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ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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LOCATION

637 Second Avenue

CITY/TOWN/VICINITY:

Yuma

COUNTY

Yuma

OWNER

Gospel Baptist Church

OWNER'S ADDRESS

637 Second Avenue
Yuma, AZ 85364

FORM COMPLETED BY

Yuma County Historical Society

ADDRESS

240 Madison Avenue
Yuma, AZ 85364

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VIEW

Western facade

PRESENT USE

Church

ACREAGE

less/acre

STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD

Western Stick Style influence

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Constructed 1909

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a symmetrical structure with a rectangular plan covered by a broad gable roof of medium pitch. All roof and gable ends are shingled. Walls are constructed of concrete block with rusticated surfaces. Three small gabled dormers punctuate each side of the roof. A stained glass window within a pointed arch is located in the front pediment. Below the base of the pediment a shed roof projects out over the narthex and two side chambers. The entry itself is marked by a ridge roof with expressed framing. Modifications have been few and minor.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Stylistically, St. Paul's Episcopal Church is unique among the institutional structures in Yuma. Its most distinctive features include a broad shingled roof, rusticated masonry base, and articulated framing in the porch--all characteristics of the Shingle Style and its derivative the Western Stick Style. As both of these styles are more commonly associated with residential design its use for St. Paul's is exceptional. However, since the church is situated in the midst of a residential area with many Bungalow homes, the design of the church was quite appropriate.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 147; Lot 10; Yuma Townsite