

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Marion Baptist Church Inventory Number: S-263  
 Address: 28505 Hudson Corner Road City: Marion Station Zip Code: 21838  
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Marion  
 Owner: St. John's Family Worship Center  
500 Edgewood Ave., Cambridge, MD 21613-2109 Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 0053 Tax Map Number: 0057 Tax Account ID Number: 03-051137  
 Project: Great Bay Wind Energy Center Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

*If the property is within a district*  
 District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district  yes Eligible district  yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource  yes  no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes  no

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None  
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Library – MIHP form S-263

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Marion Baptist Church (currently known as the St. John's Family Worship Center) is a three-story, three-bay wide by seven-bay deep church located in the village of Marion. The church is constructed primarily of brick, and rests on an elevated poured concrete foundation. The north façade is dominated by a monumental gabled portico, with the roof topped by a bell tower. The church is an imposing visual landmark in the village, and is currently vacant. The church was previously surveyed in 1984 (see MIHP form S-263 in MHT Library). Though the exterior of the building does not appear to have been altered since that time, the church has experienced noticeable wear due to lack of occupancy and deferred maintenance. Numerous windows are boarded up, with others having broken panes. The building was constructed in 1925, but does not display sufficient significance to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Marion Baptist Church is not considered individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) due to its compromised condition and lack of integrity from neglect and deferred maintenance. However, the church was included as a contributing resource in the Marion Station Survey District, which was previously determined NRHP-eligible.

Prepared by: Grant Johnson (EDR) Date Prepared: February 2014

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: <u>Contributes to Marion Station NR-eligible district</u>	
<u>Jonathan Hayes</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>4/9/14</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>4/7/14</u> Date

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**Great Bay Wind Energy Center**  
Somerset County - Maryland  
**Historic Resources Assessment**  
February 2014

Notes: Basemap: ESRI USA Topomaps Online Map Service

-  Demolished/Removed, Not Eligible
-  EDR Recommends NRHP-Eligible
-  EDR Recommends Not NRHP-Eligible
-  Undetermined







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MARION BAPTIST CHURCH

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

GRANT SCHINSOW

8/28/2013

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW SE TOWARD NORTH & WEST FRONTS OF CHURCH

Photo #1/6

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MARCON BAPTIST CHURCH

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

GRANT SOTHSAN

8/16/2013

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW ESE TOWARD SOUTH FACADE OF CHURCH

Photo #210

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MARION BAPTIST CHURCH

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

GRANT JOHNSON

8/26/2013

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DETAIL SOUTH FACADE OF CHURCH

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MARION BAPTIST CHURCH  
Somerset County, MD

GRANT JOHNSON

8/16/2013

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW S TOWARD NORTH END OF CHURCH

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MARION BAPTIST CHURCH

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

GRANT JOHNSON

8/26/2013

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW SW toward NORTH & EAST FACADES OF CHURCH

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MARION BAPTIST CHURCH

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

GRANT JOHNSON

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DETAIL, EAST FACADE OF CHURCH

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Marion Baptist Church  
Marion  
public worship

1925

The Marion Baptist Church, built in 1925, is the most imposing structure in the small, once railroad-oriented village. Standing on the eastern edge of town, the massive brick church is supported by a raised brick foundation. The front (north) facade is dominated by a classically inspired gabled portico rising from a tiered platform of steps. The church serves as a prominent visual landmark due to its large size and domed bell tower. A date ~~1925~~<sup>plaque</sup> for the church records the 1925 construction date as well as its 1896 year of organization.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Marion Baptist Church

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number S side of MD 667 East of town (Old Rehobeth Road)  not for publication

city, town Marion  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Trustees of Marion Baptist Church

street & number Old State Road telephone no.: 623-2100

city, town Marion Station state and zip code Maryland 21838

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-263

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 Marion Baptist Church, built in 1925, is the most imposing structure in this small, once railroad-oriented village. Standing at the eastern edge of town, the massive brick church is situated on the south side of MD 667 with the main facade facing north. The primary gable is oriented on a north/south axis.

The three-story, three-bay by seven-bay stretcher bond brick church rests on a poured concrete foundation and is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. Dominating the front elevation is a classical gabled portico supported by four square tapered piers. The portico floor is at the top of two flights of stairs.

Rising from the roof is a bell tower with a dome shaped cap.

The north (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking 6/6 sash windows. The double glazed door is surmounted by a five-light transom and a classical entablature. The second floor is lighted by three 3/6 sash windows. The center window rests directly on top of the entablature and is bracketed by a pair of scrolled surrounds that smooth the transition from the door to window. The gable-front pediment is pierced by a six-light lunette window.

The bell tower is framed by four corner pilasters. The space between is filled with double panels of louvered vents. The metal dome is squarish in shape and is topped by an urn-shaped finial.

The east and west sides are largely alike. Divided into seven bays, the first (north) bay consists of a projecting one-bay pavilion capped by a pedimented roof. The ground floor has a side entrance, while the remaining floors have identical 6/6 sash and 3/6 sash windows on their respective floors. A brick stove stack rises from the northwest corner. Located on both east and west sides is a two-story three-bay by one-room brick addition that is covered by a shed roof. Extending from the back of the church is a four-bay by one-bay brick section that is lighted by 6/6 sash windows and is covered by a hip roof. The south wall of the church body is not brick, but is covered with aluminum siding. Brick stove stacks rise from the southeast and southwest corners.

