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## In midst of tragedy, locals turn to the church

#### Area Red Cross offices swamped with people wanting to help fellow Americans

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Hopeless was a word many Americans used Tuesday to describe the unreality and uncertainty felt as a result of terrorist attacks on U.S. landmarks. Many people, here and around the country, tried to regain their hope and optimism in the sanctuaries of churches. For many, the church was the safest place to be amid the mass confusion and ugliness of this week.

Goler Memorial AME Zion Church answered the needs of residents by scheduling an unprecedented three services Tuesday, including a midnight service where prayers were made for those

who died, and church-goers hung onto the promise of better tomor-

People have been hurting and many have very mixed feelings,' said the Rev. Seth O. Lartey, pastor of the church.

Lartey said many people were saddened and very angry at the same time and came to the church in hopes that their emotions could be sorted out.

Lartey said the church will continue in the weeks ahead to be the rock that many depend on it to be. Other services are scheduled and a vigil will take place in the near future, he said.

People just need hope at this

Lartey is also scheduled to take

part in a massive prayer service tomorrow at Grace United Community Church. The service is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will fea-ture a racially diverse group of ministers. The church's pastor, Joseph Parks, called The Chroni-cle Tuesday from a Kansas City airport after air travel was abruptly canceled. Parks expressed sad-ness and hoped that Friday's event will draw people from all over the city, regardless of the normal barriers that usually separate residents.

A special service was held at Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church Tuesday night as well, drawing hundreds of locals. The kept up its prayers for peace and resolution Wednesday

during its regular midday service.

As the Rev. Sheldon McCarter, the church's pastor, spoke about the tragedy and the need for people to be aligned with the spirit of God, some in the packed sanctuary cried uncontrollably. Others closed their eyes tightly and swayed gently in their seats.

"I want us to just pray for this nation," McCarter said. "I believe if the saints of God pray, we can turn back some stuff.

Non-Christians as well have been shaken by the events of this week. Imam Khalid Griggs, a local Muslim leader, expressed sadness over the attacks and wished the families of the victims the best. Words can hardly describe



Louise Duckett, left, shares a Bible with Cordelia Harris at Wednes day midday service at Greater Cleveland Avenue Church.

#### A&T is briefly renamed

Jordan University signs mark partnership between school and former Tarheel

FROM STAFF REPORTS

N.C. A&T State University was harder to find in Greensboro Monday. The many signs on the school's



campus that bear its name school

and as "Aggie Pride" slogans such Pride" were replaced by colorful signs proclaiming campus Jordan Uni-

Michael Jordan, that is, the NBA legend who

has deep roots here in North Caroli-

The school temporarily changed its name to celebrate a wide reaching agreement with Jordan Brand,

enced line of apparel and shoes.

The school is putting the final touches on an agreement with the company that will net A&T financial support and in-kind contributions from Jordan Brand,

The school was already one of five universities around the country whose athletic teams wear Jordan's items. The new agreement is cam-puswide. On Monday, Jordan apparel was passed out to members the student body. A barbecue, fashion show and concert were also held in order to tout the new agree-

We are pleased and very excited about this agreement with Jordan Brand to rename our university today," James Renick, A&T's chancellor, said. "Since my arrival here, I have consistently talked about constant change. This relationship with Jordan Brand will help propel the university into a unique status among educational institutions.

Parts of the agreement that were disclosed this week include:

· The Jordan Lecture Series, in which Jordan Brand will send a lecturer to the school each semester to discuss topics such as marketing.

· Jordan Book Fund, in which the Jordan Brand will provide more than \$1,000 for the fund, which will be administered by the univer-

 Jordan Intern, in which a stu Jordan Intern, in which a stu Jordan Intern, in which a student from A&T will be allowed to participate in Nike's internship pro-

# Help from Friends

WAAA fans hold rally to help historic station find its voice again

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Roberta Jackson's fondest memory of 980 Triple A radio has nothing to do with music or her favorite disc jockey. Jackson took advantage of one of the many community outreach programs the station organized over its half-century of existence.

