

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic

and/or common Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 100 West Church Street N/A not for publication

city, town Cartersville N/A vicinity of

state Georgia code 013 county Bartow code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. John Cobb, Chairman, Board of Trustees
Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church

street & number 100 West Church Street

city, town Cartersville N/A vicinity of state Georgia 30120

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Bartow County Courthouse

city, town Cartersville state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic Structures Field Survey:
title Bartow County, Georgia has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta state Georgia

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church is a Classical Revival building with a full metal and stucco entablature and a portico supported by four Corinthian columns. The front entrance is reached by steps leading from the sidewalk. The church is built of beige brick with granite trim and rough-hewn granite blocks for the half basement and contains three floors. The below-ground half-basement contains a modernized meeting and dining room. The main floor contains a two-story sanctuary with its original pews, fluted Corinthian pilasters, original wainscoting, and a rounded-arch altar or chancel area. Stained glass windows were added in 1945. The original two levels of Sunday School rooms behind the altar area are now occupied by offices, a memorial room, a parament room, and a library on the main floor and choir rehearsal rooms and storage rooms on the upper level. Original brass hardware remains throughout as do the original steam heat and electrical fixtures. The grounds contain a small lawn and low shrubbery. There are no outbuildings on the nominated parcel. The church is surrounded by publicly owned property including the Bartow County Courthouse and city and county office buildings. Changes include the excavation of the basement in 1933 and addition and changes to the room created there, the addition of stained glass windows in 1945, the remodeling of the chancel or altar area in 1973, and the installation of a new organ.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates 1907 **Builder/Architect** Walter T. Downing

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church is significant in architecture as a fine example of a church built in the Classical Revival Style exemplified by the use of a full entablature and portico. It is also significant as a work of Walter T. Downing (1865–1918), and Atlanta architect, noted for his finely designed houses, churches, and a variety of other structures. The church is significant in local history as the current house of one of the county's oldest Methodist church congregations. The Methodists, since the 1830s, have been one of the two major faiths in Cartersville, as in most Georgia cities. Since this church was built, its membership has played a major role in the town of Cartersville through leadership positions in the community. It is also significant for having been named for one of Cartersville's most famous citizens, the nationally known evangelist Sam P. Jones (1847–1906), a member of the church, whose sudden death in 1906 during the church's construction led the congregation to name it as a memorial to him. These areas of significance support the property's eligibility under National Register Criteria A and C.

Historic Narrative
(see attachment)

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 1.5 acres

Quadrangle name Cartersville, GA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	6	7	0	3	0	0	0	3	7	8	2	5	8	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

B

Zone		Easting						Northing						

C

Zone		Easting						Northing						

D

Zone		Easting						Northing						

E

Zone		Easting						Northing						

F

Zone		Easting						Northing						

G

Zone		Easting						Northing						

H

Zone		Easting						Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is that portion of the church lot that includes just the main church building. It does not include the 1960 education building. It is marked on the enclosed Property Map with a heavy black line drawn to scale.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Historian

Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources

date July 23, 1985

street & number 270 Washington Street SW

telephone 404/656-2840

city or town Atlanta

state Georgia 30334

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date 7/23/85

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

Melrose Bryan
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

9/5/85

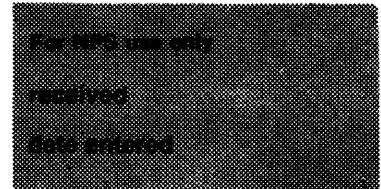
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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The Sam Jones United Methodist Church is the present edifice for a congregation that has had a long history in Cartersville, Georgia.

The town of Cartersville was created in the early 1840s as the railroad reached the region. The county (then called Cass) was created in 1832 but it was not until 1838 that the Cherokee Indians were officially removed. The original county seat was Cassville, established 1833, north of present-day Cartersville. This Methodist church body was first organized as "Ebenezer Church" and the first log church building erected by 1838 on land donated by John Leake within the present boundaries of Oak Hill cemetery, several miles north of the present church. As Cartersville developed, and more Methodists arrived, they grew tired of trying to reach the Ebenezer Church overland. The church body was soon moved to Cartersville where a wooden church was built on the present site of the Sam Jone Memorial Church on land donated by Col. Lewis Tumlin and others. In 1848, Dr. William H. Felton (later a congressman) preached the first sermon in the new church. At the time of the move, Cartersville had only 150 citizens. The Methodist church is said to have been the first one built within the city limits of Cartersville. The Presbyterians built in 1853 and the Baptist in 1856.

