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Brett Morian, from Daytona Beach, Fla., hugs an attendee during the candlelight vigil at Ember in Orlando on Sunday.

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Upstate residents
mourn those killed
in Orlando nightclub

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Advocacy groups in the Upstate mourned the dozens of victims who were killed and injured in the deadliest mass shooting in United States history and vowed to continue working toward progress for LGBT rights and acceptance.

Authorities said 50 people died in a shooting rampage early Sunday at a gay nightclub in Orlando. The tragedy was felt throughout the

LGBT community, nationwide and worldwide, said Cody Owens, a board member of Upstate Pride SC.

"Our hearts are heavy for the moment and our thoughts and prayers go out to the people and their families and officers who were at the scene who defused the situa-

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tion and everyone else who feels the pain of the people in Orlando today," Owens said.

The shooter, 29-year-old Omar Mateen of Florida, linked himself to the Islamic State in a communication with law enforcement before he was killed by police.

President Barack Obama called the massacre an "attack of terror and an attack of hate."

June is Gay Pride month across the nation, and Orlando recently wrapped up its annual week-long Gay Days festival.

"We will continue to know more as the story continues to unfold and nobody can say for certain right now, but what a coincidence that the biggest mass shooting in our nation's history would happen during pride month," said Ivy Hill, co-founder of Gender Benders, a group based in Upstate for the LGBT community and supporters.

Gov. Nikki Haley said her heart hurt at the news from Orlando shootings.

"We don't have to agree all the time but hate is never the answer," she said through her Twitter account Sunday. "Pray for the injured & the families of the victims."

The Upstate Shakespeare Festival observed a moment of silence Sunday for all of the victims and their families.

City police estimated more

than 150 people attended a candlelight vigil Sunday night at Falls Park at the intersection of Main Street and Falls Park Drive in downtown Greenville. Multiple people held signs that said "We Are Orlando" featuring rainbow-colored words.

Upstate Pride SC, an advocacy group formed in 2008, promotes acceptance of all gender expressions and sexual identities through education.

"It hits close to home, especially for members of our community who have ever felt prejudiced and discriminated against for their gender identity and/or sexual orientation," the organization said in a statement. "Achieving marriage equality for all was a huge step in LGBT rights and history, but this massacre is a reminder that it was only one step of many more to come towards justice. The tragedy in Orlando is heartbreaking proof that our work in promoting acceptance and inclusion has a long road ahead still."

Owens, an Upstate Pride board member, described the massacre as another emotional setback for the LGBT community.

"But also it is often a springboard to move forward for new ideas and to bolster current programs and realize where more work needs to be done," Owens said. "While our hearts are heavy, too, we plan to use this propel ourselves forward, listen

to the community and make sure that this doesn't happen again."

Upstate Pride SC organized the vigil in collaboration with Gender Benders, PFLAG Spartanburg and PFLAG Greenville for the "purpose of healing and creating togetherness in light of a national tragedy." PFLAG, a national organization, was formerly known as Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Elected officials throughout the country expressed their condolences to the families of the victims and the city of Orlando. Many also addressed national security and ISIS.

"I fear this will prove to be a system failure," Sen. Lindsey Graham said on his Facebook page. "Congress should immediately restore the budgets for our intelligence and law enforcement communities which have been suffering. My goal is to prevent future terrorist attacks, not simply respond to them. We are fighting a war against radical Islam and a hateful ideology, not a crime."

The shootings were a "heavy reminder" that work for LGBT advocacy needs to continue, Hill said. She said the tragedy has "shaken our entire community to its core."

But "I know that we can't stop living our lives," Hill said. "I know that we can't let the fear make us hide in the shadows."

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Get involved

Area anti-gun violence organizations and LGBTQ advocacy leaders are working to make the community safer. Hospitals and other medical facilities are working to collect blood donations and national organizations are accepting monetary donations specifically for the Orlando shooting victims. Find links to these organizations with this story at GreenvilleOnline.com



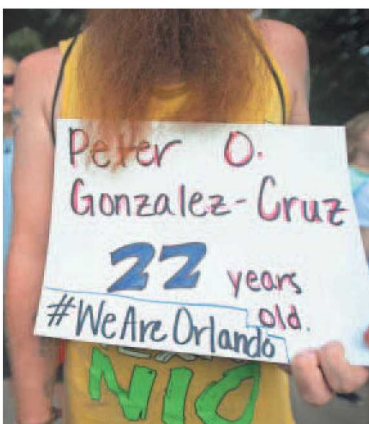
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Katlin Temple, Chelsea Barber and Amber Hendrix of Easley comfort each other at Falls Park on Sunday during a vigil for the victims of the mass shooting in Orlando, Fla.

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Linas Mitchell holds a sign with the name of one of the known victims of the shooting during a vigil at Falls Park on Sunday.



Ben Zoo of Clemson holds a sign with the name of one of the known victims of the mass shooting in Orlando during the vigil.

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Gov. Haley, allies clash in legislative endorsements

BY SEANNA ADCOX

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While 39 state legislators face primary challengers Tuesday, the spotlight will be on Republican Senate races that pit GOP Gov. Nikki Haley against many of her longtime allies.

