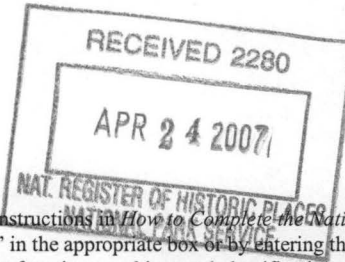


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 an 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 Parkdale Methodist Church

other names/site number AS0058

2. Location

street & number S. Church Street

☐ not for publication

city or town Parkdale

☐ vicinity

state AR code AR county Ashley code 003 zip code 71661

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for 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.)

Colleen Matthews
Signature of certifying official/Title

4/11/07
Date

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 certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

☒ entered in the National Register.

☐ 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:)

Edson B. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

6-5-07
Date of Action

Parkdale Methodist Church
Name of Property

Ashley County, AR
County and State

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 (Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	
	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	Total

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

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/Religious facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/Religious facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)
LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY
REVIVALS/ Classical Revival

OTHER/Vernacular

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)
foundation Concrete

walls Ornamental concrete blocks

roof Asbestos
other

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

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SUMMARY

The Parkdale Methodist Church in the small town of Parkdale stands out in the community and among the homes along Church Street as a unique example of religious architecture. The structure is a gable-roofed Plain-Traditional church building with Classical influence. Its traditional rectangular form is enlivened with multi-colored stained glass windows, the rustic texture of rubble-faced and smooth concrete blocks formed on site and a relatively elaborate front porch. It also features a full basement, unusual in the moist Delta of Arkansas. The small town of Parkdale has lost much of its historic downtown commercial building stock to private development but the residential surroundings of the Methodist Church still include late-nineteenth to early twentieth-century houses and the Parkdale Baptist Church. Two houses in Parkdale and the 1910 Baptist Church are currently listed on the National Register.

ELABORATION

Eastern Elevation

The front, eastern elevation of the church features a recessed front porch reached by a steep set of eleven concrete steps. Two smooth concrete Tuscan columns spanned by a concrete lintel adorn the porch entry. Double-leaf paneled front doors, which replaced three stained glass windows in 1962, lead to the sanctuary from the front porch. The stained glass windows are currently stored in the basement. Half-walls of bead board line the entry space and single-leaf doors originally used as entries to the sanctuary open to the north and south. Centered in the stuccoed gable is a single, stationary twenty-light window. Beneath the front steps is a single-leaf entry door to the basement flanked by two six-beside-six casement windows. A concrete cornerstone at the northeast corner of

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the porch reads "1926, METHODIST CHURCH, J.R. DICKERSON, PASTOR."

Northern Elevation

The northeast corner of the church is recessed approximately twelve feet from the main body of the building. A single twenty-light window illuminates a staircase. Four pairs of six-beside-six casement windows fenestrate the basement level from east to west. A shed-roofed cinderblock addition at the northwest corner is accessed by a single-leaf opening. The sanctuary is lit east to west by a row of four stained glass windows with lancet design. These windows swiveled open until storm windows were added over them circa 1968. The northwest corner of the building is recessed approximately twelve feet and the rear wing is lit by a stationary twenty-light window.

Western Elevation

The rear, western wall of the church is lit at the basement level by a one-beside-one stationary window and a casement window. Wooden steps lead to a small concrete stoop and a paneled, single-leaf door centered in the wall flanked by two in filled windows.

Southern Elevation

The southern elevation mirrors the northern with the exception of a basement level addition to the rear.

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Interior

The interior configuration of the sanctuary has been altered slightly with the replacement of central stained glass panes at the entry with a pair of double doors. The original entry doors led to foyers on the north and south. The south foyer has been converted to a bathroom and the north contains the stairs to the loft at the west end of the building. Original hardwood floors and beveled beadboard ceilings are still in excellent condition. Traditional loft seating in the east end of the sanctuary is lit by a large twenty-light stationary window. A recessed choir loft is located behind the altar at the west end. Hanging stained glass light fixtures were installed circa 1968.

A full basement has suffered from water damage but is undergoing repair efforts. A small room to the northeast was used as Sunday school space while the stairs to the sanctuary were housed in a room to the southeast. A room spanning the width of the building was used as a kitchen. It is in this room that the remains of the stained glass entry panels removed in the 1960s are stored.

8. Statement of Significance**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.)

Property is:

- ☒ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** moved from its original location.
- ☐ **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.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1926

Significant Dates

1926

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)**Cultural Affiliation** (Complete if Criterion D is marked)**Architect/Builder****Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References**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

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☐ Federal Agency
- ☐ Local Government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

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SUMMARY

The Parkdale Methodist Church constructed in 1926 is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance for its unusual blend of Plain-Traditional and Classical architecture. The church is one of two remaining historic religious structures in Parkdale and it continues to serve as a tie to the early settlement of the town, which has recently suffered from the loss of several historic commercial buildings through demolition.

