

# HOPE IN ACTION

**SANDY RUN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (SRMBC)**

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Joel D. Churchwell

Facebook Live 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

### YOUTH CHURCH

Director Jennifer Cooper

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month  
During 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
(currently for ages 6-12 yrs)

### BIBLE STUDY

Virtual or In-Person

Midday  
Tuesday 12:00 noon  
Wednesday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Register: [www.sandyrunmbc.com](http://www.sandyrunmbc.com)

## One Church, One Family: Serving with Love and Purpose



Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church is honored to continue its commitment to community outreach through the One Church, One Family initiative, in partnership with the Onslow County Department of Social Services. Since its launch at the end of 2024, this initiative has been a vital source of encouragement and support for children in foster care, as well as individuals served through Adult Protective Services.

During this Easter season, HOPE Connects extended love and care by providing special Easter baskets for two foster children. A nine-year-old girl received a science-themed basket filled with fun and educational items, while a five-year-old boy was delighted with a Paw Patrol-themed basket designed just for him. These thoughtful gestures serve as reminders that even small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference in a child's life. Additionally, our church family came together to donate over 200 candy-filled Easter eggs for the Easter EggVenture event, which took place on March 28<sup>th</sup> at Hines Farm Park. This contribution helped create a joyful and memorable experience for children and families throughout the community.

We are truly blessed to partner in initiatives that bring hope and support to those in care. The Sandy Run church family continues to demonstrate compassion and generosity in many ways, living out our calling to serve others. As we move forward, we are excited about the continued growth of the One Church, One Family initiative. Together, we remain committed to making a lasting impact—one church, one family at a time.

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## **DEFINING A BUSINESS: Construct For The Future**

During the special call meeting on March 6, 2026 for Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church, the body voted on a proposal to establish a relationship and retain the services of H. Robert Tillman Law Group for the purposes of assisting SRMBC in establishing and refining its organizational structure, establish legal relationship parameters for current and future properties, and advise on any other considerations and best practices as it relates to the entities it currently owns.

Tillman Law Group will assist us in enhancing the legal and binding relationships between SRMBC, Incorporated, Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church, Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church Rental Properties, and Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church Apartments. Establishing this record is important as we continue to develop and discover ways to package and present ourselves to be of the greatest value to our community. Establishing this construct will help us to continue to define what the “Hallmark of Hope” really is. Our hope is that establishing this administrative foundation will bring clarity to the vision for future ventures that SRMBC may pursue.

Additionally, we will be better positioned to present ourselves to partners (lending institutions, government entities, both state and locally) within the surrounding community and, in turn, present a well-defined, holistic view of SRMBC, Incorporated. Finalizing this document is one of the most important contributions we can make to help establish a legacy of excellence in business ventures for Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church.

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## A Word from the Well

### Prayer: The Voice of My Faith

Our weekly Bible study is one of the many teaching platforms offered to help us shape our thinking, strengthen our faith, and transform our lives. When we study the Bible, we are not just reading a book — we are listening to God speak through His Word.

I am truly grateful that our Bible studies are deepening our connection with God and renewing our commitment to prayer. Whether we gather face-to-face or online, our time together is truly valuable, as it gives us the opportunity to learn, share fellowship, enjoy laughter, and build meaningful relationships. That spirit of unity is a genuine blessing. Furthermore, it allows me to connect with you in a closer and more personal way, because serving the Hallmark of Hope and our community continues to be one of my greatest joys.

Our current Bible study series reminds us of the importance of weaving God's promises into our personal prayer language. As our series, "Prayer: The Voice of My Faith," has progressed, it has opened new and inspiring opportunities for spiritual growth, teaching us how to pray God's promises with greater depth and apply them personally to our own lives and circumstances.

During my private meditation time, I have been reading two inspiring books: *Praying Over God's Promises* by Thomas R. Yeakley and *Take Words With You* by Tim Kerr. Yeakley writes, "Just as the Christian life begins by trusting the promises in God's Word, if we are to live the life God intends, we must continue to base our lives upon His promises.

Pastor Tim Kerr beautifully captures what we have been discovering in our Bible studies. He reminds us that God's promises produce faith and are grasped by faith; when we pray the promises, we are quoting God's own Word back to Him; and through this practice, we learn to make the prayers of Scripture our personal prayer language. He also teaches that attaching God's promises to people and situations is the backbone of faith-filled praying. At the same time, Kerr reminds us that God's promises must always be understood in their proper context and according to God's original intent. Sound familiar?

We see this clearly in Matthew 4:5–7, when the devil tried to tempt Jesus by twisting God's promises and taking them out of context. Jesus responded, "It is written," reminding us that God's promises are always connected to His truth and His purpose.

Sandy Run, as we continue to grow together, may we always remember that prayer is the voice of our faith, and our faith is anchored in God's promises. When we pray His Word, we align our faith with His will. As a result, we are strengthened, and our trust in God grows deeper.

As your Pastor, I am truly inspired by your commitment to studying God's Word and growing in your faith. Let us continue to pray with confidence in God's promises, remembering what is written in Numbers 23:19: "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (New King James Version) To God be the Glory!

## Future Connections

**Monday, April 13, 2026**

Be A Hopeful Friend Outreach-Carolina Rivers Nursing & Rehabilitation Facility  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 11, 2026**

Be A Hopeful Friend Outreach-Carolina Rivers Nursing & Rehabilitation Facility  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Mental Health Workshop-SRMBC  
9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Sandy Run MBC



"The Hallmark of Hope"

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