

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Paradise Missionary Baptist Church

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Multiple Property Listing N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

## 2. Location

street & number 9023 State Route 154  not for publication

city or town Tamaroa  vicinity

state Illinois county Perry zip code 62888

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this \_\_\_ nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance: \_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide \_\_\_ local

Applicable National Register Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D

Signature of certifying official/Title: Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Date \_\_\_\_\_

Illinois Department of Natural Resources - SHPO  
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

\_\_\_ entered in the National Register \_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register

\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register \_\_\_ removed from the National Register

\_\_\_ other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

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## 5. Classification

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only **one** box.)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	site
0	0	structure
0	0	object
1	0	<b>Total</b>

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

## 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religious/Religious Facility  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Vacant  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Revivals/  
Late Gothic Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Stone/Limestone  
walls: Stone/Limestone  
roof: Slate  
other: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity).

#### **Summary Paragraph**

The Paradise Baptist Church, located at 9023 State Route 154, just outside of Tamaroa, Perry County, Illinois, was completed in in 1949 in the Late Gothic Revival architectural style. The church has a simple compound plan and measures 30' x 70'. It is constructed of rusticated sandstone and has a slate roof and stained-glass windows. The 2-story church has a 3-story tower and a raised basement. The nomination consists of 1 property, the church, which has sufficient integrity for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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### **Narrative Description**

#### **Setting**

Paradise Baptist Church is in the southern portion of Illinois, about 30 miles north of Carbondale and 14 miles east of Rend Lake. It is in a rural area, less than eight miles to the closest towns, Tamaroa to the northeast and Sesser to the west. Most of the nearby property is farmland. Directly to the east of the church is the Paradise Prairie Cemetery which is no longer associated with the church. The northern and western boundaries of the property are defined by a small, wooded area.

The property is located on 1.09 Acres and is accessed off State Route 154, a highly traveled road that connects to Interstate 57. A circular gravel driveway encompasses the church and its grounds. A concrete sidewalk parallel to the street runs in front of the main entry (south) and terminates at both the east and west sides of the driveway. Another sidewalk leads from the driveway to a rear entrance on the church west elevation. A sidewalk along the west side of the church connects both the front and back walks.

There is little landscaping on the property, with only a few trees behind the church. A stone marquee sign is in the front yard near the entrance. It measures approximately 4' wide by 4.5' high and is double sided with a glass door on each side that protects the white display board. Comprised of sandstone with a limestone cap, the sign is a contributing feature.

#### **Exterior - General Description**

The Late Gothic Revival style church measures 30' x 70', is 2 stories tall, and has a 3-story tower and a raised basement. The principal mass of the church is rectangular with a smaller appendage at west entrance, a three-story center steeple at the front entrance, and a sanctuary that is slightly recessed from the nave. The slate roof is steeply pitched, with a front-facing gable, and has its original gutters. The stone chimney is located on east side of the roof's slope, above the fifth bay. The walls are brick with a stone veneer and the foundation is concrete block. The stone is 4" split-face ashlar from St. Meinrad sandstone quarry in St Meinrad, Indiana. It has a rough face, is square cut and laid in irregular courses.

The Gothic windows on the upper floors are stained-glass and have stone sills. The basement windows have stone lintels, steel frames, steel casement sashes and muntins. The windows have nine lights with amber-colored Flemish glass.

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## **South (Front) Elevation**

The front, or south elevation is dominated by a three-story steeple located in the center of the façade that protrudes about 10' from the church walls. The steeple is comprised of a lantern, belfry, and tower. The steeple's components are defined by a belt course beneath the lantern, and smooth-faced stone shoulders on the sloped walls of the belfry and the tower. The lantern has a pyramidal hipped roof topped by an illuminated cross. The roof is supported by 4 stone piers with limestone caps. The openings in the lantern are covered with panels that are painted white.

The front of the belfry has a long narrow window. Beneath the window is a stone plaque etched with the words "Paradise Baptist Church" with the dates "1853 – 1849" below. Under the plaque is the main entrance, accentuated by a recessed Gothic arch. The double doors each have six panels; the upper two panels are glazed. The entrance is topped with a transom light with a simple geometric pattern. Light fixtures with tall, slender conical shades are on either side of the doorway. Eight concrete steps with stone knee walls lead to the threshold. Metal railings have been installed on the interior side of the knee walls.

