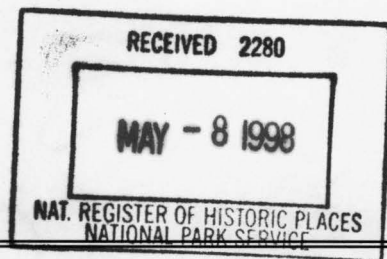


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: First Baptist Church

Other Name/Site Number: CHO166

2. Location

Street & Number: Arkansas Highway 159, South

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Eudora

Vicinity: N/A

State: AR County: Chicot County Code: AR017 Zip Code: 71640

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Reverend H.P. Donaldson

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	Buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Minority Settlement in the Mississippi River Counties of the Arkansas Delta, 1870-1930

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria.

Chalyn A. Slater _____ 4-14-98
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register Edson A. Brall 6-3-98
_____ determined eligible for the _____
National Register
_____ determined not eligible for the _____
National Register
_____ removed from the National Register _____
_____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
Of action

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6. Function or Use

Historic: Religion Sub: Religious Facility

Current : Religion Sub: Religious Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Craftsman
Plain/Traditional

Materials: foundation Brick & Concrete Piers roof Composition Shingle
walls Weatherboard other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

Summary

Originally constructed in 1900, the First Baptist Church located on Arkansas Highway 159 south of Eudora, Chicot County was rebuilt in 1946. It is a white-painted, wood-frame building resting upon a combination of brick and concrete piers and covered by a composition-shingled, cross-gable roof that features a short gable-roof bell tower. A mixture of weatherboard and novelty siding is used over the walls. There is a solitary interior brick chimney positioned near the southwest corner of the building. The interior has been modernized by the installation of carpet, wood paneling, and an acoustical-tile ceiling, but still retains historic wainscoting, doors and moldings, and other details.

Elaboration

The First Baptist Church is a white-painted, wood-frame building resting upon a combination of brick and concrete piers and covered by a composition-shingled, cross-gable roof that features a short gable-roof bell tower. All of the eaves contain exposed rafter tails. A mixture of weatherboard and novelty siding is used over the walls. There is a solitary interior brick chimney positioned near the southwest corner of the building.

The front, or northern, elevation features the entrance vestibule with an end gable roof below that of the main section of the church. This elevation is symmetrically composed of modern double-leaf doors in the center, which are accessed by concrete steps, flanked by two small three-over-one wood windows.

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A concrete cornerstone is located at the eastern corner of the vestibule. It reads:

DEDICATION 1st BAPTIST
M.B.C 4/6 - 1947
BUILT 1900 REBUILT
10.5. 1946 TRUSTEES
I.J. PRIDE CH. G.H. PRIDE
F. DREW SEC. R. REED
McWYNN TRY. J. JONES
W.D. WHITE L. GARY
REV. R.L. LITTLETON, PAST.

A rectangular louvered wood vent is present on the bell tower immediately above the gable-roof ridge of the vestibule. The northern elevations of the cross-gables to either side of the main section each contain single-leaf entries.

The western elevation consists of a three-over-one wood window in the vestibule, a one-over-one wood window in the main section, two one-over-one windows in the cross-gable end section, and a single-leaf entrance into the hipped-roof section that extends across the rear of the church. The eastern elevation is identically composed.

The rear, or southern, elevation is fenestrated by a one-over-one wood window to the west, a group of three one-over-one windows in the center, and a one-over-one window to the east.

The interior has been modernized by the installation of carpet, wood paneling, and an acoustical-tile ceiling, but still retains historic wainscoting, doors and moldings, and other details.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): A

Areas of Significance: Ethnic Heritage

Period(s) of Significance: 1900-1947

Significant Dates: 1900

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Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and period of significance noted above:

Summary

The First Baptist Church in Eudora is being nominated under Criterion A with local significance as an amendment to the Historic and Architectural Resources Associated with the Ethnic and Racial Minority Settlement of the Arkansas Delta multiple property nomination. The First Baptist Church is significant for its association with the African-American congregation on this site from the period of 1900 to 1947 and thus meets the requirements of the historic context, "Minority Settlement in the Mississippi River Counties of the Arkansas Delta, 1870 - 1930."

