

### Property Information

#### Property Names

Name Explanation	Name
Function/Location	Church, 211 Albemarle Street
Historic	Pilgrim Baptist Church

#### Property Evaluation Status

#### Property Addresses

Current - 211 Albemarle Street

County/Independent City(s):	Charlottesville (Ind. City)
Incorporated Town(s):	No Data
Zip Code(s):	22903
Magisterial District(s):	No Data
Tax Parcel(s):	No Data
USGS Quad(s):	CHARLOTTESVILLE EAST

### Additional Property Information

Architecture Setting: Urban

Acreage: No Data

#### Site Description:

January 2020: This one-story church is located on the west side of Albemarle Street, just north of its intersection with West Street. The rear of the property includes a brightly colored children's playset, a wooden treehouse, a large deciduous tree, and a shed. This property consists of a large church building and a shed.

#### Surveyor Assessment:

January 2020: According to Charlottesville City Property Records, this building was constructed in 1940 (City of Charlottesville GIS Viewer 2020). This building first appears on the 1950 Sanborn Map as a motor sales and service building, numbered as 211 7th Street NW (Sanborn Map Company 1950). In this map, the building had a much smaller footprint than it has today, and the rear additions were built between 1968 and 1994 (Sanborn Map Company 1950; NETR 1968; NETR 1994). At the time of the building's construction, Albemarle Street intersected Preston Avenue where the railroad bridge now sits, and Albemarle Street was a dead end (Sanborn Map Company 1950; USGS 2017). The church was organized in 1965 by Dr. R. A. Johnson, according to the cornerstone on the building. He remained the pastor for 47 years and was also an active civil rights advocate (Daily Progress 2013). The building was purchased by the Pilgrim Baptist Church trustees in 1971, which remains in operation at this location today (City of Charlottesville GIS Viewer 2020; Cornerstone 1965). Both the shed and the children's playset were added to the rear of the church lot sometime after 2017 (USGS 2017).

This property retains good integrity of location and setting, with the setting mildly compromised through additions to the nearby Coca-Cola Bottling Works in 2014 (USGS 2014). The integrity of design, materials, and workmanship has been compromised by the rear additions. This property retains good integrity of feeling and association. Overall, this property retains fair integrity.

This property is recommended as potentially individually eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A in the area of Religion as a locally significant African American church and under Criterion B for its association with Dr. R. A. Johnson, the founder of Pilgrim Baptist Church. Further research is recommended to determine if this property best represents his potential historical significance. Additionally, it is located in the potential 10th & Page Historic District, which is recommended as potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP. Further study is recommended to determine if the 10th & Page Historic District is eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A in the areas of Ethnic Heritage, Community Planning and Development, and Social History, and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. This property includes one contributing primary resource and one non-contributing secondary resource.

Surveyor Recommendation: Recommended Potentially Eligible

#### Ownership

Ownership Category	Ownership Entity
Private	No Data

### Primary Resource Information

Resource Category:	Religion
Resource Type:	Church/Chapel
NR Resource Type:	Building
Date of Construction:	1940
Date Source:	Local Records

**Historic Time Period:** World War I to World War II (1917 - 1945)  
**Historic Context(s):** Religion  
**Other ID Number:** *No Data*  
**Architectural Style:** No discernible style  
**Form:** *No Data*  
**Number of Stories:** 1.0  
**Condition:** Good  
**Threats to Resource:** None Known

**Architectural Description:**

January 2020: This one-story church is constructed of concrete block, is clad brown stretcher bond brick on the façade, and has a front-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles. The front (southeast) facing façade includes a one-story, partial-width, front-gabled portico. The gable end is clad in plywood. The portico is supported by square wood columns. There is a tall, square, brick pier topped by a cross at the south corner of the facade. There is a side-gabled addition to the rear of the building on the southwest elevation. This addition is clad mainly in vinyl siding, with some brick cladding on the lowest section on the southwest elevation and the entire southeast elevation of the addition. Visible fenestration includes one-over-one, double-hung, vinyl windows; fixed, single-light windows of unknown material; six-over-six, double-hung, vinyl windows; single-leaf wood doors; and double-leaf, wood doors.

**Exterior Components**

Component	Component Type	Material	Material Treatment
Foundation	Solid/Continuous	Concrete	Block
Porch	Portico/Entry Porch	Wood	Square
Structural System and Exterior Treatment	Masonry	Brick	Stretcher Bond
Windows	Double-hung	Vinyl	<i>No Data</i>
Roof	Front Gable	Asphalt	<i>No Data</i>

**Secondary Resource Information**

**Secondary Resource #1**

**Resource Category:** Religion  
**Resource Type:** Shed  
**NR Resource Type:** Building  
**Date of Construction:** ca 2018  
**Date Source:** Map  
**Historic Time Period:** Post Cold War (1992 - Present)  
**Historic Context(s):** Religion  
**Other ID Number:** *No Data*  
**Architectural Style:** No discernible style  
**Form:** Rectangular  
**Number of Stories:** 1.0  
**Condition:** Good  
**Threats to Resource:** None Known

**Architectural Description:**

January 2020: There is a one-story shed to the northwest of the church, behind a treehouse and playset. This shed sits on a wood pallet, is clad in vertical, plywood, paneled siding, and has a gambrel roof covered in asphalt shingles. Visible fenestration includes double-leaf, plywood paneled doors.

