

AA-876

1921

Church of God of Anderson  
Gambrills  
Private

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Church of God of Anderson (Indiana)

## 2. Location

street & number 952 Annapolis Road  not for publicationcity, town Gambrills  vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other social service

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Church of God of Anderson

street &amp; number 952 Annapolis Road telephone no.: 301-674-7452

city, town Gambrills state and zip code MD 21054

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber CW 87

street &amp; number Church Circle folio 392

city, town Annapolis state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. AA-876

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

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Church of God of Anderson (Indiana) is located on the north side of Annapolis Road (Rt. 175) between the towns of Odenton and Gambrills in north central Anne Arundel County. The church congregation erected a brick church to the southeast sometime during the last decade, to replace this earlier structure.

The frame church, built in 1921, is a rectangular, 4 bay by 3 bay, one-story frame structure covered by a gable roof. The gable end facade faces southwest toward Annapolis Road, and is distinguished by a square, two-story, projecting bell-tower which occupies the central bay of the facade. The principal entrance into the church is located on the facade of the tower.

The church rests on a very high poured concrete foundation. The raised basement once housed the Sunday School classes. The exterior walls of the church are covered with wood shingles and the roof with asphalt shingles. The rafter ends have been left exposed on both side elevations (southeast and northwest).

The bell tower is adorned with a pent which wraps around the tower at the first-story level. The rafter ends of the pent have also been left exposed. Two Gothic-arched ventilators pierce the southeast and northwest elevations of the tower at the second-story level. A circular opening is located on the facade of the tower. This may have once been a window; it is now filled with the Boy Scout Troop #755 plaque. (The troop presently uses the building for their meetings and functions.) The bell tower is crowned with the open framework which once supported a bell, and covered by a pyramidal roof with flared eaves, the top of which is adorned by a simple cross. The bell was removed and installed at the newer brick church located to the southeast.

The main entrance, located on the facade of the bell tower, consists of a double wood-paneled door and is accessed by a poured concrete stair. The raised basement is accessed by a door located in the rear of the church.

The sanctuary is lit by four long, 2/2 sash windows on both side elevations. Two Gothic-arch, sash windows flank the bell tower on the facade. The raised basement is lit by four, 2/2 sash windows on both side elevations.

An exterior gable-end brick chimney is located at the rear of the church.

In addition to the bell, the 1921 cornerstone, a wooden lecturn, and ornate pedestal, all used in the frame church, were moved to the newer brick church.

A cemetery is located behind the church.

# 8. Significance

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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 checked="" 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	1921	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The Church of God of Anderson is named for their affiliation with the Anderson, Indiana, congregation. The Gambrills congregation was formed in 1918 and the small frame church was dedicated in 1921. It is significant as a relatively unaltered version of the small, rural church.





Odenton, MD  
 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1957; photo revised 1979

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Facade: S.W. elevation

& Side: N.W. elevation



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Rear: N.E. elevation



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Cemetery - N.E. of church