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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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 entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Sandy Second Ward Chapel

other names/site number Berean Baptist Church, Anchor Baptist Church

### 2. Location

street & number 8630 South 60 East N/A not for publication

city or town Sandy N/A vicinity

state Utah code UT county Salt Lake code 035 zip code 84070

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. See continuation sheet for additional comments.

William S. McA 5/22/97  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet for additional comments.

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall 7/9/97  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Sandy Second Ward Chapel  
Name of Property

Sandy, Salt Lake County, Utah  
City, County, and State

### 5. Classification

#### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

#### Category of Property

(Check only one box)

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

#### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing		Noncontributing		
1		2		buildings
				sites
				structures
				objects
1		2		Total

#### Name of related multiple property listing

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

Historic Resources of Sandy City and  
Mormon Church Buildings in Utah

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

N/A

### 6. Function or Use

#### Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### 7. Description

#### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Neo-Classical Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE  
walls BRICK  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof ASHPHALT  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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## Narrative Description

The Sandy Second Ward Chapel, built in 1921, is located at the corner of 8640 South and 60 East in Sandy City. The current address of the building is 8630 South 60 East.<sup>1</sup> The building is located on the southeast corner of a 0.77 acre property. Two residences are also on the property, but do not contribute to the historic significance of the chapel. The building has received only minor exterior and interior alterations since its original construction.

The building is constructed of dark maroon brick on a concrete foundation. In plan, the structure is L-shaped, with the longer end, approximately 90 feet, running parallel to 8640 South. The shorter end is approximately 45 feet and is parallel to 60 East. The main entrance is at the curved intersection of the two sides, and is accessed by ten curvilinear concrete steps. The exterior brick walls rise from a plastered concrete foundation and water table to a parapet which runs along the street facades of the building. The parapet hides the two intersecting gables of the asphalt-shingled roof.

The parapet is capped by a coping of rowlock brick. Two feet below the parapet is a metal cornice. A rowlock course of brick is found directly below the cornice. A second cornice extends over the main entrance and is supported by four columns. The visual line of this cornice is continued around the building by a course of soldier brick. Three courses of brick, one header and two stretchers, are "punched out" and circle the building at the window arches.

The building elevation is divided into bays by thirteen large round arched windows. The window arches are of rowlock brick and accented by lug sills, impost blocks, and keystones made of a cast aggregate resembling granite. The original windows had sixteen panes and hinged at the bottom to open inward. The semi-circular windows were "spoked" with wooden muntins. The windows were replaced in the 1980s by one-over-one fixed windows and the arches have been filled in with vinyl lap siding. The main entrance was originally two doors under an elliptical arch, also accented with a keystone and impost blocks. They have been replaced by a single door with sidelights. The fanlight over the doors was replaced by a single sheet of glass in 1980s, but has been more recently covered by plywood.

The most prominent Classical elements on the building are the four columns at the main entrance (two of which are currently hidden by a pair of large evergreens). The columns are made of the same granite-like cast aggregate and are Tuscan with a slight entasis. The only other decorative elements are two signs which read "Berean Baptist Church". One is above the main door and the other is on the

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<sup>1</sup>The original address of the building was 266 North 400 West. Sandy City converted the city's address system to the Salt Lake County system in 1986.

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otherwise blank west wall under an elliptical arch. According to the Pastor Wesley Clem, the original stained glass window in that space was removed (date unknown).<sup>2</sup>

Another blocked window is also on the west side at basement level. The other basement windows are used, though the glass and frames have been replaced. Two exterior doors, one on 8640 South and the other at the rear, access the basement level.

The main floor of the building is above a raised basement and has three sections: foyer, classrooms and chapel space. The main entrance originally opened to a wedge-shaped vestibule and a foyer with a high ceiling. The vestibule was partitioned to make closet space and a pair of windowed doors was installed at the foyer entrance in 1995. Access to the chapel from the foyer is through a pair of doors to the west. At the south is a staircase with one landing to the lower level, while on the east wall is a door leading to a small office. On the north side of the foyer are two doors leading to classrooms. Some type of door, possibly a folding door, originally allowed the rooms to be made one large room, but the opening has been blocked. One corner of each room has been converted to a closet.