**Exterior Components**

Component	Component Type	Material	Material Treatment
Foundation	Piers	Wood	<i>No Data</i>
Structural System and Exterior Treatment	Wood Frame	Plywood/Particle Board	Vertical Board
Roof	Gambrel	Asphalt	<i>No Data</i>

**Historic District Information**

**Historic District Name:** *No Data*

**Local Historic District Name:** *No Data*  
**Historic District Significance:** *No Data*

## CRM Events

### Event Type: Survey:Phase I/Reconnaissance

**Project Review File Number:** *No Data*  
**Investigator:** Erin Que  
**Organization/Company:** The 106 Group Ltd.  
**Photographic Media:** Digital  
**Survey Date:** 2/5/2020  
**Dhr Library Report Number:** *No Data*

#### Project Staff/Notes:

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#### Surveyor's NR Criteria Recommendations:

A - Associated with Broad Patterns of History

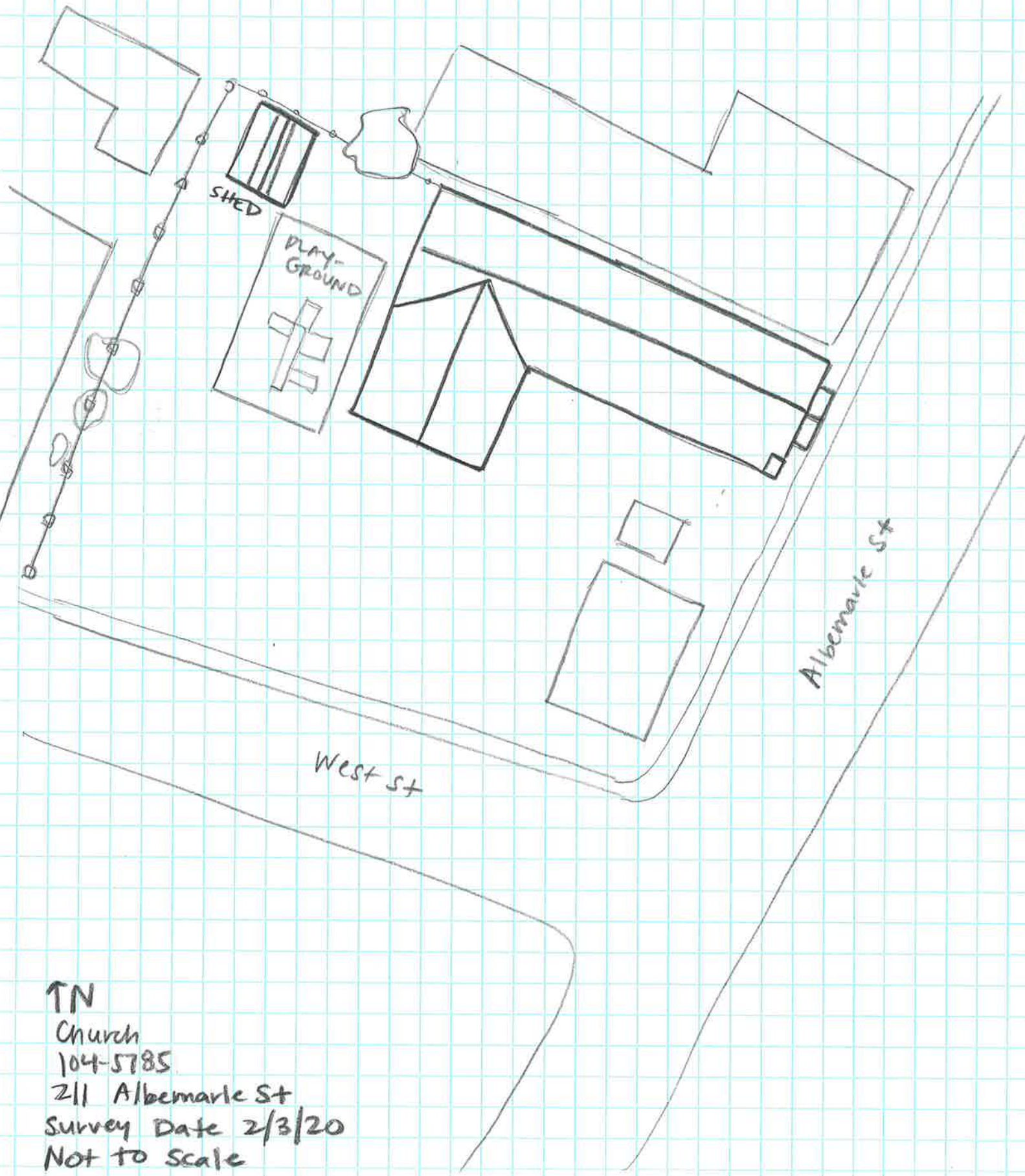
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### Property Notes:

No Data



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Church  
104-5785  
211 Albemarle St  
Survey Date 2/3/20  
Not to Scale