

## 9/11 REMEMBERED

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On September 11, 2001 America woke up to what was supposed to be just another day. Nobody knew of the world-changing event that was about to happen. At 8:45 a.m. Eastern time, a Boeing passenger jet slammed into one of the World Trade Center buildings. Footage of the burning building interrupted every news channel around the globe while the majority of the people thought it likely just another aviation accident.

Fifteen minutes later, millions watched in horror as another plane crashed into the second tower of the World Trade Center. Some stated they could feel coldness in the air.

Today marks the two year anniversary of the disastrous terrorist attacks on New York and Washing-

ton D.C. that killed over 3,000 people. Now, as America tries to heal and move past the tragedy, all it takes is a

sudden picture or clip on the television to bring back the pain of that terrible day. It is indeed still in the back of all

American's minds and it has instilled a new sense of patriotism and vigilance in most people.

The families of the thousands that perished that day still struggle with the loss of their loved ones and hope that justice is served.

Two years later, more time is

needed to repair the damage that was brutally inflicted on the nation. Since 9-11-01 the U.S. has gone to



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New York City view from the Empire State Building one year after 9/11.

war in two countries, Afghanistan and Iraq. American companies have laid off an estimated 2 million workers and the economy is in shambles. The repercussions of the terrorist attacks still echo around the world.

Still, Americans have remained strong and have shown an escalation of newfound pride and patriotism. This upswell of emotions may be what it takes to bring this country back to normal. The patriotism fueled by the original feelings of terror help pressure the U.S. government to address these issues and to make them right and just.

Americans are more aware of what is going on in the world and at home today. Now people spend more time watching the news and reading the newspaper than ever before.

As we look back at that horrific day, Americans will never be the same. Sure, it may take years to rebuild the travel and tourism industry. Employment may continue to fall. The fear will always remain. But now Americans have a new reason to be united in the face of the world, which in itself is a great American accomplishment.

## Methodist College Welcomes the New Academic Dean

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On July 1, 2003, Dr. Philip Williams entered his job as the new Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, filling the vacancy left by Dr. Tony DeLapa when he announced his retirement last spring. Dr. Williams has already developed a fondness for his new position. "I love it here," he says. "Every day I get excited about the

future here at Methodist College."

Dr. Williams came to Methodist College after leaving his previous position at Gardner-Webb University, which is in the western part of North Carolina. He decided to leave Gardner-Webb after the President of that university tried to change the grade of



photo by Champ Champion

Dr. Philip Williams

one of the star players on the school's basketball team.

The Board of Trustees at Gardner-Webb demoted Dr. Williams from his position as Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs in the fall of 2002 after he took a controver-

sial stand against the actions of the President in the grade-changing scandal. It was then that Dr. Williams decided to look elsewhere for employment. "I wanted to go to a place where academic integrity was valued," he says. That is when he decided to apply for the position at Methodist.

Both the educational background and the work experiences of Dr. Williams are numerous and varied. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and

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