

I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: St. Mark Methodist Church (originally called "Methodist Tabernacle") STREET ADDRESS: 1605 Third Avenue CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee</p> <p>HISTORIC NAME: The Methodist Tabernacle CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: Open Door Community House ATTN: Sybil Dodson CITY: Columbus</p> <p>MAILING ADDRESS: 2405 Second Avenue STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31901</p> <p>CURRENT USE: actual sanctuary is vacant ACREAGE: Less than one acre</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688940-3594815</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 5/7/7</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Classical Revival; one story greek cross floor plan, gable roof with octagonal dome in center; stretcher laid brick construction with string course above windows, concrete foundation, asphalt shingle roof, gables are stuccoed; front facade details consist of inset front double leafed entrance flanked on each side by one Tuscan column, windows consist of flat arch concrete lintels with stained glass panels (removed and replaced with plywood), on the front facade, the one window to either side of the door has a keystone, church has four gable ends, each has a semi-circular window in the center and is topped by a finial, gables have dentil moulding and cornice, octagonal dome has pressed (CONT'D)</p>
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: congregation of the Methodist Tabernacle ORIGINAL USE: Methodist Church</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Thomas Firth Lockwood, architect; H.A. Granger, builder HISTORIC ACREAGE: 1</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1912-1913 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1954 brick two-story addition and front entrance reworked; before (CONT'D)</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): When the worshippers at the "Old" Broad Street Methodist Episcopal Church South decided to relocate in 1912, they built this church between 1912-1913 and changed their name to "The Methodist Tabernacle." Soon thereafter, in 1916, the church's name was changed to "St. Mark Methodist Church." This sanctuary, located in what was once one of Columbus' most elite neighborhoods--"High Uptown"--served its congregation for over 60 years. However, due to the rapid deterioration of the area and a desire to relocate, the fellowship decided, in 1973, to move, once more, to the present Whitesville Road location. Before the property was sold (CONT'D)</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Religion, Architecture LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Religion</u>: This church is significant as it housed (for over 60 years) one of the oldest congregations in the city. At the time of this sanctuary's construction, the surrounding neighborhood was one of the city's most impressive. <u>Architecture</u>: This building is significant as the only example of classical revival church construction in the downtown area. The architect apparently borrowed from Jeffersonian classicism to proportion the structure and dome.</p>
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander Roger Harris b) Janice P. Biggers ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC b) Historic Columbus Foundation</p> <p>ADDRESS: a) P. O. Box 1908, Cols, GA 31994 b) 700 Broadway, Cols, GA 31901 TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) (404)324-4221 b) (404)322-0756</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Columbus-Muscogee County, Georgia. 1976 state survey, Historic Preservation Section, DNR, Atlanta, Georgia.</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION: <u>St. Mark United Methodist Church History</u> by Mrs. Michael ("Mike") McAfee (wife of church's present pastor). (CONT'D)</p> <p>Interview with Mrs. Sybil Dodson, Executive Director, Open Door Community House, Feb. 25, 1980.</p>



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: metal roof topped with a cross; addition to North is two story classroom building which is sympathetic to the main church; located on the fringes of the high uptown area, surrounded by c.1890-1900 shotgun houses; landscaping consists of shrubbery close to church and grass lawn; fair condition.

DATES OF ALTERATIONS: the congregation left this location and built their present church on Whitesville Road in 1978, they removed four stained glass windows, four pews, a pulpit, and the cornerstone from the Third Avenue sanctuary and placed them all in the new (Whitesville Road) church.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Cornerstone of 1605 Third Avenue, which is now embedded in outer wall of the present St. Mark Methodist Church on Whitesville Road.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE: to Open Door Community House in 1976, a religious group known as "Faith Tabernacle" temporarily rented the church from the St. Mark congregation, after the latter moved to the Whitesville Road facilities. At the present, the two-story addition to the original 1605 Third Ave. church is being rented by Columbus Day Care, Inc.

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