

Scriptures Can Help Us Make Sense of Shooting

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This week, it was as though we were reliving Sept. 15, 1963, all over again, when a bomb blast at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, killed four African-American girls during church services. At least 14 others were injured. Three former Ku Klux Klan members were convicted of murder for the bombing.

This time, 52 years later at Mother Emanuel, the oldest church south of Baltimore, nine people were killed by a lone young white man.

The Rev. Clementa Pinckney, a pastor at Emanuel AME Church and an esteemed state senator, a man of great honor, was the primary victim.

Tywanza Sanders, only 26, was a graduate of Allen University. He earned a degree in business administration last year.

Cynthia Hurd, 54, was an employee of the Charleston County Public Library for three decades, most recently working as the manager at St. Andrews Regional Library.

Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, 49, was a speech therapist and girls track and field coach at Goose Creek High School in suburban Charlotte, loved by her son.

The Rev. Depayne Middleton Doctor, 49, was a church singer and former Charleston County community development block

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grant employee, having retired in 2005.

Susie Jackson, 87, the oldest, was a long-time church member.

Ethel Lance, 70, was a sexton at the church.

The Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., 74, a member of the church's ministerial staff, died in the operating room at the hospital.

Myra Thompson, 59, was the wife of the vicar of Holy Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church.

These folks could have been any one of us! Can you imagine in our lifetime, with a sitting African-American President that we would see such hatred?

Though America is celebrating 150 years since President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation and we have our first African-American president, America is shocked to awaken to such sad and hateful news.

There are scriptures to help us better understand. The young killer judged those he killed only by the color of their skin.

Matthew 7:1-5 NIV reads, "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Then let's look at 1 John 3:15-16, which reads, "Everyone who hates his brother is a

murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers."

Better yet, let's talk about the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.

Ratified by the states on Dec. 6, 1865, it says "in Section 1 ... nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

These victims were deprived of their lives; we pray for due process of the law.

Henry Earl Dizer

Born: Jan. 23, 1955

Passed away: June 18, 2015

Father to: Hennisha T. Dizer, La'Nisha L. Dizer, Terra N. Dizer

Step-Father to: DeAndre R. Smith and Depree R. Smith

Brother to: Michael Dizer, Rita Dizer, Charletta Malone, Marvin Ross, Ruby Sims and Russell Dizer Sr.



Henry Earl Dizer

Viewing will be held Wed July 1, 2015, from 5 to 7 pm, With A Celebration, "Remembering the Life of Henry Earl Dizer" will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 1:00 pm at Morningstar Church, 4927 NE 55th Street, Portland, OR 97218

Repast will follow the service.

NAACP and Faith Leaders March and Rally in Solidarity with the Charleston 9

On Tuesday, July 7th at 5pm, hundreds of local community members will gather at First AME Church in Seattle (1522 14th Ave. Seattle, WA. 98122) to rally and march in solidarity with the Charleston 9. Organized by the Seattle King County NAACP and Washington Christian Leadership Coalition, the event will be an opportunity for

the community to come together in the wake of the tragic attack that left nine unarmed Black people dead at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

Local leaders will be joining together to call for an end to the structural and systemic violence that has been targeted at communities of color, and black people in particular, for centuries.

From the flyer: "The blind hatred toward people of color has to come to an end... If we cannot feel safe in our own churches and homes, then where can we feel safe?"

Marion Schultz Sutherland

July 3, 1926 – June 24, 2015

Daughter of Clyde and Vella Schultz, Marion died peacefully in her sleep. A loving mom, friend, leader, and volunteer, she is pre-deceased by her husband, Earl C. Sutherland, and leaves behind her daughter, Chrystal Weinberg (John); son Clyde Merriwether (Jackie); grandchildren, Cherissa, Christopher, and Jamal; step son Earl M. (Nancy) and grandchildren Anna, Catherine, and Grace.



Marion Schultz Sutherland

based in Washington, D. C. and past president of her family, George Schultz & "His."

She had many friends from all walks of life; she was an avid bridge player, lover of music and ardent fan of the Seahawks and Mariners.

Marion will be remembered in celebration at 3 p.m. at Seattle First Baptist Church (1111 Harvard Avenue), Sunday, July 12. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Legacy Foundation, P.O. Box 22061, Seattle, WA 98122, designated for The Marion Schultz Sutherland Leadership Award or The Christian Children's Fund.

A child of God, she was a long-time member and past president of Seattle First Baptist Church and served on the board of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Marion was the Tenth National President of The Links, Inc.

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