Entrance to the chapel from the foyer was through a large, arched opening now enclosed by two doors, installed in the 1980s. The chapel floor slopes two feet from the back to the front of the chapel. The space of the chapel has changed little since the original construction, although a major remodeling of the pulpit area took place when the Baptist congregation modified the chapel for their worship services in the 1960s. The original pews were removed and replaced by others in the 1980s.<sup>3</sup> Drywall has been applied to the interior walls of the chapel and the windows no longer appeared arched from the inside. The drywall also covers a row of stenciling which decorated the chapel. The ceiling has been sprayed with asbestos and the lighting fixtures have been updated. Insulation materials were added to the majority of the main floor rooms at the same time the drywall was applied during the 1980s.

A second arch spans the podium area. The original molding and a plaster dove in relief at the center of the arch are still intact. The arched opening was originally flanked by dark wood Tuscan columns and a pair of heavy curtains. The columns have been removed and the sides enclosed as dressing rooms for the baptismal font. An original staircase down to the basement level is now accessed from the south dressing room. Another staircase leads to the rim of the baptismal font. The font area was constructed in 1969. Previous to that date, the building had no font. The baptismal font was built at the back of the podium and can be partially viewed by the congregation through a arched opening. The back of the font, as well as the floor and walls of the dressing rooms, is tiled in squares of beige.

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<sup>2</sup>This is in dispute. A picture taken of the inside of the chapel c. 1940 shows a painting in the space above the pulpit. Photograph is in possession of the Sandy City Museum.

<sup>3</sup>One of the original pews is in the basement of the building. The replacement pews were taken from the Grantsville First Ward building when it was converted to a residence.

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Above the font is a Latin cross tiled in a slightly darker color. The ceiling above the font has a latticework screen which is original.

The basement runs the full length of the building. The balustrades of both staircases are original, as are the doors and much of their hardware. There was originally one restroom, with a dirt floor, at the east end of the basement. The room was enlarged by excavation and made into two restrooms. Under the foyer area are two classrooms and two closets, all finished in drywall. Similar work is in progress in the classrooms and hallway under the chapel. A large room, probably recreational space, is at the west end. This space originally could be enlarged by some type of folding door leading to the classrooms, now blocked as well.

The ceiling of the basement was originally sloped to match the floor above. A drop ceiling is currently being installed to give a space a uniform ceiling height. Under the podium and font are storage rooms.<sup>4</sup>

The building occupies the southeast corner of a 0.77 acre property. Associated with the building currently, but not during the historic period, are two residences at the northwest corner. The front building (8595 South 40 East) is a 1950s cottage used as housing for the Berean Baptist missionaries. The back building (8597 South 40 East) is reportedly from the 1880s and is currently the home of the associate pastor.<sup>5</sup> This building has been altered substantially. Both are white with lap siding.

There are two small aluminum sheds next to the back residence. A large gravel parking area adjoins the houses. The rest of the property is landscaped with grass. An irrigation ditch runs along the north side of the site. A smaller, disused ditch is on the east. Sidewalks are found on the south and west sides. Four large evergreens flank the entrance. A row of poplars has recently been planted along the east side of the site.

\_\_ See continuation sheet

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<sup>4</sup>Pastor Clem states that his church was concerned the joists would not hold the weight of a fully loaded baptismal font, but their contractor discovered 2x12 joists more than adequate to do the job.

<sup>5</sup>Pastor Clem has been told that the building was originally used by a Lutheran Congregation and moved to the site from State Street.

Sandy Second Ward Chapel  
Name of Property

Sandy, Salt Lake County, Utah  
City, County, and State

### 8. Statement of Significance

#### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" on one or more lines 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" on all 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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

#### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
SOCIAL HISTORY  
RELIGION  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Period of Significance

1921-46  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Significant Dates

1921  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Architect/Builder

Architect: Joseph Don Carlos Young  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:  
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The Sandy Second Ward Chapel, built in 1921, is being nominated under two contexts: 1) Mormon Meetinghouses and Tabernacles in Utah, 1847-1936; and (2) Historic Resources of Sandy City: Specialized Agriculture, Small Business and Community Development Period, 1906-1946. The Classical Revival structure combines a large chapel area, classrooms, and recreation space. The chapel represents the third phase of Mormon (LDS) meetinghouse building during which there was an emphasis on multiple-use buildings and architectural experimentation. The architect, Joseph Don Carlos Young, was serving as the official LDS Church architect at the time he designed this building. The chapel is of local significance as the only surviving historic LDS chapel in Sandy. The building was converted to a Baptist church in 1962 and is still being used for religious worship. The chapel retains its historic integrity and remains in excellent historic condition.

