HOPE IN ACTION

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

1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month
During 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
(currently for ages 6-12 yrs)

BIBLE STUDY PAUSE

Midday & Wednesday Night Bible Study sessions suspended during November & December for 2027 Christian Education planning purposes.

2nd Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk & Faith In Blue Partnership







"A Healthy Community Starts Here!"

What an amazing display of faith, fellowship, and community unity! Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church (SRMBC) celebrated its 2nd Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk, and what a blessing it was to witness God's hand at work!

As we walked and ran through Census Tract 26, we witnessed ministry in action! Members of SRMBC joined alongside the Jacksonville Police Department, Jacksonville Fire Department, Onslow County Emergency Medical Services, Jacksonville Ospreys, and a host of community partners, families, and friends. Together, we demonstrated that building a healthier, stronger community begins with faith, fellowship, and a shared purpose.

God truly showed us HIS OVERFLOW! From the incredible number of volunteers and enthusiastic participants to the overwhelming participation of our community partners, His blessings were evident everywhere. Even the weather testified to His goodness! Despite threatening skies, God held back the storm until the last person was safely inside. What an awesome God we serve!

Afterward, participants enjoyed the pancake breakfast, prepared and served with generous hearts by the Culinary Ministry. We extend heartfelt appreciation to every volunteer, ministry, sponsor, first responder, community organization, and participant whose dedication helped make this event a tremendous success.

More than a 5K, this gathering reminded us that when God's people come together in love and service, lives are touched, relationships are strengthened, and communities flourish.

To God be ALL the glory for His overflow! May we continue to walk and run in unity, serve with love, and move forward with purpose.

One Faith. One Community. One Purpose. All Glory to God!

A Healthy Community Starts Here!!!





"Thank you for inviting us. We enjoyed it so much. I cannot even tell you how good this was for me. That was the most enjoyable run I have had in a long time. While it was something I really needed and it was great for me, the best part was the sense of community. This is a truly magnificent and special event. It was absolutely a fun 5k. Everyone was actually together as one community. At most 5k events, it feels (at least to me) like everyone shows up with their clique or group of friends (or individually), but this was different. EVERYONE was together. It was amazing, and you completely figured out "community event." I can hardly wait until the next one."

- Wes Wilson, Community Member











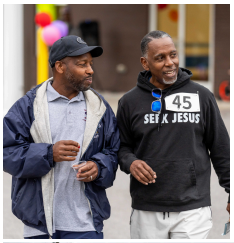




























Celebrating 22 Years of Grace and Guidance

On October 11, SRMBC honored Rev. Dr. Joel D. Churchwell with a surprise celebration marking his 22nd Pastoral Anniversary. The joyous occasion was filled with love, heartfelt appreciation, and encouragement, followed by a reception in his honor.

We thank God for Pastor and Mrs. Churchwell's faithful leadership, sacrificial service, unwavering commitment to the community, and continued vision for the Hallmark of Hope.









Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune

DO NOT DESPISE SMALL BEGINNINGS

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune was born on July 10, 1875, in Mayesville, South Carolina, the fifteenth of seventeen children born to formerly enslaved parents. Growing up during Reconstruction, she quickly learned the power of education and dedicated her life to expanding opportunities for others.

After studying at Scotia Seminary and Moody Bible Institute, Bethune became a teacher and visionary leader. In 1904, with just **$1.50**, **five students**, and **unwavering faith**, she founded a school for Black girls in Daytona Beach, Florida. That school later merged with the Cookman Institute to become Bethune-Cookman College, now Bethune-Cookman University.

Her influence reached far beyond education. In 1935, she founded the National Council of Negro Women, uniting Black women's organizations to strengthen advocacy and opportunity. She also served as a key advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and became one of the most prominent members of his "Black Cabinet." In 1945, she attended the United Nations founding conference as an unofficial observer, helping shape conversations about human rights and global cooperation.

Why Her Story Matters: Dr. Bethune's life shows how faith, service, and determination can transform small beginnings into lasting impact. She believed education opens doors, that we are called to lift others, and that faith is lived out through action. Her legacy encourages us today: Start with what you have, trust God with what you cannot see, and use your gifts to bless those who come after you.

"I leave you faith. I leave you racial dignity. I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow man. I leave you a responsibility to our young people." — Mary McLeod Bethune

Prayer: Father, thank You for letting us see big things from small beginnings. Help us remain faithful, hopeful, and ready to serve as You continue to grow the work of our hands. Amen.

Youth Church News
Jennifer Cooper, Youth Church Director

Our children have been having a wonderful time learning and studying God's Word! Through recent lessons, "Keep Going" (Joshua 11:16–23) and "Courage in Action" (Joshua 1:1–11), they have learned to trust God, show courage, and keep going when things are difficult. They are putting these lessons into action by encouraging nursing home residents each month with inspirational cards and messages. They also enjoyed creating motivational posters to cheer on participants in the church's annual 5K Fun Run & Walk.

All children ages 6–12 are invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Come learn, grow, and share God's love with us!



Future Connections

Monday - November 9, 2026
Be A Hopeful Friend Outreach
CRN&RF
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday - November 21, 2026
Thanksgiving Turkey & Food Box Giveaway
SRMBC Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - November 29, 2026
CRN&RF Shoe Box Ministry
Final Day To Donate
Only approved items accepted.

Saturday - December 5, 2026
SRMBC Blood Drive
SRMBC Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday - December 11, 2026
SNACK, PACK, AND WRAP!
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
SRMBC Fellowship Hall

Sunday - December 20, 2026
Sunday School Prayer Brunch/Ugly Sweater Sunday
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
SRMBC Fellowship Hall

Thursday - December 31, 2026
Watch Night Service
Hosted by Young Adults Ministry (ADJUST)
"100 Days - Praying, Watching, & Waiting" - Part 2
Please mark your calendars: more information coming soon.

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