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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Associated Press:** Mourners recall Charleston church victims at service

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Bruce Smith

South Carolina's governor somberly held up programs from the funerals of the victims of the Charleston church shootings, saying Friday during a memorial service that the faith of those victims showed how to heal in the aftermath of still another mass shooting. "As for me, I will forever know that there are angels on Earth," said Gov. Nikki Haley during a three-hour service that was alternately somber and then punctuated by joyous singing. Friday was the anniversary of the shooting deaths of nine black parishioners during a Bible study at Emanuel AME Church. A white man, Dylann Roof, faces charges in both state and federal courts and prosecutors in each are seeking the death penalty. Haley, who attended the funerals of all the victims, said she got to know the families of both those who were killed and the three survivors in the days and weeks following the shootings.

**Associated Press:** The Latest: Governor thinks of church victims daily

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0dM1S7hY](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0dM1S7hY)

SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says the shootings at Emanuel AME Church changed the state. But she says for her it's not about an anniversary because she thinks of the victims every day. Haley attended the funerals of the nine people killed in the shootings and she told those gathered for a communitywide service Friday she keeps the funeral programs as a daily reminder. She said she has gotten to know the families and learn about the victims. In moving remarks during the service, she held up each funeral program and shared a remembrance of each. She said after the massacre in South Carolina instead of protests there were vigils and instead of protests there were hugs. Friday is the anniversary of the shootings in which nine parishioners were killed and three wounded during a Bible study.

**The State:** 'Don't forget these people,' Haley says on Emanuel anniversary

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article84288517.html>

Sarah Ellis

In the same arena where the beloved pastor-senator Clementa Pinckney was memorialized almost a year ago, hundreds came together Friday to remember Pinckney and the eight lives that were taken with his in the massacre at Charleston's Mother Emanuel AME Church on June 17, 2015. To the survivors of the shooting and the families of the victims, "anniversaries don't mean anything," S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley said at a memorial service Friday morning a block from where the Emanuel Nine were murdered in their sacred space. "They're living this each and every day. It is our job as a people to prove to them that June 17 was not in vain." Haley spoke personally of each the nine who were killed – Pinckney, the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Cynthia Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, Tywanza Sanders, the Rev. Daniel Simmons, the Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton and Myra Thompson – and the three who survived when a racist gunman brought terror upon their Wednesday night Bible study a year ago.

**ABC News 4:** Gov. Haley: Don't forget the survivors, they are proof angels walk on Earth

<http://abcnews4.com/news/emanuel-ame-shooting/latest-on-anniversary-of-tragedy-charleston-pauses-to-remember>

Sam Tyson

Charleston paused to remember the nine people killed last June at Emanuel AME Church in mass shooting during a Wednesday night Bible study. Gov. Nikki Haley struggled at times during her remarks at the worship service for Emanuel AME (WATCH VIDEO), showing the congregation each of the programs she picked up at nine funerals for the victims there. Haley says she spent time learning about each of the victims, going deeper than their names. But she also urged people not to forget those who did not die in the shooting. She says they are proof that real angels walk on Earth. Haley said Polly Sheppard, Felicia Sanders, and Sanders' granddaughter have spent the last year teaching her what true courage is. "I can't imagine the challenges they continue to go through," she said. "I don't know why God said it's not your time, but if you meet these women you'll understand why. There's more they will do for us."

### **Emanuel AME Shooting Anniversary:**

**White House Blog:** Never Forget: We are Charleston

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/06/17/never-forget-we-are-charleston>

Valerie Jarrett

In times of tragedy, all too often fear prevails as hope fades and our hearts drown in sorrow. This is the cyclical trend of hopelessness brought on by our nation's epidemic of senseless gun violence. Each time one life is lost, we as a nation lose a piece of ourselves. That tragic evening a year ago in Charleston at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Church was no different. But instead of sorrow, the community responded to wicked violent murders with "amazing grace" as President Obama said at Rev Clementa Pickney's funeral. Let's never forget those nine victims who welcomed a stranger into their church with open arms. Let's never forget their families, resilience, courage, strength, faith, and love - even toward the perpetrator. Let's never forget how our American community came together to support our brothers and sisters in Charleston. As a nation, we cried for their suffering, honored their lives, and as President Obama noted, challenged ourselves, even in the midst of our sadness, "To see where we've been blind." We came together to make clear how the Confederate flag has been a "reminder of systematic oppression and racial subjugation." We were reminded of how gun violence inflicts a "unique mayhem" on our nation. The tragedy spotlighted how past injustices continue to shape our present actions. And the encouraging call of South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley to take down the Confederate flag from the state's capitol was part of an incredible moment of national unity.