The east and west walls of the steeple have long narrow windows in the belfry located directly above smaller Gothic windows in the tower. The walls on either side of the tower are identical. Both sides have smooth-faced shoulders that accentuate the juncture of the roof and the sloped wall. The wood fascia is narrow and painted white, and a small window is located on the first floor about three feet from the tower.

## **West Elevation**

The West Elevation has five bays divided by false buttresses capped with smooth stones. Beginning in the southwest corner, the first three bays have tall stained-glass windows in the upper floors located directly above the basement windows. The upper windows have simple geometric designs of colored leaded glass that accentuate the arch; a shield with a floral motif is in the center. The covered side entrance to the building is located in the fourth bay. It measures 10' x 10', is stone with a slate gabled roof and has double doors with a stained-glass Gothic -arched transom. There are 2 windows on the north and south walls and exterior lights on each side of the door.

The fifth bay is in the sanctuary and is slightly recessed from the other bays, where the nave is. It has two windows on the upper floor which are slightly smaller and narrower than those in the other bays. Only one window is on the basement level.

## **East Elevation**

The East Elevation is divided into five bays by false buttresses capped with smooth stones. Starting from south to north the first four bays have tall stained-glass windows in the upper floors directly above the basement windows. The fifth bay is in the sanctuary and is slightly recessed from the other bays. It has two windows on the upper floor which are slightly smaller and narrower than those in the other bays. Only one window is on the basement level.

## **North Elevation**

The North Elevation is the back of the property. It has no openings. The electrical, water and gas connections are located on the back of building.

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## **General Description - Interior**

The interior of the original church is comprised of two vestibules, a sanctuary, and chapel on the first floor, and a kitchen and two bathrooms in the basement. It has plaster walls on the first floor and painted brick and concrete block walls in the basement. The floors on both levels are concrete. The ceilings on the first floor are knotty pine. The nave can be accessed from the front vestibule (south side of building) or by an entrance on the west side of building. The pendant light fixtures on the first floor are original.

### **Vestibule**

The front vestibule measures 10' x 10' and is lit by a single pendant light. There are two stained glass windows on the east and west walls. Double doors separate it from the nave.

### **Nave**

The nave measures 25' x 50'. Six pendant lights and 3 ceiling fans suspend from the cathedral ceiling, The beamed ceiling has three stained wood scissor trusses. There are 9 arched stained-glass windows; one is on either side of the entrance on the south wall, four are on the east wall and three are on the west wall. The secondary entrance to the nave is on the west wall near the sanctuary. The entrance is accessed from the nave through double-doors and has stairs leading to the exit and to the basement.

The chancel measures approximately 30' x 25' and is set apart from the nave by a large, Gothic- arched opening. It is elevated by a wooden platform approximately 2' above the main floor. There are two steps on each side of the platform to access. An altar rail divides the platform from the nave. The back wall of the chancel separates the area from the altar. The wall has two Gothic-arched door openings, one on each side of three large Gothic arched window openings. All of the window openings are decorated by wood tracery. The center opening is larger and has tracery in the transom and a screen in the lower half. The window openings on either side have tracery in the transoms, with a quatrefoil beneath the arch's peak, and muntins beneath. These openings have wood paneling beneath them.

The doorways on each side of the chancel open onto a room. Each room measures 9' x 9'. In the center behind the raised platform is the baptismal room that measures 6' x 9'.

### **Church Basement**

The basement of the church can be accessed by the west side entrance to the building. There are 8 stairs down to the basement level. It is mostly an open L-shaped space but does contain storage rooms, a mechanical room, a kitchen, and two bathrooms. Three concrete piers, running north to south, are located in the center of the basement. The south side has three rooms, roughly 12' x 11' with non-loadbearing paneled walls. The storage room at the south end of building, under the vestibule, is accessed through double doors. The bathrooms and storage area in the northwest corner of the building are accessed through door in the north wall. The kitchen is in the northeast corner. There is open space between the kitchen and the Sunday school rooms. The rooms in basement are not original to the building. They were added later for Sunday School rooms. The floor in the basement is concrete.