Elaboration

The town of Eudora lies in Chicot County in southeastern Arkansas. Its eastern boundary is determined by the Mississippi River which is thought to have been the source of three lakes in the county, Mason Lake, Grand Lake and Lake Chicot or Old River Lake. Early settlers formed small villages on riverside holdings. Little is known about the early history of the First Baptist Church in Eudora. This African-American congregation is believed to have been organized as early as 1860. The first church was named Mt. Carmel and was located near Spikeman Hill and the Mason Cemetery of Eudora. The second church was located on the site of the current church on land donated by Joe White.

The first officers were J. P. White, senior deacon, George Mykes, George Pride, John C____, Jim Rindles, Ben Campbell, T. J. Pride, John Drone, and Will White. The first pastor was Reverend N. E. Edwards followed by the Reverends R. H. Keith, G. W. Owens, W. M. Mitchell, Edward E. Davis, R. L. Littleton, D. C. C____, and G. K. Littleton. The current pastor is Reverend H. P. Donaldson.

The First Baptist Church is being nominated under Criterion A with local significance as an amendment to the Historic and Architectural Resources Associated with the Ethnic and Racial Minority Settlement of the Arkansas Delta multiple property nomination. Though the church was rebuilt following damage from a storm in 1946, it still retains the essential integrity needed for it to be nominated under the historic context "Minority Settlement in the Mississippi River Counties of the Arkansas Delta, 1870 - 1930."

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Information submitted by Rev. H.P. Donaldson, February 1994.

Church history submitted by Hurley Jones, October 1996.

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 -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: One (1) acre.

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>661560</u>	<u>3662400</u>	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the center of the Eudora and Gilbert Railroad at its point of intersection with the east and west center line of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 2 West, and run east a distance of 110 feet on said line: with this as the point of beginning and forming the southwest corner of the tract of land herein conveyed; thence in a northeasterly direction and parallel with E & G Railroad 70 yards; thence due east 70 yards; thence in a southwesterly direction and parallel with the Eudora & Gilbert Railroad 70 yards; thence west 70 yards to the point of beginning, and containing one (1) acre.

Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes all of the property historically associated with the First Baptist Church.

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11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Holly Hope/Survey Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 04/13/98

Street & Number: 1500 Tower Bldg., 323 Center St. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY First Baptist Church
NAME:

MULTIPLE Ethnic and Minority Settlement of the Arkansas Delta MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Chicot

DATE RECEIVED: 5/08/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/18/98
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/03/98 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/22/98
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 98000645

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 6.3.98 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Entered in the
National Register*