**Greenville News:** Hundreds gather to remember Charleston church shooting victims

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/17/hundreds-gather-remember-charleston-church-shooting-victims/86027156/>

Tim Smith

One year after a white gunman shot to death eight black parishioners and their pastor at a historic black church here, hundreds gathered Friday to sing, pray and remember those who died. At an ecumenical service at the TD Arena in downtown Charleston, officials including Gov. Nikki Haley and U.S. Sen. Tim Scott talked of the tragedy at Mother Emanuel AME Church nearby and celebrated the lives of the victims and the three survivors. President Barack Obama, who last year came to the arena to deliver the eulogy for Sen. Clementa Pinckney, the pastor of Emanuel who lost his life in the shootings, sent a message to those gathered for Friday's service.

**Reuters:** Memorial service marks a year after Charleston, S.C., church massacre

<http://mobile.reuters.com/article/idUSKCN0Z31NJ>

Harriet McLeod

The city of Charleston came together on Friday for a memorial and other events to mark the first anniversary of the murders of nine members of a Bible study group in what prosecutors called a

racially motivated hate crime. The events were made even more poignant coming less than a week after a gunman slaughtered 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, marking the largest of many mass shootings in modern U.S. history. A stage at Charleston's TD Arena was fronted by banner portraits of each of the nine victims from the rampage at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, including its slain minister and state Senator Clementa Pinckney. Hymns were led by a 100-member choir and a minister prayed for the Charleston and Orlando victims, as well as for the soul of the accused church shooter, Dylann Roof.

**Note:** South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley showed the programs from nine funerals she has kept since last summer, and spoke about faith and each victim. She recalled how they welcomed Roof and prayed with him for an hour before they were killed. "Tywanza Sanders stood in front of his 87-year-old aunt and looked the murderer in the eye and said, 'You don't have to do this. We mean you no harm,'" Haley told the congregation. "I will always talk about these people who changed my life."

**Post and Courier:** Our archived coverage of the ecumenical service for Emanuel AME Church victims

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160617/PC16/160619496>

Abigail Darlington, Deanna Pan, and Paul Bowers

Editor's note: This story is a compilation of tweets and messages from the Emanuel AME Church service at the TD Arena today. Check back for more coverage later today.

**WCSC:** Memorial service held in Charleston to remember Emanuel 9

<http://www.live5news.com/story/32248546/memorial-service-held-in-charleston-to-remember-emanuel-9>

Georgiaree Godfrey

Emanuel. It's the Hebrew word meaning "God is With Us." Even though we are remembering the lives of the nine victims killed inside historic Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, speakers at Friday's service say "God is With Us," while the community continues to heal and move forward from the tragedy. The memorial service marked one year since the church members were gunned down during their Bible study. It comes just days after 49 innocent people were killed in Orlando, so security at the service was extra heavy. Safety was provided by local law enforcement, such as Charleston Police and the sheriff's office, as well as state and federal agencies like the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and even the Secret Service. K9 units were also there to assist officers with bag checks. The arena was even swept for bombs before people were allowed inside.

**USA Today:** Sens. Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott honor victims of Charleston church shooting

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2016/06/16/sens-lindsey-graham-tim-scott-honor-victims-charleston-church-shooting/85980934/>

Mary Troyan

South Carolina's senators marked the anniversary of last year's Charleston, S.C., church shooting with stirring speeches Thursday that honored the nine victims and recognized the grace and forgiveness shown by their families. "We were all in a state of shock," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said of the June 17, 2015, tragedy at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. "And what woke us up was the way the families behaved... when they channeled their grief into something constructive." Within hours of Dylann Roof's arrest in the shootings, the family members publicly offered the suspect their forgiveness. "They reminded us of what humanity is all about," Graham said. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., connected the anniversary of the Charleston tragedy with last weekend's shooting in Florida, where a gunman killed 49 people inside a nightclub in Orlando. "As Orlando mourns and Charleston remembers... we can show how love overcame hate," Scott said in his remarks on the floor.

