

APPENDIX B

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCHES IN WILMINGTON

African-American Churches in Wilmington

First Baptist Church

Congregation broke away from larger white church in 1864 and worshipped at a church on Walnut St. between 4th and 5th streets
 1870 Rev. F.H. Hill
 1886 worship held at corner of 7th and Red Cross
 1892- ? Rev. F.H. Spells
 1895 New building constructed at 5th & Campbell
 1903 Rev. A. W. Wilson
 1906 Rev. John Henry Rhoe
 1974 destroyed by fire and rebuilt later on same spot
 No newspaper references 1896-1900
 Parent Church to Shiloh, Mt. Roney, New Hope, 5th Ave. Baptist

Central Baptist Church

Organized 1883 and 1st services were in the Baptist Mission Church (at Camp Lamb) but buildings were destroyed by fire and new building constructed at current location in 1888
 Arson fire damaged building in 1896; building was insured
 Rev. J. Allen Kirk became pastor, 1897
 No newspaper references, 1897-1900
 1900 new pastor
 1903 Rev. W. D. Hood
 1904 new pastor

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Organized in 1868, 1st building south of 7th St. church
 1896 Rev. C.P. Johnson
 1903 Rev. John D. Sasser
 1909 Rev. Obediah W. Moore
 Moved from downtown in modern era
 Parent church to Shiloh, Mt. Nebo, Providence (Brunswick Co.)

Shiloh Baptist Church

1884 Dedicated new church building
 1889 Rev. Justin D. Fulton of Brooklyn, NY lectured congregation to stay put and not leave the south “settle down with patience and industry to fight the battles of life”
 1898 Rev. W.R. Slade and “New Era Institute” held at church
 No newspaper references 1899-1905
 1903 Rev. C. L. Menefee
 1914 new building
 1955 destroyed by fire

Mt. Nebo

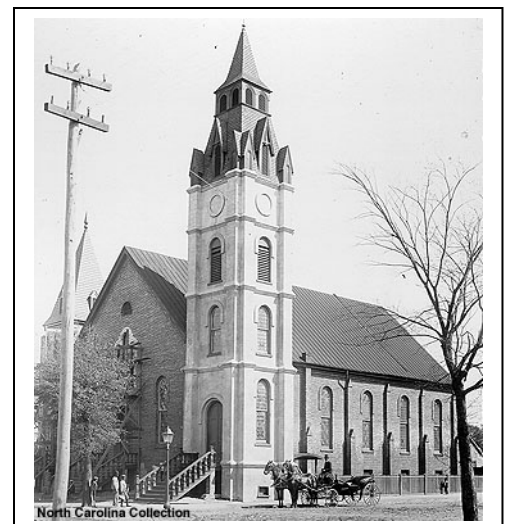
Founded 1911

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

Organized in 1894 as Mt. Moriah AME Zion and re-organized several other times
 Named Zion Baptist when located at 8th & Harnett
 Relocated to 7th & Brunswick and renamed Mt. Calvary in 1939
 1956 New building
 Church history: “A Brief History of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church”

St. Luke AME Zion

Originally called Christian Chapel and located at NE corner of 7th & Church but burned in 1878
 1882 New church constructed and called St. Luke’s
 1887 Pastor Rev. A.F. Moore
 No newspaper references 1898-1901
 1901 Rev. S.P.W. Drew of Lincoln National Employment Bureau addressed



St. Luke's AME Zion (before 1944 fire)
 Image: North Carolina Collection, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

congregation and told them not to go to NY and large cities looking for work because there was none to be had for blacks because whites were preferred

1903 Rev. Herbert Bell
1944 building destroyed by fire

St. Stephen AME

Organized in 1865
Old building torn down and new constructed on same site 1887
Sept. 1898 Booker T. Washington spoke to congregation
No newspaper references 1898-1899
1900 Rev. Lewis T. Christmas sermon -- "Hope of the Colored People in America"
1903 Rev. John E. Jackson
1909 Pres. Taft visited church

Mt. Olive AME

1873 church at corner of 2nd and Dawson burned
1879 new building on 2nd, between Dawson & Wright
1898 Rev. A. Stroud
1901 Rev. James C. Waters
1903 Rev./ W. H. Manokoo
1907 burned and new church at SE corner of Seventh and Wright
No newspaper references 1898-1901

Mt. Zion

1873 Cornerstone laid
1886/87 Destroyed by fire
1880 Sermon by Rev. Isaiah Aldridge denounced Judge Daniel Russell for calling blacks savages and said that Russell was growing too proud. Aldridge spoke of the progress of blacks, pointing out that they were obedient slaves. He said he had no faith in Russell's "friendship" to blacks and said he wouldn't vote or support anyone who endorsed Russell. Aldridge then published article in *Morning Star* denouncing Russell and stating that he planned to vote for Republican ticket, also stating that he had been told to be quiet or be removed as pastor of church.
1889-90 Rev. J.S. Brown pastor
1895 Rev. L.B. Sims
1898 Rev. James W. Telfair
No newspaper references 1898-1900
1900 destroyed by fire
1900 Rev. J.H. Hall
1901 Rev. R.R. Nichols and new cornerstone laid with Odd Fellows help
1903 Rev. Joseph L. Hall
1944 Old church condemned
1946 New church constructed at 1111 N. 5th Street

St. Phillip AME Zion

Organized as St. Daniel's in Acorn Branch Community, now Wrightsboro, and built church
1906 new church constructed under Pastor Rev. Elijah Green and cornerstone laid 1911
1913 new name to St. Phillip
1975 new building

St. Thomas Catholic

Built in 1847, was integrated till 1911 when Bishop turned it over to black members and white members built new church

Gregory Congregational Church

Grew out of New England Missionary movement, American Missionary Association purchased land in 1868 and constructed a church
1880 new brick church
1884 called Christ's Congregational Church
1895 Rev. Sims left and F.T. Waters left in control
1901 Rev. John Adams
1904 Colored Law and Order Society of Wilmington established to unite blacks and to "insure domestic tranquility" in Wilmington by emphasizing home ownership, character improvement and obeying the law

1957 several independent churches united in U.S. and became Church of Christ
 No newspaper references 1898-1902

St. Mark Episcopal Church

Established in 1869 when blacks left St. Paul's (white)

1897-1910 Rev. E. Bennett of Baltimore

1898 vestrymen: John G. Norwood, James H. Lane, John J. Geyer, Daniel Webster, J.D. Nixon, T.J. Brownell, Robert McDonald

1900 vestrymen: John G. Norwood, James H. Lane, Valentine Howe, John Geyer, A.E. Jackson, J.H. Howe, Charles Mallette

No newspaper references 1898-1900.

Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church

1860 Two Presbyterian Churches in city with most members from the North

1867 African American Presbyterian Congregation purchased abandoned white church on Chestnut St.

1879 Strong ladies' aid society

1892-1894 Rev. David Brown

1895-1935 Rev. James A. Bonner

No newspaper references 1898-1900

1911 Moved to corner of 12th & Queen Streets

Protestant Ministerial Association of New Hanover County

1878 Established and renamed several times

1885 Colored Preacher's Association of New Hanover County

1890's Colored Ministerial Union and Interdenominational Preacher's Association

** Members were pastors and elders from all influential churches

Ceased to exist after 1898 but re-formed 1915

The principal source for information about these churches was Bill Reaves, *Strength Through Struggle*.