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Alabama Register Property Information

Ala. Historical Commission

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1. Name FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

historic

and/or common FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

2. Location

street & number Bullock County Highway 34, West of Midway

city, town ~~MIDWAY~~ _____ vicinity of

state ALABAMA county BULLOCK

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

street & number P.O. Box 147

city, town Midway, _____ vicinity of state AL 36053

5. Please use space below to sketch floor plan/site plan.

See Attached Sheet

6. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

First Baptist Church, Midway, AL

1. Number of stories: One (1)
2. Foundation: Brick pillars, concrete block
3. Interior framing or structural system: Wooden
4. Exterior wall material and pattern: Wood on original building, siding on addition
5. Exterior wall treatment:
6. Porches: Front porche enclosed, stoops over doors
7. Number of bays: N/A
8. Roof type and covering: Roofing shingles
9. Roof trim:
10. Chimneys: One originally, torn down during remodeling
11. Doors:
 - Main Entrance: Double wooden doors
 - Other entrances: wooden doors
12. Windows: Aluminum frame, roll out, tinted glass
13. Interior Features:
 - Mantels: None
 - Interior door and window trim: Wooden
 - Stairways: None
 - Wall and ceiling finish: Bottom 4 feet of walls original wood, paneling up to ceiling, ceiling has been lowered -
14. Notable hardware or mechanical systems: 4 propane gas heaters in main auditorium
4 ceiling fans, 6 florescent lights inset in ceiling
15. Alterations and additions: Enclosed porch on front of church, kitchen, bath rooms and dining area added at the rear of building
16. General setting:
17. Outbuildings: None

8. Major Bibliographical References

Old record book _____ page _____ Bullock County Courthouse (see attachment) and Mrs. Annie B. Hill, Life long member, born in 1898.

9. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

Old deed information attached.

10. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Annie B. Hill-Life long member of First Baptist Church
Dean Spratlan- member of Bullock County Historical Society

organization _____

date _____

street & number Post Office Box 147

telephone 205-529-3816

city or town Midway

state AL 36053

11. Please submit color slides of the property with this form.

10 Slides taken by Jay B. Gaston,
President of Bullock County Historical Society

12. Please return ALABAMA REGISTER form to:

ALABAMA REGISTER COORDINATOR
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
725 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY ALABAMA 36130

7. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

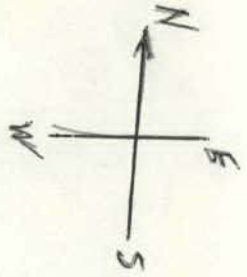
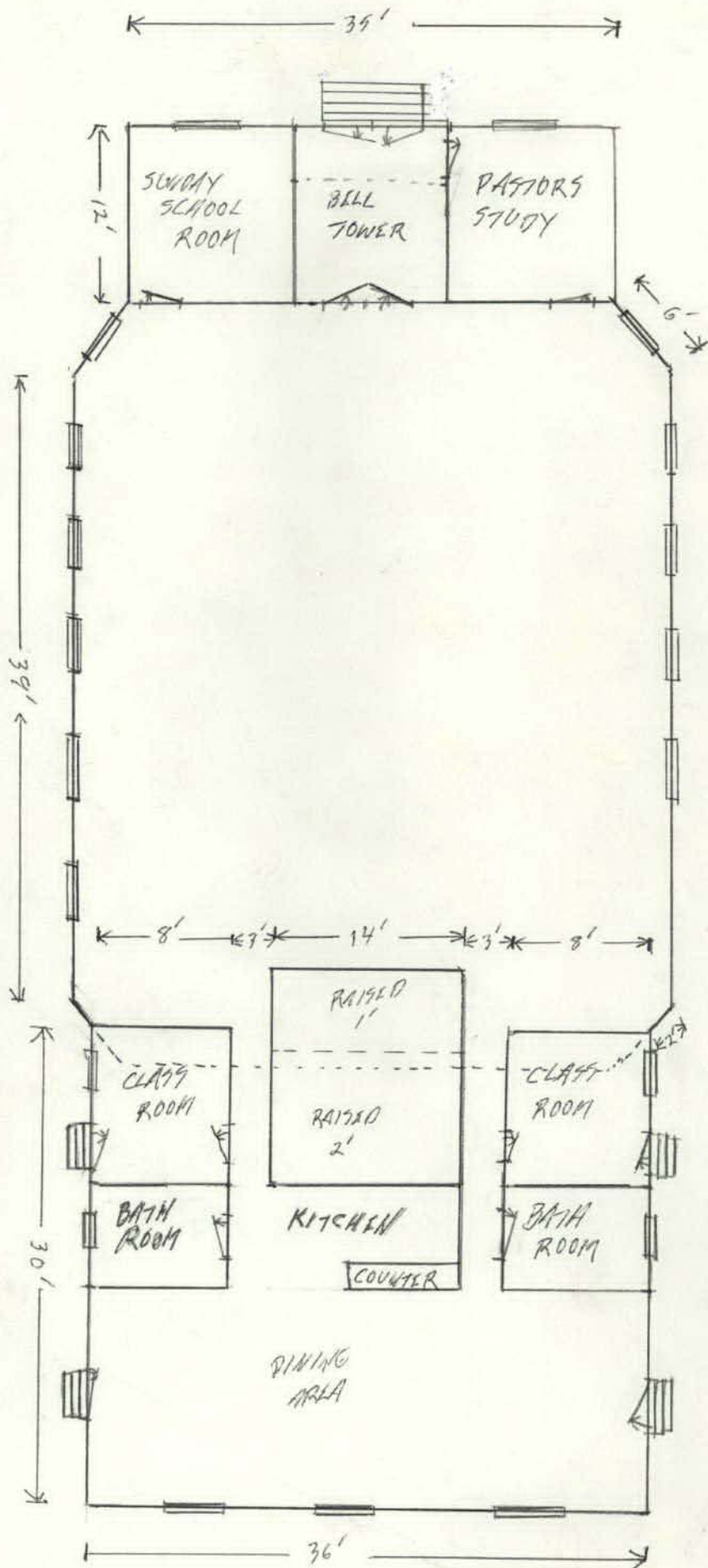
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

First Baptist Church was organized in the midesummer 1873. This church grew out from the Old Macedonia Baptist Church, which was blown down and was rebuilt as Second Baptist Church.

The land was purchased from John Williams and the original founders were: Warren Williams, John Curry, Alfred Boxer St, Ed Curry, Aaron Hamilton, Bob Walker and Aaron Jordan. Donna Pruitt served as secretary.

After many pastors, the Rev. J.H.L. Smith, under his administration, renamed the church from Second Baptist to First Baptist in 1910.

As descendants of former slaves, the church has been left to it heirs forever and as heirs, we will continue to grow and fulfill the spiritual needs of the community. First Baptist is the only black Baptist church in Midway and has served as meeting facility for the school as well as other regular community functions and religious conventions and is certainly a historic landmark, located next to the historic "Old Merritt School", in our community. We seek placement of First Baptist Church on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 HIGHWAY, AL

APP 17901

Deed BK GP 217

For Taylor W Cox & wife MC Cox for \$64.00

To trustees of the First Baptist Church of Mading at
one acre of land aff the NW corner of the last block
on the Taylor place on which are now grounds said acre
lying just outside of the corporate limits of the town of
Mading in said county & on the south side of the
road leading from Mading to Pine Grove and bounded
on the E & S by the Taylor land & on the W by a line
between Perry Merrill & the land of grators

9 Apr 1885