**Atlanta Black Star:** 'I'm Just Not Ready to Forgive.' One Family Member Reflects on Charleston Massacre a Year Later

<http://atlantablackstar.com/2016/06/17/im-just-not-ready-to-forgive-one-family-member-reflects-on-charleston-massacre-a-year-later/>

Shaundra Selvaggi

One year ago today, nine worshipers were callously executed during an evening Bible study at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Dylann Roof, a then 21-year-old white nationalist, sat and prayed with the unsuspecting parishioners for an hour before opening fire, killing six women and three men. The world watched in awe as relatives of the victims stood before the gunman at a bond hearing two days later, and one-by-one offered forgiveness and prayer. "I forgive you," said Nadine Collier, daughter of 70-year-old Ethel Lance. "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."

**WIS:** Leaders still pledge action on gun control on Emanuel AME anniversary

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32249170/leaders-still-pledge-action-on-gun-control-on-emanuel-ame-anniversary>

Jack Kuenzie

While many in Charleston and around the state were paying tribute to the fallen at Mother Emanuel and promising to maintain their memories, some also spoke of changes still needed. Among those changes, tougher restrictions on gun sales. We are still only a few days down the road from the Pulse nightclub massacre as we come up on the one-year anniversary of the Emanuel Nine killings. But both cases prompt the same unanswered question: What, if anything, can be done to avoid the next mass murder?

**WLTx:** Pastor: 'Have Mercy on Dylann Roof'

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/pastor-have-mercy-on-dylann-roof/247418252>

Friday's tribute to the victim's of the shootings at Mother Emanuel AME Church began with a call for mercy for the person perhaps least likely to have been mentioned during the service: Dylann Roof. Rev. Dr. Juenarri Keith gave the invocation for the service being held at TD Ameritrade Arena in Charleston to honor the nine victims on the one-year anniversary of the tragedy. During the prayer, he asked for guidance and healing for the families, but also mentioned Roof, the man charged with the murders of the church members. "Have mercy upon the soul and the life of young Dylann Roof," Keith told the crowd. Some in the crowd could be heard saying "Amen," and clapping after his statement.

## Orlando Shooting News:

**Associated Press:** Orlando tourism: No mass cancellations now but future unsure

<http://bigstory.ap.org/6c8402668a2641799af0edb98f5d00ce>

Beth J. Harpaz

Experts say it's too soon to gauge whether a week of horrific news out of Orlando will hurt tourism there. But travel agents are not seeing widespread cancellations, and many travelers say they're committed to visiting. "I had more people worrying last year about, 'Should I postpone my trip because of Ebola?'" than are worried about going to Orlando, said Cindy Minor, owner of Small World Big Fun, a travel agency specializing in Disney vacations based in Little Rock, Arkansas. Orlando has been rocked in the past week by three events: the mass murder of 49 people in a nightclub, the fatal shooting of singer Christina Grimmie after a concert, and a 2-year-old killed by an alligator at a Disney World resort lagoon. It remains to be seen whether the bad news will shake Orlando's status as the top tourist destination in the U.S., with 66 million visitors in 2015.

## SC Political News:

**Post and Courier:** Rep. Jim Clyburn on Bill O'Reilly's 'slap' comment: 'Tolerating haters is the story of my life'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160617/PC1603/160619476>

Emma Dumain



The day after Fox News pundit Bill O'Reilly said he wanted to "slap" U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn for his position on the nation's gun laws, the South Carolina Democrat offered a withering reply. "Tolerating haters is the story of my life," Clyburn said in a statement to The Post and Courier Friday. The third most senior House Democrat and highest-ranking black lawmaker in Congress, Clyburn grew up in the segregated South. He was heavily involved in the civil rights movement and has countless stories to share of his confrontations with racially motivated hatred and violence.

## **SC Agency News:**

**Post and Courier:** DSS promotes program for dads

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160617/PC16/160619483>

Lauren Sausser

Two days before Father's Day, the Department of Social Services announced it will strengthen its partnership with the nonprofit S.C. Center for Fathers and Families. The program, free for participants, offers "education and services tailored for fathers trying to rebuild their lives and their families," according to a DSS press release. With a \$3.9 million federal investment, it will expand from 16 counties to the entire state. Some fathers volunteer for the program, although more than half have been court-ordered to participate. It helps them set goals and spend time with their children.