The interior was not open for inspection on the initial visit.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. S-263

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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 1925

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

The Marion Baptist Church is an important visual landmark for this area due to its large and unmistakable shape. The bell tower is a familiar point of reference for the immediate locale. A date plaque for the church records the 1925 construction date as well as its 1896 organization date. This Baptist congregation appears to be one of the largest in rural Somerset.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-263

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Marion

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A          
 Zone Easting Northing

B          
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 1/3/85

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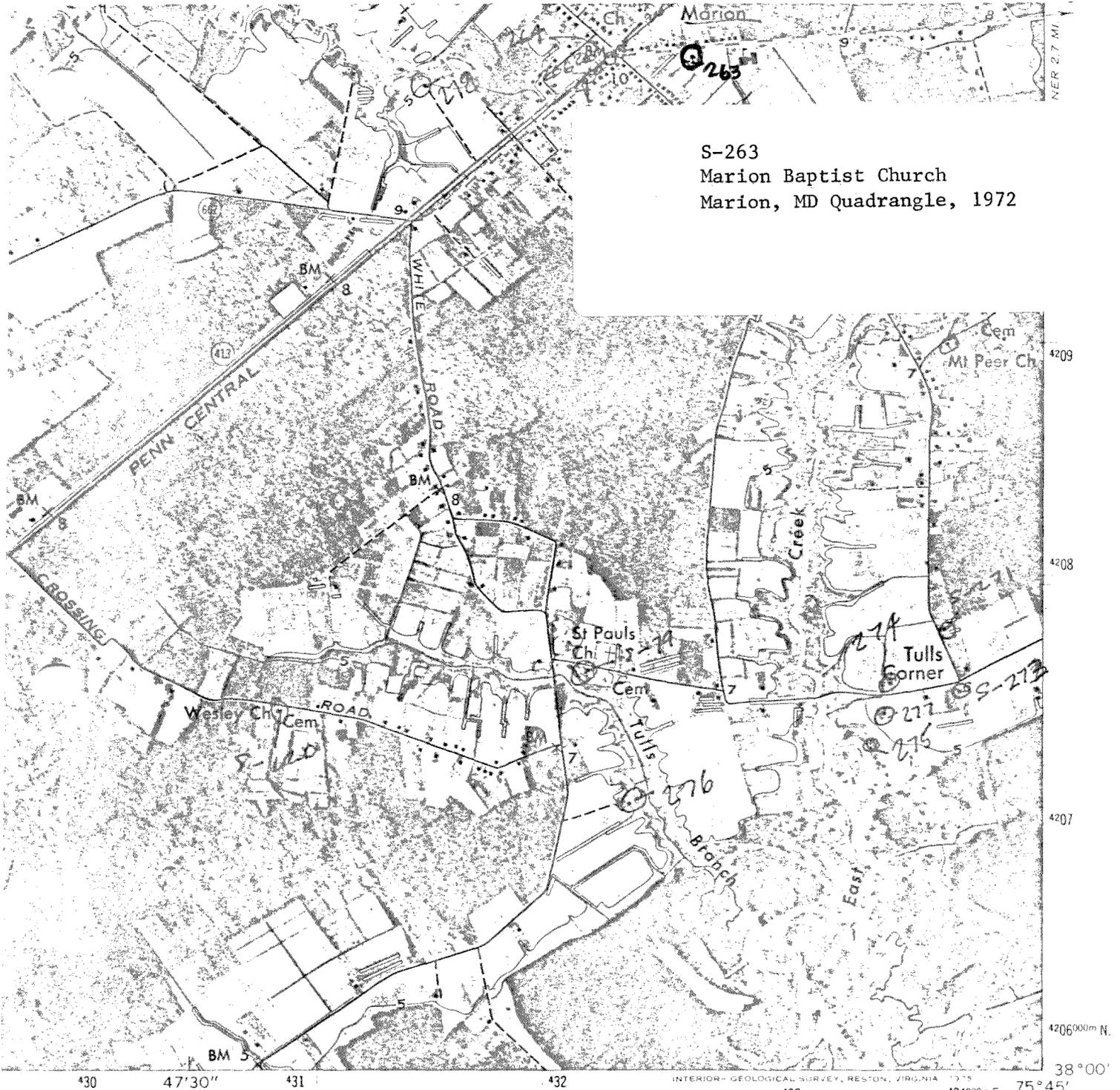
city or town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Marion Baptist Church  
 Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface \_\_\_\_\_
- Secondary highway, hard surface \_\_\_\_\_
- Trails \_\_\_\_\_
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface \_\_\_\_\_
- Unimproved road \_\_\_\_\_

- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route

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 5859 / NW



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Southwest Elevation  
Marion, Somerset County  
10/84, Paul Touart, Photographer  
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North~~ea~~st Elevation  
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