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Khalid Griggs, a Circle member who has led the mosque for more than 30 years. "The service itself will be composed of remembrances and reflections, but these reflections are sort of geared more towards making here and now a better place and looking towards the future."

The event is deliberately being staged at the mosque to show faith leaders' support of their Muslim brethren, who have suffered heightened discrimination and scrutiny in a post 9-11 world, organizers say.

"This Circle of Friends as a collective felt that this is something that would be meaningful for us as well as for our communities," said Rabbi Josh Brown of Temple Emanuel. "We need to live out the values that we feel would prevent these types of tragedies from happening, and those values are getting to know each other as friends. We all felt that the appropriate way to observe the tragedy of Sept. 11 was to do relationship building across as many boundaries as we can."

Rev. Kelly Carpenter, pastor of Green Street Church, is among the local faith leaders who are encouraging their congregations to take part in the service.

"As a congregation, we have a commitment to being part of any interfaith efforts in the community," said Carpenter, who has led the multi-racial congregation since 2000. "I really wanted to make sure that my congregation was participating in a 9-11 ceremony that was not just flag waving but was really going to be challenging us to break down some barriers that have arisen."

Griggs says attitudes towards Muslims have worsened in recent years, making interfaith events such as the service even more crucial.

"We are very fortunate as a Muslim community to



Rabbi Brown

have so many representatives in the local faith community who are willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with Muslims, just to signal to the larger community that we are not an ominous presence that needs to be isolated from the rest of the community," he said.

In addition to honoring the memory of the thousands of lives that were lost or ruined on that tragic day, Griggs and Brown are hopeful that the service's unified message will resonate with the broader community.

"We believe that peace is an achievable goal, but there have to be steps that are taken along the way," he commented. "...If the multi-faith community can come together around this divisive issue, then everything else should be a little easier, as far as working together."

Brown said the service is an opportunity for the local community to come together

in a cohesive effort to forge a better tomorrow.

"I think people should come out for the service if they're looking to reflect on the day, to look towards the next 10 years with a sense of hope and to really start building that hopeful plan by coming together on this anniversary," said Brown, who ironically will celebrate his 32nd birthday on 9-11. "It's not as hard as we think to find similarities in our neighbors."

"A Service of Remembrance and Reflection," will be held at Community Mosque of Winston-Salem, 1419 Waightown St., on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. The City of Winston-Salem will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks during a special program scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Fire Chief Antony Farmer will speak. Salem College, Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem State University will hold a Day of Service and Remembrance, which will culminate with a program at the WSSU Clock Tower at 4:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. that evening, Wake Forest University will hold a 9-11 Remembrance in Wait Chapel. The program will include music, dance, reflection, readings and drama.

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The Road to Devotion

Let's all get On the Same Page with this year's community read selection, *The Road to Devotion* by local author Cameron Kent.

The Road to Devotion chronicles the lives of two women on the eve of the Civil War, one a white woman struggling to carve out a living on her farm, the other a runaway slave. As events and circumstances unfold, their lives become intertwined in a journey of discovery, respect and surmounting fears as they discover that, as children of God, they are more alike than different.

Join us for the kick-off of **On the Same Page** featuring *The Road to Devotion* at the **BOOKMARKS Festival of Books**, Saturday, September 10th Sixth and on Trade streets in downtown Winston-Salem.

Schedule of Events

September 10

Kick-off at BOOKMARKS Festival of Books
 10:00 - 5:00 pm, Downtown Sixth & Trade streets

Cameron Kent at Young Readers Central
 11:00-11:30 am. Storytime in English and Spanish

Author and historian Joseph Glatthaar speaks on Black troops in the Civil War at the Urban League
 2:15 pm to 1:00 pm.

The Road to Devotion author Cameron Kent at the Main Stage
 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm

Cameron Kent at the Downtown Middle School, author of the children's book Make Me Disappear
 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm.

Visit our **On The Same Page** booth and pick up information about OTSP programs

For the full schedule of author appearances and speakers at **BOOKMARKS** check their website at www.bookmarksbookfestival.org

September 17

The Civil War and its Aftermath with Joanna Catherine Scott, author of the historical novel *The Road to Chapel Hill* - 10:30 am, Walkertown Branch Library.

September 20

Slavery in the Piedmont. NC Museum of History curator and archivist Earl Ijames will present artifacts from the 1860's and discuss life for blacks and creoles in the Piedmont. 1:00 pm, Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center.

September 24

The Road to Devotion - From Ideate to Publication. Cameron Kent, publisher Kevin Watson and cover artist Benita VanWinkle discuss how *The Road to Devotion* was conceived, researched, written and edited and the collaboration between all three. 1:00 pm, Central Library Auditorium.

September 26

Book Making with Artist Benita VanWinkle. The artist will discuss the process of designing and creating artistic books. 7:00 pm, Reynolda Manor Branch Library.

September 30

"Phoebe and Rose of Salem." Dramatic re-enactment of enslaved black women who lived in Old Salem in the 1860's. Based on actual characters. 4:00 pm, Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center.

October 1

Write with Courage and Devotion (Writing Workshop) Break through your fears and bring your story to life. No experience necessary. Bring paper and pen. Presented by award-winning writer Jennifer Stevenson. 10:30 am, Kernersville Branch Library.

October 9

Civil War 150-The War as Seen From Home. Local historian Fam Brownlee of the Library's NC Room discusses life in the towns of Winston and Salem leading to the outbreak of war in 1861. 1:30 pm, Central Library Auditorium.

October 15

Cameron Kent at Old Salem. Reading from *The Road to Devotion* in conjunction with Old Salem's Harvest Day celebration. Book signing to follow. (Free event, however there is a fee for other Harvest Day events.) 11:30 am. St. Phillips Church, Old Salem.

October 16

Music of the Antebellum South. On the Same Page finale event. Great entertainment, light refreshments. Performances by Bob Carlin who will perform music circa the 1860's and Voices of God's Children who will perform Negro spirituals from the period. 2:00 pm, Community Arts Café, (411 W. Fourth Street, Winston-Salem.)

Join author Cameron Kent as special guest at these events

Barnes & Noble Book Store - September 20 at 7:00 pm.
 Central Library, 4th Thursday Book Club - September 22 at 12:30 pm.
 Barnhill's Bookstore - October 5 at 11:00 am.
 Carver School Road Branch Library, Senergy Book Club - October 6 at 11:00 am.

Visit www.forsythlibrary.org for a listing of free movies that will be shown related to *The Road to Devotion* and the Civil War era.

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