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People attend a prayer vigil Thursday at Greenville's West End Community Center in memory of the victims of the shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

'THE HEART AND SOUL OF SOUTH CAROLINA WAS BROKEN'

Vigils begin, suspect's life examined

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In a photo uploaded May 21 to his Facebook page, Dylann Storm Roof stared grimly into the camera while wearing a jacket adorned with white supremacy and apartheid-era patches.

On Thursday, authorities ended a 14-hour manhunt with the capture of the 21-year-old they said had spent an hour with a prayer group at an historic black church in downtown Charleston before unleashing a barrage of gunfire that killed nine, including a state senator who served as the church's pastor.

Roof was taken into custody without incident in Shelby, North Carolina, nearly four hours' drive from the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church where the shootings took place Wednesday night. He later waived ex-



Dylann Storm Roof

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Depaigna Middleton
Doctor



Cynthia Hurd



Susie Jackson



Clementia Plinkney



Tywanza Sanders



Sharonda Coleman-Singleton

Not Pictured: Ethel Lance, The Rev. Dr. Daniel Simmons Sr., Myra Thompson



Shooting suspect Dylann Storm Roof leaves the Shelby Police Department on Thursday.

INSIDE

Prayer sustains a shattered community

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When people of faith are tested, they turn to prayer.

That's what happened in Greenville and in Charleston and in cities and towns around the nation as people sought to somehow make sense of the nonsensical, the massacre of nine church leaders in the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in downtown Charleston.

AME Bishop Richard Norris asked AME church leaders around the state to hold prayer services on Thursday to remember not only the victims and their families but also church leadership and the community in general.

In a service at West End Community Development Center in Greenville, seven pastors offered prayers in lilting voices that rose and fell across a gymnasium filled with about 400 people, a diverse crowd of white and black, young, old, dressed in business attire and cut-off blue jeans and hats in be-

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WHO IS DYLANN STORM ROOF?

Suspect captured in Shelby, NC ■ Senators pay tribute to fallen colleague ■ Haley decries senseless act ■ Nine victims identified



Ashley Edge, left, and Brad Hutchinson pay their respects Thursday in front of Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston. Nine people were killed Wednesday night in a mass shooting during a prayer meeting at the church.

Speaker at vigil decries 'domestic terrorism'

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CHARLESTON — Less than 18 hours after nine people were gunned down at a Charleston church, hundreds of politicians, religious leaders and community members praised the lost lives and called for unity in a vigil.

The service at Morris Brown A.M.E. Church was serene. Blacks from Emanuel A.M.E. Church, where

the shootings took place Wednesday night.

The Rev. Charles McKissick, pastor at Morris Brown A.M.E. Church, called the shootings an act of "domestic terrorism."

"It has been a long and miserable night," he told the standing, room-only crowd at the church.

News of an arrest in the shooting brought one of many cheers from West-

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STATE SEN. CLEMENTA PINCKNEY

'Moral conscience of the General Assembly':

Among the nine killed at Emanuel A.M.E. was its pastor, a legislator for 18 years. **C1**

STUNNED SENATORS REMEMBER COLLEAGUE

'The best of all': Suddenly, harsh words over roads and budgets gave way to tears. **C1**

THE MOOD IN CHARLESTON



Accused church killer from Columbia area

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Dylann Storm Roof, the Columbia area resident suspected in the Charleston church killings, was an increasingly troubled youth who appeared isolated and a loner to friends.

Roof, 21, was described Thursday as a once non-threatening youngster who kept largely to himself. But

his quiet manner and racial views changed as he grew older and left schools in the Red Bank area of Lexington County and the Shandon area of Columbia.

His arrest in connection with the mass murder of nine African-Americans late Wednesday came after a brush with Midlands police in February.

That surprised some acquaintances but not

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Charleston strong

Nation rallies behind city after tragedy

Aiken's leaders react to shooting

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Following the stunning news that S.C. Sen. Clement Pinckney and eight other people had been killed in a Charleston church Wednesday, S.C. House member Bill Clyburn, D-Aiken, didn't sleep much of the night.

