Her parents are missionaries to Israel (and you know I had a lot to talk to her about!) After chapel, I met one of my regular Marines at the front door of Centerview Baptist for Easter Service. I have been trying to get him into a church and we got to worship together with another of my regulars from the Center. Was I tired at the end of that week? YES. But we thank God for His faithfulness, giving us the energy to accomplish so much for Him!

Thank you for your prayer and financial support!

DAVE MASON
Rom 1:16

From the Kitchen Window ♡

Oh there's no place like home for the holidays - that includes Easter too. We are thankful that we are here to celebrate with our Military, as many do not get time off to go home. It was so much fun making Easter baskets for our troops this year. One of the girls from Camp Johnson caught my attention because she thought she wouldn't get a basket this year. Not only did she get one Friday night, but she got a second one Sunday after the Sunrise Service. This young Marine is very thankful for the Friday nights she gets to come to the Center for dinner and just time away. As she says, "It's the little things." Patty ♡