With two years left in her tenure, Haley is spending time and political capital trying to oust several Republicans she sees as obstacles, notably the state's most powerful lawmaker, Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman of Florence, as well as Sens. Luke Rankin of Conway and Wes Hayes of Rock Hill.

She also opposes state Rep. Stephen Goldfinch of Murrells Inlet, who's in a four-way primary to replace retiring Sen. Ray Cleary.

A Haley political group is backing her opposition campaigns with hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of ads. The group - A Great Day SC - is named for the greeting Haley asked state employees early in her tenure to give when they answer the phone.

As of its last IRS filing in April, A Great Day SC had raised \$515,000 from six

donors - one each from New Jersey, Florida, South Carolina, Missouri, Georgia and Texas. Haley political adviser Tim Pearson, who leads Great Day, is mum on how much the group has raised and spent since.

"We have gone after what have been some old-guard legislators. It is not personal," Haley said Thursday. "There are certain people who have tried to fight things every step of the way and made it difficult."

Haley's been at odds for years with Leatherman, who also heads the Senate's budget-writing committee and sits on a financial oversight board she chairs. Haley has criticized Rankin, chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee, for not backing her version of ethics reform. But Haley's opposition to Hayes, the lead senator on K-12 issues, stunned legislators and political observers.

"I really don't understand it," said Hayes, first elected to the House in 1984 and to the Senate in 1991, noting his support of her education and ethics

proposals.

Hayes' supporters include state schools Superintendent Molly Spearman, a Haley ally, who called Hayes a "tireless supporter of public education in our state" with "conservative, common-sense leadership."

Pearson called Hayes "a nice man" but criticized his support for legislation borrowing money for college construction and a road-funding bill that several opponents of raising the gas tax blocked from receiving a vote on the Senate floor last year.

Incumbents supported by the SC Good Government Committee include Leatherman, Hayes and Goldfinch. Last month, it gave each \$1,000, the state max for a legislative race.

That support is based on the incumbents' votes on legislation deemed pro-business, said chamber CEO Ted Pitts, Haley's former chief of staff.

"This isn't us going against her. It's just us identifying legislators who have been good on our issues," he said.

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One last chance at ethics reform

South Carolina legislators have one more opportunity this year to pass an ethics reform package that would bring some added accountability to the General Assembly, although the options still available to them do not go nearly far enough.

The Legislature has been debating ethics reform for four years and has made very little progress on the issue. This year, a compromise was reached that would have led to at least some improvement, but the talks stalled as the two-year legislative session wound to a close. Chances of progress now appear slim. If lawmakers don't pass an ethics reform bill, it will be their most significant failure of this legislative session.

Still on the table to potentially be considered in a mid-June session set aside to handle vetoes are proposals that would shift ethics investigations to a re-structured State Ethics Commission and another proposal that would require lawmakers to disclose sources of their private income.

The first is a step toward a much-needed change. Right now, lawmakers police themselves on ethics violations. The state needs a group that is untethered from the General Assembly to watch

over these elected officials. Such arm's length investigations would reduce the potential for political shenanigans during ethics investigations.

The proposal on the table probably does not go far enough, but it at least adds a layer of accountability to ethics probes.

The second bill also would be only a half-step forward. In addition to sources of personal income, legislators also should be required to divulge the amounts of that income. The Legislature has stubbornly resisted such a requirement.

There still is a significant amount of disagreement on these two bills, and there likely is too little time to do any substantive work on improving them. However, we would hope that legislators, who should keenly understand the need for this legislation, would be willing to at least take an incremental step forward after all the work that has been put into ethics reform.

No matter what is passed in June, if anything, it is clear more work is ahead. Legislators need to completely handle the income disclosure, they also need to pass a provision that would require so-called "dark money" political action groups to disclose their donors, and they need to keep

ethics investigations open.

There is a long list of ethics allegations in South Carolina's recent history. Several elected officials, including Lt. Gov. Ken Ard, Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell and state Sen. Robert Ford have had to resign in the face of ethics complaints; former Gov. Mark Sanford faced 37 ethics charges and paid a \$74,000 fine, and Gov. Nikki Haley faced questions about her private sources of income while she served in the state House. And this is an incomplete list.

Legislators need to remember they serve at the pleasure of the public and to conduct the public's business. Therefore, the public has the right to peer into elected officials' lives, even to the point of knowing who pays them and how much. The public also has the right, and even the need, to know when an elected official is accused of an ethics violation and should be able to follow the course of the investigation.

South Carolina politics has a bad reputation, and one of the reasons is lax ethics laws. Legislators have been debating far too long how to fix those laws. It is past time for action.

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One year ago, lives were altered

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CHARLESTON - Nine-year-old Kennedy Singleton had a question. Kennedy's aunt, Denise Quarles, calmly told her niece that the man didn't understand her tough question. "Will I be shot in a church,

"Why did that man shoot my granny?" her grandmother. Granny had done nothing wrong; the man just didn't like black people. **See LIVES, Page 10A**

It was a tough question, but just didn't like black people.

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too?"

So go the family conversations in the wake of one of South Carolina's most horrific crimes, when a basement Bible study became a bloodbath a year ago.