"He was such a good guy, a peacemaker," Clyburn said. Pinckney, a Lowcountry senator since 2000, had traveled to Charleston to lead a prayer meeting at the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The parishioners had welcomed inside a victim, later identified as Dylann Roof. Roof

joined their prayer meeting for an hour before he suddenly produced a gun and fired repeatedly, leaving only three survivors before fleeing the scene.

Roof, 21, was arrested in Shelby, North Carolina, on Thursday morning after a massive manhunt. He faces charges in the shooting deaths of nine people at the historic black church in Charleston — an attack described by stunned community leaders and politicians as a hate crime.

He waived extradition to South Carolina.

Those in the community are loving people, Clyburn said. He doesn't anticipate protests in relation to the shooting.

"I expect to see a lot of prayer vigils where everybody can come together, trying to understand how this could have happened," said Clyburn.

Two Aiken County state senators, Tom Young and Shane Massey, are appalled by the murders and the death of a young legislator who had two small children.

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From left, Reverend Richard Harkness holds hands with Reverend Jack Lewin during a prayer vigil held at Morris Brown AME Church for the victims of Wednesday's shooting at Emanuel AME Church on Thursday.

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Sen. Pinckney inspired Aiken residents, students, politicians



Pinckney

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In the spring of 2002, S.C. Sen. Clement Pinckney addressed Aiken Technical College's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society — suggesting that people must work to find ways to better live together.

Father Greg Rogers recalled that event on Thursday — the day after Pinckney and eight other people were murdered in a Charleston church.

Rogers, currently Aiken Technical Col-

lege's dean of general education, had invited Pinckney to speak at the ceremony more than a decade ago.

Pinckney's wife, Jennifer, at the time an ATC staff member, had suggested it. Rogers is the pastor of Aiken's St. Catherine Orthodox Church and knew Pinckney as a pastor — unaware that Pinckney was also a member of the Senate — at the time the youngest serving in that body of government.

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Ernest Lee Jacey Sr., New Ellenton

Richard V. "Bicky" Couch Jr., Dawsonville, Ga.

Robert Lawrence Holcomback, Bath

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WEATHER

No relief in sight from oppressive heat

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Temperatures have been soaring in Aiken and the surrounding area lately, and more oppressive weather is on the way. "Unfortunately, due to the stagnant upper level weather pattern that we have, we're not looking for a lot of relief for quite some time," said Doug Anderson, meteorologist at the Aiken County Office.

90 degrees and higher since June 14, according to information provided to the National Weather Service by a reconnaissance observer who is based 2 miles from Aiken.

According to Weather Underground, local highs have been above 90 degrees since June 13.

"Basically, there is a very deep and broad upper level ridge of high pressure locked over the Southeast," Anderson said.

and compresses. Temperatures have been slightly higher than normal."

The high Friday will be around 97 degrees, and on Saturday, it will be close to 95. Sunday's high will be near 96.

"There will be a 20 percent to 30 percent chance for isolated afternoon thunderstorms nearly every day, probably through about Tuesday," Anderson said.

"The Weather Channel's Ken Cooper

doesn't reach triple-digit levels next week on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The City of Aiken has three cooling stations that are available to the public. The locations and hours of operation are as follows:

• H. Odell Weeks Activities Center, 1700 Whiskey Road. Open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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Bill and Olive Timberlake will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary Saturday. The couple lived together in Hartsville for 54 years.

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70 YEARS RUNNING

Timberlakes celebrating landmark anniversary

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On June 19, 1945, Bill and Olive Timberlake suffered through three flat tires during a single car trip, a memory about which the two still chuckle today. After the delays, the journey ended at a colonial dinner for their wedding, held the following day.

