

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">Maryland</div>
COUNTY: <div style="text-align: center;">Baltimore</div>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">APR 24 1975</div>

1. NAME

COMMON: <div style="text-align: center;">Mettam Memorial Baptist Church</div>
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: <div style="text-align: center;">Old Court Road between Sudbrook Road and Reisterstown Road</div>			
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="text-align: center;">Pikesville</div>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: <div style="text-align: center;">Second</div>	
STATE <div style="text-align: center;">Maryland</div>	CODE <div style="text-align: center;">24</div>	COUNTY: <div style="text-align: center;">Baltimore</div>	CODE <div style="text-align: center;">005</div>

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY <small>(Check One)</small>	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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE <small>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</small>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <small>(Specify)</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Meetings</div>
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: <div style="text-align: center;">Baptist State Mission Board of Maryland</div>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <div style="text-align: center;">Baptist Building, 1313 York Road</div>		
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="text-align: center;">Lutherville</div>	STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">Maryland</div>	CODE <div style="text-align: center;">24</div>

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

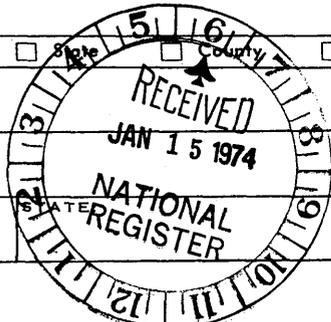
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <div style="text-align: center;">Baltimore County Courthouse</div>		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="text-align: center;">Towson</div>	STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">Maryland</div>	CODE <div style="text-align: center;">24</div>

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mettam Memorial Baptist Church is located on the south side of Old Court Road between Reisterstown Road on the West and Park Heights Avenue on the east.

The church is one and one half story structure measuring thirty by forty feet. The lime and sand mortar was patched with cement in 1965-1966 during a renovation of the property by the Pikesville Lion's Club. The church is three bays long and three bays wide. The principal entrance door located on the central bay of the north facade is recessed from the exterior surface of the sixteen inch thick walls. The recess and the double door is paneled. A rectangular stone lintel exists above the five light rectangular transom. The east elevation has a paneled door in the northern most bay, while the west elevation has one window in each bay. The southern gable facade has two windows at the end bays and no opening in the central bay. A second set of two windows was placed with the sills parallel with the lower windows. The higher window frames are set toward the center and touch the shutters of the lower set. The windows of the church have six over six sashes and three panel shutters. The stone lintles are in three pieces the center of which, is shaped to resemble a keystone. The church has a plain box cornice along the east and west facades which paralleled the ridge of the roof.

The interior originally consisted of one room. In the mid-1960's renovation a partition was added to contain heating facilities and other conveniences. The plastering, the paneled doors and simple window frames and the floor are all original.

The church sits on an acre of ground which includes a cemetery.

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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) 1835

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Local history</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <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 Mettam Memorial Baptist Church is the oldest ecclesiastical structure in Pikesville and was one of the original congregations in the area.

The church was constructed in 1835 a year before the congregation joined with five others to found the Maryland Baptist Union Association. This group evolved into the Baptist State Mission Board of Maryland, the state organization of the church. The structure's importance rests in its historical associations with the Baptist Church in Maryland. In 1964 a historic society was formed to assure the preservation of the church. It's simple architectural features echo the fundamental principals of its builders.

In 1966 the Pikesville Lions Club preserved the structure and provided with an adaptive use as a distribution center of legal documents and books for developing nations. Today it serves principally as the monthly meeting place for the board.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Historical Society. Research for Historic American Buildings Survey, 1966. Files of the Maryland Historical Trust.
The Sun (Baltimore), August 7, 1968.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

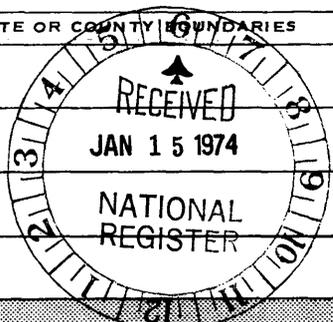
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Nancy Miller, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: April 30, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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 Orlando Ridout IV
 Title State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date January 11, 1974

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

A. R. Quaterson
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/24/75

ATTEST:
W. M. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 23 1975

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METTAM MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

The origins of the church center around its first pastor Joseph Mettam after whom the building is named. Mettam and his family migrated to England via Norfolk, Virginia to Baltimore (1832). A licensed minister, he went to Pikesville to preach, was injured in a fall from a horse and was nursed back to health by local residents. During his convalescence he attracted a congregation who subsequently asked him to stay. A local physician donated the land on which the church stands. The congregation volunteered labor and money to complete the construction in February 1825. The Baptist congregation acted as a focal point through Mettam's death in 1888. Mettam's half century of service to the congregation and the community is testified to by the fact that the building bear his name.

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

Architecturally, the Mettam Church is an example of a simple, vernacular ecclesiastical building.

