

**SHARP STREET MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH**  
**Incorporated in 1802 and Located on Sharp St. near Redwood St.**

Prior to this the colored members of the M. E. Church worshiped in the gallery of the Lovely Lane Chapel (German, now Redwood Street), and numbered about one-third of the denomination in and about Baltimore.

Thirteen of these members, in search of Liberty, were among the pioneer settlers of Liberia, Africa.

Between the years 1820 and 1835 seventy-two gained their freedom by escaping to Canada.

The records also show that fifty-one members were sold out of the State into Virginia, Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama.

In the hall of this church, many of the leaders of the race, both ministerial and lay, received their training under one Daniel Coker, under whom a number withdrew from Sharp Street and organized "Bethel" A.M.E. Church in 1811. Here also the Washington Annual Conference was organized in 1863.

The present Memorial building was erected at the corner of Dolphin and Etting Streets in 1898. Value \$100,000 and out of debt.

Rev. M. J. Naylor, D.D., Pastor, Parsonage, 507 W. Lanvale Street, Phone, Madison 446.

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**Regular Meetings**

Preaching 11 A.M. and 8 P.M., Bible School 2:30 P.M., Conference and Prayer Service, Friday 8 P.M., Classes every night except Friday. Lord's Supper first Sunday at 11 A.M. and 8 P.M., Leaders and Stewards Meeting, Friday night, Trustees meet first Monday in every month, Epworth League, Sunday 4:30 P.M., Choir rehearsal every Friday night.

**Trustees**

Trustees—Allen Brown, William I. Butler, Jr., J. O. Carter, T. H. Brooks, John S. Hardy, Solomon Tripp, Grant E. Biddle, Sr., Howard E. Young, William Booker.

Stewards—Joshua Augustus, James Paschall, Charles S. Whiting, James Hall, Lloyd Watts, Sandy Burns, Horace Tilghman, John Washington, Walter Scott, Joseph James, George Brown, John Hughes, John Spriggs, George H. Cole, Washington Wright, John H. Wilson, William A. Owens, Charles W. Martin, James Allen.

Officers—J. Emory Bond, Superintendent; Senior League, Estella C. Young, President; Junior League, Arie P. Gray, Superintendent; President Methodist Brotherhood, Dr. William Pickens.

Ladies' Organizations—Ellen Johnson, Mary Braxton, Maggie Parker, Charlotte Whiting, Jennie H. Ross, Estelle C. Young, Helen Muse, Mary Hughes, Georgie Frey, Eliza J. Cole.

Choir Directress—Annie Hazelton Lee.

Organist—Edwin M. Peck.

Leaders and Stewards Board—Walter Scott, Treasurer; Lloyd Watts, Secretary.

Trustee Board—Dr. Howard E. Young, Treasurer, Grant E. Biddle Sr. Secretary.

Financial Secretary—Cordelia E. Henry.

Rev. M. J. Naylor is a Graduate of the State Normal School of West Virginia, College Preparatory School of Howard University, A.B. of Morgan College, Graduate in Divinity of Howard University, which institution conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Naylor came to this city from Washington, D.C., and has been here twenty-three years. During this period he has served as pastor of Ames and Asbury Churches, a full term as Superintendent of the Baltimore District and is now serving his ninth year as Pastor of Sharp Street Memorial, the oldest and most substantial church financially owned by colored people in this State. He has twice represented his conference in the law-making body of the church, and is rated as one of its very efficient and constructive legislators.

Dr. Naylor's administration at Sharp Street has been eminently successful, during which \$100,000.00 has been raised for all purposes, and a debt of \$27,000.00 discharged, leaving the church entirely free of all indebtedness. He is widely known and enjoys the esteem of his great church and the public generally. He is alive to all public interests and can be depended upon as a safe and progressive representative of his race.

He is now engaged in developing a great Community Center in connection with his church, which will cost approximately \$50,000.00.