

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

A. Present Churches

- * CAROLINA BEACH, SAINT PAUL: Corner of Harper Avenue and Third Street in Carolina Beach; Founded July 18, 1943 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 22, 1943; Book 356, Page 80; Membership 396.

WILMINGTON, DEVON PARK: 3502 Winston Boulevard; Founded in February 1956 according to a personal recollection; Earliest deed February 12, 1979, Book 1147, Page 344; Membership 176.

WILMINGTON, EPWORTH: 408 Willard Street; Founded in 1886 as Bladen Street M.E. Church, South according to local church information; Earliest deed April 15, 1887, Book 4-A, Page 156; Became Epworth in 1920; Membership 159.

- * WILMINGTON, FIFTH AVENUE: 409 South Fifth Avenue; Founded in 1847 according to a printed history; Earliest deed December 1, 1847, Book 11, Page 422; Membership 534.

- * WILMINGTON, GRACE: Corner of Fourth Street and Grace Street; Ministers appointed to Wilmington since 1784; Founded by William Meredith and Jessee Jennett in 1794 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Organized December 25, 1797 according to local church records; Earliest deed for Front Street Church at Front Street and Walnut Street joining property on which the meeting house then stood, February 27, 1802, Book M, Page 62 (was Front Street Brick Church in 1854); Present property deeded May 19, 1886, Book 3-X, Page 560; Membership 649.

- * WILMINGTON, OLEANDER: 5810 Oleander Drive; Founded in 1957 according to local church records; Greenville Chapel Church founded in 1904 at Seagate according to a church deed; Earliest deed June 20, 1904, Book 40, Page 350; Another deed January 17, 1919, Book 103, Page 385 (these lots sold Book 124, Page 43); Seagate Church merged with Oleander Church in 1958; Earliest Oleander deed March 12, 1974, Book 998, Page 894; Membership 153.

- * WILMINGTON, PINE VALLEY: 3788 Shipyard Boulevard; Founded September 10, 1961 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 1, 1965, Book 781, Page 379; Membership 644.

WILMINGTON, SAINT JOHN: 801 North Seventh Street; Founded in 1944 according to a conference history; Earliest deed February 14, 1877, Book 3-M, Page 669; Became Trinity Chapel by 1884 according to Book 3-V, Page 299; Became Saint John by deed June 1, 1961, Book 681, Page 172; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 27.

WILMINGTON, SUNSET PARK: Corner of Central Boulevard and Washington Street; Founded February 7, 1943 according to a printed history; Earliest deed February 15, 1943, Book 334, Page 446; Membership 360.

- * WILMINGTON, TRINITY: 1403 Market Street; Founded May 28, 1891 after a Sunday school had been organized August 18, 1889 according to a church history; Earliest conveyance a lease for three years April 10, 1891, Book 7, Page 416; Earliest deed May 25, 1894, Book 13, Page 432; Formerly Market Street Church, became Trinity in 1906; Membership 728.

- * WILMINGTON, WESLEY MEMORIAL: 1401 South College Road; Founded in 1914 according to a cornerstone and named Winter Park Methodist Church; Earliest deed February 11, 1915, Book 83, Page 435 and Book 91, Page 492; Became Wesley Memorial Church by May 15, 1919, Book 103, Page 514; Membership 1,610.
- * WRIGHTSBORO: North Kerr Avenue in Wrightsboro; Founded June 8, 1958 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 28, 1958, Book 645, Page 586; Membership 246.
- * WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH: 4 Live Oak Drive on Harbor Island in Wrightsville Beach; Founded in June, 1947 according to a church history; Earliest deed for present site August 4, 1950, Book 481, Page 46; An earlier deed for Wrightsville M.E. Church, South on Wrightsville Sound, February 24, 1908, Book 52, Page 559; Membership 395.

B. Former Churches

ACORN BRANCH: Earliest deed April 18, 1900; Book 28, Page 113; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BETHANY: Earliest deed July 30, 1874; Book III, Page 557; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CASTLE HAYNE: Earliest deed March 2, 1907; Book 51, Page 630; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CASTLE HEIGHTS: Earliest deed January 8, 1925; Book 164, Page 164; Methodist Episcopal, South.

FEDERAL POINT: Earliest deed November 29, 1909; Book 59, Page 350; Methodist Episcopal, South.

GREENVILLE CHAPEL: Earliest deed June 20, 1904; Book 40, Page 350; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PROSPECT: Earliest deed September 4, 1874; Book III, Page 722; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WILMINGTON: Earliest deed April 16, 1850; Book HH, Page 279; Methodist Protestant.

WRIGHTSVILLE: Earliest deed February 24, 1908; Book 52; Page 559; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: October 9, 1847; Book II, Page 530.
 Methodist Episcopal, South: May 18, 1900; Book 29, Page 84.
 Methodist Protestant: August 21, 1860; Book WWW, Page 124.