

# THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

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*A history, in brief, of the nearly 900 churches  
and former churches in Delaware as  
located by the Author.*

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It was made a separate parish on Jan. 1, 1945, by Bishop Edmond J. FitzMaurice.

**Seaford Baptists.** On Aug. 2, 1883, Angeline Vaughn donated a lot at the cor. of Hall St. and Harrington Ave., to the Del. Baptist Union upon which to build a church. The deed stipulated that the church should have an end gallery and if it was not built within fifteen years, the land should revert. No church was ever built.

There are three colored churches in Seaford. **The Church of God** was built in 1935. It was gutted by fire on Dec. 30, 1941 and was replaced by a larger church. **John Wesley M. E. Church** was founded in 1879. Land was purchased on May 26, 1881, from Annie K. Cannon and on Sept. 22, 1924, from Geo. W. Wright. On Dec. 5, 1930, the Seaford Special School District donated the school property adjacent to the church, so long as it should be used as a community-house. The congregation of the **Macedonia A. M. E. Church** purchased the frame church building from Bochim's Meeting-House and the church was established in 1861. The quarter-acre church site was purchased from Spencer Blocksom on Apr. 18, 1862. The church was rebuilt in 1879 and again in 1915.

**Blades Methodist Church (M.E.)** was originally called "Bladesville M. E. Church." The first church was built in 1871-72 and was located on Concord Road. The site was donated on Oct. 7, 1871, by James M. Blades. It was also called "Cannon's Chapel." They were incorporated on July 16, 1877. The old graveyard still remains and the oldest tombstone is that of John E. Taylor, who died in 1883.

On Nov. 15, 1887, a lot was secured on Main St., from Leonard J. Blades, and the corner-stone of a new church was laid on Dec. 7, 1887. It was dedicated on Jan. 13, 1889 and named "Gregg" in honor of the pastor. Those taking part in the services included the Revs. C. W. Prettyman, W. J. Duhadaway, J. H. Howard and W. E. England. The church was again incorporated on Jan. 26, 1921. The work of rebuilding the church was started in 1921 and the corner-stone was laid on Jan. 1, 1922. The church was rededicated on June 18, 1922 and the name "Blades M. E. Church" was adopted. The service was in charge of Bishop John W. Hamilton, assisted by Dist. Supt. W. R. Mowbray.

The Ladies' Aid Society purchased a lot on w. 4th St., on Aug. 22, 1928 from the Allen Pkg. Co. A large social-hall was built on this site. The name "Blades Methodist Church" was adopted in 1940.

**A Church of the Nazarene** was organized at Blades on Oct. 13, 1940. A new church building was finished in 1941. The church site, on w. 4th St., had been donated, by Wm. F. Allen, on Dec. 7, 1939.

**Concord Methodist Church (M.E.)** at Concord was organized in 1804. On Aug. 24, 1804, Robert Boyce conveyed to a board of trustees one-half of an acre of land upon which a church had been built. The interior of the church was never plastered and, in 1841, it was torn down and rebuilt. In 1870, a new church was built and it was dedicated on Oct. 9, 1870. Those taking part in the services included the Revs. J. B. Merritt, Jacob Todd, J. O. Sypherd and J. B. Mann, the pastor. The church was incorporated on Nov. 22, 1872. A parsonage for the circuit was purchased on Pine St., in Seaford, on Dec. 23, 1896 from James H. Boyce.