On the evening of June 17, 2015, a 21-year-old white man from the Midlands joined a Bible study at Emanuel AME Church in downtown Charleston. An hour later, Dylann Roof is charged with starting a racism-inspired rampage, interrupting the discussion by shooting nine African-American churchgoers dead.

Among those killed was Myra Thompson, nine-year-old Kennedy's grandmother and Quarles' mother.

As they prepare to mark the first anniversary of the shootings, Kennedy, Quarles and other grieving relatives have mourned their lost kin in different ways.

Some cannot speak of the departed without crying; others can.

Some have strong feelings about the justice that should occur in the coming months or years; others are less opinionated, content to let God have the final word.

Yet the families are united in one key respect: they do not define their

relatives as victims.

Rather, the families associated with the Charleston church shooting remember their lost relatives as the many things they were before they took their last breath: mothers and fathers, grandparents, children, siblings, friends, spiritual leaders, teacher, barber, librarian, politician, custodian, coach, college counselor and more.

They remember their senses of humor, their quirks, thoughtfulness and favorite sayings. They remember their presence during so many pivotal parts of their family's existence, long before they were taken away during a few moments of gunfire.

'She wasn't just a victim'

Quarles' mother, Thompson, had been a teacher in North Charleston for many years, helping shepherd rambunctious middle school students.

Thompson also was the matriarch of her family, keeping tabs on relatives and organizing family functions. Quarles talked to her mother a few times each day. She also received plenty of texts, emails, FaceTime requests and recommended articles from her mother.

Now, she receives no

messages, and Quarles is left to fill her shoes.

"I never thought I would have to do it this soon," she said.

Quarles' brother, Kevin Singleton, who is Kennedy's father, has responded to the tragedy by creating a nonprofit, Passion to Forgive, that helps students.

During the holidays, the nonprofit distributed toys to children. This month, it awarded five scholarships to high school students.

Singleton said the nonprofit honors the struggles and successes of his mother, who became pregnant with Singleton as a teenager but still completed a college education.

"She didn't let anything stop her," said Singleton, who lives in Charlotte.

At Thompson's funeral last year, the church was filled by mourners. Until that moment, Quarles said she did not fully appreciate the network of love and friendship her mother had enjoyed.

"She wasn't just a victim. She was a person. She had a family. She loved people. Always wanted to help," said Quarles, who lives in Atlanta.

Malcolm Graham feels similarly about his sister, Cynthia Graham Hurd, who also perished in the

church shooting.

"We don't talk about how she died. ... We talk about her legacy, we celebrate her life," said Graham, a former City Councilman in Charlotte.

Hurd was a wife, an aunt, a friend and a sorority sister for many of her 54 years of life, as well as a longtime Charleston County librarian, he says. Since her passing, college scholarships and a literacy foundation have been created in her honor.

"She was so many other things than a victim," said Graham,

It is the same for those remembering Depayne Middleton.

Middleton's death is considered an ugly punctuation to an otherwise full and beautiful life.

Ten years separated Middleton from her cousin, Waltrina Middleton, yet Waltrina remembers her cousin like a beloved big sister.

It was Depayne who helped Waltrina buy her first bra as she came of

age in rural Hollywood, about 20 miles west of Charleston. It was Depayne who helped fashion Waltrina's hair for her first day of high school.

Years later, Depayne had become a mother. Waltrina watched her cousin lavish that same sweet affection on her

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four daughters.

"People loved her because she was very attentive and was very present with you. ... She gave our family so much life and energy," said Waltrina Middleton, who lives in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a minister at United Church of Christ.

Altogether, the fam-

ilies of those who perished at Emanuel AME are unwilling to permit a moment of violence to hijack the previously established narratives of their loved one's lives.

"I do miss her dearly. Every day and every hour," Nadine Collier of North Charleston said of her late mother, Ethel

Lance.

"(But) I don't have no regrets with my mom," Collier continued. "I treated her like a queen while she was alive, and I will continue treating her like a queen while she's dead."

'Talk about these issues'

Much has occurred since the tragedy at Emanuel AME, both locally and nationally:

A nation fatigued of mass shootings winced again, appalled by the suspect's racial hatred and the perversity of the mas-

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sacre's setting – within a holy house. The crime struck a nerve nationally, enough to warrant the appearance of President Barack Obama at the funeral of the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, a state senator and the slain leader of Emanuel AME.

In a reaction to Roof's allegedly racist motives, state leaders removed the Confederate flag, long a divisive symbol, from the grounds of the State House and relocated it to a museum.

The nation's gun laws were given fresh scrutiny, as many wondered how Roof, who previously had been arrested on drug charges, legally could obtain the firearm allegedly used in the killings.

Several relatives of the shooting victims astonished on-lookers at a bond hearing for Roof, offering the suspect forgiveness for the slayings, which had occurred less than two days earlier. Such sentiments were credited with helping avoid additional violence following the shooting and contributed to Emanuel AME being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Roof, meanwhile, is facing the death penalty in both state and federal courts for charges stemming from the slayings.

The families of those killed in the church basement pay Roof little attention. Most relatives won't even speak his name.

