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- Marines assault Wilmington man
- Southern Poverty Law Center takes its first gay case
- National LGBT march in DC

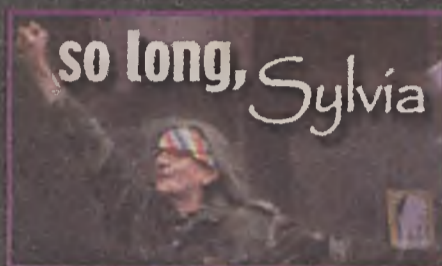
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## MCC-Charlotte gets high praise for its 22 years

Special guest, special services, and special events highlight Church's weekend celebration

by David Stout

Over the weekend of February 8-10, the Metropolitan Community Church of Charlotte celebrated its 22nd anniversary with special services, special fundraisers and one very special guest.

Rev. Elder Troy Perry, the founder of the worldwide Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, presided over the weekend's offerings.

He was the featured guest at a UNC-C-sponsored public reception highlighted by a screening of *God, Gays and the Gospel*, a 30-minute videotape on the early struggles and triumphs of Rev. Perry and his future fellowship. After the film, Perry took questions from the



Rev. Elder Troy Perry, founder UFMCC

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## Newly formed: SC Equality Coalition

21-member coalition represents dozens of LGBT groups in SC

by Sarah Lundy  
The Post and Courier

CHARLESTON, SC — Representatives of gay and lesbian organizations from across South Carolina met in Charleston and designed a three-year plan to help improve the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

This first-ever statewide group plans to call itself the South Carolina Equality Coalition — made up of delegates and observers from numerous LGBT organizations, clergy, PFLAG and AIDS services groups.

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## Black Church Week of Prayer for Healing of AIDS: March 3-9

RALEIGH, NC — March 3-9, 2002 marks the thirteenth national anniversary of the week-long event designed to educate and mobilize African American churches to become community centers for HIV prevention, treatment, education and compassionate care.

Although great strides have been made in the fight against AIDS, the African American community continues to be disproportionately affected and infected by HIV/AIDS. Since 1995, churches in Wake and Durham counties have come together for Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS to call attention to the crisis HIV/AIDS has created in the African American community.

The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS brings attention to the role African American churches can play in the AIDS crisis. The African American Church continues to be the cornerstone of its surrounding community. As headquarters for disseminating information on issues of health, politics and social change, the African American Church plays a central role in the lives of most African Americans.



Given this, and considering the proliferation of AIDS cases in African American communities, it is essential that religious organizations lead the struggle to stop the spread of the disease.

All events are open to the public and will feature presentations by local residents living with HIV/AIDS.

Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS events are sponsored by the Alliance of

AIDS Services-Carolina in partnership with local African American Faith Communities.

There are many area churches taking part, please contact Alliance of AIDS Services or go online for more details.

### info: Schedule of Events

Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina 919-212-9450  
www.aas-c.org/aasc/events.html

## Senator is finally ashamed of something ...

Jesse Helms regrets not getting in the AIDS fight sooner.

by Leah D. Sepsenwol

Maybe he forgot. He was in the fight from the very beginning. He fought the victims, the caregivers and the Congress.

Helms spoke recently in Washington, DC at "The Prescription for Hope" International Christian AIDS Conference, organized by Franklin Graham's world relief charity, Samaritan's Purse.

He said, "I have been too lax too long in doing something really significant about AIDS." He promised it will be on his agenda until he retires next year. "I am not going to lay it aside for the remaining months I have in office."

For twenty of his thirty Senate years he blamed the dead and dying for the disease.



Senator Jesse Helms says about African AIDS funding, "I am so very ashamed that I have done so little."

This time he did not mention homosexuals, but said "There is no substitute for the joy

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