

Hardware

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Webster's children, Will and Emily, represent the family's third generation in the business.

Keith Mabe of Kernersville, another longtime customer, said the Websters are good and honest people.

"When you're plumbing, this is the place to come," Mabe said.

The store is also a daily gathering place for 12 to 20 men, most of whom are retired. Typically, four to six men can be found sitting in their own special section of the store. They come in at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

During a recent visit, John Samuel, Roy Southern, Burton Whicker and George Withers of Walkertown were relaxing in their favorite chairs, eating peanuts and chatting about the latest news.

"The only two topics we never talk about are religion and politics," Whicker said. "That's two subjects that somebody can get their feelings hurt over."

Withers joked about how their little group used to sit in the middle of the store on aisle 17 but keep



getting moved closer to the door. Withers isn't an employee of the store, but the other men in the group tease him about how customers often come to him for help because he knows where everything is.

"I just come here because they treat me so good," Withers said.

Clyde Webster, who provides the peanuts, makes sure that soft drinks are always in a refrigerator in the back of the store for Withers.

Samuel said the Websters are great supporters of the Walkertown community.

"They give back more to the town than anybody ever spends here," he said.

Clyde Webster and his brother, Bill, opened the store in 1954 at Main Street and Sullivantown Road in Walkertown. The business started out as a variety store. Items included groceries, hardware, Tonka toys and clothing. Eventually, the brothers opened a separate grocery store but later got rid of food entirely.

"We started on a shoestring and had to put the profits back to build up inventory," Clyde Webster said.

Webster Brothers Hardware moved to its current location in 1974. With sales space, a basement and warehouse, the building has about 18,000 square feet.

"This place was so much bigger than what they had, they thought they'd never fill it up," John Webster said.

Bill Webster died in 1989; Clyde still goes to work every day. He talks with pride about his sons carrying on the business.

"We've made a living, and the greatest thing is we've accumulated a lot of friends and loyal customers," Clyde Webster said.

His advice on staying in business: "Be kind, pro-



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Co-founder Clyde Webster, front, runs the store with family members Roger Webster, from left, Betsy Webster, Howard Webster, Katie Webster Blakley and John Webster.

vide good service, be honest and treat everybody the same."

Today, Webster Brothers Hardware is still more of a variety store. It has been an Ace dealer for more than 25 years, and also sells and services Stihl power equipment.

John Webster said the slump in the housing market affected the store's sales in 2008, but sales have since leveled off and business is much better.

"We've had an increase in business, but we spent money to get there," he said. "You get more of a

variety (of products) to keep people coming through the door every day of the year, not just spring and fall."

Roger Webster said that during tough economic times over the years, Webster Brothers has focused on people's needs.



A cheery sign and fan belts hang above the entrance at Webster Brothers.

"We try to lower our prices in hard times, not raise them," he said.

He said store employees enjoy helping people complete projects they have never done before, such as install a clothesline, paint a room, set a fence post, hang a picture or fix a plumbing problem.

Howard Webster said the business has remained successful because of what he and his brothers learned from their father, Clyde.

"He's always been nice to people and treated them right," he said.

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Webster Brothers Hardware Co. Inc.

Founded: 1954 by brothers Clyde and Bill Webster

Type of business: a hardware store "with variety"

Owners: brothers John, Howard and Roger Webster

Offerings: The store sells a variety of goods, including plumbing, cleaning and electrical supplies; lawn and garden supplies; plants; flowers; animal feed; seeds; canning products, including jars and pressure cookers; Carhartt clothing for men, women and children; Martin-Senour paint; Wolverine boots; and Dickies clothing. Webster Brothers is also an Ace dealer. It sells and services Stihl power equipment, including weed trimmers and chain saws, and has its own line of Webster Brothers hoodies and T-shirts.

Address: 2700 Old Hollow Road in Walkertown

Phone: (336) 595-2241

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To the Class of 2012 and Their Parents:

Congratulations Class of 2012 on your graduation from Wake Forest University. You have worked long and hard (and your families have done the same) in pursuit of this laudable goal. However, we believe you have been short-changed in your educational pursuit of preparing for the world because Wake Forest failed to capitalize on an opportunity to enlighten you on the nature of Islamic Shariah law. An understanding of Shariah law is vital to understanding what happened on 9/11, what is going on in the Middle East today in what many people call the "Arab Spring," what is taking place in the transformation of Europe today, and what is threatening the very fabric of this country - all of which already have and will continue to change the way you and your progeny live.

A little background - In 2010 Wake Forest hired Imam Khalid Griggs as assistant Chaplain at the University. A brief amount of research on Imam Griggs reveals three disturbing things.

First, Imam Griggs is a Shariah supremacist who believes that everyone should live under Islamic Shariah law, with Islamic law replacing all man-made laws, including the U.S. Constitution.

Second, Imam Grigg's Islamic motto includes: "Jihad, all out struggle, is our means"... to implement Shariah law everywhere. In other words, Imam Griggs shares the exact same ideology as Islamic radicals everywhere, including the 19 men who hijacked the planes on 9/11.

Third, Imam Griggs touts his affinity for: radical Muslim Brotherhood terrorist related organizations, the Ayatollah Khomeini and the recently deceased dictator of Libya, Muammar Qaddafi (the later because he loaned \$70,000 to Grigg's organization to help it get started).

Dr. Hatch and the Board of Trustees were given all of this information and it was proposed that Wake Forest host a symposium and/or debate on Shariah and the threat it poses to America, but Dr. Hatch so far has refused to even meet with national security experts to discuss the matter. (For a CIA counterterrorism expert's opinion on this matter and the evidence presented to Dr. Hatch and the Board, please go to: <http://www.radicalislam.org/analysis/wake-forest-universitys-radical-imam>)

Consider the following tenets of Shariah law and ask whether they are consistent with Wake Forest's values and what it should be supporting:

1. No separation of Church and State - All laws were handed down by Allah. Accordingly, there are to be no man-made laws such as the Constitution. Please note the quote from Imam Griggs in number 6 below whereby he gives voice to this belief.
2. Denial of freedom of religion and speech
3. Death to apostates (Muslims who leave the faith) - a recent Pew poll taken after the fall of Mubarak in Egypt found a full 80% of Egyptian people agreeing with this.
4. A system where people are given rights based on their creed and sex.
5. Death to homosexuals.
6. Women must cover all of their skin - Quoting Imam Griggs: "I think it's very important to understand that the parameters of dress for Muslim women and Muslim men are parameters that were established by the creator of the universe, by Allah, and those parameters do not change." (See No. 1 above)
7. Zakat - Islamic charity, of which 1/8th must go to fund jihadist violence by non-military Muslim actors on non-Muslims.
8. The Doctrine of Taqiyya - lying to non-Muslims is permissible in order to spread the Islamic faith.
9. The permissible use of violence to impose Shariah law - Once you understand this tenet of Shariah, you will also understand why Imam Grigg's motto makes perfect sense to the radical Islamist.

So graduates, thank your parents for the opportunity they have given you to attend Wake Forest, and be proud of the work and accomplishments you have achieved, but ask Dr. Hatch, the Board of Trustees and the administration the following two questions:

1. Why does Wake Forest allow an Islamic jihadist to use the Wake Forest campus to recruit more people to his abhorrent, anti-American, anti-western, anti-liberal ideology?
2. Why is Dr. Hatch refusing to consider a civilized, rational symposium and/or debate on the subject of Shariah law and its place in American life?

May God bless you,

Alumni for a Shariah-Free Wake Forest

(For more information and to join a Facebook discussion group on this subject, please go to: <http://www.facebook.com/ShariahfreeWake>)

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