

DATA SHEET

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Tennessee

COUNTY:
Shelby

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ENTRY DATE
APR 1 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Germantown Baptist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
2216 Germantown Road, South

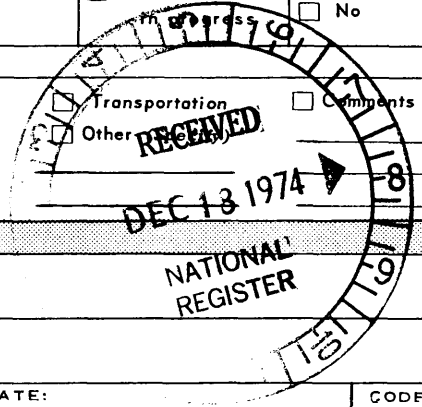
CITY OR TOWN:
Germantown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixth

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Shelby CODE: 157

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other



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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Germantown Baptist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
2216 Germantown Road, South

CITY OR TOWN:
Germantown

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Shelby County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Memphis

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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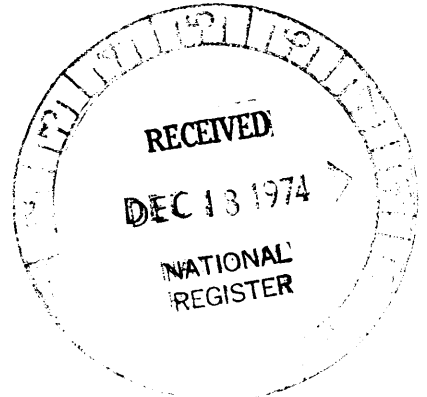
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The sanctuary building of the Germantown Baptist Church, a frame building of rectangular proportions capped by a steeple, was erected in 1871. The exterior is of siding painted white. The cornice, with returns at the front and rear elevations, features paired brackets at intervals around the building. The original tin roof was replaced at some later date by one of asphalt shingles. The double front doors, twelve feet high with a double light transom above, are replacements which were duplicated from the originals. Over the door is a small pedimented stoop, supported by brackets similar to those at the cornice. Each of the four corners is highlighted by a fluted pilaster which extends to the cornice brackets. On the north and south elevations are five double-hung windows with a central stationary sash with six panes, and upper and lower sashes also containing six panes each. The building was originally heated by pot-bellied stoves sitting in sand boxes.

In 1932 a brick education annex was added to the rear elevation of the building. The exterior of the sanctuary has been well-preserved and changed very little. Over the years the interior has been changed with the installation of electrical and heating and air conditioning systems. Acoustical ceiling and carpeting have also been installed.

The members of the church strongly support the preservation of the building and have designated funds for its continued maintenance.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Germantown Baptist Church, then called the New Hope Church, was organized circa 1835. On December 11, 1841, the site of the chapel sanctuary was donated to the Germantown Baptist Church. A sanctuary was erected in this location several years prior to 1851. This sanctuary was burned by Federal Army stragglers in July, 1862, and only the pulpit Bible printed in 1856 was saved. This Bible is available for display on special occasions. The present chapel sanctuary was erected in 1870 on the site of the original.

This sanctuary was in regular use until October, 1972, and is still used for all baptismal services, wedding and other special occasions. Displays of historical significance are regularly shown during the Germantown Festival and "Old Fashioned" services are held in the chapel in conjunction with the Festival.

This building, significant in its service to the religious community, reflects the type of rural Church architecture prevalent in the 1870 period, of which very few remain in existence in this area today. The style reflects the traditional look of rural churches and the congregation of Germantown Baptist Church continues to preserve this structure as an example of the religious architecture of the 1870 period.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"The Baptist," Nashville, September, 1838, page 269.

Memphis Daily Bulletin, July 23, 1862.

Smith, Mrs. Clarence A., "Centennial of Germantown Baptist Church," June 7, 1970.

Minutes and Resolutions of Germantown Baptist Church.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

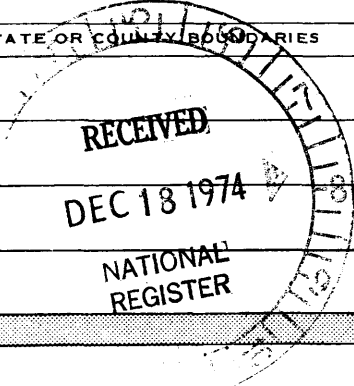
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: C. J. Vaught

ORGANIZATION: Germantown Baptist Church DATE: 10/3/74

STREET AND NUMBER: 2216 Germantown Road

CITY OR TOWN: Germantown STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Lauren [Signature]

Title Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 12/12/74

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/1/75

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Date APR 1 1975