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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: SB-082

Congressional District: Third

✓ Name: Christ The King Church

Current Owner: Christ The King Church

✓ Address: Greenwood Ave. at South "S" St.

Address: 1918 South Greenwood
Ft. Smith, AR 72901

✓ Ft. Smith, AR.

✓ County: Sebastian

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson, Sanders, & Ginocchio

Date of Construction: 1930

Stylistic Influence: Spanish Mission Style

Original Use: Church

Present Use: School

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 372420/3914190

Acreage: Less

Verbal Boundary Description: A part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S21,
T8N, R32W

Condition

☒ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated
☐ Ruins
☐ Unexposed

☒ Unaltered
☐ Altered

EXP. 12/31/84

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Physical Description

This church is one of the most unusual and effective neighborhood church designs in the collection. Its construction of rock-faced native fieldstone laid in random coursing is especially appropriate to the unornamented simplicity that pervades the composition. The nave features the customary gable end roof, but the transept wings are unusual in their placement at the front of the nave rather than the rear. The dominant feature of this small church is the powerful image conveyed by the bold unornamented silhouette of the gable end entrance with its parapet angling upward and terminating in a simple, open belltower crowned with a stone cross. This stark silhouette creates a unique evocation of the Spanish Mission Style among the firm's church designs. The double leaf solid door with strap hinges is set into a round arch opening and features three small round arch windows in the transom. Three narrow multi-paned windows appear on the face, two flanking the door and the third centered in the gable end. Simple casement windows line the nave.

Statement of Significance

Christ the King Church in Fort Smith was designed by the Thompson, Sanders and Ginocchio firm in 1930. The unusual fieldstone construction in a design with a Spanish Mission Style flavor serves to make the church one of the most unusual designs in the collection. The unusual simplicity of the building is striking with the bold unadorned silhouette of the facade's parapet and belltower. Located in a western Arkansas town, Christ the King Church is an architecturally significant building in its setting and its relation to the other church structures in the collection.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. McRae, D. L., House

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 12/22/82

Attest

72. Bemis Florist Shop

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 12/22/82

Attest

- 73. White House

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

Bruce Mac Donnell 12/24/82
accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

74. Bethel House

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National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 12/22/82

Attest

75. Geyer and Adams Company

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
Substantive ReviewKeeper Bruce Mac Donnell 12/24/82

Attest

eligible Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

- 76. Christ The King Church

Substantive Review Keeper

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77. Smith House

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78. Mann House

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- 79. SAU at El Dorado

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80. Carnell, Ella, Hall

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Substantive Review

Christ The King Church (Thompson, Charles L., Design
Collection TR)
Sebastian County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3126
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/22/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria accept c
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 12/13/82
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

✓ 1. Name✓ 2. Location✓ 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

✓ 4. Owner of Property✓ 5. Location of Legal Description✓ 6. Representation in Existing SurveysHas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

✓ summary paragraph
✓ completeness
✓ clarity
✓ alterations/integrity
✓ dates
✓ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☒ summary paragraph
- ☒ completeness
- ☒ clarity
- ☒ applicable criteria
- ☒ justification of areas checked
- ☒ relating significance to the resource
- ☒ context
- ☒ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