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## **Integrity Statement**

The Paradise Baptist Church has sufficient integrity for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property has retained almost all of its original materials and has retained its original massing since its completion in 1949. The minimal modifications that have been made were repairs to damaged features. Exterior alterations include the replacement of the west side entrance doors and one piece of stained glass in tower window that was broken from storm damage. At some point, the louvered windows on the lantern were replaced with wood panels.

On the interior, the upstairs carpet, which was in poor condition, was removed and the concrete floor was painted. Some of the pews were removed. The basement had water damage that occurred several years ago, and the damaged walls of several Sunday school classrooms were removed, creating a large, open L-shaped space. The classrooms were not original to the building but were added later. There is now an open space between the kitchen and the Sunday school rooms.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

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### Period of Significance

1949

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### Significant Dates

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### Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

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### Cultural Affiliation (if applicable)

N/A

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### Architect/Builder

John Hagel – Architect

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations).

The Paradise Baptist Church of Tamaroa, Illinois, located in Perry County Illinois, is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C for its architectural significance as an important local example of the Late Gothic Revival style. It meets Criterion Consideration A for religious properties, as it derives its importance from its architecture. The period of significance is 1949, the year the church was built.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

### Brief History of Perry County, Illinois

Perry County is located in Southern Illinois is 447 square miles and has a population of approximately 22,350. The county seat is Pinckneyville, Illinois. The county was named for Commodore Oliver H. Perry, the U.S. naval commander who helped defeat the British in the War of 1812. It was formed on January 29, 1827, as 80 acres carved out of Jackson and Randolph Counties. Twenty of those acres were retained for the county seat, Pinckneyville, organized on May 17, 1857. The county is not comprised of townships but is divided into precincts. The cities within Perry County are Tamaroa, Du Quoin, Pinckneyville, Willisville, Cutler and Saint Johns.<sup>1</sup>

Perry County's early non-native settlers came from the southern states, typically Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.<sup>2</sup>

The population grew exponentially during the mid nineteenth century due to the construction of the Illinois Central Railroad, which passed through the county's eastern half, and the detection of coal deposits. Beginning in about 1850 an increase of European immigrants added to the county's population; their relocation continued steadily through the 1920s. After the Civil War, Black Southerners began to settle in the county as they migrated to the northern states. Many residents were employed by the coal mining industry, which remained strong into the 1990s.<sup>3</sup>

### History of the Church(Source? )

Paradise Missionary Baptist Church in Tamaroa Precinct was organized on September 10, 1853, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Strait. The church, which began with 32 members, held a ten-day revival in the Strait's barn, with Rev. J. M. Billingsley, from Kentucky, officiating. Nearly two weeks after organizing, the congregation, now at 52 members, requested admission to the Nine Mile Baptist Association. Once accepted, they began looking for a place to build their church. They bought land on December 14, 1853, and completed construction the following year at a cost of \$1,500.

In 1908, the congregation formed a committee to design a new building. The new church was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day the following year and named the "White Church" after the color of the wood exterior. In 1945, after the church was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire, the current stone church was built and completed in four years.

<sup>1</sup> Perry County, Illinois. RootsWeb [https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/genealogy/Documents/Locations%20-%20USA/County/Perry%20Co.%20IL%20Webpage.htm#\\_List\\_of\\_Localities](https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/genealogy/Documents/Locations%20-%20USA/County/Perry%20Co.%20IL%20Webpage.htm#_List_of_Localities) Accessed December 12, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Perry County, Illinois History. Genealogy Trails. <http://genealogytrails.com/ill/perry/history.html>. Accessed December 12, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> "Perry County, Illinois," Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perry\\_County,\\_Illinois#:~:text=7%20References-.History.in%20the%20War%20of%201812](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perry_County,_Illinois#:~:text=7%20References-.History.in%20the%20War%20of%201812). Accessed October 2, 2023.



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The present building was dedicated on May 8, 1949, and the first pastor in the new building was Rev Carl Johnson. The architect, John Hagel, from Evansville, Indiana, designed the building in the Late Gothic Revival Style. Four-inch, split-face ashlar was used for the exterior and 2" sawed ashlar was used for the interior. The sandstone came from the quarry at St Meinrad, Indiana and was delivered by truck to the property. The stained-glass windows in the main level were furnished and installed by Unique Art Glass Company of St Louis, Missouri.

### Late Gothic Revival Style

Sir Horace Walpole, a wealthy Englishman, introduced Gothic Revival architecture when he remodeled his home, Strawberry Hill, in a Medieval style in 1749. In the 1830s, Gothic Revival architect Alexander Jackson Davis of Baltimore, Maryland introduced the style to the United States by. Davis wrote several pattern books, many in collaboration with his friend, landscaper and designer Andrew Jackson Downing, that prominently the style in rural settings. They recommended that Gothic Revival was suited for rural property, as its irregular floor plan, wide gables and tall towers were ill-adapted to the smaller lots of urban neighborhoods. By the mid – 1860s the style fallen out of favor. <sup>4</sup>

Polychromatic, or Victorian Gothic Revival architecture developed in England in the 1860s and was promoted by English art critic John Ruskin, who authored the influential *Seven Lamps of Architecture*. This later phase of Gothic Revival differs from the first as it is characteristically more substantial, for it uses stone or brick instead of wood, and is not found in the countryside but in urban areas. This phase did not appear in the United States until after the Civil War and unlike its earlier iteration, it was not commonly used for residential architecture. Instead, it was primarily used in designs for public and religious buildings.<sup>5</sup> The style is identified by heavy masonry construction, windows and doors with pointed arches, steeply pitched gable roofs, and polychromed bands of masonry as decorative elements. <sup>6</sup>

Gothic Revival architecture reemerged in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It continued to be used for religious properties, but its use in the design of academic institutions became so widespread that it was often dubbed the Collegiate Gothic Revival. The style's use of heavy masonry provided an image of stability and success, making it a popular choice for high schools and colleges.<sup>7</sup> While it was common to see educational facilities and religious properties in the Late Gothic Revival style, it was also applied to skyscrapers, such as the Chicago Tribune Tower and the Woolworth Building in New York. In these instances, the style is often referred to as Neo-Gothic.

### Paradise Baptist Church Comparisons

The Paradise Baptist Church has the following features that identify it as an example of Late Gothic Revival architecture: pointed-arched openings, tracery windows, thick and heavy sandstone, buttresses, and the time period in which it was built. The church is one of a few remaining historic churches in rural Perry County. By comparing historic atlases from 1902 and 1908 with current Google Earth imagery, it was determined that only one of 19 rural churches identified on the atlases was extant. The Lutheran Evangelical Church in DuQuoin Township has similar massing but is covered with vinyl siding and has non-historic additions which adversely impact its integrity. The church appears to have been built in the mid to late 1880s, it was not an example of

<sup>4</sup> McAlester, Virginia, A. Lee McAlester, Laurent Jarrett and Juan Rodriguez-Arnaiz. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2012, p. 200.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, p. 200.

<sup>6</sup> Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, "High Victorian Gothic Style 1860 – 1890." *Pennsylvania Architectural Field Guide*. <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/architecture/styles/collegiate-gothic.html> Accessed May 20, 2020.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

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Gothic style architecture, as evidenced by the round arched windows. There are other churches, that, like the Paradise Baptist Church, were replacements of older churches, such as the Oak Grove Baptist Church north of Pinckneyville and the Nine Mile Baptist Church in DuQuoin Township. The Oak Grove Baptist Church is a one-story, non-descript T-shaped building identifiable as a church by only the spire on the principal roof's ridge. A church was present on the site in 1979. The Nine Mile Baptist Church was probably built in the 1950s or early 1960s, as it is an example of the Mid-Century Modern style. The original Sunfield Union Methodist church (1871), in the unincorporated town of Sunfield, was demolished and replaced with the current building in 2008, judging by the new cornerstone. Historic stained-glass windows from the older church are used in the new building.

Concord Baptist Church on Swanick Rice Road, just west of Illinois Highway 127, was likely built or remodeled in the 1950s or 1960s, based upon its PermaStone cladding. It does appear in the 1979 Perry County Atlas, as does the First United Presbyterian Church on Illinois Route 13, Pinckneyville, another Mid-century Modern example.

The 1979 Atlas also identified four other churches that were not on the older atlases. Two, the church on Cross Church Road, Section 29, TWP 4 S Range 2 West and the other, on Holts Prairie Road, Section 20, TWP 5S, Range 2 W have since been demolished. The other two, St. Mary Magdalene, Todds Mill Road, and Friendship Church of Christ, 7405 Parrot Road, both in the vicinity of Tamaroa, replaced older churches. Neither have any character-defining features.