ELABORATION

Parkdale grew from a 1850s commercial center east of Bayou Bartholomew. A steamboat landing called Poplar Bluff Landing gave the town its original name and it was considered in the late 19th century to be the second largest commercial center in Ashley County. Cotton had revitalized the town in the late 1880s after a period of dormancy attributed to the effects of the Civil War and Poplar Bluff was incorporated with a population of 200 in 1889. In 1893 the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad was laid through the eastern end of Poplar Bluff and the town began to migrate toward the rail lines. During that time the town's name was changed to Parkdale so there would be no mistaking the Arkansas town with Missouri's Poplar Bluff, which was also on the line.

The first church for Poplar Bluff was constructed in the area of the Parkdale Cemetery along the banks of the Bayou in the early 1850s but it was replaced with a log structure by the late 1800s.

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In 1904 Reverend J.R. Dickerson led the effort to build a new Methodist church closer to the town center, just east of the existing building. Dickerson left Parkdale but returned in 1920 and in 1926 he spearheaded the construction of the current Parkdale Methodist Church. With the completion of this building the 1904 church was torn down and the materials were used in the construction of the African American Green Grove Church on the Morschheimer farm in the Parkdale area. The church has undergone minimal alterations to the exterior involving the replacement of some basement windows and addition of a basement-level bathroom. The interior saw most of its renovations in the 1960s and they were primarily decorative. Due to the difficulty of fitting caskets into the north and south front doors for funerals, the most noticeable alteration was the replacement of the three centered stained glass windows on the porch with a double-leaf door circa 1962.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1926 Parkdale Methodist Church is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance for its unique architectural fusion of Plain-Traditional and Classical elements. The small town of Parkdale retains its historic character through the presence of the Parkdale Baptist Church, (NR 01/24/07), the Dr. M.C. Hawkins House, (NR 03/28/96) and the Dr. Robert George Williams House, (NR 10/04/84). The neighborhood of the Parkdale Methodist Church and Church Street are lined with old-growth trees and historic homes, which allows the traditional form of the church to fit comfortably within its small town surroundings while offering a striking architectural presentation.

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As the downtown to the east of the church is rapidly losing its historic commercial core the presence of the Methodist Church is all the more important. Membership has been declining since the 1960s but the building has been maintained inside and out as the residents of Parkdale continue to express their pride in their church.

Parkdale Methodist Church
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County and State

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Parkdale Methodist Church
Name of Property

Ashley County, AR
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing
2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing
4 _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

From a point on the east side of S. Church Street proceed approximately 30 feet northwesterly, thence proceed approximately 100 feet west, thence proceed approximately 60 feet south, thence proceed approximately 120 feet east to the east side of S. Church Street, thence perpendicular to S. Church Street approximately 60 feet north to point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

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

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Holly Hope/ Special Projects Historian
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 04/05/07
street & number 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street telephone 501 324-9880
city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72201

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 SHPO or FPO.)

name Hazel Hawkins
street & number PO Box 35 telephone 501-679-3953
city or town Parkdale state AR zip code 71661

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Parkdale Methodist Church
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Ashley

DATE RECEIVED: 4/24/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/14/07
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/29/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/07/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000505

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 6.5.07 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Parkdale Methodist Church

Ashley Co, Ar

Holly Hope

October 18, 2006

on file AHPP

View from south



Parkdale Methodist Church

Ashley Co, Ar

Holly Hope

October 18, 2006

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View from North

A black and white photograph of a stone wall. A rectangular sign is mounted on the wall, containing text. The sign is slightly tilted. To the left of the sign, a dark pipe runs vertically. In the background, a portion of a building with a window is visible.

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METHODIST CHURCH
J. R. DICKERSON, PASTOR.

Berkdale Methodist Church
Ashley Co. Ar
Holly Hope

October 18, 2006

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View from NEast (Cornerstone)



Pinkdale Methodist Church

Ashley Co, Ar

Holly Hope

October 18, 2006

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View from east



Pinkdale Methodist Church

Ashley Co, Ar

Holly Hope

October 18, 2006

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View from west



Parkdale Methodist Church
Ashley Co, AR
Holly Hope
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View from North



