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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bethlehem Baptist Church

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 1402 E. Adams Street not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Phoenix vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
state Arizona code AZ county Maricopa code AZ 013 zip code 85034

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_\_ statewide  locally. (\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

J. Swier. ASAPO 6/23/93  
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. (\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register Autumneth Alice  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- \_\_\_ determined eligible for the  
    National Register  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- \_\_\_ determined not eligible for the  
    National Register
- \_\_\_ removed from the National Register
- \_\_\_ other (explain):

h Signature of Keeper

8/10/93  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- \_\_\_ public-local
- \_\_\_ public-State
- \_\_\_ public-Federal

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- \_\_\_ district
- \_\_\_ site
- \_\_\_ structure
- \_\_\_ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  1  </u>	___ buildings
___	___ sites
___	___ structures
___	___ objects
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u> Total

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**   0  

**Name of related multiple property listing** (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Religious Architecture in Phoenix, Arizona

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)Cat: RELIGION Sub: Religious Structure

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)Cat: RELIGION Sub: Religious Structure

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)Colonial Revival

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**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)foundation CONCRETEroof ASPHALTwalls BRICK

other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B. removed from its original location.
- C. a birthplace or a grave.
- D. a cemetery.
- E. a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F. a commemorative property.
- G. less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance** 1910-1942  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person** (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation** N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder** Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data:**

State Historic Preservation Office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other  
 Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreege of Property** Less than one acre

**UTM References** (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	12	404310	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Jim Woodward, Architect & Patsy Osmon, Associate Historian  
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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
 A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)  
 name \_\_\_\_\_  
 street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTINUATION SHEET**

Section 7 Page 1

Bethlehem Baptist Church

name of property

Maricopa/Arizona

county and State

Religious Architecture in Phoenix, Arizona

name of multiple property listing

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**Description**

The Bethlehem Baptist Church was constructed in ca.1920. Its architect is unknown. The building is constructed in the Colonial Revival architectural style with Greek Revival style influences and represents the American Traditional property type. It retains integrity of design, workmanship, and feeling. The Bethlehem Baptist Church has been in continuous use as a church from ca.1920 to the present day.

The Bethlehem Baptist Church is located on the northeast corner of 14th and Adams Streets and faces south onto Adams Street. The site is characterized by grass and concrete surfaces and mature trees. No outbuildings are located on the site.

The Bethlehem Baptist Church is a rectangular, one-story building of brick construction. The building is divided into vertical bays by brick pilasters located along the sanctuary walls. It measures 45 x 25 feet. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. It has a concrete foundation. The walls are sheathed with stucco with clapboard at the gable.

Exterior features include the dominant temple front with recessed portico. Four stylized Doric concrete columns support the pedimented gable roof. Other characteristic details include boxed cornices, eave returns at the rear gable wall, and half-round gable ventilator. A paired wood panel door with transom is centrally located beneath the portico. Openings for the sanctuary windows are segmental arched and infilled with stucco panels or stained glass windows.

Alterations are limited to the window infill panels.

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**Statement of Significance**

The Bethlehem Baptist Church is significant under Criteria C in the area of Significance of Architecture. Built in ca. 1920, the Bethlehem Baptist Church is an excellent local example of the Colonial Revival architectural style with Greek Revival influences and therefore represents the historic context "Religious Architecture in Phoenix, 1910-1942." The building is a good example of the American Traditional property type. The building possesses the important characteristics of the property type, specifically design ideas based on traditional American Colonial church architecture.

The Bethlehem Baptist Church is an excellent example of the revival of American Colonial architecture using characteristic Greek Revival temple front with recessed portico, gabled roof with boxed cornice, and half round ventilator. Strict attention to symmetry, another characteristic of its style, is also used in the Bethlehem Baptist Church. The combination of tradition form and stylistic details used in the design help convey its association with the American Traditional property type.

**Bibliography**

Arizona Republic. Phoenix, Arizona, 1890-1942, Various Issues.

Phoenix City Directories, Phoenix, Arizona, 1889-1942.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Phoenix, Arizona, 1893-1942.

Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1976.

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property is located on Lots 13-14, Block 7 of the Collins Addition.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the original church site which has historically been associated with the property.