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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 First Church of Christ Scientist

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

2. Location

street & number 924 N. 1st Street not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Phoenix vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
state Arizona code AZ county Maricopa code AZ 013 zip code 85004

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.)

V. Conner AZSAPD 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**

**Entered in the  
National Register**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register Delores Byers 8/10/93  
 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):

Signature of Keeper

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>	<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** 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

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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**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)Classical Revival

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

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

**Significant Dates** 1925  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Architect/Builder** Fitzhugh & Byron  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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**

**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre

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

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1 <u>12</u>	<u>400360</u>	<u>3702430</u>	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**

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organization Woodward Architectural Group date September 1991

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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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First Church of Christ Scientist

name of property

Maricopa/Arizona

county and State

Religious Architecture in Phoenix, Arizona

name of multiple property listing

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**Description**

The First Church of Christ Scientist was constructed in 1925. Its architects were Fitzhugh and Byron. A classroom addition exists to the rear of the building. The building is constructed in the Neo-Classical Revival architectural style and represents the American Traditional property type. It retains integrity of design, workmanship, and feeling. The First Church of Christ Scientist has been in continuous use as a church from 1925 to the present day.

The First Church of Christ Scientist is located on the southwest corner of Roosevelt and 1st Streets at an angle to the street intersection. The site is characterized by asphalt surfaces and mature trees. No outbuildings are located on the site.

The First Church of Christ Scientist is an essentially rectangular shaped, one and two story building of brick construction. The building is divided into vertical bays along its side walls. It measures 115 x 70 feet. The hip roof is covered with rolled asphalt and is hidden from view by a corniced parapet. It has a concrete foundation. The walls are sheathed with stucco.

Exterior features include the dominant angled entry facade with arcaded portico. The symmetrical, three part facade is topped with a stepped, corbelled parapet and deep classical cornice below. The slightly recessed central bay is penetrated by three tall, round arched openings providing access to the recessed portico and a triple set a paired doorways. Details at the portico include cast stone keystones, architraves and cornice molding.

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**Statement of Significance**

The First Church of Christ Scientist is significant under Criteria C in the area of Significance of Architecture. Built in 1925 and designed by local architects Fitzhugh and Byron, the First Church of Christ Scientist is a good local example of the Neo-Classical architectural style with Beaux Arts Classicism influences and therefore represents the historic context "Religious Architecture in Phoenix, 1910-1942." The building is a good illustration of the American Traditional property type. The building possesses the important characteristics of the property type, specifically design ideas based on academic interpretation of traditional classical architecture. Additionally, the use of Neo-Classical styles was common to most Christian Science churches in America.

The First Church of Christ Scientist building is locally unique in that it presents its entrance facade at an angle to the street intersection. The dominant Beaux Arts three part facade is topped with a corbelled parapet and projecting cornice. Characteristic of Neo-Classical architecture, the central bay includes three tall arched openings at the portico, each detailed with keystones and cornice molding at the springline. Other representative stylistic influences include strict attention to symmetry, bold, monumental facade elements, and white stuccoed wall surfaces.

**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 7-8, Block 7 of the Churchill Addition.

**Boundary Justification**

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