By and large, they do not view Roof's actions as those of an unhinged and delusional lon-

er, but as a product of the racism that stubbornly lingers in the United States, a century and a half after slavery was abolished and half a century after the U.S. civil rights' movement was in its throes.

"Racism is taught, it's not the way you were born," said Quarles, who thinks racial violence can be stemmed by encouraging children to interact with all races and to look beyond differences that are only skin deep.

As a child, Quarles attended Buist Academy for Advanced Studies, a magnet school in downtown Charleston, across the street from Emanuel AME.

"I went to integrated schools," said Quarles, who reconnected with some of her schoolmates after the tragedy. "Those classmates who don't look like me were some of the first ones to reach out to comfort me."

But many school populations in South Carolina remain racially skewed, and other victims' relatives bemoan the limited support that they perceive is received by predominantly black schools, citing, for example, recent closures of rural black schools.

The school problems reflect a wider lack of concern for blacks in society, some family members say.

Graham wonders when S.C. legislators will follow up on the removal of the Confederate flag and address other social issues that deeply affect blacks, including the expansion of Medicaid, inadequate public-school

funding and a criminal-justice system that disproportionately imprisons black males.

"We have to talk about these issues, uncomfortable as they may be," said Graham.

In Waltrina Middleton's opinion, racist public policies and attitudes persist, too, even if they are not as blatant as they once were.

As a teenager, Middleton remembers the suspicious stares she received from store employees when making a trip to a Charleston mall, as if she was sure to shoplift.

"You're conditioned from birth, childhood at least, to be afraid, to behave a certain way," says Middleton. "No one should live like that."

More recently, she noted how state leaders, including Gov. Nikki Haley, responded to long-standing calls for the removal of the Confederate flag only after the slaying of nine black men and women.

"Now, we have the removal of the flag when the world is watching," says Middleton, who thinks Haley addresses inequality only "when it is politically expedient for her."

And while Haley and other leaders, including a former leader of Emanuel AME, praised South Carolinians for responding to the tragedy with grace and not additional violence, Middleton, Graham and others worry that response can be interpreted as too passive.

"Too often, we skip ahead to a narrative of forgiveness," said Middleton, with everyone holding hands and singing "We Shall



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Overcome.”

It’s important, she said, to “hold the evil to the light.”

‘I don’t believe in ... hatred’

When Collier, who lost her mother, addressed Roof at his bond hearing last June, the world was shocked by the compassion she and others exhibited.

“I forgive you,” Collier said in court. “You took something very precious from me. I will never talk to her again. I will never, ever hold her again. But I forgive you. And have mercy on your soul.”

Collier says she was surprised by the attention paid to her remarks. She knew no other way to react.

“I don’t believe in having hatred in my heart,” she said recently, before reciting a lesson from her mother: “Don’t do what people do to you. You’re bigger than that. You’re better than that.”

Collier is fond of saying “forgiveness is power.” But, a year after the shooting, she still occasionally is powerless to control her grieving.

She has good days and bad days, the bad days occurring more often than she would like.

On bad days, she said, her appetite goes missing, she doesn’t

want to talk to anyone, and she cries. She cries a lot, she says, and sometimes cannot stop.

“This is kind of something I have to shake off on my own,” she said.

Collier does not sugarcoat the fact that Roof’s alleged actions deeply hurt her family and others. She does not understand what Roof was hoping to accomplish by shooting nine people dead.

Still, despite her pain and lack of understanding, Collier expresses sympathy for her mother’s alleged killer.

“He’s not a man. This is a child — still learning life. Now, all his life is gone,” says Collier. “I’m not saying what he did was right, but I feel bad for him, too.”

Collier notes Roof never likely will attend college, never marry, never have children. At age 21, his life was just beginning. Now, the government is trying to end it through the death penalty.

‘Hate has to be sentenced’

While some family members of those slain declined to comment on the death penalty, Charlotte’s Graham says he thinks Roof should be executed if he is found guilty of the charges, which Graham described as a “premeditated, calculated, sin-

ister” attack on a race of people, a church and “humanity itself.”

“He has showed no signs of remorse. He has not asked for forgiveness,” said Graham. “Hate has to be put on trial. Hate has to be prosecuted. Hate has to be sentenced publicly.”

Quarles, too, supports the death penalty for her mother’s alleged killer.

She refuses, too, to be held hostage by his actions and let his actions dictate the story of her own life.

As she gently told her niece, Kennedy, no, she could not promise that she would not be shot in a church. But that doesn’t mean she or anyone else should expect to encounter the same violence Kennedy’s grandmother suffered.

“I’m not going to live life in fear,” said Quarles, “thinking that’s going to happen to me.”

Jason Ryan, a former staff writer for The State, lives in Charleston

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A group of clergy came to Emanuel AME Church in Charleston last June to pay their respects to nine members of the congregation who were killed by a gunman.

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Malcolm Graham is the brother of shooting victim Cynthia Graham Hurd. She is pictured in an illustration on Malcolm's wall at his Charlotte home.

