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Charleston Shooting News:

Associated Press: Pastor, 8 others, fatally shot at church in Charleston, SC
<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:8747b77ae03a426e864f042454cab603>

Alex Sanz, David Goldman

A white man opened fire during a prayer meeting inside a historic black church in downtown Charleston, killing nine people, including the pastor, in an assault authorities described as a hate crime. The suspect attended the meeting at the church Wednesday night and stayed for nearly an hour before the deadly gunfire erupted, Police Chief Greg Mullen said.

Note: In a statement, Gov. Nikki Haley asked South Carolinians to pray for the victims and their families and decried violence at religious institutions. "We'll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another," Haley said.

Post and Courier: 6 women, 3 men killed in shooting at Emanuel AME; authorities asking for help identifying suspect

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150618/PC16/150619404>

Glenn Smith, Melissa Boughton, Robert Behre

Mullen said investigators are going through all kinds of video, public and private, to try to get more information on the suspect's whereabouts. Officers throughout the region are assisting in the search -- City of Charleston, Charleston County, SLED and FBI were all mentioned.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley said her family also was praying for those touched by the killings. "While we do not yet know all of the details, we do know that we'll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another," she said. "Please join us in lifting up the victims and their families with our love and prayers."

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Senate still scheduled for session

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150618/PC1603/150619401/1006/palmetto-sunrise-senate-still-scheduled-for-session>

Cynthia Roldan

South Carolina's Senators are scheduled to return to Columbia without one of their own this morning, despite earlier reports that session was canceled. As of this morning, several Senators said they had still not received any notification that today's session would not happen, despite some "miscommunication" that indicated otherwise.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley issued a written statement just after midnight as well: "Michael, Rena, Nalin and I are praying for the victims and families touched by tonight's senseless tragedy at Emanuel AME Church," Haley said. "While we do not yet know all of the details, we do know that we'll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another. Please join us in lifting up the victims and their families with our love and prayers."

Msnbc: Manhunt underway for shooter in Charleston church massacre

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/police-three-males-six-females-killed-charleston-church-shooting>

Benjy Sarlin, David Taintor

A gunman shot to death nine church members who had gathered for Bible study and prayer Wednesday night at one of the nation's oldest black churches here. Among the dead was beloved pastor Clementa Pinckney, a longtime state senator who spent the earlier part of the day campaigning in the city with Hillary Clinton.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley called the shooting a "senseless tragedy" in a statement released after midnight, saying her family was praying for the victims. "While we do not yet know all of the details, we do know that we'll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take

the life of another,” Haley said. “Please join us in lifting up the victims and their families with our love and prayers.”

Washington Post: 9 dead in ‘hate crime’ shooting at historic African American church in Charleston
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/06/17/white-gunman-sought-in-shooting-at-historic-charleston-african-ame-church/>

Robert Costa, Lindsey Bever, J. Freedom du Lac

Police widened the search Thursday for a gunman who opened fire and killed nine people during a prayer service at a historic African American church in downtown Charleston, in one of the worst attacks on a place of worship in the United States in recent memory.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) said in a statement late Wednesday night that she was praying for the victims and their families. “While we do not yet know all of the details, we do know that we’ll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another,” she said. “Please join us in lifting up the victims and their families with our love and prayers.”

Politico: Charleston mass shooting investigated as hate crime

http://www.politico.com/story/2015/06/church-shooting-charleston-hate-crime-119152.html?hp=I2_4

Nick Gass

Nine people were shot and killed by a white man at a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina, on Wednesday night, the city’s police chief confirmed during a news conference early Thursday, and it is being investigated as a hate crime. Police Chief Greg Mullen said officers are looking for the suspect in the shooting at the Emanuel AME Church, who remains at large.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, in a statement said that “[w]e’ll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another.”

WCBD: 9 people dead in shooting at Emanuel AME Church in downtown Charleston

<http://www.counton2.com/story/29347528/9-people-dead-in-shooting-at-emanuel-ame-church-in-downtown-charleston>

A gunman remains at large after nine people were fatally shot just after 9 P.M. on Wednesday night, during a bible study session at Emanuel AME Church in downtown Charleston. Officials are calling the shooting a hate crime. The church where the shooting occurred is one of the nation's oldest and most prominent African-American churches.