For eight years, WAAA sponsored an annual bus trip to Myrtle Beach for underprivileged city residents, many of whom had never had an opportunity to see the ocean before. Jackson took advantage of the trips several

She shared her exciting memories of the beach outings Saturday at a fund-raiser for the beloved radio station, which shut down three months ago because of financial trouble.

"I want to say thank you very much," an emotional Jackson said to Mütter Evans, who, as the station's owner, made the beach trips possible. "I don't have much, but I plan to make my contribution.

Donations big and small were requested and gladly accepted at the fund-raiser, the latest in several grass-roots efforts to help the station raise enough money to buy a new location and a trans-

Nigel Alston - one of the



Mütter Evans receives a hug from a WAAA employee.

Friends of WAAA, a committee started by the station's supporters said that about \$100,000 is needed.

Friends of WAAA say the easiest way to help the station

rebound is for 980 people to contribute \$100.

"That would give us the money to get the station started again," Alston said.

Ser WAAA rally on A10

#### **Hundreds** attend funeral of Clark Samuel Brown Sr.

Funeral home owner was 90 years old

BY PAUL COLLINS

Hundreds of people attended the funeral Saturday morning of busi-nessman and civic leader Clark Samuel Brown Sr. He passed away Sept. 5 at his home

Brown was born June 9, 1911, in Roanoke, Va., a twin son of the late Rosa Lee Clark Brown and John Perry Brown. He was educated in the Roanoke public schools and furthered his education at New York City College and Renourard College of Embalming. He moved to Win-ston-Salem in 1930 and became the owner of Clark S. Brown and Sons Funeral Home.

He became a member of First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue, where he served as a Sunday school teacher, served as chairman of the trustees for many years and was named trustee emeritus at his time of

He was a member of the N.C. Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Association.

He served the Winston-Salem business, education and service-oriented community through memberships on various boards and committees - to mention a few: most worshipful grand master of Prince Hall Masons for 15 years; last charter member of the Psi Phi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.; boards of directors for the Chamber of Commerce, First Union National



Clark Brown speaks after receiving an award from a civic group several years ago.

Bank and the American Red Cross; commissioner of the Winston-Salem Housing Authority and the N.C. Board of Alcohol Control; board of governors of the University of North Carolina; trustee of Winston-Salem State University; active emeritus 33rd degree of the United Supreme Council AASRM Southern Jurisdiction, Salem Lodge 139; member of Sethos Temple 170, Meridian Chap-

turned in more than enough names to

Burke is the well respected matri-

arch of the Board of Aldermen, but she

s not taking Davenport's challenge

lightly. Recently her campaign held a

fund-raiser breakfast that was attended

by more than 150 residents. Burke

said after the forum that she is not tak-

ing all the talk about term limits per-

sonally (several Republicans and at

least one Democrat also have called

icated, committed and capable, they

"I think as long as a person is ded-

the Board of Elections last week

See Brown on A11

### Candidates take advantage of political forum



Marlowe Foster, left, talks with Allen Joines at last week's forum.

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

The longest serving member of the Board of Aldermen did not use her five minutes at a political forum last week to lay out her accomplishments. Instead, she told the three dozen or so residents in attendance to simply drive through her Northeast Ward if they want to know what she has been doing at City Hall for the last quarter-centu-

"Let the record speak," Vivian Burke said at a candidate's forum last Thursday sponsored by the Black Leadership Roundtable and the Win-ston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP.

Burke joined several others hoping to claim victory in this month's primary and in the November general elec-

A poised Burke walked to the podium to speak after her sole challenger spoke to the audience. At 31, John Davenport is one of the youngest andidates running for office this year. Davenport has made an issue of Burke's six

terms in office. Davhas enport adopted the slogan New Leader Century" and has said that he will push for term limits if elected

filiated, which means that he has to

collect hundreds of signatures before

his name can be placed on the Novem-

ber ballot. Davenport says his camp

Although he has ties to the Repub-lican Party, Davenport is running unaf-

should have the right (to serve). This is America," Burke said. All eight aldermen will have to

for term limits).

fight for re-election this year. Sitting board members Fred Terry, who has no competition in the primary; Bill Roberts; and Joycelyn Johnson were

See Forum on A4