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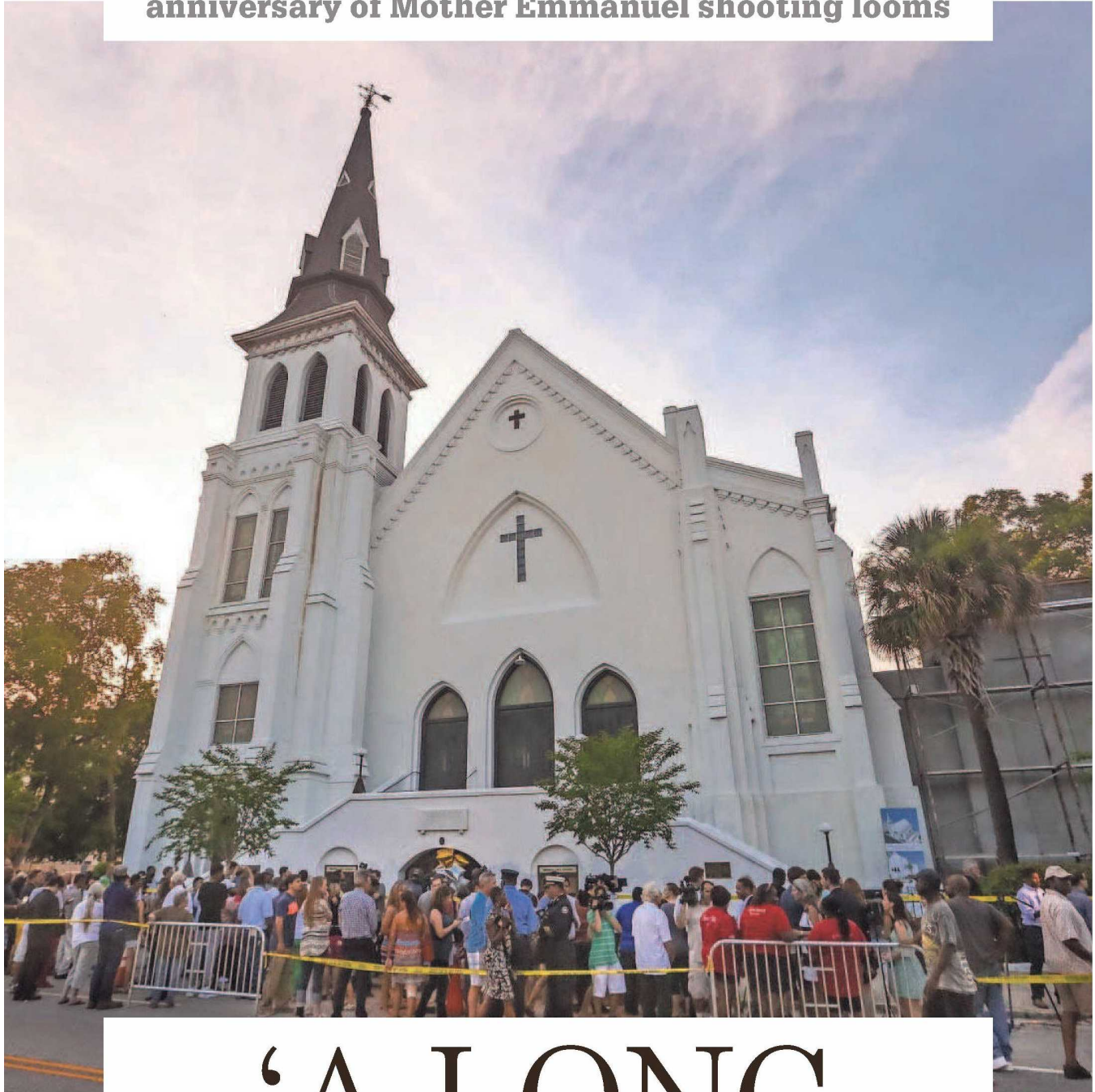
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Community 'has healed, is healing and will heal' as anniversary of Mother Emmanuel shooting looms



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Feelings mixed on changes in state

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CHARLESTON - Lillian Green dreads the month of June.

It was June two years ago, she said, when her youngest daughter died. And it was June 17, 2015, when nine members of her church, "Mother" Emanuel AME in Charleston, were shot to death during a Bible study by a white gunman driven by what

authorities say was racism.

"It's hard," Green said. "I'll be glad when this whole year is over, then maybe things will

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"Most of South

Carolina does not change with a tragedy."

DR. LONNIE RANDOLPH,

LONGTIME PRESIDENT OF THE STATE NAACP CONFERENCE

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People gathered at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston last year after the shooting.

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settle down a little bit."

The Rev. Dr. Betty Deas Clark, the pastor of the historic African-American church, told *The Greenville News* her congregation "has healed, is healing and will heal."

"There are layers of pain," she said inside her office, a few feet away from where the shootings took place, "layers of hurt and some issues only time will heal."

But she also believes the tragedy has brought positive change.

"I think it has changed the world," she said. "We deal with people being murdered, people being assassinated, even mass-sacred. But to have it done in a church, during Bible study by someone who was befriended by a group of loving people, I think it was a wake-up call, not only for the state but for the world. I think it asked the question, 'What have we come to?'"