Note: Both Governor Nikki Haley and Senator Tim Scott have already released statements on shooting. Gov. Haley said, "Michael, Rena, Nalin and I are praying for the victims and families touched by tonight's senseless tragedy at Emanuel AME Church. While we do not yet know all of the details, we do know that we'll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another. Please join us in lifting up the victims and their families with our love and prayers."

WLTX: Church Targeted by Killer Has Rich History

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/06/18/emanuel-ame-church-is-oldest-in-the-south/28909891/>

Alyssa Lang

Emanuel African Methodist Church, the site of a tragedy Wednesday night, is the oldest AME church in the south, and is referred to as "Mother Emanuel." It has one of the largest and oldest African American congregations south of Baltimore. The history of the church dates back to the start of religious institutions for African-Americans in Charleston.

Greenville News: Reaction Swift to Tragedy in Charleston

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/06/18/charleston-sc-church-shooting-reaction/28910095/>

Reaction to the fatal shooting of nine people at a historic African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina has been swift from people across America. Within hours of the shooting, people began using the hashtag #PrayforCharleston on social media. Politicians and public figures from across the state and the country began to weigh in.

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley: "Michael, Rena, Nalin and I are praying for the victims and families touched by tonight's senseless tragedy at Emanuel AME Church. While we do not yet know all of the details, we do know that we'll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another. Please join us in lifting up the victims and their families with our love and prayers."

Associated Press: The latest on Charleston shooting: Suspect in church meeting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DL1bC7Cx

7:15 a.m.: Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen says the suspect in a shooting that killed nine people was at a historic black church attending a meeting and stayed for almost an hour before gunfire erupted. Mullen gave the details at a Thursday morning news conference.

The State: Sen. Clementa Pinckney killed at his church in mass shooting

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24839449.html>

Andrew Shain

S.C. Sen. Clementa Pinckney, a Jasper County Democrat who served in the General Assembly for 18 years, died Wednesday after a shooting in the Charleston church where he was the pastor, House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford said. He was 41.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Templeton leaving S.C. tax agency

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24760909.html>

Andrew Shain

Catherine Templeton, the former director of the state's environmental and labor agencies, is leaving her contract job with the S.C. Department of Revenue, she and the agency said Wednesday. Templeton was hired in April to assist the state's tax agency with fraud and security issues. She signed a \$12,500-a-month contract that ran through December.

Note: Templeton said she has not talked with Gov. Nikki Haley about working for another state agency, such as the Department of Transportation.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Uber legislation has one more step before governor's desk

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150617/PC05/150619424>

Allison Prang

The S.C. House passed a bill Wednesday afternoon to regulate Uber, bringing the ride-sharing service a step closer to statewide compliance. If the bill is passed in the Senate, it will go to Gov. Nikki Haley, where it could be signed into law. Haley has expressed support for Uber in the past, The Associated Press reported.

The State: Senate rebuffs House push for special session on SC's roads

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24710401.html>

Cassie Cope

State senators moved Wednesday to scuttle a House attempt to force a special legislative session this summer to take up a plan to fix the state's crumbling roads. With lawmakers set to go home again Thursday after a three-day special session, the House voted 84-9 to add its road-repair plan to a resolution to bring lawmakers back to Columbia to handle certain issues, including Gov. Nikki Haley's budget vetoes.

Associated Press: House approves compromise to keep Uber rides available in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1WwsvCfW

A bill allowing Uber to continue operating in South Carolina past the end of June could be one vote from Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. The House voted 96-2 Wednesday on a compromise worked out by a six-member legislative committee. The Senate is expected to take up the agreement Thursday. House Labor Commerce and Industry Chairman Bill Sandifer says the compromise addresses how much insurance Uber drivers must hold.

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: South Carolina GOP leaders ask that debates be more open

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fs4DBZfV

Steve Peoples

South Carolina Republicans called on Fox News and the Republican National Committee on Wednesday to open their upcoming presidential debate to "all credible candidates." The lieutenant governor and House speaker were among 130 state Republicans listed in a letter charging that the plan to include only the top 10 candidates denies "all credible candidates an opportunity to have their voices heard on an equal basis at the beginning of the process."

