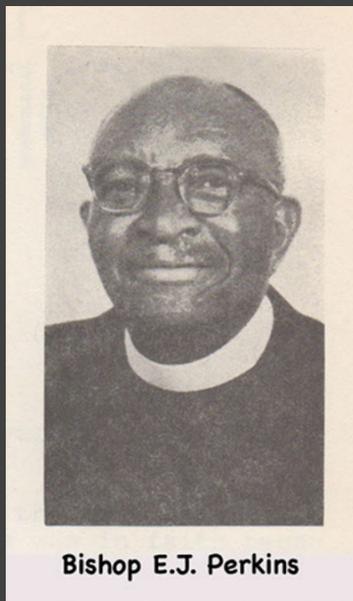


# Macedonia Church of God in Christ



Mother Perkins



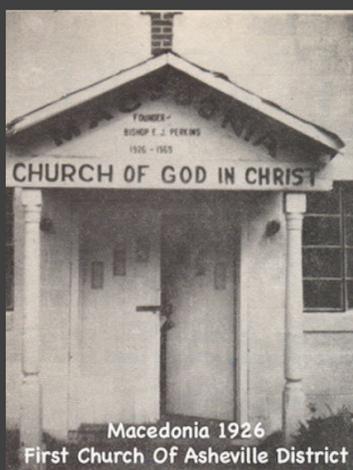
Bishop E.J. Perkins



The Old Macedonian Mother Church of God in Christ, was located on Southside Ave at the corner of Gaston Ave. According to local residents, Bishop Perkins would erect a Christmas tree every year and give the neighborhood kids shoes and clothing at the Church.

“The birth and life of our local church began in 1926 in Stumptown. Stumptown is in the Montford community area of Asheville, North Carolina.

“Mother Louise Perkins wife of Elder E.J. Perkins came to Asheville in 1926 to visit her mother, Mother Mary, as she was affectionately known who owned and operated a nursing home off Patton Avenue on the spot where Temple Baptist Church stands today. She stayed in the home of Sister Lizzie McCullough, a little house in Stumptown where she began having church services. The Lord blessed Mother Perkins in the start of this great ministry and she called for her husband Elder E.J. Perkins to come help her. This started the beginning of the Church Of God In Christ in Asheville.



Macedonia 1926  
First Church Of Asheville District

“As the people heard about the excitement of what the Lord was doing and what was taking place they out grew the little house and Elder and Mother Perkins moved them to Southside Avenue. This is where Macedonia Church of God In Christ had it’s beginning. It continued to prosper and grow.”



The masonry church building was one of the last structures to be demolished as part of the East Riverside Redevelopment in the 1960s and 1970s.

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Monument erected in 2000 to honor Bishop and Mother Perkins, located on the former Stumptown site where they began to have church services.

This historic marker is part of the *Southside Heritage Trail* along the *Town Branch Greenway*, made possible by the City of Asheville and the Federal Transit Administration, 2014



