

STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY BIBBPRESENT NAME SANDY CHAPEL METH. CH. HISTORIC NAME SAMELOCATION (Street and number) Church Street (82 Hwy. E.)TOWN (Give directions if rural) Centreville - approx. 4 mi. east on 82.PRESENT USE Religious HISTORIC USE same

OWNERSHIP: Public () Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ()

OWNER'S NAME Sandy Chapel Methodist Church/Al. West Florida ConferenceMAILING ADDRESS c/o Lynn HamricP.O. Box 270 Brent, AL 35034

CONDITION: Excellent () Good (X) Fair () Ruins ()

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved () When? _____

From where? _____ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No () Yes (X) By What? Lack of good up keep.

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) ? Underway () Completed () Not planned ()

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land (x) Woodland (x) Scattered buildings ()
High building density () Commercial () Industrial (x)
Residential (x) Rural (x)If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a
Historic District? NOSIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (x) associated with events, persons, or movements
Local (x) State (x) National (x) ?
(x) a good example of a type or style of structure
() otherExplain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant,
give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the
community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend
or person related to the building's importance.) Attained.

Date of Construction: 1910

Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

Not yet known. Am going thru Conference records now trying to locate same.

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

Sandy Chapel Church/Ala. West Florida Conference

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

None

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Conference Minutes & Church Records

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each category please state if elements are not original)
YOU MUST PROVIDE US WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STRUCTURE, SHOWING FRONT, SIDE, REAR
AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

Number of stories 1 Foundation Wood and Brick
Basement NO Interior framing or structural system wood

Exterior wall material and design: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)

All wood - cement steps - metal hand rails - aluminum roof.

Roof type and covering: Aluminum

Roof Trim: (Cornices, vergeboard, brackets, etc.) steeple (see photo) 3 vents

Chimneys: (Give number, location, and material) none

Porches: Front (type and description) 1 small vestibule (see photo)

Rear (type and description) none

Side (type and description) none

Doors: Main entrance (location, description) Double Wooden doors. also has two sets of double doors going into sanctuary - 1 screen 1 wood.
Other entrances: (location, description) none

Windows: (Give types, number for each floor of facade, describe trim)

10 windows - see illustration.

All wooden window casings and frames - painted dark mahogany.

(Give types, number per floor for rear and sides) see sketch.

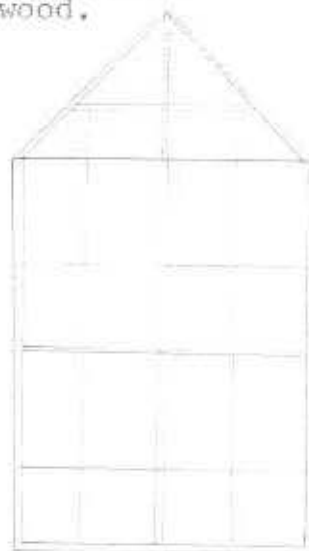
Shaded portion covered on inside with plywood - remainder of window covered with blinds - 2 low panes.


INTERIOR FEATURES

Mantels: (Number, location, and description): none

Describe interior window and door trim: see sketch

Stairways (types, locations and features) none



Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscotting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)
Lower part of walls done in a type of tongue-and-groove approx. 1"
strips painted dark mahogany and varnished. Remainder of church painted white.
Inside : ceiling main sanctuary this shape - 
Flooring: wood-painted & carpeted. Notable hardware: 7 hanging globe lights

General setting and orientation:

Outbuildings: none

Give all alterations and additions: (Be specific, give date of change and original appearance when known)

Front steps built of concrete.
Aluminum roof.

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and additions. Also give north arrow and indicate front of the structure.

Have included a very rough sketch and pvc. If you feel this building has possibility will provide whatever else is necessary upon request. Am also enclosing short cut line which appeared with pvc in local county paper.

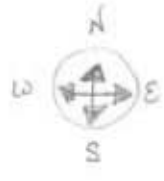
Form prepared by Lynn Hamric Date 2/8/77
Address P.O. Box 270 Phone 205/926-9359
Town Brent, Alabama 35034
Organization Bibb County Heritage Association

SIGNIFICANCE: This building is typical of the way churches of this era were constructed. Sandy Chapel, as has been told and as recorded in records, was the Mother Church in the county for the Methodist Religion. This was THE church in the beginning and one from whom others branched. Although there is not a large number attending at this time there is a faithful few who have tried to keep the church in good condition and functioning. Some work has been done to make the church more comfortable. At the present time I feel the church needs painting both inside and out but I do not believe there are funds available for this. Also it would be very nice if a bathroom were added. The cemetery adjacent to the church has great meaning to many families in the county. There are graves dating back quite a number of years.