## **SC Elections:**

**Sun News:** Politician accused of bribery-related crime challenges election loss

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/politics-government/article84409242.html>

Audrey Hudson

Dick Withington is challenging the results in one of two Republican primary races he lost in Horry County Tuesday claiming that negative publicity prior to Election Day cost him the campaign for the 4th district county council seat. Withington was arrested in March on a bribery-related charge after he accepted money during an undercover sting operation, that was prompted by an email he sent to several Horry County councilmen including his opponent, asking for "maybe \$20,000" to "drop out of the race," the incident report said. The 73-year-old Myrtle Beach man filed the protest Thursday with the Horry County Republican Party claiming "irregularities" that were instigated by his opponent, Horry County Councilman Gary Loftus. Loftus won his reelection bid with 73 percent of the vote compared to Withington's 27 percent.

## **South Carolina News:**

**Associated Press:** SC unemployment inches downward in May to 5.6 percent

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=67q3272u](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=67q3272u)

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South Carolina's unemployment rate has fallen slightly in the last month. The Department of Employment and Workforce said Friday the state's jobless rate was 5.6 percent in May. That's down from 5.8 percent in April. Officials say the number of people working in South Carolina reached a record level last month, at more than 2.18 million people. The number of unemployed people dropped nearly 4,500, to 129,000. Together, the education and construction sectors grew by 3,000 jobs last month. Government jobs also went up by 700 positions.

**Post and Courier:** South Carolina's jobless rate fell in May

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160617/PC05/160619495>

John McDermott

The state unemployment jobless rate declined last month to 5.6 percent from 5.8 percent in April as more workers found jobs, new figures show. The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce said Friday that the number of people employed increased by almost 3,000 in May to more than 2.18 million. Meanwhile, the ranks of the unemployed fell by nearly 4,500 over the month to 129,802 while

the size of the labor force, which includes people who are out of work but looking for jobs, declined by 1,500 to 2.31 million. Nationally, the unemployment rate for May fell from 5 percent to 4.7 percent as many people left the labor force.

## **Local News:**

**Associated Press:** Severe storms cut power to 35,000 around Columbia

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SC State Wire

Strong, rapidly developing thunderstorms have left tens of thousands of people without power in Columbia. The storms began developing around 1:30 p.m. Friday, bringing wind gusts of up to 60 mph, hail and frequent lightning to Richland and Lexington counties. South Carolina Electric & Gas had about 35,000 power outages reported at the peak of the storms Friday afternoon, with almost all of them in Richland County. Police reported traffic lights out all over Columbia. The National Weather Service says the storms are moving south and east toward the coast and issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch has been issued for the southern half of South Carolina.

**Post and Courier:** Weather Service: Thunderstorms 'extremely dangerous situation'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160617/PC16/160619497>

Thad Moore

The thunderstorms rolling into Charleston are "extremely dangerous," the National Weather Service said, warning people to stay inside Friday afternoon. The strong storms were producing wind gusts as strong as 60 mph and penny-size hail as they approached the region, the Weather Service said. Hail and "widespread" wind damage is likely, and lightning from the storms were "continuous." "This is an extremely dangerous situation. These storms are producing widespread wind damage across parts of central South Carolina when they moved through earlier," the National Weather Service said in a statement. "Seek shelter inside a sturdy structure and stay away from windows!"

**The State:** Scattered hail, strong winds around Columbia as afternoon thunderstorm roars into town

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article84403287.html>

Clif Leblanc

At its height, more than 32,000 were without power as an afternoon thunderstorm with gusts as strong as 58 mph also brought hail and property damage to metropolitan Columbia Friday, authorities said. As of 4:30 p.m., SCE&G reported outages in Richland and Lexington counties at just under 16,000. But the worst of the storm, triggered by a cold front, had passed by 2:35 p.m., said Doug Anderson of the National Weather Service. Still, thunderstorms will might plague the southern reaches of metropolitan Columbia until about 4:30, he said.

**Post and Courier:** Reward in death of tourist killed in North Charleston climbs to nearly \$40,000

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160617/PC16/160619481>

Dave Munday

The reward to find out who killed a tourist outside a North Charleston hotel last month has climbed to nearly \$40,000. Crime Stoppers on Thursday announced a \$9,500 reward for tips leading to an arrest in the murder of Barri Shank, a bank executive from the Cleveland area who was fatally shot around 12:30 a.m. May 30 outside the Hyatt Place Airport/Convention Center. The North Charleston Police Department is offering an additional \$30,000 reward. That reward is being advertised on electronic billboards on Interstate 26 and Interstate 56.