Burkdale Methodist Church

Ashley Co, Ar

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View of Sanctuary from west



Pankdale Methodist Church

Ashley Co, Wn

Holly Hope

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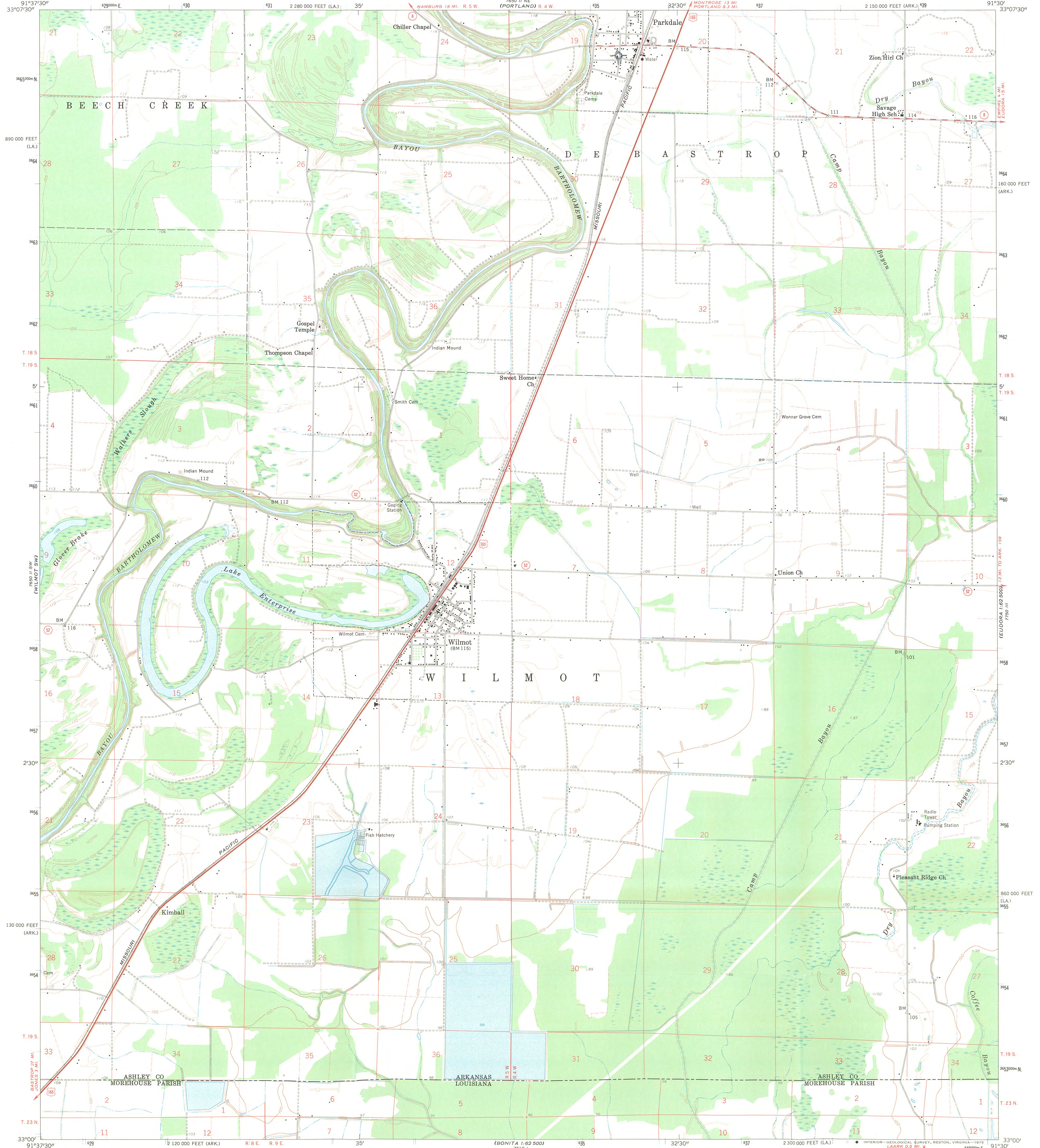
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View Sanctuary from east

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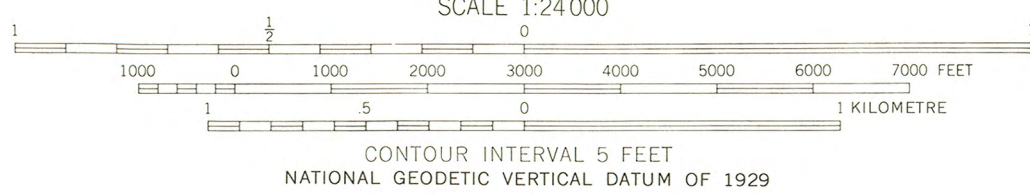
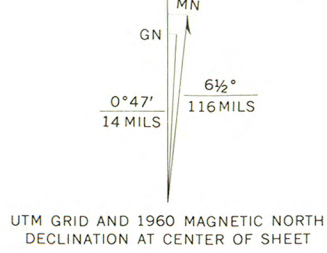


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March 05, 2007

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RE: Parkdale Methodist Church, Parkdale, Ashley Co.

Dear Dr. Matthews:

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

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM: hh

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