### **United States Department of the Interior** National Park Service

### National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms* Type all entries—complete applicable sections

# 1. Name

historic	St. Paul Mis	sionar	y Baptis	st Church			
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city, town	Boise		N <u>/A</u>	vicinity of	Congressional dist	ict	
state	Idaho	code	16	county	Ada		<b>code</b> 001
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# 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
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#### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church is a modest one-story frame church, rectangular in plan, with bungalow elements. It has an outset gabled entry that was added to the building about thirty years ago. The roof has exposed rafters and diagonal eave brackets. The building has clapboard siding painted white. There is a low, enclosed shed attached to the rear of the church.

The wainscotted interior is also simple, but enhanced by double-hung stained glass windows and a gambrel ceiling. The windows have a Tudor arch design, their lower sections in relief. The nave has two aisles, a slightly raised central pulpit, and a choir loft. The pews are of oak.

Included on the property is an ineligible concrete block structure built in the 1950's that was once the parsonage; it is now used as an office for the local chapter of the NAACP.

# 8. Significance

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Specific dates	1921	Builder/Architect Bapt	tist church congrega	tion

#### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church is historically significant as one of two churches still in existence in Idaho with a predominantly black congregation. Built solely by church members--including the first pastor, William Riley Hardy--the church is architecturally significant as a vernacular structure with bungalow elements. The church provided an important meeting place for black people in Boise long before other social organizations were established. Early Boise blacks, never a large population, were primarily domestics and servants for white families and probably attended church services with them in white congregations, but members of the black community also wanted a separate, all-black church. The congregation of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church first met in about 1909 in a small building in Boise's commercial district. That same year, land south of Warm Springs Avenue was donated to the church members, but the church was not constructed until 1921. The congregation presently consists of about 150 people. The few other black churches in Idaho include, in Boise, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, no longer extant, and a Pocatello Baptist congregation.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Polk and Company. Boise City Directory, 1900-1910.

(Boise) Idaho Daily Statesman, 25 May, 1921, p. 2, c. 5.

U.S. Census, 1900.

Personal interview with Dr. Mamie Oliver, February 1981, Boise, Idaho.

### **10. Geographical Data**

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