Seventy years later, Bill

and Olive Timberlake remain committed to each other and will celebrate another wedding anniversary today. The couple has a "chauffeur" these days, and don't concern themselves much with flat tires. The 91-year-old Olive and 91-year-old Bill are content, though, with their love of faith and each other.

"We're blessed with the

years God has brought us together," Bill said inside their apartment at Presbyterian Community in Florence. "The Holy Spirit has been the vehicle through which we've stayed together for so long. This is God's gift to my life. I tell ya right now, she is my life."

Olive, glancing at her coral-colored cat, Pumpkin, dangling from a window perch, reflected on Fri-

day's benchmark and the difficultly married couples seem to have staying together these days.

"Well, I don't know," she said. "It's just another year. To me that's every day. When you get married, your whole life is devoted to that person. At least, that's the way we thought about it. Maybe that's why we've

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HARTSVILLE

City council approves \$16.6 million yearly budget

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Hartsville City Council gave swift and unanimous final approval to a \$16.6 million budget during a special called meeting Tuesday.

The budget is balanced without a tax increase and without any increases in fees for services, according to Finance Director Shannon B. Morrison. Overall, revenues are projected at \$97,613 above projected expenditures.

The budget projects total revenues for all funds for fiscal year 2015-16 at \$16,637,563 with total expenditures projected at \$16,539,960. The revenue increase resulted from additional projected revenues in the sanitation and infrastructure funds, as well as from increases in revenues in recreation concessions and the splash pad fund, according to city figures.

The budget includes a general fund of nearly \$9.2 million, a water and sewer utilities fund budget of just more than \$4 million, an infrastructure fund budget of \$604,000, a solid waste fund budget of just more than \$1.2 million, a hospitality fee fund budget of \$903,000 and an accommodations tax fund budget of \$155,000.

Additionally, it includes a debt service fund budget of \$136,616, a stormwater fund budget of \$145,000, a recreation concession fund of \$61,000 and a splash pad fund budget of \$123,000.

In other business, council gave final approval to an amendment to the city's public smoking ordinance that added the prohibition of the use of electronic smoking devices or e-cigarettes in public places. The vote was unanimous.

Council also approved allocations for state and local accommodations tax funds and local hospitality tax funds to promote local tourism-related activities and events.

Faith, Love, Forgiveness



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Vigil held in Hartsville mourning Charleston shooting deaths

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About 30 people gathered inside Hartsville's Wesley United Methodist Church on Thursday, joining in song and silent reflection, to lament the deaths of nine people gunned down inside of Emanuel AME Church in Charleston the night before.

Church leaders from the area delivered sermons, focusing on messages of love, forgiveness and faith.

The Rev. Fran Elrod, pastor of Wesley UMC, wanted the community to offer support for those suffering in the wake of the shooting and to give comfort for those attending the vigil.

"It is my belief that we need to come together as a community at all times and



TOP: Religious leaders raise their hands in prayer Thursday inside Wesley UMC in Hartsville, surrounded by a crowd mourning the shooting at a Charleston church Wednesday that left nine people dead. BOTTOM: A person attending a prayer vigil at Hartsville's Wesley UMC on Thursday sits in silence before the church's altar.

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State unites in mourning



The Rev. Keith McDaniel of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church is surrounded by believers in prayer during the service Thursday morning at Anderson Mill Road Baptist Church in Spartanburg.

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Heartache, anger mark local reaction

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Local community and religious leaders responded with anger and heartache following the shootings at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston Wednesday night that killed nine, including pastor and state Sen. Clementa Pinckney.

With both his work in the church and as a state lawmaker, Pinckney touched many. Those who knew him used words like "kind" and "caring" to describe him.

"It's definitely a sad day," said Spartanburg County Councilman Michael Brown. He met Pinckney when he was attending college at the University of South Carolina and said the pastor cared for his parishioners.

"Rev. Pinckney loved life and served and helped people," he said. "Such a good man in a very short time."



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State Sen. Clementa Pinckney, the pastor at Emanuel AME church and one of the shooting victims.