The church building survived the Civil War, although the other faiths lost their structures. In 1867, after Cassville was heavily damaged in the Civil War, Cartersville became the county seat for the renamed Bartow County.

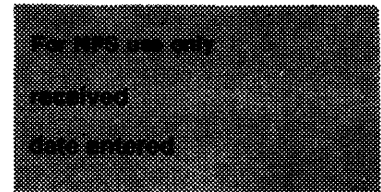
In June 1872, a second church was dedicated on the original lot. It was brick, seated close to 700 people, and had a one hundred-foot spire. The membership reached 200 that year. By the turn of the century, the church decided a still larger building was needed. As construction began, one of the church's members and the town's most famous citizen, the Methodist evangelist Sam P. Jones, died. A church conference was held and it was decided to name the church as a memorial to Sam Jones. The new edifice included the pews and chancel from the 1872 church.

When the new church opened in 1907, it had the first pipe organ in Cartersville. The first service was the annual meeting on November 7, 1907 of the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the official name of the Methodist at the time.

The church has continued to meet in the 1907 facility since its dedication. A fellowship and recreation hall were added in 1933 when the basement was excavated. The hall was named to honor Wat Mabry who assisted in the digging but was accidentally killed about the time it was completed. In 1945, 17 stained glass windows were added to the sanctuary. These were designed by Joseph V. Llorens, a noted stained glass artist, and installed by his studio. In 1960, a three-story educational building that included a parlor and a chapel was built behind the sanctuary (it is not being included with the historic, nominated property).

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Further remodeling took place in 1973 when the chancel was divided and the pulpit area extended to lengthen the chancel. The choir loft was redesigned to include more room for a new pipe organ. A Memorial Room was also established that included pictures of all former pastors but one and special items related to Sam Jones.

The church has been active in community affairs throughout its existence. At about the time the 1907 edifice was completed, the Home Missionary Society inaugurated a settlement house called "Hay Town" which was rented for meetings, nurses classes, and Sunday School. The women of the church have always had organized activities based on study, worship and service.

From the time this building was built until 1939 the official name of the faith was "Methodist Episcopal Church, South". From 1939-1968 it was known as the "Methodist Church" and since 1968 as the "United Methodist Church".

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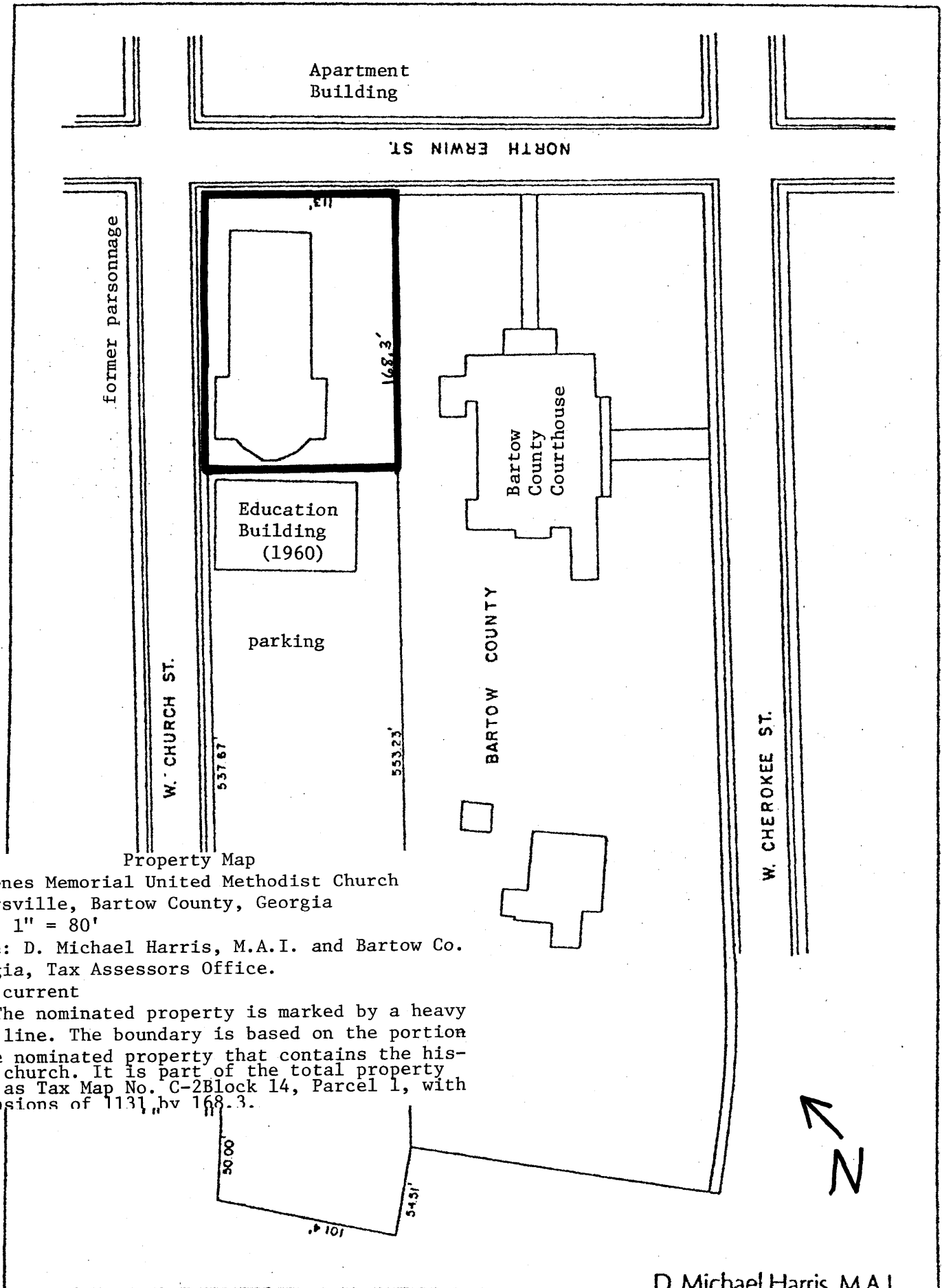
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Property Map

Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church
 Cartersville, Bartow County, Georgia

Scale: 1" = 80'

Source: D. Michael Harris, M.A.I. and Bartow Co.
 Georgia, Tax Assessors Office.

Date: current

Key: The nominated property is marked by a heavy black line. The boundary is based on the portion of the nominated property that contains the historic church. It is part of the total property shown as Tax Map No. C-2Block 14, Parcel 1, with dimensions of 1131' by 168.3'.

D. Michael Harris, M.A.I.

Floor Plan

Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church

Cartersville, Bartow County, Georgia

Scale: 1" = 16' approximately

Source: D. Michael Harris, M.A.I.

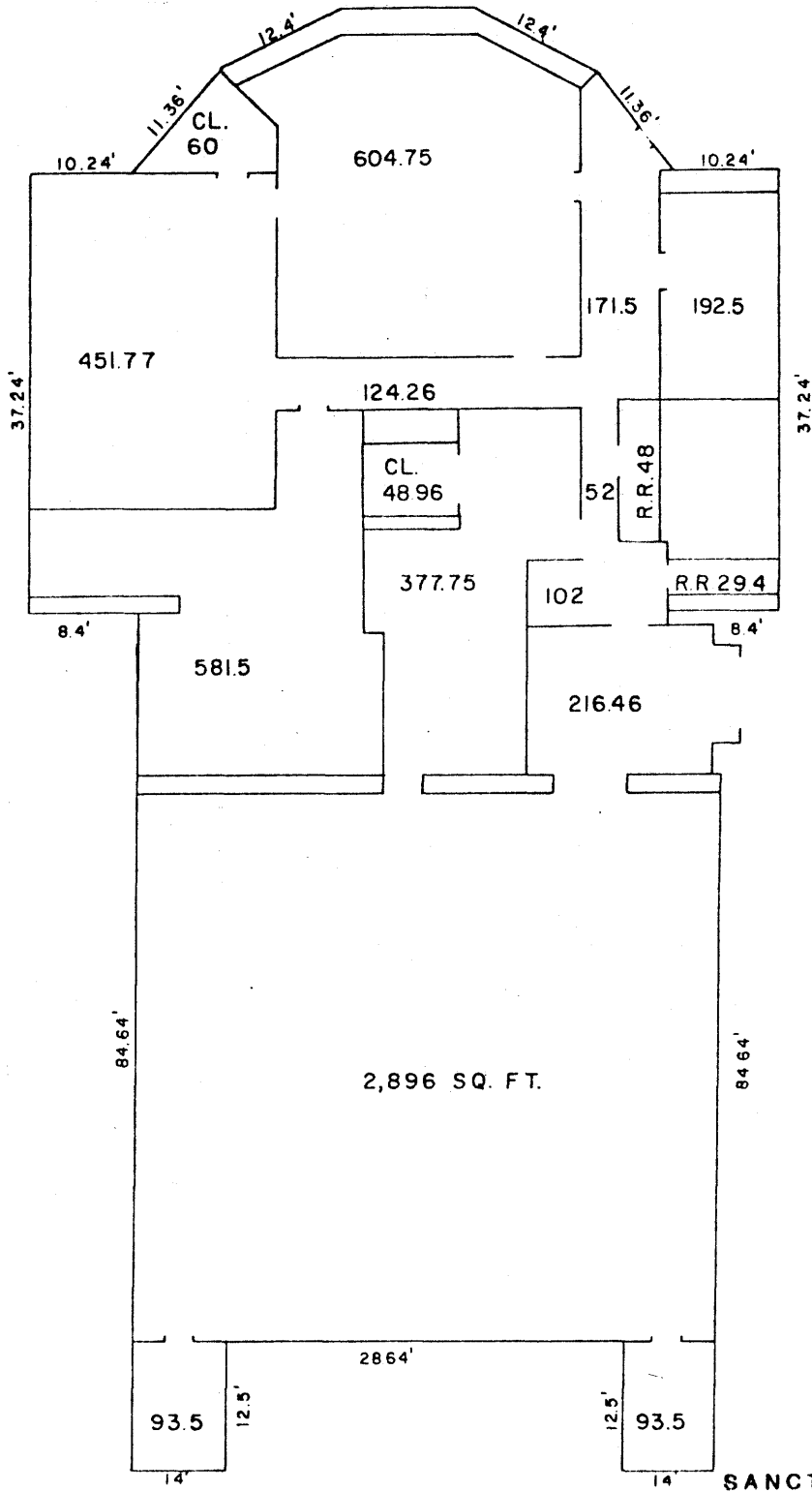
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Key:

FLOOR

Ground Floor (Basement) of Sanctuary Building

: FEET = 6143.75



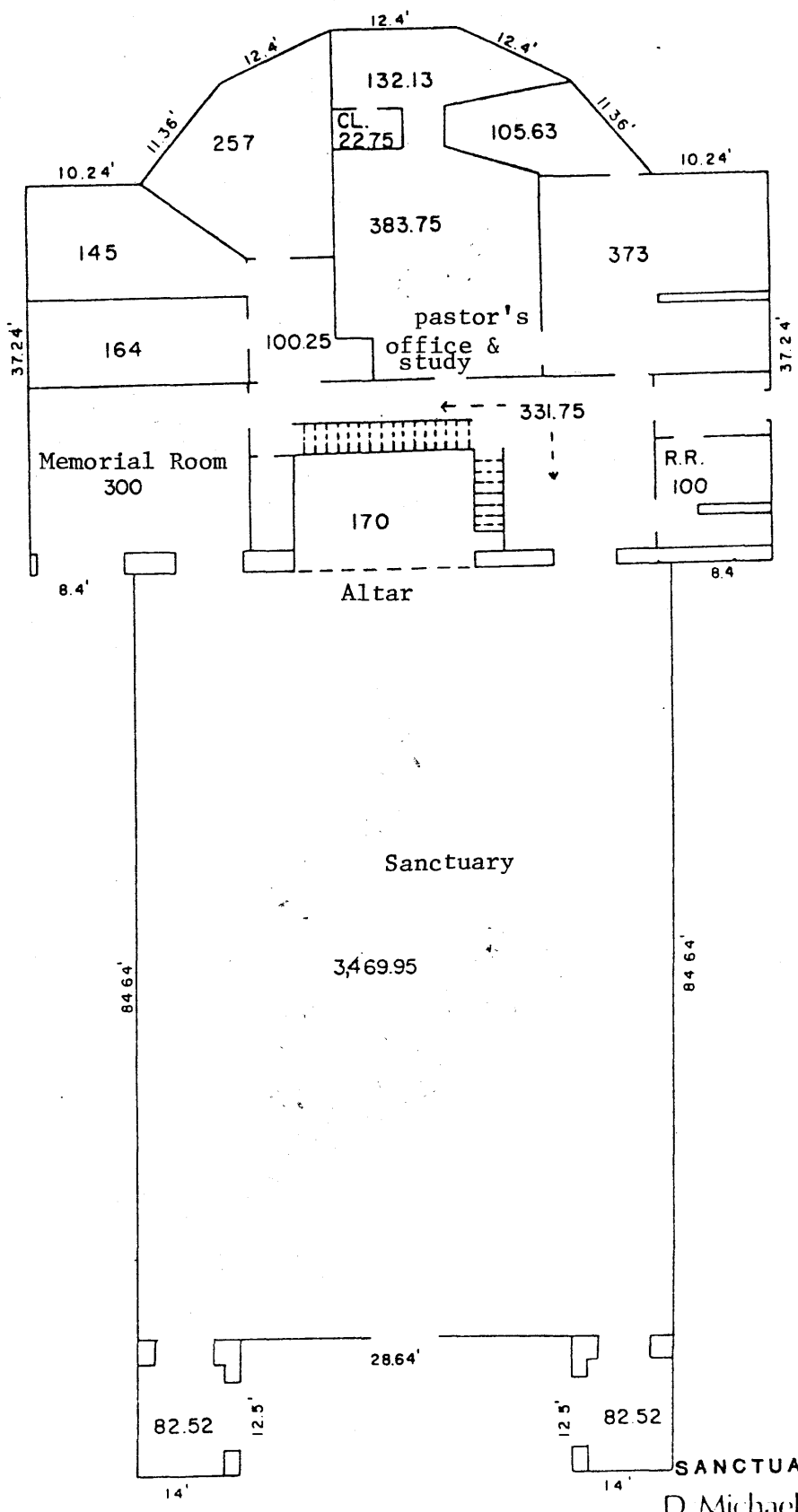
SANCTUARY BUILDING
D. Michael Harris, M.A.I.

Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church
Cartersville, Bartow County, Georgia
Scale: 1" = 16' approximately
Source: D. Michael Harris, M.A.I.
Date: c. 1980
Key:

Main Floor of Sanctuary Building

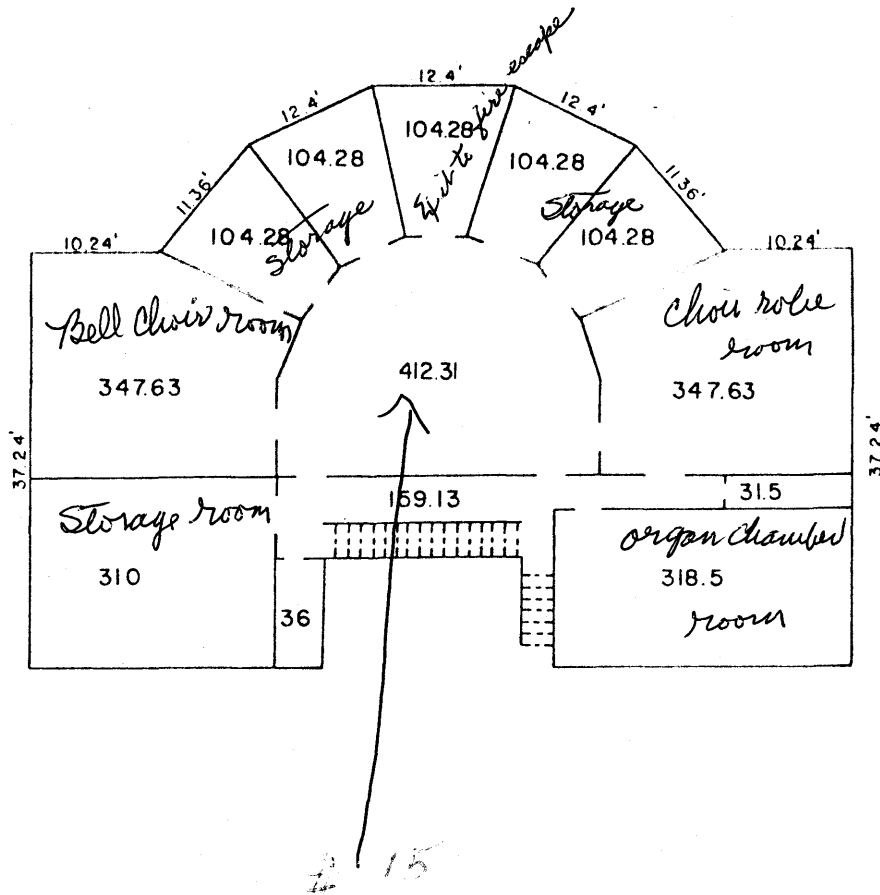
MAIN FLOOR PLAN

TOTAL SQUARE FEET = 6,220.25



SANCTUARY BUILDING
D. Michael Harris, M.A.I.

THIRD FLOOR



TOTAL SQUARE FEET = 2,484.10

Floor Plan

Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church
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Scale: 1" = 16' approximately

Source: D. Michael Harris, M.A.I.

Date: c. 1980

Key:

SANCTUARY BUILDING

Third Floor (Top Floor) of Sanctuary
 Building

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