

## Anti-gay group to picket Va. Tech funerals

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TOPEKA, Kan. - An anti-gay group from Topeka, Kan., announced plans to picket the funerals of victims of the Virginia Tech massacre.

The Westboro Baptist Church, which is not affiliated with any national Baptist organization, claims shooter Cho Seung-hui was carrying out God's wishes by punishing the victims who weren't Christian, CBS News reported.

"The evidence is they were not Christian. God does not do that to his servants," WBC member Shirley Phelps-Roper told CBS.

The group is known for setting up anti-gay protests at the funerals of U.S. soldiers, although Virginia already has added funerals and memorial services to the state's disorderly conduct statute that could be used by police to keep WBC members at a distance, the report said.

Cho killed 32 people and himself on Monday at the university.

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