Site Inventory Form

State Inventory No. 92-00579  ☑ New  ☐ Supplemental
☐ Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) ____________________
Relationship: ☑ Contributing  ☐ Noncontributing
☐ Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries
National Register Status: (any that apply) ☑ Listed  ☐ De-listed  ☐ NHL  ☐ DOE
9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number _____
☐ Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name  First Baptist Church
other names/site number  Downtown Survey Map # DT-115

2. Location

street & number  122 East Second St.
city or town  Washington
vicinity, county  Washington
Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name ________________ Township No. __________
Range No. __________ Section __________ Quarter of Quarter __________
(If Urban) Subdivision ________________ Original Plat Block(s) __________ Lot(s) 7 & 8

3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box)  Number of Resources within Property
 ☑ building(s)  If Non-Eligible Property  If Eligible Property, enter number of:
 ☐ district
 ☐ site
 ☐ structure
 ☐ object

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter “N/A” if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).
Title  Historical Architectural Data Base Number

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)  Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
06A01 Church  06A01 Church

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)  Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
09G04 Church Side Steeple (corner tower)  foundation  04 Stone
walls (visible material)  15B Vinyl Siding
roof  08A Asphalt Shingle
other

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark “x” representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)
☐ Yes  ☑ No  ☐ More Research Recommended  A Property is associated with significant events.
☐ Yes  ☑ No  ☐ More Research Recommended  B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
☐ Yes  ☑ No  ☐ More Research Recommended  C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
☐ Yes  ☑ No  ☐ More Research Recommended  D Property yields significant information in archeology or history.
Criteria Considerations

- 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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Significant Dates

- Construction date: 1871
- Other dates, including renovation: 1912, 1990s

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography [ ] See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

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[ ] See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By

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organization  Washington Historic Preservation Commission  date  November 2, 2012

street & number  City Hall – 215 E. Washington St  telephone  319-653-6584

city or town  Washington  state  Iowa  zip code  52353

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)

FOR ALL PROPERTIES

1. Map: showing the property’s location in a town/city or township.
2. Site plan: showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
3. Photographs: representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:
   - Roll/slide sheet #  Frame/slot #  Date Taken
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[ ] See continuation sheet or attached photo & slide catalog sheet for list of photo roll or slide entries.
[ ] Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL

1. Farmstead & District: (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
2. Barn:
   a. A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
   b. A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
   c. A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn’s exterior dimensions in feet.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility: [ ] Yes  [ ] No  [ ] More Research Recommended
[ ] This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments:

Evaluated by (name/title):  Date:
First Baptist Church - 122 E. Second St - State #92-00579 - 1871, 1912 - church - corner tower

Historic information:
1851 - original church built, 1871 - new First Baptist Church built - incorporate old into rear of building
1899 - interior of church remodeled - pulpit moved from north to west
1912 - large addition replaced original church incorporated into building on north - Sunday School rooms, basement, assembly room - church also remodeled
1925 - church remodeled - spire removed and changed tower
1930s-2010s - First Baptist Church
2012 - First Baptist Church

Architectural information:
Height: church - 1 story
Walls: church - frame - clad in vinyl
Architectural details: corner square tower, stained glass windows, small square sections
Modifications: Historic: 1912 - remodeled and new rear addition; Non-historic: 1990s - clad in vinyl siding

