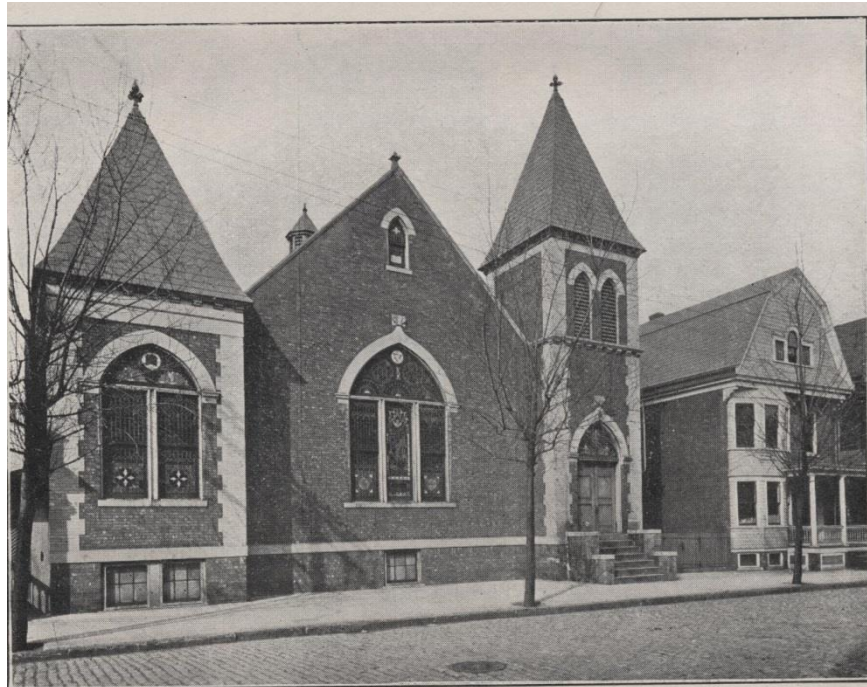


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Current building – erected 1909 (from 50th Anniversary book)

Walnut Street Baptist church, Newark, New Jersey

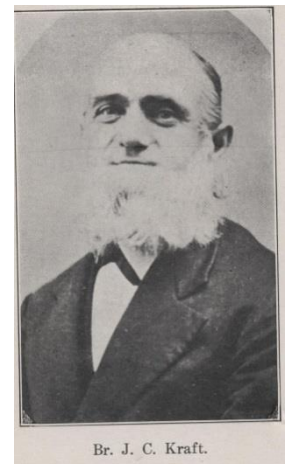
Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey was officially founded in April of 1875 as the Second German Baptist Church. Its history dates back to 1863, when several people from First German Baptist Church of Newark had seen the possibility of a mission field on the east side of town. A private house was rented for church services and Sunday school.

Soon after the arrival of J. C. Kraft as first pastor, the need for a chapel was identified and a little church was built on Niagara and Patterson Street at a cost \$5,000. It served the church well from 1866-1995.

The church thrived and was able to become self-supporting in 1894. The need for a new building was felt. A beautiful brick building was erected on the property and referred to as the Niagara Street Church. The last mortgage on this building was burned in 1903. Several months later, the property was sold and a new building site was purchased on Walnut street.

The current church building was erected and was dedicated in 1908. The church name was changed from The Second German Baptist to Walnut Street Baptist in 1931.

The 75th anniversary was celebrated in 1950. Sunday morning worship services were changed from German to English language while Rev. Donald B. Lee was the pastor



Br. J. C. Kraft.

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Fourteen different pastors served the church from its beginning until its 90th anniversary in 1965.

When the church held its 124th anniversary in April 1999, most of its 52 members were Brazilian, using the Portuguese language. It was served by Rev. Rubins Domingos for thirty years (1983-2012).

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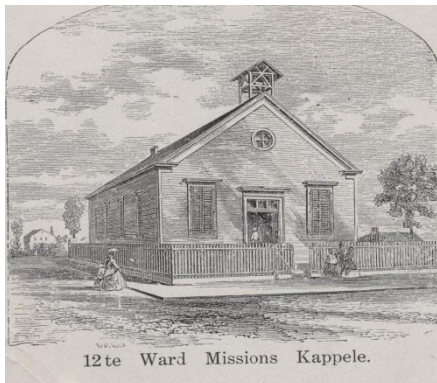
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Chapel 1866-1995



Niagara Street building 1895-1908