

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Fairfield	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
APR 13 1972	

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Little River Baptist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Jenkinville Vicinity, 3.8 miles north on S. C. 213

CITY OR TOWN:  
Jenkinville 29065

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45 COUNTY: Fairfield CODE: 039

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Little River Baptist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Jenkinville vicinity, 3.8 miles north on S. C. 213

CITY OR TOWN:  
Jenkinville 29065

STATE:  
South Carolina

CODE:  
45

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Fairfield County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Congress Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Winnsboro 29180

STATE:  
South Carolina

CODE:  
45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
South Carolina Preliminary Survey of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate Street, P. O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbia

STATE:  
South Carolina

CODE:  
45

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slightly	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Large rectangular clapboard structure of Greek Revival design. Built circa 1845. Gabled roof supported by four octagonal columns. Two front doors open off of the wide portico. A lancet arch with tracery of wood and glass tops each door with central keystone. In center of pediment is semielliptical louvered design. On each side of building is center door with nine-pane transom and six windows (triple sash - 6 over 6).

Interior has handcarved woodwork including ceiling rosette from which hangs the original brass chandelier with glass hurricane shades and prisms. Gallery around three sides rests on columns. Much original furniture including straight-back wooden pews and a marble top communion table. In the early 1950s, a wing was added to provide Sunday School rooms and kitchen facilities.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Circa 1845

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

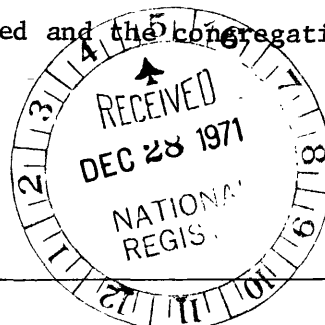
Significant for its architecture and as one of the older Baptist churches in the South Carolina Up Country and one of the oldest in Fairfield County. Excellent example of a rural church in the middle 1800s. An adaptation of the meeting-house style with portico and unusual octagonal columns, it was apparently constructed by a local craftsman and has many original features such as pews, flooring, and balcony with columns.

Established in an area where the Reverend Philip Mulkey, one of the most influential of the Separate preachers coming into South Carolina, first settled. His influence is reflected in the history of many early Baptist churches of the back country. Some of Mulkey's congregation united with others in 1768 to build a meeting house (popularly known as Gibson's Meeting House) and located near the old stage crossing known as Gibson's Ford. On February 26, 1770, twelve members constituted a church of which Mr. Gibson became pastor after his ordination in 1771, his connection continuing at least through 1790. As a teacher and preacher, he exerted much influence on the spiritual and literary life of the community.

The church prospered and remained at the original site until the present building was erected. Dedicated by the Reverend James C. Furman, president of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., who had close ties with this church while Furman University was located in Fairfield County.

During the Confederate War, the building was damaged by Union troops. Negroes worshipped here until 1867. With decline in the economic conditions of the area, church membership declined and the church was closed in the early 1900s, with the remaining members joining churches in the Jenkinsville and Monticello communities.

Around 1950, the church was reopened and the congregation has taken on new growth and prosperity.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bolick, Julian Stevenson. A Fairfield Sketchbook. Clinton, South Carolina: Jacob's Brothers, 1963.  
 King, Joe M. A History of South Carolina Baptists. Columbia, South Carolina: The R. L. Bryan Company, 1964.  
 McMaster, Fitz Hugh. History of Fairfield County South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina: The State Commercial Printing Company, 1946.  
 Townsend, Leah. South Carolina Baptists 1670-1805. Florence, South Carolina: The Florence Printing Company, 1935.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		34	18	42
NE	° ' "	° ' "		81	16	37
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Ben F. Hornsby, Historic Resources Coordinator I

ORGANIZATION: S. C. Department of Archives and History  
 DATE: July 1, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 1430 Senate Street, P. O. Box 11,188, Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia  
 STATE: South Carolina  
 CODE: 45

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Charles S. Lee

Title: Director, South Carolina Department Archives and History

Date: December 16, 1971

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utsey  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/13/72

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: April 7, 1972

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