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Suspect arrested after nine slain at church

By SARAH ELLIS
The Columbia State

A circle of believers had gathered in prayer and Bible Study in a sacred place in the heart of Charleston — the nation's Holy City — unsuspecting of a dark presence among them and the violent fate that would befall them Wednesday night.

Years later, a state and nation would gather in prayer for their families, mourning the loss of nine after a shooting rampage in downtown Charleston's historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church at the hand of, authorities say, a young white man who fled the scene. Among the dead: a librarian, a recent college graduate and the church's 41-year-old pastor, state Sen. Clementa Pinckney.

Reeling from one of the worst mass killings in South Carolina history, the Palmetto State was shocked again to learn the alleged shooter was from the Columbia area, someone who bounced between schools in Richland and Lexington counties.

"We're touched by the terror of such an event."

CHARLESTON COUNTY CORONER RAE WOOTEH, talking about the slayings at Emanuel AME Church

and you're taking over our country. And you have to go."

Authorities believe Roof, 21, spent about an hour inside the church with the victims before opening fire around 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Six women and three men were killed in the shootings: Cynthia Hurd, 54; Susie Jackson, 87; Ethel Lance, 70; the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, 49; Tywanza Sanders, 26; the Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., 74; the Rev. Sharronda Singleton, 45; Myra Thompson, 59; and Pinckney, a Jasper County Democrat who served in the General Assembly for 18 years.



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CHARLESTON CHURCH SHOOTING: LOCAL REACTION

'SHOW OUR SOLIDARITY'

Editorial

It's time to put 'unity' back in 'community'

Shots were fired Wednesday night during a prayer service at a historic church in Charleston. Nine people died. The gunfire echoed through Florence, the rest of South Carolina and beyond.

The horrifying incident in Charleston, by all reports, has been classified as a hate crime. We classify it as a tragedy. We hate the word "hate." It's a dirty little word that is a synonym for intolerance, which is a dirty attitude.

Society in general, and in South Carolina in particular, badly needs an attitude adjustment.

This is the third high-profile white-on-black shooting in recent months in South Carolina, and each one reflects very negatively on our state.

Last year, a North Augusta police officer shot an unarmed, 69-year-old black man to death in his driveway at the end of a 9-mile chase. Last month, the officer was indicted on a felony charge.

A North Charleston police officer was charged with murder and fired in April after a video made by a bystander showed him shooting an unarmed black man in the back. The man was running away after being stopped for having a broken taillight.

Now we have this church shooting, which took the life of the pastor, who was a state senator, plus two other men and six women.



Religious leaders gather for prayer Thursday at Wesley UMC in Hartselle before the beginning of a vigil held in memory of the nine people shot and killed at a Charleston church Wednesday night.

Members of the S.C. Senate mourned their colleague, Sen. Clementa Pinckney, as a gentle man with a "booming voice."

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PRAYER VIGILS TODAY

- » **Florence**, noon, Mount Zion African American Episcopal Church, 1305 W. Cheves St.
- » **Lake City**, 10-10:45 a.m., Bean Market on Henry Street.

A group of women prays together at a makeshift memorial on the sidewalk in front of Emanuel AME Church in Charleston on Thursday.



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Pee Dee responds to shooting with vigils, prayers

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FLORENCE — People in the Pee Dee region turned to their faith Thursday to help them deal with the shock and horror of the shooting of nine people in Charleston.

They held vigils in memory of the victims, and many spoke of the character of state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, the pastor of Mother Emanuel AME Church, who was one of those killed.

More vigils are planned today, including one in Florence and one in Lake City.

The Rev. Murrett Graves of Mount Zion African American Episcopal Church in Florence said the church will hold a prayer vigil at noon today. The church is at 1305 W. Cheves St.

"The vigil is just to show our solidarity and support to the people of Mother Emanuel in Charleston and to show that Florence people show support," Graves said.

