

Available for Restoration

# The Historic Selma Baptist Church



**109 W. Waddell Street, Selma  
Johnston County**



**Price: \$175,000**

Square Feet: 8,632+

Lot Size: 0.529 acre

Zoning: Transitional

**Unique Adaptive Reuse Only  
35 Minutes to Raleigh!**

The Selma Baptist Church is a cross-gabled Gothic Revival-style building on a prominent corner in the Downtown Selma Historic District. The stately masonry edifice was constructed at the dawn of the 20th century during a period of prosperity brought on by the convergence of the NC Railroad (1855) and Wilmington and Weldon Railroad (1886), making Selma an important rail junction. Today, the town remains at the crossroads of major transportation corridors including I-95 to the east, US-301/Pollock Street through town and adjacent to the church, and US-70 to the west.

Completed in 1908, the church is the second structure built by the Baptist congregation. The exterior displays impressive Gothic Revival features including a high pitch standing seam roof, corner bell tower entrance, buttresses with rusticated stone details, and tall pointed arch windows. Some original tracery remains in an upper tower lancet window. The austere exterior gives way to a lighter, more Classical interior. Inside the main entrance is a foyer lit by pointed arch transoms above the doors, an Ecclesiastical Gothic chandelier, and pressed metal ceiling. A paneled staircase with turned banisters and sturdy railing and newel posts leads to the upper gallery.

The main sanctuary is a large open space with full-height ceiling embellished with pressed metal shingles and intersecting rooflines creating a cross pattern. On the tower entrance foyer side are two room sections beneath the gallery. Opposite the gallery and on the street elevation are a trio of pointed arch windows that bathe the interior with light. The pulpit is situated on a raised platform and displays Classical elements such as full-height engaged fluted pilasters atop paneled wainscot. In the center is an alcove topped with a broken pediment. Doors on either side of the raised pulpit lead to a lateral hallway to the pastor's office, restrooms, and exit doors.

A three-story 1940s addition provides office, gathering, and classroom spaces. Stairs to the second and third floors are located directly behind the pulpit area in the lateral hallway. A small partial basement accessed through an exterior door behind the building holds the mechanical systems. The property has access to natural gas and is on city electric and water/sewer lines. The building offers a prime opportunity for a unique adaptive reuse as retail/restaurant/office space.

Damage caused by a 2014 fire in the third floor of the classroom building was repaired. The church building requires a complete rehabilitation including updates to electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems, drainage repair to address water intrusion in the basement, window repair, and repairs for water damage and leaks in the tower. The church property is eligible for tax credits. The parcel includes an adjacent former daycare (approx. 2,346 sf) which was in use until September 2021 and parking behind it.



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**Financial Incentives:** The **Selma Baptist Church** is a contributing structure in the Downtown Selma National Register Historic District and is eligible for historic preservation tax credits. In North Carolina, both state and federal income tax credits are available for the certified rehabilitation of historic structures. For the rehabilitation of income-producing certified historic structures, a 20% federal income tax credit and a tier-based state income tax credit are available. For the rehabilitation of owner-occupied certified historic structures (non-income producing properties), a 15% state tax credit is available for rehabilitation expenses up to \$150,000. For more information on Historic Preservation Tax Credits, please contact the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office at 919-807-6570 or at [www.hpo.ncdcr.gov](http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov).



**Directions:** From Raleigh, take I-40 E/US-64 E. Keep right at the fork to continue on I-40 E, follow signs for Benson/Wilmington. In 8.1 miles take exit 309 for US-70 E toward Smithfield/Goldsboro. Continue on US-70 E. In 17 miles take exit 333 for SR 1003/Bufalo Rd. Turn right on Buffalo Rd (signs for Selma) in 0.2 mile. Turn right on W Noble St in 0.4 mile. In 1.4 miles turn left on S Pollock St. Turn right on W Waddell St in 0.2 mile and the property will be on the right in 72 feet.



**Area Information:** Selma is located in one of the richest agricultural regions in America. Although farming is still prevalent in the area, the growth of Selma has been advanced in large part by its strategic location within the superb transportation network that has developed to serve the population centers along the eastern seaboard. Within easy reach of the State Capital and the highly developed and widely renowned RTP region, Selma provides quality small-town living with quick access to urban amenities. The historic central business district, known as Uptown Selma, serves as a major attraction for antique lovers and heritage tourism enthusiasts. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the quaint shops, fine eateries, cultural and entertainment offerings that make the downtown district an exciting and vital part of the town's overall charm and appeal. Johnston County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State, and the Selma area has made a significant contribution to this growth. Selma is located only 35 minutes from Raleigh and just under 2 hours to Wilmington. For more information, visit [www.selma-nc.com](http://www.selma-nc.com) and [www.johnstonnc.com](http://www.johnstonnc.com).

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