GENERAL SETTING AND ORIENTATION: This church is located on a hill overlooking Hwy. 82. There are two dwelling houses, at the present time one is occupied and one vacant, on the west side. A paved street circles the church. There is a sub-division directly across Hwy. 82 from the church with a good number of houses and a foundry. This however, does not affect the church at the present time. There is a third house on the west side but not in sight of the church. On the east side of the cemetery and on the back side of this area are two houses. On the south east side of the church is located a brick house and a mobile home. There has been some question as to the exact land lines, surveys have been done regarding this but I personally am not satisfied with this as no concrete lines have been established nor markers left intact where placed. It appears that the party who questions these lines has removed the markers and, if I might add, placed a rather unsightly FENCE running directly thru a portion of the cemetery, no graves in this area however, He believes this to belong to him. The two families living on the south east side are members of this family.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS: Unfortunately a rather bad storm came thru this area some years back and did some damage to the church, resulting in the necessity to run heavy rods thru the foundation to pull the sides of the church back straight. This in no way detracts from the appearance and would not be noticed if one were not looking for such. Am trying to secure dates of all alterations.

Note: Graded Area Carpeted.



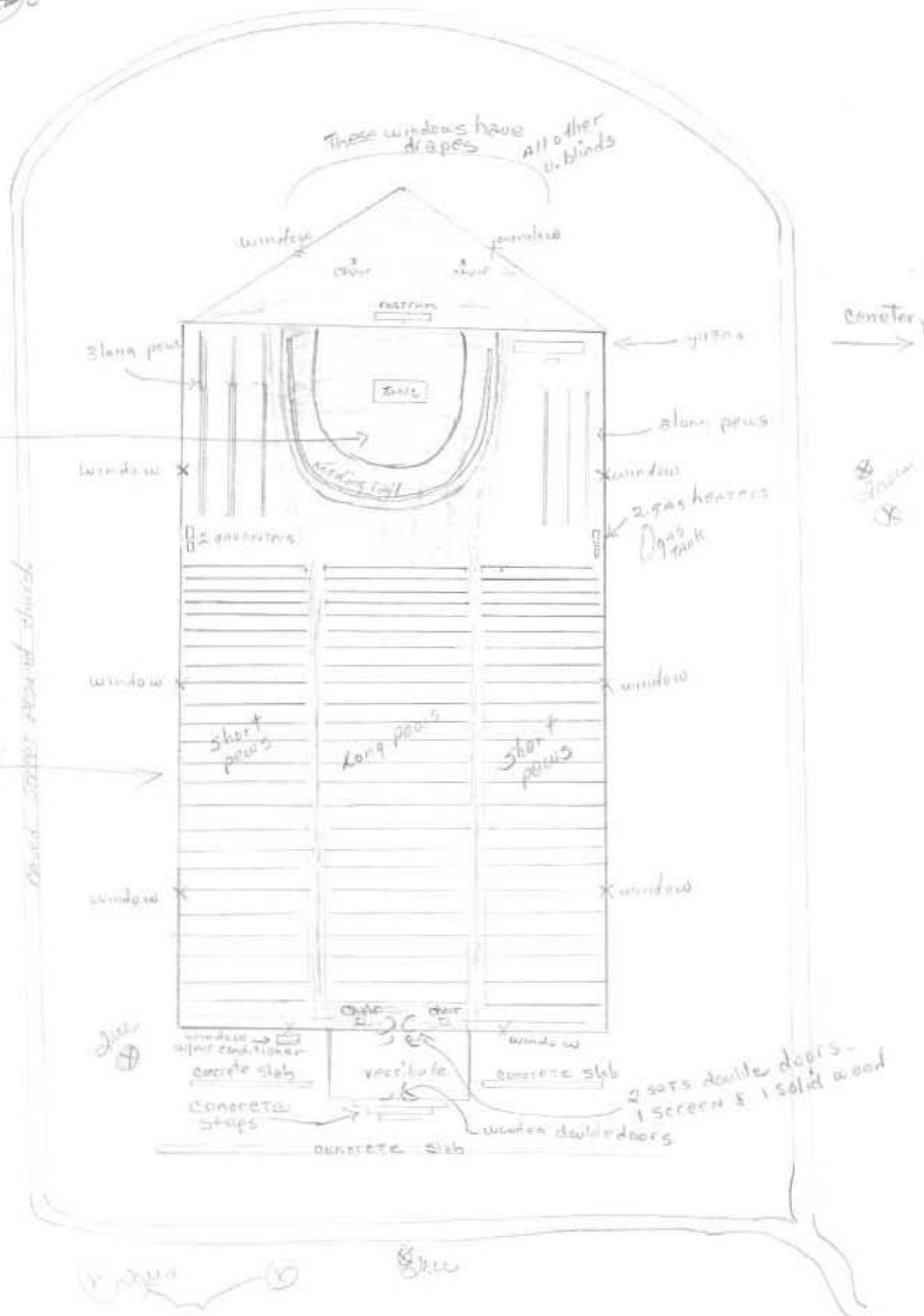
Woods
 Concrete Table

This area has a two tier access w/ approx 5" step up - outside elevation has kneeling rail around it.

Handicapped

All pews are original and have marked area where strips were once placed to separate the men from the women.

Handicapped



These windows have drapes all other w. blinds

3 long pews

4 pews

concrete

Window X

Window

2 gas heaters
 gas tank

Window X

Window

short pews

long pews

short pews

Window X

Window

Woods

concrete slab
 concrete steps

vestibule

concrete slab

2 sets double doors -
 1 screen & 1 solid wood

wooden double doors

concrete slab

Woods

Woods

FRONT

52 Hwy





























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Mr. Anderson
Principal

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