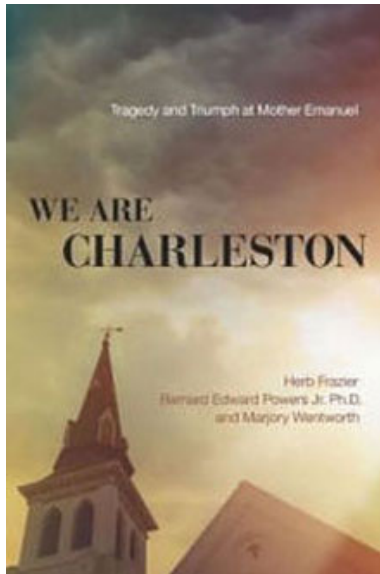


Lunch with 'We Are Charleston' Authors

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Marjory Wentworth and Herb Frazier will be the featured guests at the USCB Lunch with Author event on Thursday, June 30th, where they will discuss their book *We Are Charleston*. The luncheon will be held at the Sonesta Resort on Hilton Head, and tickets are \$42. For more information, call 843-521-3145.

On June 17, 2015, at 9:05 p.m., a young man with a handgun opened fire on a prayer meeting at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, South Carolina, killing nine members of the congregation. The captured shooter, twenty-one-year-old Dylan Roof, a white supremacist, was charged with their murders. Two days after the shooting, while Roof's court hearing was held on video conference, the families of his nine victims, one by one, appeared on the screen—forgiving the killer. The “Emanuel Nine” set a profound example for their families, their city, their nation, and indeed the world.

We Are Charleston not only recounts the events of that terrible

day but also offers a history lesson that reveals a deeper look at the suffering, triumph, and even the ongoing rage of the people who formed Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church and the wider denominational movement. *We Are Charleston* tells the story of a people, continually beaten down, who seem to continually triumph over the worst of adversity. Exploring the storied history of the A.M.E. Church may be a way of explaining the price and power of forgiveness, a way of revealing God's mercy in the midst of tremendous pain. *We Are Charleston* may help us discover what can be right in a world that so often

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