Whether South Carolina has changed as a result of the murders and how depends on who is asked.

"Most of South Carolina does not change with a tragedy," Dr. Lonnie Randolph, longtime president of the state NAACP conference, told *The News*. "I've lived here long enough to criticize it. And I don't criticize all people. But when you have one bad apple, it's one too many.

We don't care enough about each other."

Gov. Nikki Haley, who persuaded the Legislature to remove the Confederate battle flag from its perch on the Statehouse grounds as a result of the tragedy, believes the shootings have resulted in a changed South Carolina.

"Everybody stepped up," she said. "I said it multiple times. We didn't have violence, we had vigils. We didn't have protests, we had hugs. We had people stand across the state hold hands. Everybody came together. It was love and forgiveness and grace and strength that I am so proud to have witnessed in my lifetime."

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn of Columbia said the shootings have caused "some people to face the impact of the Confederate battle flag and what that symbolizes."

"Some changes have been made," he said. "I still feel we have a long way to go."

The man accused of the murders, Dylann Roof, will be tried both by the federal government and the state. Federal and state prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. The federal trial is scheduled to start in November, while the state trial is scheduled for December.

Nine people died in the attack: Cynthia Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, Depayne Middleton, Tywanza Sanders, Dan-

iel Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Myra Thompson, and Emanuel's pastor, state Sen. Clementa Pinckney.

Polly Sheppard, Felicia Sanders (Tywanza's mother), and her 5-year old granddaughter survived the shootings.

Aside from the immediate impact to the survivors and family, friends and fellow church members of the victims, perhaps the most visible change

caused by the shootings was the lowering of the Confederate flag, which had flown near the Confederate Soldier's Monument since 2000, when another version of the flag was brought down from the Statehouse dome in a legislative compromise.

Haley pushed lawmakers to take it off the Statehouse grounds after online photos surfaced of Roof with the Confederate flag and of him burning the American flag.

"I don't think anyone can see that video of that young man burning an American flag while waving a Confederate battle flag and not see the connection between what his mindset was and what his actions were," Clyburn said. "I think that is why the governor and the Legislature moved so quickly to get the flag off the grounds of the Statehouse."

Several victims' families began foundations in the wake of the shootings. And Charleston



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community leaders say the murders led to the opening of a dialogue about race relations.

The shootings also prompted a series of gun-control bills, though none passed, including several to expand background checks of those attempting to buy guns at firearms stores. Roof was able to purchase his handgun, according to the FBI, even though he should have been disqualified because the FBI could not locate certain records involving charges against Roof in the three-day period allowed for background checks.

Randolph argues that last year's tragedy has its roots in the culture that triggered the Civil War and sparked the state to raise the Confederate flag in the early 1960s as many in the state protested integration and civil rights efforts. "The summary of that event is what happened in June of last year," he said. "It was a disaster that also was predictable."

While he said the removal of the Confederate flag, long the subject of an NAACP boycott, was good, he also believes it was

largely symbolic.

Race relations, Randolph said, have not improved significantly in the past year.

"We were so far behind, I don't think it changed a lot," he said.

Clyburn said he doesn't think the state or the country have yet come to grips with the issue of race.

"If we continue to postpone having a serious discussion and acceptance of what race means in our country and our state, we will continue to have these kinds of problems to develop over a period of time," he said. "We just need to see the relationship between what we say and do."

Rep. Joe Neal, a pastor and Democrat from lower Richland County, said he saw the tragedy change some minds in the Statehouse, resulting in the removal of the flag.

But that does not mean the change extended to other areas, he said, including race relations.

"We still have a segment of our population that still have a

problem with race," he said.

"And race is the one issue that as a state we have not been able to talk about in any substantive way, outside of the flag."

In the 1960s and 1970s, he said, South Carolina largely avoided violent protests over integration and civil rights because of strong black and white leaders who maintained a dialogue. That leadership is needed again, Neal said.

He said one symptom of the state's lack of adequate race relations has been the weakening of the State Human Affairs Commission, which he said was created to allow people to file complaints of racial discrimination.

"I think that's a symptom of how the state has looked at the issue of race and kind of pushed it aside," he said.

Rep. Todd Rutherford, the leader of Columbia Democrats, said he believes the Charleston massacre resulted in the flag's removal, which he said is "not insignificant."

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Gov. Nikki Haley, who persuaded the Legislature to remove the Confederate battle flag from its perch on the Statehouse grounds as a result of the tragedy, believes the shooting has resulted in a changed South Carolina.

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Veto axes funds for military museum study

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COLUMBIA - Republican Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed a study of moving the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum to Charleston from Columbia.

The museum is the new home of the last Confederate flag to fly on the State House grounds.

The proposal to explore moving the Relic Room emerged after estimates of the cost of displaying the flag at the museum came in at \$3.6 million.

Lawmakers delayed deciding how much to spend on the flag display until at least next year, proposing instead a study on moving the Gervais Street museum, housed in a former Columbia textile mill.

The flag was furled from the State House grounds last year in the aftermath of the racially motivated slaying of nine parishioners at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church.

