

**A BRIEF HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
OF THE
ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
1803 - 2016**

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ASBC HISTORY

Documented in Award-winning historical text, *I ONCE WAS YOUNG*
Winner of Alexandria's Historical Society's 2004 History Award

The book describes ASBC as being :

STABLE

Only 8 pastors in 213 years

PROGRESSIVE

One of *first* to ordain women to ministry

One of *few* to elect a woman pastor (interim)

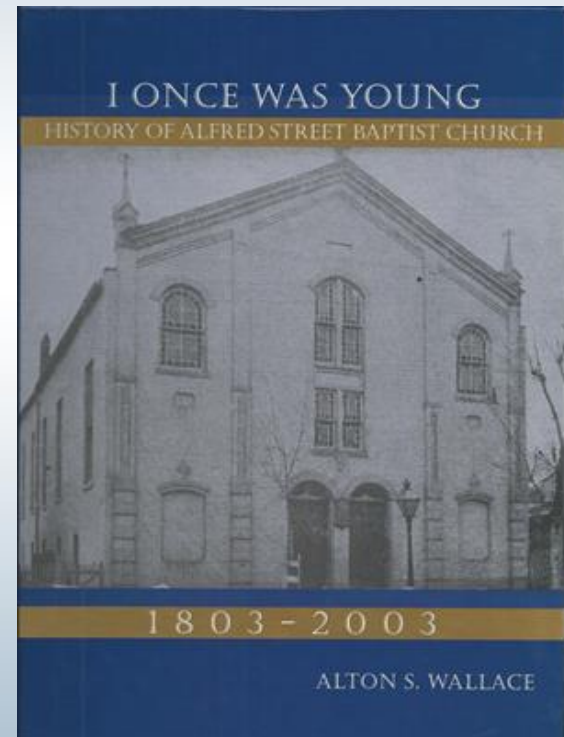
35% of current leadership are women

SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS

Environmentally Friendly

Foreign and domestic missions and outreach

Politically involved



Church is listed on [THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORICAL SITES](#) by US Department of the Interior

ASBC TODAY

Socially Conscious



ASBC DONATES \$1,000,000 to SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM



**ASBC DONATES \$50,000 of water to Flint, MI
and provides teams for water delivery.
(On-going)**

TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS

THOMAS JEFFERSON

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

EISENHOWER

BARACK OBAMA

1800

1850

1900

1950

2000

1803— Church was formed

1818 -Moved to current site

1842 -Purchased current site

1855 -Built "Old Church"

1861-65— Church used as hospital in Civil War



Urban renewal

1980— Built "New Church"

1994— Current structure

1855

1980

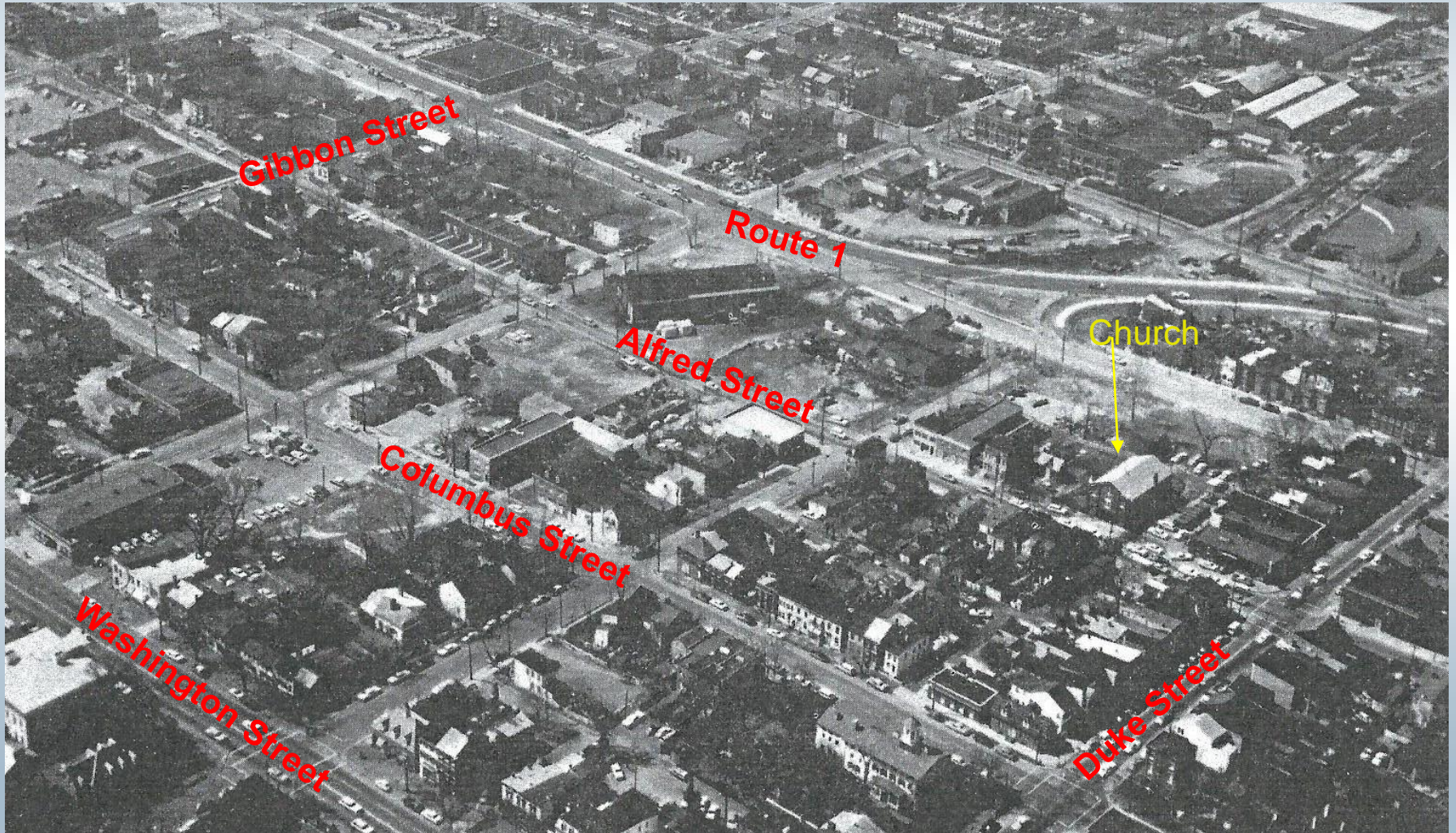
1994



The Renovated Church—1994

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ASBC Involvement In DIP Urban Renewal 1975-1985



HOW WE GOT HERE

- **Bottoms Neighborhood settled by Free Blacks in 1800**
 - ✓ **Undesirable terrain– low lying, flooding**
- **Area remained essentially all Black for 175 years**
- **By 1975, most housing in disrepair**
 - ✓ **Qualified for Housing and Community Development Act of 1974**
- **ASBC assumed lead role in redevelopment efforts**
- **Urban Renewal ‘flipped’ the neighborhood between 1975-1985**
- **ASBC granted purchase rights to one-half of block along Alfred Street for leading revitalization effort**
- **ASBC purchased remainder of the block in 2009**
- **ASBC now considering expanding its ministry**