**Post and Courier:** City to consider tougher rules for new downtown hotels

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160617/PC16/160619441>

Diane Knich

Charleston City Council Tuesday will consider changing the ordinance for new downtown hotels to make it less likely tourist lodging will replace permanent housing, office space and ground-floor

shops, says city planning director Jacob Lindsey. City staffers for the past 90 days have been studying whether the city should make changes in the way it regulates new downtown hotel development, and if so, what those changes should be, Lindsey said. The study was done at the request of City Council. He will make a presentation on the results to council Tuesday, he said, then the group could take an initial vote on whether to implement the changes.

**Post and Courier:** Charleston's port, manufacturing growth lures warehouse, transportation businesses

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160617/PC05/160619444>

David Wren

A company that provides warehouse space and logistics for those moving cargo through the Port of Charleston is expanding its presence here while a separate business that moves freight for port customers is setting up shop in the Charleston region. Wainwright Industries/TVS Supply Chain Solutions said it will build a 212,000-square-foot facility in Hanahan to better serve industries such as forestry products — one of the State Ports Authority's largest customers, accounting for 15 percent of the maritime agency's cargo volume.

**Post and Courier:** Patriots Point expects income to rise \$1M next year in \$14.6M spending plan

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160617/PC05/160619475>

Warren L. Wise

Led by increased revenue from admissions, Patriots Point expects its income to rise by nearly \$1 million over the next 12 months. The Mount Pleasant naval and maritime museum, anchored by the World War II-era aircraft carrier Yorktown as the centerpiece attraction, projects total spending will rise to just about \$14.6 million, or nearly 6 percent higher than last year. The new budget, approved Friday by the Patriots Point Development Authority board, starts July 1. Part of the higher revenue will come from an increase in admission fees that took effect in May. The price for an adult at Patriots Point is now \$22, \$2 higher than this time last year. The price for overnight campers, one of the agency's principal sources of income, also rose by \$2 this past spring.

## National News:

**Associated Press:** Trump battleground plan relies on skeptical GOP leaders

<http://bigstory.ap.org/3e0b835d1255450484415b0d20df2996>

Thomas Beaumont and Steve Peoples

His campaign riled by infighting and Republican revolt, Donald Trump is working to address a battleground state staffing shortage that highlights his reliance on a skeptical GOP establishment. The New York billionaire has slowly begun to add paid staff in a handful of swing states — Wisconsin and Iowa, among them — even as campaign officials concede the presumptive presidential nominee has little desire or capacity to construct the kind of massive national operation that has come to define modern-day White House campaigns. Trump plans instead to depend upon the national Republican Party to lead state-based efforts on his behalf, while Democrat Hillary Clinton has had an army of staff dedicated specifically to her campaign in general election battlegrounds for months.

## World News:

**Associated Press:** Iraq says most of Fallujah retaken from IS militants

<http://bigstory.ap.org/62c713b3e8d346a6a1b2c17f37097df5>

Qassim Abdul Zahra

Iraqi special forces swept into Fallujah on Friday, recapturing most of the city as the Islamic State group's grip crumbled after weeks of fighting. Thousands of trapped residents took advantage of the militants' retreat to flee, some swimming across the Euphrates River to safety. Residents described harrowing escapes even after IS fighters abandoned some checkpoints that had them bottled up in the city. On the river, some boats packed with people overturned in the water. Others picked their

way down roads laced with hidden bombs that killed several. In some cases, IS allowed people to leave only if they took the jihadis' families with them. After weeks of heavy battles since the offensive began in late May, it appeared that IS defenses in much of the city collapsed abruptly.

**Associated Press:** Russian track and field athletes banned from Rio Games

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9c73820f947f47d0943d4304e7126ec5>

Nesha Starcevic and Stephen Wilson

Russia's track and field athletes will be banned from competing for their country at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics after a landmark decision Friday that punished the sports powerhouse for a systematic doping system that operated "from the top down" and tainted the entire team. In an unprecedented ruling loaded with geopolitical ramifications, the IAAF upheld its ban on Russia's track and field federation, saying the country had made some progress in cleaning up but failed to meet the requirements for reinstatement and would be barred from sending its athletes to the Rio Games that begin in 50 days. "Russian athletes could not credibly return to international competition without undermining the confidence of their competitors and the public," IAAF President Sebastian Coe said.

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