

Mary McLeod Bethune

A woman who kept the faith.



When Mary McLeod Bethune was seeking contributions to open a small school for underprivileged Blacks in Daytona Beach in 1904, a would-be trustee took one look at the ramshackle schoolhouse and asked where the school was. The Black woman replied: "In my mind, and in my soul." The man, naturally, gave a healthy contribution and shortly thereafter her school opened. Mary's dream was realized. In no time at all, with funds raised by music programs she organized herself, the dream flourished. Today, Bethune-Cookman College numbers thousands of graduates, many of whom have become community leaders. Mary McLeod Bethune: a woman who kept the faith.

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