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

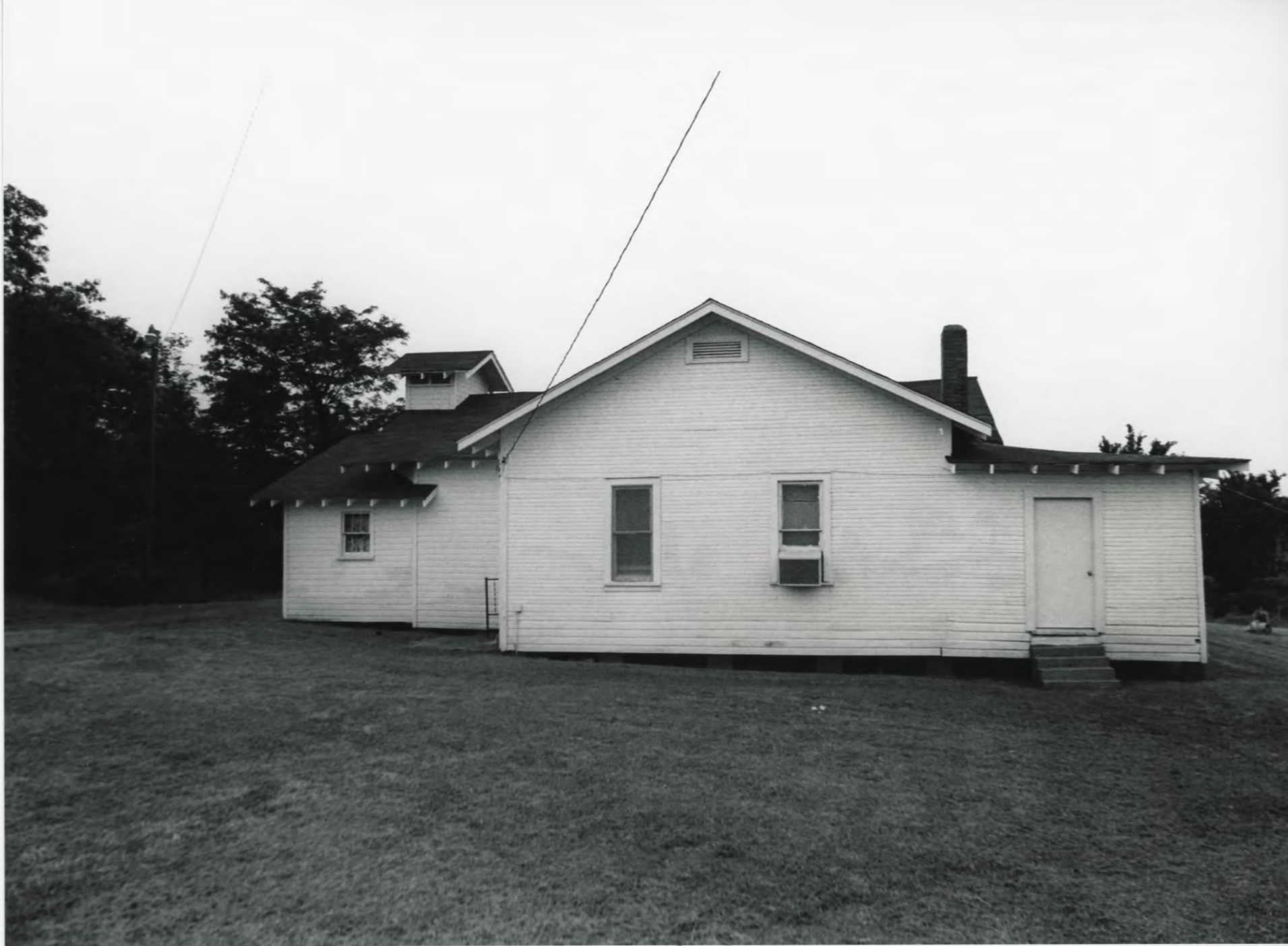
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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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Chicot County, AR
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March 25, 1997
View from North





First Baptist Church
Clarendon County, AR

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March, 25, 1997

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View from West

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View of Cornerstone at Northeast Corner