The State: Jeb Bush fights to keep family legacy going in S.C.

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24828196.html>

Andrew Shain

Jeb Bush wants to claim a family three-peat in South Carolina presidential politics by following his father and brother in winning the South's first presidential primary. But the former Republican Florida governor faces a number of challenges in his 2016 run that he formally announced Monday.

Associated Press: Jeb Bush cancels trip to SC after deadly church shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XenTp2r

Jeb Bush is canceling his visit to Charleston after the shooting that killed nine people at a historic black church. The former Florida governor had planned to hold a town hall for veterans on Thursday at the Charleston Maritime Center. Authorities are now using that venue for briefings about the church shooting on Wednesday night during a Bible study.

Post and Courier: Hillary Clinton promotes job training, speaks with Walter Scott's mother during stop at Trident Tech

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150617/PC1603/150619412>

Schuyler Kropf

Hillary Clinton appealed to the young and old looking to get into or re-enter the job market during her second trip to South Carolina since officially entering the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, saying America needs to reinvest in apprenticeship programs that will turn them into marketable and skilled workers.

Post and Courier: Hillary Clinton Q&A: Benghazi, the last election and more

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150617/PC1603/150619409>

Schuyler Kropf

Democrat presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton had a busy day in South Carolina on Wednesday, campaigning in Orangeburg, North Charleston and attending a fundraiser downtown. In between stops, she sat for a question-and-answer session with Post and Courier reporter Schuyler Kropf.

The State: Clinton rules out U.S. ground combat against ISIS

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24804094.html>

Jamie Self

Democratic presidential frontrunner Hillary Clinton said Wednesday it would not be "smart, effective or appropriate" to send U.S. combat troops overseas to fight Islamic State terrorists.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Aiken Standard: Sequester cuts stymie projects such as MOX

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20150618/AIK0201/150619479/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

Properly funding the nation's plutonium disposition program may forever be out of reach if Congress can't find an exit ramp for the mandatory spending cuts known as sequestration. This was the stark reality presented by U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz during an interview with the Aiken Standard on Tuesday, and one that should have Congress rethinking the mindless cuts they enacted in March 2013.

Post and Courier: Tim Scott's positive lesson

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150618/PC1002/150619420/1022/tim-scott-x2019-s-positive-lesson>

Editorial

Young people learn by example. And in the grand realm of elevating examples, it's hard to beat Tim Scott, who gave another inspiring lesson last week at the annual Palmetto Boys State meeting in Anderson.

Rock Hill Herald: Ex-Im Bank dispute risks S.C. jobs

<http://www.heraldonline.com/opinion/article24817168.html>

Ted Pitts

For more than 50 years, Morrison Textile Machinery has been a major employer of Lancaster County, a region that is growing at a rapid pace. Lancaster is the fastest growing county in South Carolina and the

26th-fastest in the U.S. York County is the fourth-fastest growing in the state and 68th in the nation.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: With monthly cargo record in hand, Port of Charleston looks to set annual mark, sell Port Royal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150617/PC05/150619434>

David Wren

The State Ports Authority hopes to accomplish two things in the coming fiscal year that it hasn't been able to do in more than a decade: set an annual record for the number of cargo containers that move through the Port of Charleston and sell its terminal in Beaufort County.

Associated Press: SC State declares financial emergency to make deep cuts

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=QypoPrWQ

The new trustees at South Carolina State University have declared a financial emergency at the school that will allow administrators to make deep cuts in programs, faculty and workers. The trustees approved the declaration of financial exigency at the end of their board meeting Wednesday.

Local News:

Florence Morning News: Williamsburg County Schools in dire financial situation, if nothing changes

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_5d196bfa-1455-11e5-b7da-335cc32db10d.html

Dianne Owens

It won't be but a couple more years and the Williamsburg County School District will be bankrupt. That is if nothing changes; if there are no significant revenue increases and if expenses aren't further cut. The news was given to those attending the WCSD Board budget workshop in late May. To date, nothing has significantly changed.

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