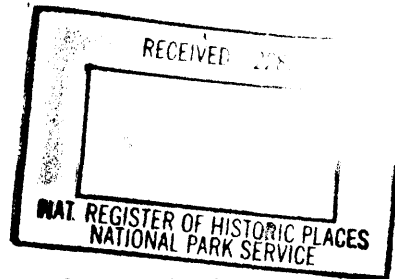


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 nominated, 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 Baptist Church

other name/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number: 218 East Eighth Street N/A_ not for publication
city/town: Casa Grande N/A_ vicinity
state: Arizona code: AZ county: Pinal code: 021 zip code: 85222

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 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).

James W. Gorman AZSHPD 23 MAY 2002
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

I hereby certify that this 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): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Anaiah D. Pope

11/20/08

First Baptist Church
Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property Category of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

(Check only one box)

- building (s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>two</u>	<u>one</u>	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>two</u>	<u>one</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

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

Mission/ Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls STUCCO

roof ASPHALT

other _____

Narrative Description

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

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1938-1951

Significant Dates

1938

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** 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.

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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 Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository:

First Baptist Church
Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona
County and State

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>429790</u>	<u>3638130</u>	3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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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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 N/A

street & number N/A telephone N/A

city or town N/A state N/A zip code N/A

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First Baptist Church
Pinal County, AZ

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

First Baptist Church is located in a residential area on a corner lot with a north-south orientation. A religious facility, this church is executed in the Mission style. However, this property, like many other properties that utilized revival styles during the era of this building's construction, borrows elements of other revival styles. There are elements of the Gothic, Tudor and Romanesque Revival styles suggested in the buildings massing and stylistic detailing. The building is stucco on wood frame with a concrete foundation, and features jerkin head gables, a gabled nave and parapet with tower, buttresses framing the entry and dividing the side façade into bays, arched openings for doors and windows and an arched niche attic vent. The current condition of the property is good, as it appears well maintained and is still occupied as a church. The building has historic integrity in terms of location, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. In terms of design, the main arched window on the front façade is now covered up with a plywood insert; however, it appears that this is not irreparable.

This religious facility is located within the First Addition, which was platted in 1913. The building is on a large corner lot with a gravel parking area to the west side of the building. Streets front the building to the south front and the east facing side of the building. The overall shape of the building is rectangular in plan. One story in height, there are three bays created on the front façade through the massing, fenestration patterns and door placement. On the side façade, seven bays are created through the articulation of the pilasters and fenestration. The building is constructed of wood frame with a stucco finish, and asphalt shingles cover the front gabled roof. There is a parapet at the front and rear facades. The building is on a concrete foundation and load-bearing wood frame walls support the roof.

Specific features of the building are its large entry tower, its windows and its doors. The building does not feature any porches but instead a large tower element with entries on both sides that serves as an entry vestibule. The windows are 5/5 wood casement windows that have been nailed shut, and have heavy screens and obscure glass added to them. The primary window on the front façade has been boarded up, but it is a large arched window. The secondary window on the front façade is also a wood casement window with an additional arch shaped transom over it. There are also arched transom windows over the entry doors with curving arched mullions dividing the lights. The doors on the building are located on the two sides of the tower, each set of doors addressing one of the streets that fronts the property. These doors are double wood doors with one small, centered diamond shaped view pane in each door. Above each of these entry doors is the arched transom window. There is also a single door on the east side of the building.

Important decorative elements on the building are the recessed niches for attic vents, the projection of the entry vestibule as a tower on the southeast corner of the building, the pilasters shaped to represent buttresses on the side facades and tower, the stepped parapet with a molded coping on the front and rear gable, the parapet with a molded coping that steps on the corners of tower, and the arched fenestration patterns. The interior of this building is of simple décor with stucco walls and little ornament. There are two outbuildings associated with the property. One building was at one time a house, and is located to the west side and rear of the property. It is of wood frame and has a side-gabled roof, but no date is available for its construction. The other building is much newer, and was built as two different additions. The first addition was built in 1953 and the second addition was erected in 1967. It is located to the rear of the building, and is aligned with the buildings east facing façade facing the secondary street that fronts the property. This outbuilding is of concrete block, and has a side gabled roof. The outbuildings are used as storage, classrooms and offices.

There have been few alterations to the building. The main arched window on the front façade was covered sometime after 1977, and concrete ramps were added at the entries. Nothing else appears to have been changed. This religious facility constitutes one contributing element to the nomination; the two outbuildings are non-contributing elements to the property.

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First Baptist Church
Pinal County, AZ

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

First Baptist Church is significant under Criterion C as a good example of the Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival style under the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900-1950. The significant date for this property is the date of initial construction in 1938. Indicative of the Mission style is the simplicity of form, the arched windows that punctuate the façade, and the minimal use of surface ornamentation. This property, like many properties that utilized revival styles during the era of this building's construction, borrows elements of other revival styles such as Gothic, Tudor and Romanesque. This property also has good integrity, as the only alteration appears to be the addition of solid material in place of glazing in the main arched window light on the front façade. This building is also significant under Criterion C for its construction under the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900-1950, as it is one of only three public buildings in the survey area of wood frame construction. There are only seven buildings of this property type included in the area considered by the Historic Resource Survey- Casa Grande, Arizona (Pry 1998). As a member of the Community Religious Facilities property type, this building sits on a corner lot bounded by two streets adjacent to a residential area, as is common to properties of its type. The building addresses both streets with its entries, a feature of particular significance in this property type. It also has the exaggerated scale and architectural elements suggesting vertical height that are typical of properties of its type. It has a simple rectangular plan that forms a gabled nave, an asymmetrical front façade that is visually divided into three bays, as well as a division of the side facades into bays through repetitive fenestration and the articulation of buttresses. This property is owned by a religious institution for religious purposes. However, it nonetheless meets qualifying criteria considerations, as it is a religious property that derives its primary significance from its architectural distinction within the community of Casa Grande. The property has very good integrity in regard to its architectural style and is therefore is a good candidate for listing as a member of its property type.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

According to a newspaper article published when this building was dedicated, the First Baptist Church was formed in 1920; a later history of the congregation stated it was associated with the American Baptist Association. The congregation's first building was a wooden sanctuary building (which appears on the 1922 Sanborn map). The wooden sanctuary burned in November 1937 and was replaced in early 1938 with the present-day sanctuary. (This building is shown on the 1940 Sanborn map.) The educational concrete block building behind the sanctuary was built in two segments. The first, which contained three rooms, was erected in 1953. At about the same time, the congregation voted to leave the American Baptist Association and join the Conservative Baptist Association. The second part was added in 1967.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

See *Section I: Major Bibliographical References* of the Multiple Property Nomination form for Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the First Baptist Church property is lot 9-10 of Block 10 in the First Addition Plat of Casa Grande, Arizona.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary of the nominated property corresponds with the current ownership of the property.

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Pinal County, AZ

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Photo # 1 View: Northwest

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Photo # 2 View: West

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