No churches of the stature and comparable style were found in rural Perry County. Only a few were identifiable architectural styles. The masonry examples were either brick or PermaStone and the earliest were from the 1950s. Churches comparable to Paradise Baptist Church were in cities and incorporated communities. Two examples of Late Gothic Revival were St. Paul United Church of Christ (Fig 3) and St. Ann's Catholic Church (Fig 4) both in Nashville, Illinois, nearly 30 miles northwest from the church in Washington County. These comparisons were the closest Late Gothic Revival building around to use.

## Conclusion

The Paradise Baptist Church in the vicinity of Tamaroa, Illinois, is a good candidate for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Not only is the church an important example of Late Gothic Revival architecture, but it is also perhaps the most substantial and ornate church in rural Perry County. The church has sufficient integrity, having only minimal changes made since its construction in 1949.

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Accessed October 2, 2023

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreeage of Property** 1.09

(Do not include previously listed resource acreage; enter "Less than one" if the acreage is .99 or less)

### Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1	<u>38.08307</u>	<u>-89.18163</u>	3	_____	_____
	Latitude	Longitude		Latitude	Longitude
2	_____	_____	4	_____	_____
	Latitude	Longitude		Latitude	Longitude

### Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 14, T5S, R1W of the 3rd P.M., Perry County, Illinois, described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 14, T5S, R1W of the 3rd P.M., at a stone and running North, 14 poles planted a stone; thence East, 10 poles and planted a stone; thence South 26° East, 15 poles and 4 links planted a stone; thence West, 15 poles and 3 links to the place of beginning. AND The surface only: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 14, in T5S, R1W of the 3rd P.M., then run North 14 rods to the place of starting; then run North, 12 rods and 17 links to the Northeast corner of the cemetery; then run East, 5 rods; thence in a Southeasterly direction 14 rods to the Northeast corner of the Church Site; thence West, 10 rods to the place of starting.

Parcel ID #: 15-10-140-070 Property Address: 9023 IL 154 Tamaroa, IL 62888 Prior Deed Reference: Doc. No. 2018-01495

### Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nomination includes the church and the surrounding 1.09 acres of land. The adjacent cemetery is not included.

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### Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **GIS Location Map (Google Earth or BING)**
- **Local Location Map**
- **Site Plan**
- **Floor Plans (As Applicable)**
- **Photo Location Map** (Include for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map and insert immediately after the photo log and before the list of figures).

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## Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 3000x2000 pixels, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

## Photo Log

<b>Name of Property:</b>	<u>Paradise Baptist Church</u>		
<b>City or Vicinity:</b>	<u>Tamaroa</u>		
<b>County:</b>	<u>Perry</u>	<b>State:</b>	<u>Illinois</u>
<b>Photographer:</b>	<u>Carol Erwin</u>		
<b>Date Photographed:</b>	<u>05/26/2023</u>		

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- Photo 1: South Elevation of Church, looking north
- Photo 2: South Elevation of Church, looking north
- Photo 3: South and West Elevation, looking Northeast
- Photo 4: North Elevation looking south
- Photo 5: Original lighting near front entrance, looking northeast
- Photo 6: Interior of west entrance, looking east
- Photo 7: Nave interior Looking north
- Photo 8: Chancel looking north
- Photo 9: Nave, looking south
- Photo 10: Nave, Stained Glass Windows
- Photo 11: Basement, Original Doors
- Photo 12: Basement, Looking North
- Photo 13: Basement, Looking South
- Photo 14: Basement Kitchen

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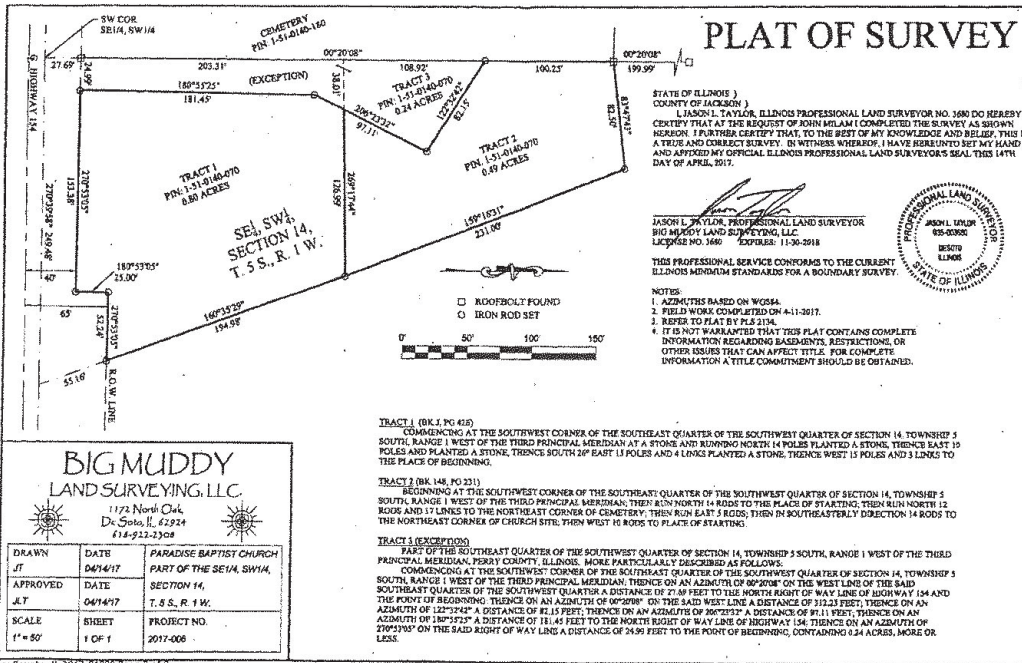
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**List of Figures**

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1. Property Survey of Paradise Baptist Church (above) and aerial showing boundary (below)



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2. Photograph of the Church when completed, 1949.





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3. St Paul United Church of Christ, 330 N Buhrman St, Nashville, IL



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4. St Ann's Catholic Church, 631 S Mill St, Nashville, IL. Built in 1941. (Front entrance is a non-historic addition.)



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## GIS Map

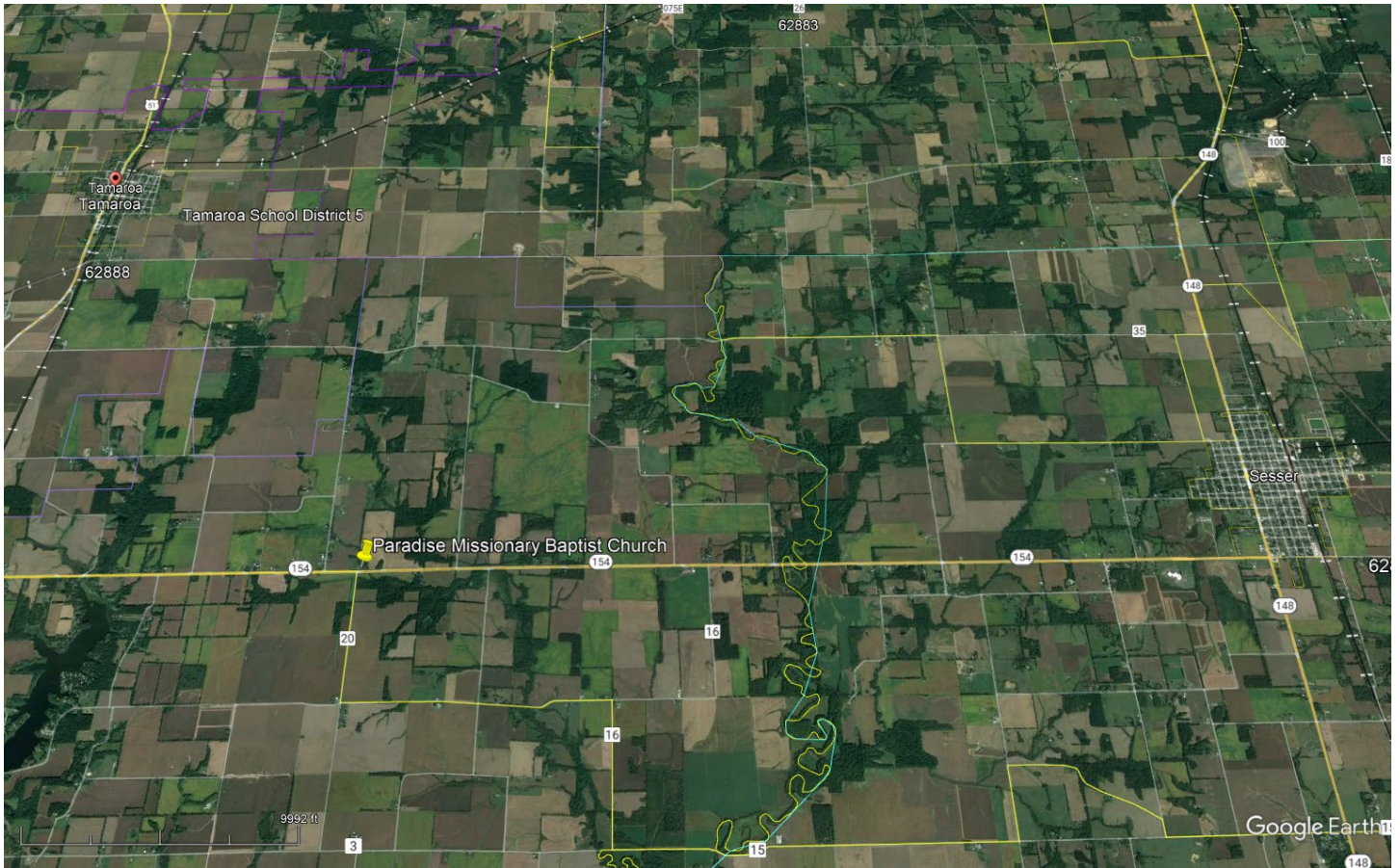
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## Local Location Map