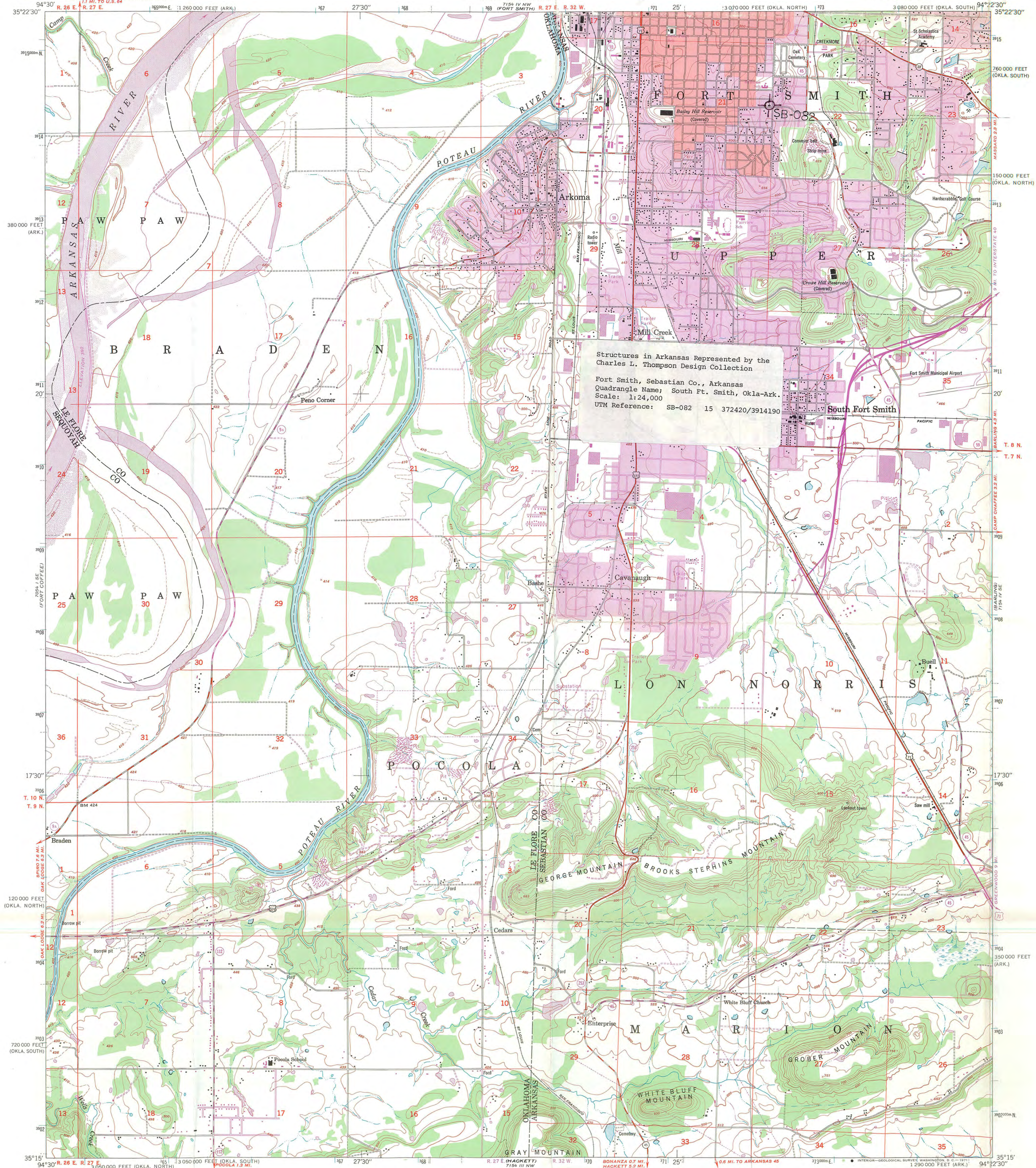
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -
A THEMATIC GROUP

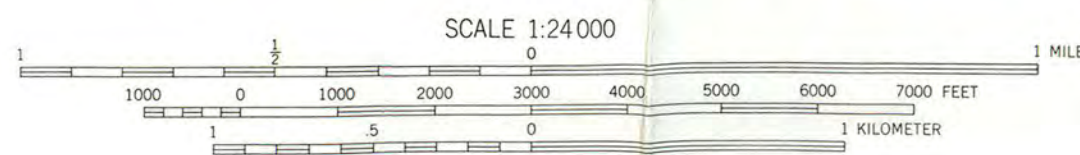
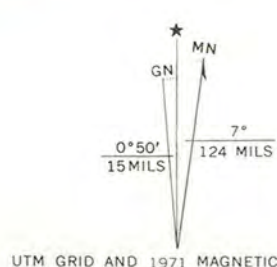
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Fort Smith, Arkansas

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Viewed from the Southwest

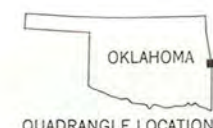


Structures in Arkansas Represented by the
Charles L. Thompson Design Collection
Fort Smith, Sebastian Co., Arkansas
Quadrangle Name: South Ft. Smith, Okla-Ark.
Scale: 1:24,000
UTM Reference: SB-082 15 372420/3914190

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Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
Aerial photographs taken 1946. Field check 1948
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone,
and Oklahoma coordinate system, north and south zones
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
No distinction is made between dwellings, barns,
commercial, and industrial buildings



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DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———

SOUTH FORT SMITH, OKLA.-ARK.
SW 1/4 VAN BUREN 15' QUADRANGLE
N3515-W9422.5/7.5

1948
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Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from
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Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas