

# Church News Network

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | JEHOVAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2025

## KINGDOM CITIZENS EMBRACING DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN OUR COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS

**THOUGHT:** Kingdom Citizens know that God has not excluded any person, any ethnicity or any race from fully participating in covenant relationship with Him. They must be proud of how God made them and how he has blessed them.

**KEY WORDS / PHRASES:** Unity, Understanding, Equality, Heritage

February 2 – Made in the Image of God (Acts 17:24-28)

February 9 – Breaking Down Barriers (Galatians 3:28-29)

February 16 – Celebrating Cultural Diversity (Revelation 7:9-11)

February 23 - Understanding the Power of Diversity in Worship (Hebrews 13:15)

Hymn	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Glory to His Name #191
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	We Shall Overcome #373

February 14, 2025



## Church Events

- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am  
Evangelism Teachers Training
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon  
Senior Game Day  
JMBC Fellowship Hall
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm  
Morris College Mid Winter Banquet
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00am  
Children's Church Training
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 am  
State Baptist Women & YWA Planning Mtg. @ Morris College



## The 2025 African American History Month Theme

The theme for African American History Month in 2025 is "African Americans and Labor," focusing on the significant role Black people's work, both voluntary and involuntary, has played throughout American history, highlighting its impact on the nation's economy and social justice movements.

### Key points about the 2025 theme:

- **Central focus on labor:**

This theme aims to explore the various ways Black people have contributed through labor, including enslaved labor in agriculture, skilled trades, entrepreneurship within Black communities, and the role of organized labor in fighting for social change.

- **Diverse perspectives:**

The theme will encompass the different experiences of Black workers across various sectors, from the fields to the factory floor, and will acknowledge the struggles faced by both skilled and unskilled laborers.

- **Empowerment through work:**

The theme also intends to celebrate the resilience and agency of Black people who have used their labor to build economic power and challenge systemic inequalities.

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### JMBC Veteran of the Month

U.S. Air Force Veteran Chief Master Sergeant Albert Leroy Hunter retired from the military with 30 years of Honorable Service in 2004. After military retirement, he began a second career as Civil Service Passport Adjudicator on Shaw AFB, later transferred to Charleston SC as passport Manager and retired again in December 2020. He sings in the JMBC Combined Choir, and he is a part of the Brotherhood Ministry. Veteran Hunter and his beautiful spouse Debra Reed Hunter are high school sweethearts and have been married for 50 years. They have two sons, Kory and Marcus, and seven grandchildren. Thank you for your Service!



### Wednesday Night Live Bible Study

Kingdom Citizens,

Please help us help our church of today.

Bring children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to Wednesday Night Live Bible Study. The youth study provides the weekly lesson, an activity and a snack. In addition to bringing participants, providing a snack and or agreeing to be a guest speaker are other ways to help.

Time - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Target audience - ages 10 and up

Contact Sister Sabrina Reese, Coordinator  
803.565.3014



Showing /Sunday, February 16 @ 8:30 am  
Worship Service

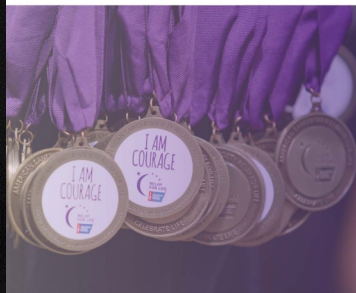




## JMBC LADIES AND GENTS

Join Our Team!!

Scan the QR code to register  
or make a donation



You're Invited!

Survivors Dinner

Join us in celebrating the strength, courage, and resilience  
of cancer survivors in our community.

When: March 13, 2025

Where: First Church of the Nazarene  
3700 Patriot Parkway  
Sumter, SC 29154

Time: 6:00 p.m.

RSVP by: February 21, 2025, To: [sumtersurvivors@gmail.com](mailto:sumtersurvivors@gmail.com)

Note: Survivors are welcome to bring one guest.  
Please make sure you have registered.

## Why Join a Small Group?

Are you considering joining a small group? Here are some reasons you should consider as you make your decision:

Small group Bible studies play an essential role in the life of any church. The idea is simple, it this large group of people (our church) needs a way to help its members not only connect with other members but small groups help members connect to God through the study of His Word. Deeper more meaningful relationships are created with each other, but most importantly with your Heavenly Father!! Look at some other reasons to be in small group:

- **Explore faith together**  
Small groups can encourage members to explore the Bible and their faith together. Small groups give members the freedom to ask hard questions about the Bible and hear from others what they are learning.
- **Build relationships**  
Small groups can help members get to know each other, care and share, challenge and support, confide and confess, forgive and be forgiven, and laugh and weep together.
- **Offer support**  
Members of small groups that meet regularly can offer each other support and encouragement on their faith journey.
- **Practice how to love**  
Small groups can be a place to freely "love your neighbor," whether through prayer or meeting a more tangible need.
- **Recharge**  
Small groups can provide a place of rest so members can love God with all their heart and strength inside and outside of the group.

## JMBC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Needs teens, parents, & young adults who love children and are willing to serve in children's ministry. 10 additional teachers would help us work one Sunday per month.

Complete an application and assessment from the table in the Education Hallway. See Deaconess Ruth McKinney or Deloris Griffith for additional information.



**Are you an Out-of-School Youth  
between the ages of 16-24?**

**LET'S TALK!**

We offer the following services:

- **Job Search Assistance**
- **Specialized Training**
  - Healthcare
  - CDL
  - Welding
  - and much more!
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NEXT  
STEP**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JMBC Health Corner  
February 2025 Edition

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February is the month of **Love**. We often think about Valentine's Day and the heart shaped Valentine's candy boxes filled with chocolate, yummy! Let's not forget in the midst of the candy that February is also American Heart Month. Heart Health is important and it's important to care for your heart. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S.

## Facts:

High blood pressure is a leading cause of heart disease.

1. High blood pressure is the risk for heart disease and stroke. Controlling blood pressure levels is essential.
2. Heart disease can lead to a financial issue. The cost of medications, health care services, lost wages from work amounted to \$252.2 billion between 2019 and 2020.
3. Obesity can lead to high blood pressure and diabetes which affects the heart
4. Risk factors: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, family history, your age, and smoking.

## Acts of Love for your Heart

1. Exercise: Begin walking, chair exercises, just get moving!
2. Cooking and eating healthy meals
3. Getting quality sleep
4. Take your medications as prescribed
5. Quit smoking
6. Decrease alcohol intake

Take care of your heart and it will take care of you every month and day of the year. Be Blessed.



The Youth & Education Ministry invites you to a special evening celebrating Black History. Experience a culinary journey with Chef BJ, who will present an engaging lesson on Gullah cuisine, an integral part of African American heritage. Guests will also enjoy a tasting sample of this traditional cuisine.

Chef BJ Dennis, a Charleston native, shares his culinary journey rooted in Gullah Geechee culture. Known for honoring ancestral techniques and locally sourced ingredients, Chef BJ crafts fresh takes on Southern cuisine. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of Charleston, he has worked in award-winning establishments and appeared on PBS's *Moveable Feast*, Bravo's *Top Chef*, *Taste the Nation*, and Netflix's *High on the Hog*.

### Event Details

- Date: Wednesday, February 12
- Time: 7:30 PM
- Location: M. H. Newton Family Life Center
- Capacity: Limited to the first 60 registrants
- Donation: \$5.00 (love offering)
- Sign Up: Contact Deaconess Terri Kenely  
Cell: 803-316-8965  
Email: terrilashawn@yahoo.com

Additional information will follow. We look forward to your participation in this meaningful celebration!



Visit us at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church!

### Sick? No insurance? No problem!

No one is turned away, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. Patients age 2 and up are welcome. No appointment is needed. Patients are seen in order of arrival at the Mobile Health Clinic. All patients must bring a current picture ID.

Common conditions treated (include, but not limited to):

- Infections (urinary, bladder, ear, sinus, skin, etc.)
- Bronchitis/pneumonia
- Colds/flu
- Cuts, fingernail/toenail injuries
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Strep/sore throat

Date: Saturday, Feb. 1 and 8, 2025

Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church (M.H. Newton Family Life Center), 415 Manning Ave., Sumter SC 29150

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