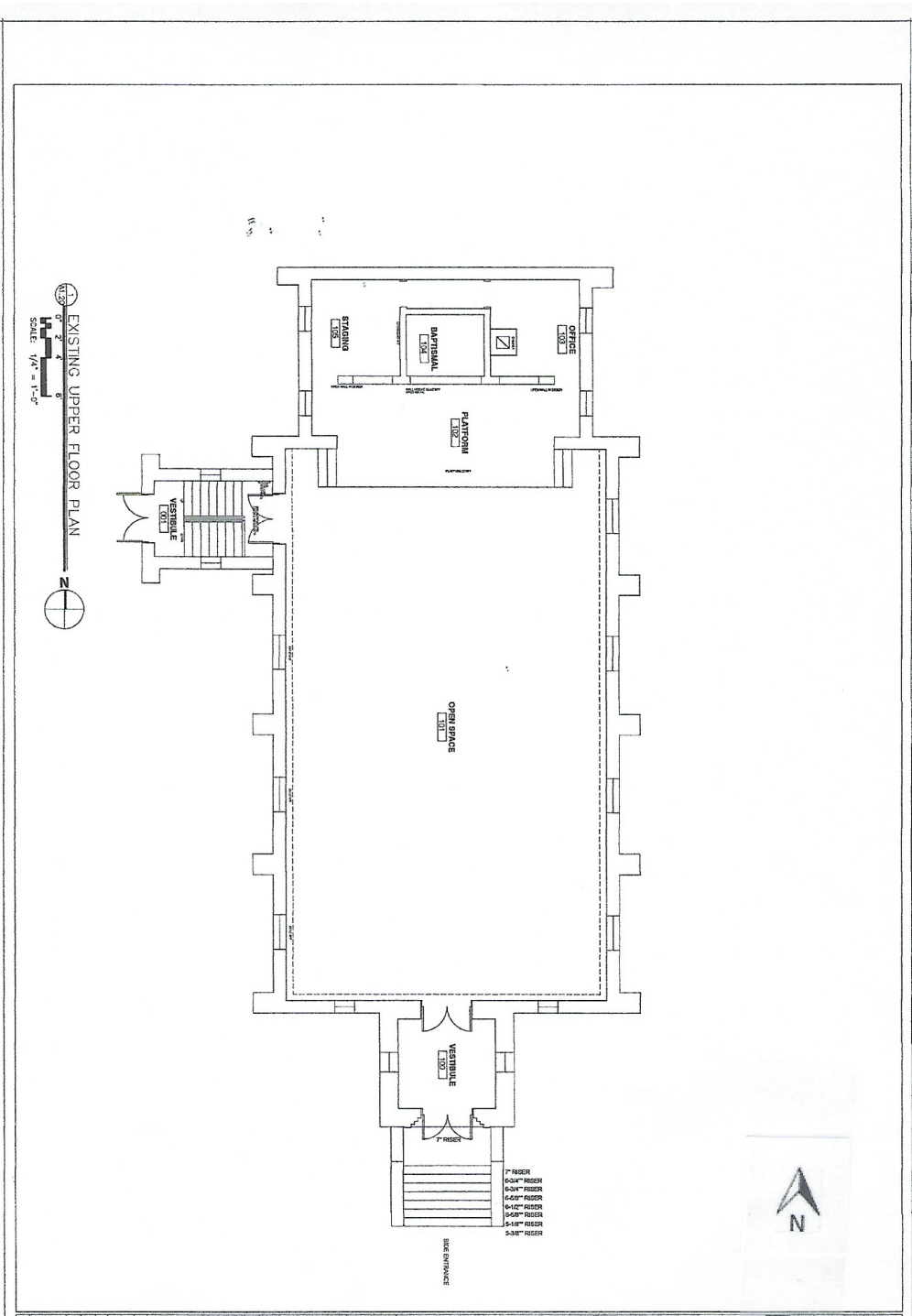


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## Floor Plan

### Paradise Missionary Baptist Church - Sanctuary

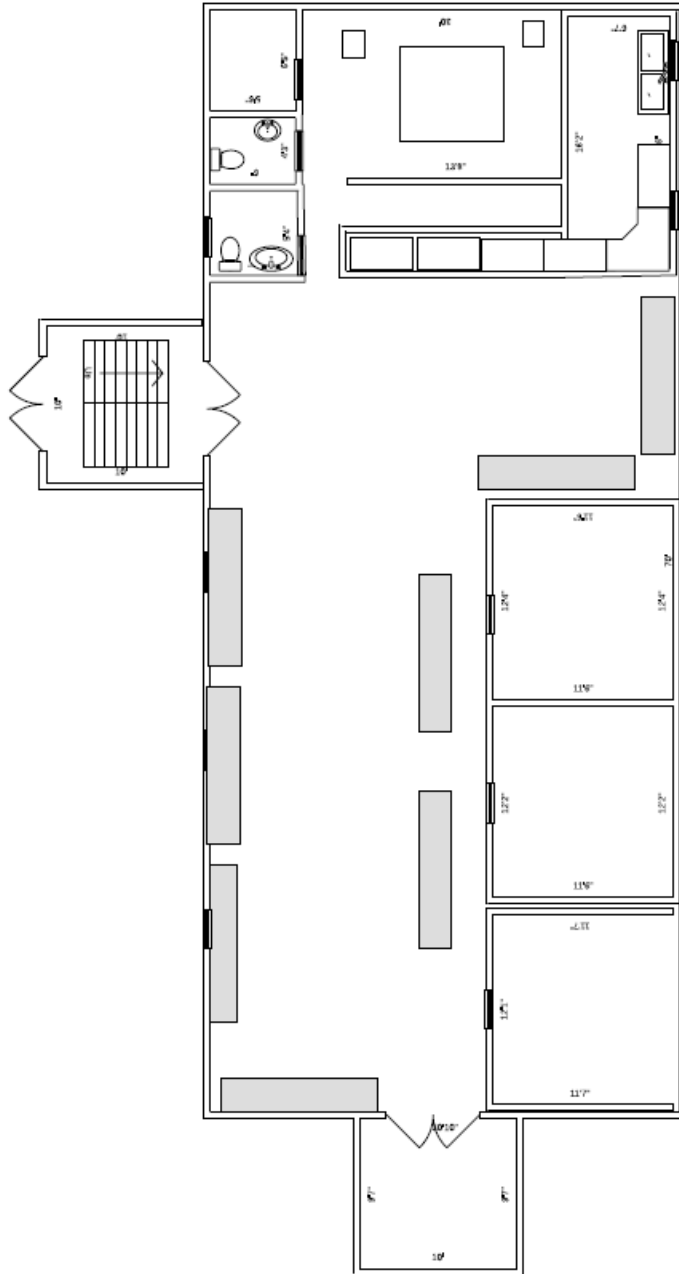


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### Paradise Missionary Baptist Church –Basement



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Photo 3: South and West Elevation, looking north

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Photo 14: Basement Kitchen