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Chapel Service to Pray for America

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More than one hundred students and staff filled the chapel for the service that was held on Wednesday, September 12 in memoriam of the terrorist attack against the United States. Yellow ribbons pinned on their shirts served as painful reminders of the victims from the unexpected attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Among those present were President Elton Hendricks and wife, as well as Dean of Students George Blanc and wife.

Associate Dean of Students William Walker was also present. Walker stood before the students and staff and read a familiar message of peace from the Bible.

Campus Minister Benjamin Wells delivered the difficult sermon. He mentioned that words were hard to come by that properly and fully dealt with the situation. His message echoed that of Walker's - peace.

Across the campus, city,

country, and even the world, people have resorted on their faith for answers and comfort in order to deal with situation. Local churches across the city and country have opened their doors holding prayer services.

Some people have gone seeking peace, others were looking for answers, and everyone seems to be reaching out for comfort of one type or another. These are familiar reasons that so many people have turned towards the religious community.

"There is very little that you can say in this situation. It's hard to find the right words. That's why we should rely on the words of God," said Wells in his sermon.

In a moving story, Wells told his captive audience of an account experienced by a schoolteacher near the World Trade Center region. The story goes that at nine o'clock Tuesday night, the same night the attacks occurred, the teacher was still with over 90 school children in the school



Chapel service for students in light of the tragic events.

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gymnasium. The students were waiting on parents to pick them up from school. Some of the parents never came.

That story was used by Wells to illustrate his point that the attacks were more than just

a terrorist attack on our freedom. He said that it was an attack on our friends, our family, and our people. In a very real sense it was an attack on our faith, causing us to seek for answers that we cannot find.

Wells left the students and staff with words of peace and hope.

"We have to put our faith and trust in God. We can mourn the victims of this tragedy, but we do not mourn without hope."

MC Students Assist the Red Cross Effort

By Mike Carpentier
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On Tuesday, September 11, America's foundation was shaken by terrorism.

Casualties in Washington, DC and New York stretched the nation's blood supply dangerously thin. A desperate nationwide search began for donors.

Look no further than the Methodist College campus to find part of the answer to this dilemma.

According to George Blanc, dean of students, a blood drive on an average day on campus garners about 20 to 25 donors throughout the course of the day. This



Giving blood for the victims.

Jessica Harkinson

was no normal day. Students, staff, and faculty gathered in

the Bern's Center to help solve our nation's blood

shortage crisis.

Bob Ziegler, executive director of the Highlands Chapter of the Red Cross, stated that the workers anticipated about 30 people, but brought 90 bags as a precaution. However, even bringing three times the amount of bags normally needed did not answer the demand.

Soon the workers had a list of 106 donors signed. The Red Cross was forced to begin turning away some of the volunteers.

Ziegler stated that almost 10% of prospective donors discovered that they are unable to donate after completing the necessary paperwork,

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Reuters Photo

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat donates blood in Gaza hospital September 12, 2001, for the victims of the terrorist attacks in the United States. REUTERS/Ahmed Jadallah

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