Five AME churches across the state held vigils simultaneously at noon Thursday, Graves said. He said he thought the Florence community should show that it is unified, which is why he organized today's vigil.

"I am grateful for the way that the Florence

\$54.7M county budget approved, with tax increase

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FLORENCE — The Florence County Council approved a \$54.7 million budget Thursday with a tax increase to supplement flat revenue growth and cover employee pay raises, increased benefit costs, several new positions and state mandates.

The council reduced operating millage in the Florence County Unified Fire Protection District from 27.5 mills to 19.5 mills, a decrease of about \$32 on a \$100,000 house. A \$25-per-parcel fee was added in exchange for those 8 mills to lessen the burden on property taxes.

"It's not really a fair way to put this tax on. That's the reason I voted against it," Kirby said. "Some people are paying some

parcel, taxpayers can expect to see increases on their bills this fall, especially large-property owners.

Dorriety does not represent the way of the unified fire district, but did hear from people in it and found a "no" vote as his only choice.

"The average homeowner is going to pay more," Dorriety said. "I don't like increased taxes and for me to increase taxes I

crease one percent by \$300,000. The budget includes a 1.6-mill tax increase to 24.6 mills. Debt-service millage remains at 8.5 mills.

The two bond ordinances for the debt and the \$8.7 million for equipment received unanimous second reading. If approved, \$8.1 million will replace 193 air tanks, nine engines, five tankers and one ladder truck, spread among Howe Springs, Hamble-

county for the construction of a new judicial center.

A selection committee that includes 12th Circuit Solicitor Ed Clements, Clerk of Court Con- velle Reed-Shearin, Judge Michael Nettles, council Vice Chairman James Schaffeld and administrative services director Suzanne King will whittle the list to about four companies next Wednesday.

The selection committee

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Clementa Pinckney 1973-2015



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DEVASTATED

Gunman kills 9 at historic black church in Charleston

Suspect arrested in NC after all-night manhunt

By PATRICIA MAZZEI • Miami Herald

CHARLESTON — To commit the unholy of sins in the holiest of places, the young man with the gun spent almost an hour praying with the people who would become his victims. Then he opened fire.

Nine died. Three lived. One was injured. The man drove away in a black 2000 Hyundai Elantra GS, South Carolina tag LGF330.

The historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, a congregation formed in 1816 and of such prominence that the faithful revere it as "Mother Emanuel," was left to tend to its despondent children.

Fourteen hours after the shooting, 250 miles away in Shelby, N.C., a florist who had heard about the mass killing and the 21-year-old suspected of carrying it out spotted the Hyundai on Thursday morning and called police.

Dylann Storm Roof was pulled over. He didn't resist arrest.

"In America we don't let bad people like this get away with this dastardly deed," Charleston Mayor Joe Riley said.

• The shooter worshipped with the victims before opening fire.

• Father gave suspect Dylann Roof a gun as a birthday present.

• The suspect displayed white supremacist symbols on his clothing and license plate.

• State court records show a pending felony drug case and a past misdemeanor trespassing charge against the suspect.

• U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said the Justice Department has begun a hate crime investigation.

State Sen. Pinckney among the victims

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Ordained at 18 and elected at 23, the late pastor and state Sen. Clementa Pinckney spent a lifetime lending his booming voice to the voiceless, friends and colleagues say.

In both professions, the Beaufort native and Lowcountry legislator kept the people he served in focus at all times.

Whether it was preaching from the pulpit on Easter Sunday or supporting police body camera legislation on the floor S.C. Senate, Pinckney's voice carried a weight that was heard and respected by all, they said.

"He was inspiring," said Emory Campbell, a renowned Gullah leader whose children grew up with Pinckney. "He had a voice that pierced the ears. He had a deep voice that would definitely awaken the congregation."

But that voice — and the voices of eight others in his congregation — were silenced Wednesday night.

• Felt called to preach at age 13

• Received his first appointment as pastor at age 18

• Elected to the State House at age 23

• Remembered as a "voice for the voiceless"

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