Moving the Relic Room to a location with a high volume of tourists could generate more money, state Rep. Chip Limehouse, R-Charleston, said Thursday. "The Relic Room — where it is in Columbia — is a \$4.5 million boondoggle."

But Haley said it was important to legislators, who she worked with to bring down the flag, that "they were going to be able to develop a proper, respectful place for it" at the current Confederate Relic Room location.

"Never in any of those conversations ... did they talk about moving it to Charleston," Haley said, adding that proposal arose because a couple of legislators or former legislators want it moved to Charleston. "We talked about Columbia — never did we talk about Charleston — and I have to stay true to my word on that."

Haley also vetoed a coyote-bounty program that would have required the state Department of Natural

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 REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR

resources to tag 16 coyotes across the state.

If hunters bagged a tagged coyote, they would have received a reward — a lifetime hunting license. Previously, lawmakers had proposed a \$1,000 reward for killing tagged coyotes.

But Haley said that proposal — designed to encourage hunters to kill the predators, blamed for killing pets and deer — is problematic.

"If you can go and tag a coyote: Why wouldn't you just get rid of it?" Haley asked rhetorically.

Republican Haley vetoed spending bills totaling \$41.1 million from the state's \$7.5 billion general fund budget.

Haley praised lawmakers for not including a borrowing plan, like the \$500 million proposal defeated last year. That proposal would have paid for overdue maintenance on state-owned buildings, including colleges and universities.

However, the governor blasted lawmakers for combining budget items, making it more challenging for her to veto specific items.

Haley also said she plans soon to issue an executive order banning pass-through budget requests to Cabinet agencies. In those requests, lawmakers direct money to cabinet agencies but then tell the agency head how they want the money spent, Haley said.

"You're compromising my director," Haley said of the legislative practice. "You're compromising the process."

Lawmakers return next week to accept or override Haley's vetoes. It takes a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate to override an veto.

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**Haley signs bill
banning ticket quotas**

A new law bars South Carolina's law enforcement agencies from setting ticket quotas for officers. Gov. Nikki Haley signed the ban into law Thursday. Its sponsor, Democratic Rep. Justin Bamberg, has said quotas pressure officers to stop people for minor offenses. He thinks the law will help repair officers' frayed relationships with residents. The law says officers can't be required to write a certain number of tickets within a specified time frame. However, officers can be evaluated on their "points of contact."

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Haley vetoes \$41M from Legislature's \$7.5B budget

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Gov. Nikki Haley struck \$41 million worth of spending from the Legislature's \$7.5 billion budget and thanked legislators Thursday for not attempting to borrow money for college construction.

"We have some major wins this year. The No. 1 win is, there was no bond bill," she said.

Last year, Haley's opposition helped defeat proposals to borrow primarily for projects at universities and technical colleges. She publicly warned legislators in January not to try again.

On Thursday, she applauded the more than \$100 million the state budget sends to technical colleges for one-time spending on buildings and equipment and \$30 million added to four-year colleges for recurring expenses.

That's partly why the

veto total isn't higher, she said: "They actually did what we said: 'Use the money that's there. Don't go and borrow.'"

Haley's 51 line-item vetoes, issued minutes before her midnight Wednesday deadline, include \$8.7 million of what she calls "old-fashioned pork," such as \$3 million for sports marketing and \$100,000 for a Richland County swimming pool.

Legislators will return to Columbia next week to consider overriding her vetoes.

She struck several earmarks for museums, including \$3 million toward a new Medal of Honor museum – currently located on the USS Yorktown in Charleston Harbor – \$1 million on the Children's Museum of the Upstate, and \$350,000 for the Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston.

She also struck \$50,000 for the USS Laffey in Charleston Harbor.

Historic sites, museums and cultural centers should be funded by "sell-

ing memberships, collecting admissions fees and soliciting philanthropic support," Haley wrote in her veto message. "The wrong way to do it is by earmarking state funds to choose one site over another to support."

However, Haley's pen did not touch \$4 million for the planned International African-American Museum in Charleston.

"I think we're a state that's still healing. We're coming on the anniversary," Haley said, referencing the massacre of nine black parishioners at a historic church in Charleston. "I very much feel a responsibility to hold our state together and make sure we understand the significance of June 17 and understand we can only grow from that, so I thought that was important that that stay."

Fifteen of her vetoes strike mandates, not money.

She vetoed a budget clause calling for an evaluation of moving the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum to Char-

leston.

Legislators opted for the study instead of spending anything to display the Confederate flag removed from Statehouse grounds and sent to the museum last summer following the massacre at Emanuel AME Church.

House members, who balked at a proposed \$3.6 million price tag for the flag display and museum expansion, argued its current location in Columbia – through a separate door at the back of the State Museum building – doesn't attract enough visitors and needs to be more self-sufficient.

But Haley argued the study is a "veiled attempt to justify" combining the Relic Room and the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley and is "nothing more than a legislative pet project."

Haley said when she worked with legislators in bringing down the Confederate flag, there was a lot of talk about creating a "proper, respectful place for it" at the Columbia museum.