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Chicot Co, AR

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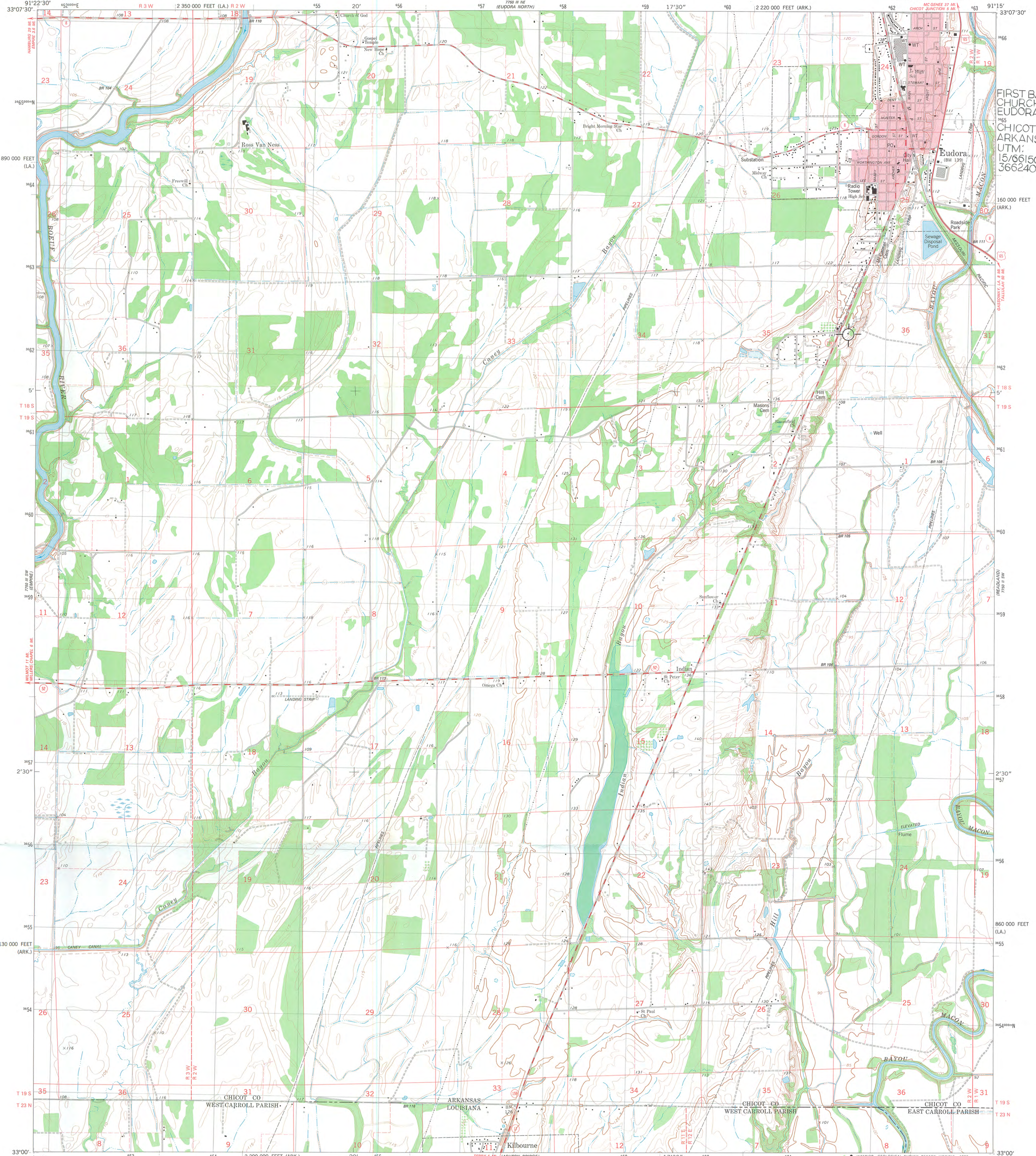
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View from east



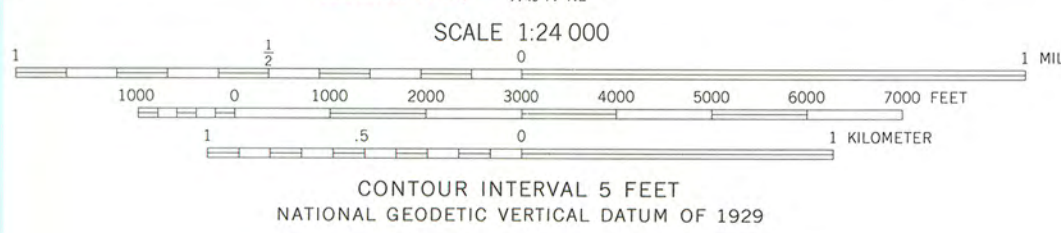


First Baptist Church
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View from south



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
EUDORA,
CHICOT CO., ARKANSAS
UTM:
15/661500/
3662400

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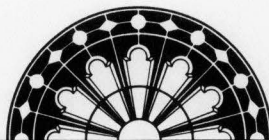


ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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April 15, 1998

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National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
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Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: First Baptist Church. Eudora, Chicot County, Arkansas.

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nominations of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater
State Historic Preservation Officer

CBS:br

Enclosures