7. Narrative Description

The First Baptist Church is clad vinyl siding with a synthetic stone on the stone foundation. Although it is currently covered in vinyl siding, it maintains its historic shape and features. It appears that the original church was a rectangle, which has been expanded with various features and additions. The square corner tower sits at southeast corner of the church, with the main entry in the base. The spire was removed historically during a remodeling project. It has circular windows on the south and east sides, and an arch double-hung window on the first story of the east side. The south gable end of the church facing 2nd Street has a Palladian stained glass window with four small square windows under it. A small section protrudes at the west end, with an arch stained glass window. The east side of the church facing 2nd Avenue has a center Palladian stained glass window, and a tall arch stained glass window to either side. The 1912 gable-roof Sunday School addition at the north end has an entry from the east side. It has four double-hung windows on the first story and five double-hung arch windows on the second story. The west side faces a side parking lot. It has an side addition from the reorientation of the interior of the church historically. The gable-roof Sunday School addition at the north end is also exposed on this side with similar windows on both stories. A more recent gable-roof entry vestibule and gathering space has been built between these two sections. The north side is the side of the Sunday School addition, and it has five double-hung windows on the first story and six double-hung windows on the second story. A clipped gable roof dormer has a semi-circular arch window.
8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Though the overall form of the First Baptist Church remains clearly discernible, the historic materials and details of the exterior have been obscured by the vinyl siding on the walls and permastone on the foundation. Thus, the church does not appear to retain sufficient integrity to contribute to the Washington Downtown Historic District, and it has been removed from the district boundary as it falls on a corner. If the cladding were to be removed, the church should be re-evaluated for contributing status, with the historic district boundary amended to include the church if found to be contributing.

The Baptist Church was organized in 1841, with the first building constructed in 1850-1851. It was a frame building, 26 by 36, with a cupola added around 1857. This building was located on this site and is incorporated into the current building. The building was moved to the north part of the lot in 1871 when a new large auditorium was constructed for First Baptist Church, with the older building used for Sunday School rooms. The church was dedicated on December 24, 1871 at a cost of $7,000. The 1885 Sanborn map shows a rectangular church with a rectangular rear section. The building has a square tower on the southeast corner. The footprint appears refined on the 1892 map, with then the same footprint on the 1897 map. In 1899, the auditorium portion was remodeled, moving the pulpit, choir loft, and bapistry from the north to west side. The 1902 Sanborn map shows a small addition on the west side and L-shaped addition on the northwest corner associated with this remodeling. The floor was also changed from level to sloped and new pews and organ were installed. The 1909 Sanborn map shows basically the same footprint. A photograph of the church appears in Burrell's 1909 history of Washington County on page 257 (History of Washington County, Iowa 1880: 562; Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington County 1887: 671; Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 247; “Baptists Organized Their Church Here 98 Years Ago,” Centennial Edition, Evening Journal, August 1939, 78).

The First Baptist Church underwent a substantial remodel in 1912. The earlier Sunday School portion to the north was demolished, and a new one-story building constructed for this purpose with a full basement with spacious dining room and kitchen. The new portions of the church were clad in stucco. Sunday School rooms were also added under the church auditorium by excavating. A new bapistry was installed, and the main entry was remodeled. The work totaled $8,500 (“Baptists Organized Their Church Here 98 Years Ago,” Centennial Edition, Evening Journal, August 1939, 78; “Building in 1912,” Evening Journal, April 26, 1913, 1). In 1925, the corner spire was removed, with a corner tower left in its place.

A photograph of the building appeared in the 25th anniversary edition, Evening Journal, April 3, 1926, page 35 (B). The 1931 Sanborn map shows the same footprint as the 1917 map, with the rear section noted at two stories. No changes are then noted on the 1943 map. First Baptist Church continued to operate here through the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. By 1989, the area to the west and north were used for parking (Souvenir History of Washington, Iowa 1989: page 19). First Baptist Church continues to use the building today.
First Baptist Church
Name of Property

122 East Second St.
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9. Major Bibliographical References


Newspaper advertisements, various years/dates, on microfilm at Washington Public Library:
- Washington Evening Journal
- Washington Gazette
- Washington Press

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Location map

2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary
First Baptist Church

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Building plan (from assessor’s website)
First Baptist Church  Washington
Name of Property  County

122 East Second St.  Washington
Address  City

Historic images

Church prior to 1912 addition (Evening Journal, August 1939, p78)
### First Baptist Church

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**Evening Journal, April 26, 1913, p19**
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Digital photographs

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Photograph 92-00579-002 - South elevation, looking north (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00579-003 - East elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00579-005 - West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00579-006 - North elevation, looking south (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00579-007 - North and west elevations, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)