

Mourning America's tragedy

*Community members search
for hope in the ruins of Trade
Centre devastation*

By Paul Baswick

SIX NATIONS — The shockwaves unleashed in last week's terrorist attacks on the United States still seemed too powerful to fully absorb as community members joined in prayer this week in hopes of coming to terms with the tragic events of Sept. 11.

Memorial services have been held on Six Nations and New Credit over the past eight days to mark the recent attacks on the Pentagon in Washington and the twin towers of the World Trade Centre in New York, which are feared to have claimed the lives of more than 5,000 people from 40 different countries.

A sunrise service observing the victims of the attacks was held by elder Isaac Day on Friday, Sept. 14 at the New Credit Pow-Wow Grounds. A sacred fire burned throughout the day, welcoming those who stopped by to offer their prayers to those affected by the attacks.

The traditional observance was followed later that day with a 12 p.m. memorial service at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Sour Springs Road. About 50 people attended the cross-denominational service, led by pastors from local Anglican, Baptist and United Churches. Members from the Pentecostal Church in Six Nations were also on-hand at the Health Centre in Ohsweken Friday to join those wishing to observe the tragic events through fellowship.

A second cross-denominational services was held at Six Nations Veterans Park Monday at noon, led by pastors from United and Pentecostal Churches and the New Credit Fellowship Centre.

Among those leading the services this week was Rev. Lee Claus of the United Chapel of the Delaware in New Credit, who took part in Friday's service at St. Paul's and