# This area in 1968



**1** 293-295 Southside Avenue  
Charlie's Grocery & Market  
Artistic Barber Shop

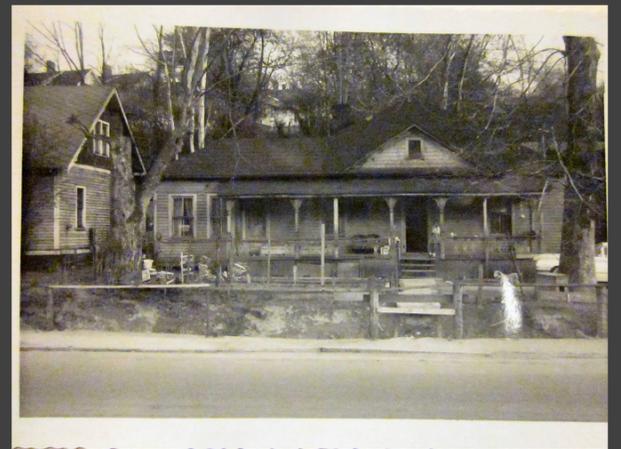
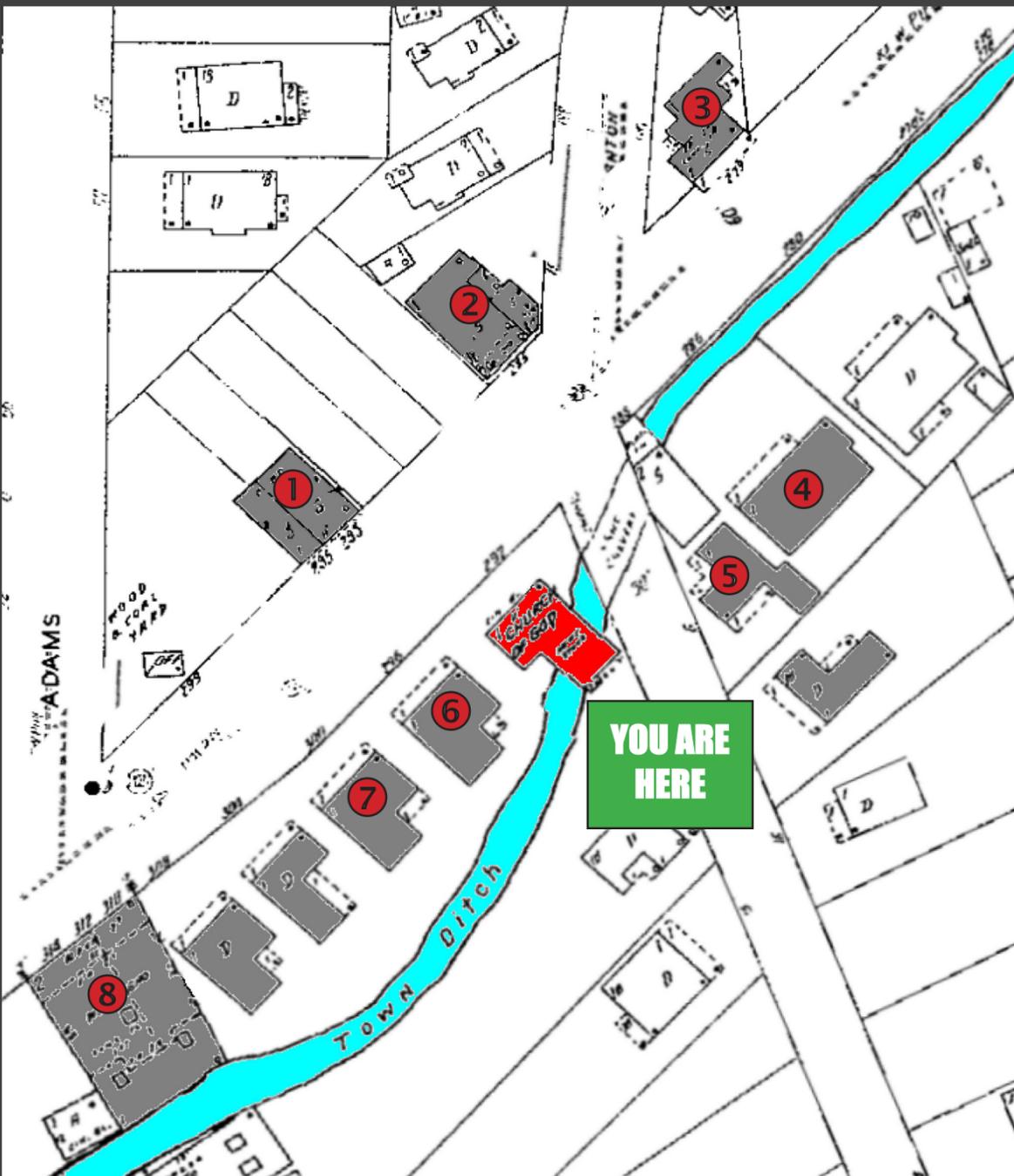


**2** 285 Southside Avenue  
Self-Serve Laundromat  
Forney Shoe Shine Parlor



**3** 279 Southside Avenue  
Bennie Warren Barber Shop

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**4** 288 Southside Avenue



**5** 8 - 10 Gaston Street



**8** 312 Southside Avenue  
Crown Jewel Corp., soda fountain supplies



**7** 308 Southside Avenue



**6** 305 Southside Avenue