## HISTORY OF SANDY:

The first half of the twentieth century was a period of transition for the city of Sandy. The mining, smelting and small farm era was being replaced by a more diversified economy. In some ways the town still resembled the earlier predominantly agricultural community founded by Mormon settlers in the 1860s, especially as the "boom town" economy created around the mining industry waned. The population of Sandy remained around 1,500 for the four decades between 1900 and 1940.<sup>6</sup> However, the city was defining itself as the political, economic, civic and social center for a major portion of the southeast Salt Lake Valley. This period of Sandy's history laid the groundwork for city's eventual transformation from small town to suburb.

The transition began with the failure of several canyon mines which fed Sandy's economy. As sampling and smelting plants shifted to other locations, Sandy's impact as a mining town diminished.

While the dominant force in the economy of Sandy during the 1870s, 1880s and 1890s was undoubtedly that of mining, the local agricultural community had not ceased to develop. The local agricultural economy saw Sandy through the mining boom and subsequent depression.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup>Martha Sonntag Bradley, Sandy City: the first 100 years, (Sandy, Utah: Sandy City Corporation, 1993), 205. The population totals in Sandy for census years 1880 to 1950 are as follows: 1880 - 488; 1900 - 1,632; 1910 - 1,716; 1920 - 1,208; 1930 - 1,436; 1940 - 1,487; 1950 - 2,095.

<sup>7</sup>Balle.

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The community was also seeing a great deal of civic development. The city of Sandy was incorporated on September 26, 1893. By 1911 the city was managing its own water resources and had a volunteer fire brigade of twenty-five, complete with two fire trucks.<sup>8</sup> Utah Power and Light began servicing Sandy in 1913, and by 1914 the city was managing a park and a cemetery.<sup>9</sup>

Economically, the city was changing dramatically. The depletion of the mineral resources in the Alta area and the loss of the smelting and sampling industries had changed the economic structure of Sandy City significantly. Moreover, a series of national and local depressions beginning in 1893 and continuing to the onset of World War II had made small-scale single-crop agricultural enterprises nearly impossible.<sup>10</sup> Sandy farmers had an especially difficult time, needing to overcome the additional challenges of water scarcity and the arid, sandy soil.

Fortunately irrigation methods improved steadily through these years, and several Sandy farmers were able to successfully continue to raise hay and grain. Despite the success of these specialized agricultural industries, most farming in Sandy during the first half of the twentieth century was purely subsistence level. Between 1900-1920, the number of farms doubled, but nearly all were very small scale. Eighty-five percent of the farms were smaller than forty-nine acres. Six farms were between two hundred and one-thousand acres, and one farm was 1,217 acres.<sup>11</sup>

During the first half of the twentieth century, the majority of Sandy residents continued to live on their farms. Most managed to survive economically by combining subsistence farming with other occupations, primarily cottage industries and mercantilism. The majority of occupations were highly diversified. Sandy appeared to have at least one resident involved in occupations associated with early urbanization: a physician, a dentist, a barber, a plumber etc. The most common business listed was dry goods. The Sandy City Bank founded in 1907, employed four, and had the largest deposits of any bank in the southern portion of the Salt Lake valley. Several residents listed their civic responsibilities: city treasurer, postmaster, marshal, justice of the peace.<sup>12</sup>

As the non-Mormon or "Gentile" population moved out of Sandy with the decline of the mining industry, Mormonism continued to be the dominant religion. By the 1920s, the LDS population had

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<sup>8</sup>Sanborn Fire Insurance map, Sandy, Utah 1911. Available at the Marriott Library, University of Utah.

<sup>9</sup>Bradley, 58-59.

<sup>10</sup>Richard Poll et al, Utah's History, (Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press, 1989), 465-466.

<sup>11</sup>Bradley, 109.

