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**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 ***A**
Christian Church
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
9th and Franklin 570 NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN Boise VICINITY OF First CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Idaho CODE 16 COUNTY Ada CODE 001

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
☐ DISTRICT	☐ PUBLIC	☒ OCCUPIED	☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ BUILDING(S)	☒ PRIVATE	☐ UNOCCUPIED	☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ STRUCTURE	☐ BOTH	☐ WORK IN PROGRESS	☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ OBJECT	☐ IN PROCESS	☒ YES: RESTRICTED	☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
	☐ BEING CONSIDERED	☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED	☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
		☐ NO	☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Central Christian Church
STREET & NUMBER
615 Ninth Street

CITY, TOWN Boise VICINITY OF Idaho STATE Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Ada County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Boise STATE Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory
DATE
1972 ☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Idaho State Historical Society
CITY, TOWN Boise STATE Idaho

7 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

The Christian Church is a two-story brick building with stone trim in the Romanesque style, which stands on a raised sandstone foundation. Following the Joplin plan, it is distinguished by its northeast corner entry, two gables and hexagonal dome.

The corner entry has a round-arched portico with short, stone Romanesque columns. The gables are dominated by large round arched stained glass windows, with the good shepherd depicted in the east window. On the first story, below the major windows, are four rectangular stained glass windows. A round arched doorway with an opalescent glass transom is to one side of each gable. The dome, with its metal quatrafoil finial, has a set of three round-arched opalescent glass windows on three sides.

To the south is a gabled wing with six stained glass windows in each story. Those on the second story are round arched and those on the first are rectangular.

The original oak and walnut interior is unaltered. The main auditorium is on a northeast-southwest axis with a choir loft to the west. A Balcom and Vaughan theater pipe organ with chimes is in the loft and a stained glass fan light depicting Christ in Gethsemane adorns the west wall. A balcony arcs from the west to the south side of the auditorium. On the south side massive two-story high oak sliding doors separate the main room from the rear auditorium. The original oak pews are still in use as are the original brass light fixtures. The rear auditorium has a large brass chandelier. The dome has been closed off to conserve energy.

This building remains unaltered, although it is in need of some repair.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1910-11

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

I. J. Allen, Contractor
Charles Storey, Mason

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Christian church is architecturally significant as a good example of the brick Romanesque style applied to an ecclesiastical building. Following the Joplin plan, a standard Christian church design of the period, it is similar to other Christian churches throughout the nation, including the one in Eugene, Oregon. Its hexagonal dome, offset by the two large gables, is rare in Idaho and makes the building a landmark. The stained glass windows are of high quality and exhibit good craftsmanship, as does the interior woodwork.

The Balcom and Vaughan theater organ, manufactured in Seattle, is one of the two extant vacuum operated theater organs in Boise (the other is in the Ada Theater).

Stone mason Charles Storey worked on many of Boise's major buildings of the period including St. John's cathedral and the State Capitol.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Idaho Daily Statesman,
November 26, 1911, p. 3, c. 2-5; September 19, 1910, p. 2, c. 1-3;
June 10, 1910, p. 5, c. 2.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

24 Oct 77

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Idaho State Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

610 North Julia Davis Drive

384-2120

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boise

Idaho

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ____

STATE X

LOCAL ____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Mark Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

24 Oct 77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Robert B. Rettig

DATE

2/17/78

ATTEST:

Charles A. [Signature]

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2-9-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



First Christian Church
Boise, Idaho
Ada Co.

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Front view from the northeast

Idaho State Historical Society

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