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the crash. He died en route to Union General Hospital. Tanner's Wrecker Service, of Blairsville, hauled the damaged 18-wheeler to the Blairsville Wal-Mart.

In Towns County, a 48-year-old Murphy, NC man died when he lost control of his 2007 black Harley Davidson FLSTC Heritage while traveling north on Georgia 17.

The crash was reported to Towns County 911 at 3:15 p.m. Trooper First Class Cody White said.

Buford Harold Carswell, of 40 Landscape Lane in Murphy, NC died when he lost control of his bike and was struck by an oncoming 2010 Harley Davidson.

"The chain of events began when a silver car pulled out from Lakeview Drive," Trooper White said. "The car had to slow down because another vehicle was turning into



Towns County Coroner Tashina Eller works with Towns County deputies and Georgia State Trooper Cody White during Saturday's fatal crash on Georgia 17. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the thrift store parking lot.

"Mr. Carswell's fiancée was traveling in front of him. She saw the silver car slow down, and she did also," Trooper White said. "The best we can tell, Mr. Carswell was not paying attention to the

events unfolding in front of him.

"When Mr. Carswell realized what was happening in front of him, he locked down his bike, slid to the left, into the southbound lane and oncoming traffic," Trooper White said.

"There was a group of motorcycles heading southbound on Georgia 17. Two of the motorcycles struck Mr. Carswell and he died from his injuries."

The drivers of the other Harley Davidson motorcycles, Richard Fahlteich, of Pasadena, Md., and Vincent Angelo Glorioso, of Elk Ridge, Md., experienced minor injuries and damage to their motorcycles, Trooper White said.

Trooper White said no charges are pending in the incident.

"The silver car pulling out was not a factor because Mr. Carswell's girlfriend slowed down for the car in front of her," he said. "Mr. Carswell just wasn't paying attention and couldn't get slowed down in time.

"We don't expect any charges, it's just an unfortunate tragedy that unfolded here today," Trooper White said.

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on the television screen. A video clip shown over and over again. An image that would scar a nation.

"We were having a Union County Crusade meeting at Cook's and there was about 15 local preachers, we were outside on the porch and I was sitting close to the door," Tanner said.

"I could see the television from where I sat, and I said, 'guys, they keep showing a plane flying into a building, and they've shown it about 10 times, so I'm gonna see what's going on.' I went to look, came back and told them, and it was about that time that the second plane hit, and every preacher's phone went off," he said.

"You could tell right then and there that each one of those preachers were planning on holding a prayer meeting at their church," the Rev. Tanner said.

As a wounded nation was knocked to its knees, looking on in disbelief, it was in that moment, that the Rev. Tanner and other church leaders went to their knees, looking for answers from above.

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The Rev. Jimmy Tanner preaches his 9/11 sermon last week at Pine Top Baptist Church. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

comfort by seeking God, and to reawaken the Holy Spirit in those who had lost faith in humanity that day.

"That Tuesday night when we were attacked, it wasn't even a regular church night and I can't believe how many people came to the church that night, all the churches across the county filled up when we announced that churches all across the county would be open," the Rev. Tanner said. "People gave testimonies, people got in touch with God, but it was short-lived."

Tanner and other church leaders felt that Sept. 11th would create an awakening of the human spirit, however, ac-

ording to Tanner, the opposite took place.

"We hoped to see a national revival, but nothing took place from that," he said. "Twelve years have gone by and we've grown calloused to those things, but we don't need to forget. As Jesus said 'This do in remembrance of Me.' And when we remember those who died in terrorism, it is also a way for us to remember that God's hand is upon us.

"Some believe that maybe he has taken his hand off us because of that," he said.

"I remember everyone coming out on the Capitol steps singing 'God Bless America' and we're not living that, actually, I think we've gone further

and further away from where we were at that time and that's the reason we have this prayer and repentance service."