

METHODIST CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

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A Brief Presentation
Of
Each Known Methodist Church
In
Delaware

With
Accounts
And
Pictures
of
Most Churches

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Zebley **Central Methodist Episcopal Church (M. E.)** is located in Long Neck about two miles northeast of Harmon's School. It was founded in 1867 and the present building was erected in 1887. This church was never very strong and in 1937 it was closed forever. At the 1941 Methodist Conference it was decided to sell the property.

Hallman **Central Methodist Episcopal Church** in the upper part of Long Neck in Indian River Hundred was built about 1867. It took them several years to finish the task. The building was enlarged in 1887. The society languished and the church building was sold in 1941.

WPA-292 **Central Methodist Episcopal Church, 1870-1933** [defunct], R. F. D. Long Neck. Organized and building dedicated in 1870. It is a one story frame building. The church became defunct in 1933. The first settled clergyman is unknown.

Central Methodist Protestant Church



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Zebley **Central Methodist Protestant Church (M. P.)** was located on the Shawnee Road three miles southwest of Milford. It was founded by the Rev. John Lee Straughn of the Harrington Methodist Protestant Church. The land was donated on May 1, 1894 by Oren Fenner and a tabernacle was built. After building up a good membership a church was built in 1895, the lumber from the tabernacle being used in the construction. After thirty years, interest lagged, and the church ceased to function. The building was sold in 1938 and torn down.

Hallman **Central Methodist Protestant Church**, located on Milford-Greenwood Road, about two miles from Milford, was built in 1895. It disbanded in 1935. The church building was sold and the congregation united with Calvary Methodist Protestant Church in Milford
[See: Calvary Methodist Protestant Church, Milford].

WPA-458 **Central Methodist Protestant Church, 1895-1934** [defunct], 3 1/2 miles Southwest of Milford.

Organized and building dedicated in 1895. It is a one story frame building. Defunct since 1934. The first settled clergyman was Rev. J. G. Straughan, 1895-97, who was educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md.

Chaplain's Methodist Episcopal Church

Zebley **Chaplain's Methodist Episcopal Church (M. E.)** is located two and three quarter miles north of Coverdale s Crossroads. Previous to the erection of this chapel the members had met at Onin's Chapel and Russell Church, both of which were abandoned when Chaplain's Chapel was built. The land was donated by Charles Macklin and Fisher Willis. A board tent was erected and it was dedicated on July 17, 1859. The erection of a chapel was started on July 23, 1859. It was completed and dedicated in 1861. The chapel was named for the Rev. John S. Chaplain, the minister in charge of the church. There is a small graveyard beside the church. The tombstones date back to April 9, 1870.



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Scharf **Chaplain's Methodist Episcopal Chapel** east of Bridgeville

Chaplain's Chapel, — Prior to the erection of this church there was built a church known as Onin's, in Gully Swamp about two miles east. This building only stood for twelve years when it was abandoned on account of its out-of-the-way location, and the present building built in 1859. The land was deeded by Charles Macklin and Fisher Willis, and the church took its name from John Chaplain, the minister at the time of its erection. The trustees then were W. W. Sharp, Joshua Sharp, Charles Macklin, Charles A. Rawlins, Bayard Sharp, Benton Sharp and L. B. Brown. The building is of frame and one story in height and thirty by forty feet and cost \$1600. There is a membership of fifty. The Sunday-school has forty scholars, E. F. Johnson, superintendent. The present trustees are W. W. Sharp, Miles Messick, S. H. Messick, G. M. Macklin, J. T. Macklin, E. F. Johnson, Benton Sharp and Josiah Prettyman.
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Hallman **Chaplain's Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church** in Nanticoke Hundred had its origin in Onin's Methodist Episcopal Chapel in Gulley Swamp, which was about two miles east of Chaplain's Chapel. This chapel was built in 1859.

[See: Onin's Methodist Episcopal Chapel, east of Bridgeville]

[See: Russell Methodist Episcopal Chapel, east of Bridgeville]

WPA-278 **Chaplain's Methodist Episcopal Church, 1860--**, 2 miles East of Bridgeville.

Organized 1860 as a result of two churches consolidating. Names of these churches unknown. Present building dedicated 1860. Rebuilt 1924. A one story frame structure with gallery, which was used by slaves. The first settled clergyman was Rev. J. T. Chaplain, 1860-62.

Christ Methodist Protestant Church



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Zebley **Christ Methodist Protestant Church (M. P.)** of Dagsboro was organized in 1890. The first church was built in Vine's Neck about one and one-half miles outside of Dagsboro and called "Vine's