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Governor says Wes Hayes is 'nice, kind man' – to her opponents

Tells crowd she and Wes Climer support the same agenda

Visit comes ahead of Tuesday's GOP primary

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ROCK HILL

South Carolina's governor didn't come to Rock Hill to campaign against the state's sixth longest-serving senator because she doesn't like him.

Wes Hayes is "a nice man, a kind man," Gov. Nikki Haley told a gathering of supporters of Hayes' GOP primary opponent, Wes Climer, on Thursday night. But, she added, that's part of the problem.

It's why Hayes can count on the support of the "old guard" of the S.C. Legislature in his bid for a seventh term in Columbia, Haley said, because "he's voted the way they asked him to."

"He's always voted with Hugh Leatherman (the Senate's powerful president pro tempore), and with the Democrats," she said. "He's always done it be-

cause he's nice and kind. But he forgot the only people he needs to be nice and kind to are you."

Haley endorsed Climer less than two weeks before a contested GOP primary on June 14

for the Rock Hill-area seat in the S.C. Senate, one of several races where the governor is backing challengers to several longtime Republican senators who have clashed with Haley's legislative priorities.

That can even be seen in bills like the recently passed \$4 billion roads reform measure that means "you will not see your potholes fixed," because it still gives legislators approval of the commissioners overseeing the Department of Transportation and will, Haley told the crowd, fix "potholes and roads in the Pee Dee," where Leatherman has his district.

"We will continue to fight until we get the roads bill we deserve," Haley said.

Climer, speaking with the governor on the front steps of his Rock Hill home to around 100 people who turned out for a barbecue cookout, told the crowd he agrees with Haley on roads, taxes and ethics reform, among other measures that

always "get stalled in the Senate."

"People are tired of swerving around potholes. They're tired of sitting in traffic jams ... and knowing that millions of their tax dollars are wasted every year through pork-barrel spending," he said.

Most of those who turned out to welcome the governor were already committed Climer supporters. Scott Harrell is in Bible study with the candidate at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

"For me, it's the fact that he's a new face with new ideas. We need to infuse some new ideas into the Senate," Harrell said. "I definitely think term limits are essential, at the state and federal level."

Lynn Viets is a longtime Republican with the York County GOP, of which Climer was chairman before he resigned to challenge his fellow Republican

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Hayes.

“When Wes (Climer) announced, I was with him wholeheartedly,” Viets said. “I keep looking for faults in him, but I haven’t seen any.”

Haley hopes those supporters will attract more people like them to the polls on Tuesday. She re-

called on her own run for the Statehouse in 2004 against another long-serving legislator. Every business in her old Lexington district had his signs in the windows then, but when people got to the voting machines, “they voted differently,” she said.

Now Haley, who acknowledged she’s halfway

through her final term, believes a similar change

is needed in Rock Hill.

“When Wes Hayes is done, we should thank him for his service,” Haley said, “but you deserve a fresh face in Wes Climer.”

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Gov. Nikki Haley speaks in Rock Hill on Thursday in support of Senate candidate Wes Climer, along with Climer’s wife Martie and their young son.

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Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed \$41 million from South Carolina's \$7.5 billion budget, including \$1 million intended for the Children's Museum of the Upstate.

The budget vetoes also included a Richland County swimming pool, an expansion of Coastal Carolina University's football stadium and funding for a Beaufort County retirement home.

The veto of the Children's Museum funding was part of a \$4.74 million package of vetoes for funds earmarked for museums and historical in South Carolina. Charleston's International African American Museum was not included in

that group of vetoes and has been allocated \$4 million. Haley said in her veto message that the funds needed for these museums should not come from the state.

"In each of our communities, we have historic sites, museums and cultural centers that could benefit from renovations, refreshed exhibits or new artifacts. The right way to finance these undertakings is by selling memberships, collecting admissions fees and soliciting philanthropic support," Haley said. "The wrong way to do it is by earmarking state funds to choose one site over another to support."

Nancy Halverson, CEO of the mu-

seum, said that state funds are just one source of the many that keep it running; in a non-profit organization like the mu-

seum, more than 50 percent of the organization's operating funds come from large contributions, not memberships and admissions fees.

"When you have an organization as big as we are with as many expenses as it takes to keep the doors open, that's a lot of money if it's just from regular people in the community," Halverson said.

The \$1 million Haley vetoed would go

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to museum upkeep and an expanded marketing campaign aimed at out-of-state visitors. The largest proportion of museum visitors are from Greenville County, but 38 percent come from South Carolina counties outside of Greenville and 17 percent come from out-of-state. Halverson said an increase in out-of-state visitors would help increase the museum's economic impact on the state. Since opening seven years ago, the museum has had an economic impact of more than \$75 million.

"For them to turn around and give a little back to help contribute to state tourism seems perfectly rea-

sonable," Halverson said.

Sen. Karl Allen's district includes the Children's Museum of the Upstate. He helped override a veto for museum funding last year and anticipates this veto will be overridden as well. The S.C. House of Representatives and Senate will reconvene next week to sustain or override each veto.

"Since this became apparent, I have already begun to look for the support to override the governor," Allen said. "The museum is too important to the children of Greenville. The partnership it has with Michelin and other entities is too important."

The museum funding veto is the only Greenville-specific veto listed in the governor's veto message.