Pastor displays crosses

Pastor Stanley Stiver, former pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Claremont and currently serving as visitation pastor at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Hickory, has been collecting crosses almost 40 years. Today, Stiver calls his passion for the symbol an obsession. Stiver and his wife, Jane, have traveled around the globe collecting crosses from various countries. He owns 1,000 crosses, each bearing its own story. The crosses are made from different materials ranging from wood, nails, human hair and more. One hundred of his crosses may be seen on display in the Claremont City Hall in Claremont.

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