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## Event will commemorate 10th anniversary of 9/11

BY VIKKI BROUGHTON HODGES  
The Dispatch

Evangelist Jimmie M. Clark of Lexington has planned "A Day to Remember" on Sept. 11 at the Edward C. Smith Civic Center to honor victims, survivors, first responders and military personnel on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the U.S. on that date.

The service, which is free and open to the public, will include speakers, patriotic music, a video from one of the survivors of the North Tower of the World Trade Center, the reading of a letter from former President George W. Bush and the presentation of plaques honoring their service to the leaders of local law enforcement, fire and emergency services, Clark said.

"One of our main things is we want to recognize not only the people in New York but our own local first responders," Clark said. "And this is not a political event, it's a community event."

"Although elected officials are participating, this is not a political rally. The politicians simply add a certain measure of credibility to what we are doing to honor the real heroes of America — 9/11 victims, survivors, first responders and the U.S. military."

In addition to Clark, an evangelist for 34 years and president of Farmer Christian Academy, also speaking will be Dr. Ron Baity, president of Return America, a conservative Christian organization, founder of Berean Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and police chaplain for the Winston-Salem Police Department. Lexington Mayor John Walsler will welcome attendees to the event, which



"A DAY TO REMEMBER"

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dempsey Essick created this print, 'A Day to Remember,' in remembrance of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It will be unveiled at a community event with the same name Sept. 11 at the Edward C. Smith Civic Center.

will be held at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. and last about an hour and a half. Clark said two services were scheduled to accommo-

date the large number of church groups that are anticipated.

## City, County consider gas discount at airport

Officials hope to help fill empty hangars.

BY DAVID B...  
The Dispatch

A proposed fuel discount at Davidson County Airport will help fill vacant hangars.

Assistant Davidson County Commissioner Hanner presented the idea to the County Board of Commissioners for Hanner to consider the possibility of such a plan, which would allow owners who house their aircraft with lower fuel prices.

The discount will be applied to fuel for each airplane. Davidson County will offer a fuel discount of the airplane for a total maximum fuel discount of \$2 million could receive. In other words, a pilot could receive \$6,000 — \$3,000 from Davidson County and \$3,000 from the City of Lexington, valued at \$1 million could count of \$3,000.

The discount is tiered: 12,000 gallons for 10 percent, 60,000 for 75 percent, 60,000 for 50 percent, and 30,000 for 25 percent.

The airport has eight corporate hangars and four hopes the plan helps fill them.

With two regional airports and Rowan County — and tax rates at their airport, Davidson County Airport, the gas



tional Wildlife Refuge, south of the Bonner Bridge, and in the village of Rodanthe.

Residents of the southernmost villages are being

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Other speakers include N.C. Superior Court Judge Ted Royster, N.C. District Court Judge April C. Wood and N.C. Rep. Rayne Brown, R-Davidson. Clark said he used to play football in high school with Royster and has known Wood since she was a teenager attending Sheets Memorial Christian School with his children. He met Brown in Raleigh where she's serving her first term in the Legislature.

"They will speak for a few minutes about what 9/11 means to them," Clark said. "I just got some people I felt

like could talk about the values of family, faith and freedom."

The Second Chance Bluegrass Gospel Quartet from Welcome will perform as well as singers Ben Mayo, Audrey Koontz, Susan McGill, Aretha Green, Beverly Stewart and Penny Andrews, and a singing group from Farmer Christian Academy. Paul R. Sprouse, music director at Sheets Memorial Baptist Church, will play the cello.

Welcome artist Dempsey Essick will also attend and unveil a new painting titled "A Day to

Remember," which features an American flag, the Statue of Liberty, the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center and the three crosses on the mount. Clark said he decided to use the same title as the new work for the com-

munity service.

"I tell people he painted my heart," Clark said.

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