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COUNTY: HISTORIC RESOURCES OF LUMPKIN, STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA  
 GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

NO. 11

I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: Ebenezer Baptist Church</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: Mulberry Street</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: Ebenezer Baptist Church c/o Pastor</p> <p>CITY: Lumpkin</p> <p>CURRENT USE: Church</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE Lumpkin, Georgia</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: LU-8-180</p>	<p>HISTORIC NAME: <sup>second</sup> 2nd Methodist Church</p> <p>CITY: Lumpkin COUNTY: Stewart</p> <p>MAILING ADDRESS: Mulberry Street</p> <p>STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31815</p> <p>ACREAGE: Less than one acre</p> <p>U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16 E708320 N3547590</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Greek Revival with late Victorian front facade; rectangular plan, with apse in center rear, two stories tall, gable roof with two story tower to north and three story tower to south of front facade, both towers have pyramidal roofs; brick pier foundation, body of church mortise and tenon construction with weatherboard sheathing, Victorian front is ballon frame, asphalt shingle roof; front facade features two towers, with gable end between, frieze and cornice on second floor roofline level of both towers have brackets, church body has complete entablature, two story windows line both north and south elevations; interior has central aisle plan, (C)NID</p>	
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: 2nd Methodist Church</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1850</p>	<p>ORIGINAL USE: Church</p> <p>HISTORIC ACREAGE: Unknown</p> <p>DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: c. 1890 - Church moved to present site and front facade added.</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Originally the 2nd Methodist Church, this building outgrew its use and was given to the Ebenezer Baptist Congregation. This church had the building moved to its present site in about 1890, where it has served as the religious and social center of Lumpkin's black community until just recently when superseded by a new church facility.</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Religion, Architecture LEVEL: Local</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Religion</u>: This church is significant as the mid 19th century home of the white 2nd Methodist Church congregation and, after being moved, as the early 20th century home of the black Baptist Congregation. In the latter capacity it has served as a center of religious and social life in Lumpkin's black community for more than half a century. The donation of a church building from a white congregation to a black congregation, and the subsequent moving of the building from a white neighborhood to a black neighborhood, is fairly typical in Georgia's religious history. As in Lumpkin, this situation often came about when the white (CONTD)</p>	
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: Nancy Alexander ORGANIZATION: Lower Chattahoochee APDC</p> <p>ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1908, Columbus, GA 31901 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (404) 324-4221</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Stewart County Historical Commission, Lumpkin, GA 31815</p>	



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION (II): shed addition on front covers main entrance; no landscaping, lot slopes to the south; situated to the south of the peanut processing plant, residential area with c. 1940 shotgun shacks across the street; poor condition, in need of roof repairs and general building maintenance.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IV): congregation built a new house of worship. Architecture: This church is significant as the only remaining 19th century church building in Lumpkin. Its two distinct architectural styles- its original Greek Revival configuration with later Victorian additions and embellishments - chronicle the history of the church and the history of architecture in Lumpkin.

Historic Resources of Lumpkin, Stewart County, Georgia

-  Lumpkin Commercial Historic District
-  Uptown Residential Historic District
-  East Main Street Historic District
-  Pigtail Alley Historic District
-  Individually Numbered Properties