<sup>12</sup>Utah State Gazetteer and Business Directory. (R.L. Polk & Co., 1927-1928), 298-299.

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grown large enough to require the construction of two new ward buildings. The Sandy Second Ward meetinghouse was completed in 1921 and the Third Ward in 1926. In addition to the three LDS wards, the 1927-28 gazetteer lists two other congregations: the Sandy Congregational Church and the Inter-Mission (Swedish/Lutheran) Church.

Before the 1900s, transportation between Sandy and other towns in Salt Lake County had been limited to pedestrian or horse traffic on rutted, dirt roads. Several railroad lines and mining related spurs had converged at Sandy by the 1880s, but the service they performed was primarily freight. The extension of the State Street streetcar line from Murray to Sandy on July 4, 1907 gave Sandy residents easier access to the shops and recreations of Salt Lake City.

A few residents may have commuted to work in Salt Lake, but the city generally remained self-contained.<sup>13</sup> Buses began to replaced streetcars in the 1920s, at about the same time State Street's south end was paved for automobile traffic. The last streetcar to operated in the Salt Lake Valley was discontinued in the 1946. By that time, automobiles were becoming increasingly more common, even in Sandy.

The original township of Sandy had expanded to the west of the railroad tracks with the boom of the mining industry. After the turn of the century growth was slower. At the west boundary of the city, commercial buildings as well as bungalows and period cottages appeared along State Street, the main artery to Salt Lake City. The institutional buildings, both civic and religious, were also made of brick and exhibited a variety of popular styles and decorative elements. Of the remaining large commercial and institutional buildings, examples ranged from the Renaissance Revival to PWA Moderne.

The Specialized Agriculture, Small Business, and Community Development Period in Sandy was a time of transition from farmlands and mining industries to quiet neighborhoods and small town civic pride. The architecture of the historic square mile of Sandy, as it is called, illustrates this transition, and stands in marked contrast to later development. In the years since World War II, Sandy has platted nearly 300 subdivisions and annexed over 10,000 acres, making it one of Salt Lake's largest "bedroom" communities.<sup>14</sup> Though Sandy's city center has been moved adjacent to the mall, the city's historic downtown is a distinctive reminder of Sandy's small town past.

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<sup>13</sup>Rich, 146.

<sup>14</sup>Bradley, 134.

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## HISTORY OF THE SANDY SECOND WARD CHAPEL:

The Sandy Second Ward Chapel is located near State Street, northwest of Sandy's historic downtown. The area was originally collection of small farms. The property was purchased from LeGrande Young by Josephine Jensen in October 1893. She sold it five months later to M.L. Freed. The taxes were not paid so it was taken over by the county until sometime before 1921 when Morinda Lundberg, a postmistress in Sandy redeemed it and donated it to the Sandy Second Ward.<sup>15</sup>

At the turn of the century, the congregation of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon) church members had only one meetinghouse, a gothic revival style structure completed in 1897.<sup>16</sup> As the town's LDS population grew, mostly due to the number of second generation church members, it became necessary to divide the congregation. On January 1, 1921, church officials decided to create the Sandy Second and Third Wards. The First Ward continued to meet in the 1897 meetinghouse, and the Second Ward began to hold their meetings in the local school.<sup>17</sup>

The Second Ward began almost immediately to build their own meetinghouse. The cost of the structure was \$20,000. The architect was Joseph Don Carlos Young, LDS church architect. Local farmer and builder, Andrew Hansen supervised construction.<sup>18</sup>

The chapel was dedicated December 11, 1927 by George Albert Smith. James P. Jensen was the first Bishop with counselors, A.R. Gardner and Robert Larsen. G. Leonard Ohlson was clerk. Clyde Swenson was chairman of the building committee. The first bishopric served sixteen years.

As an LDS meetinghouse, the building saw little modification. On December 17, 1924, an electrical fire reportedly caused \$1,000 damage to the chapel.<sup>19</sup> Additional lots with residences were acquired in 1950. The residences were perhaps used by the Second Ward for additional meeting space. Within a decade, the building was considered inadequate for the growing congregation. A new building was

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<sup>15</sup>Title Abstract, Salt Lake County Recorder's Office.

<sup>16</sup>According to Lerona Carpenter, a Sandy historian, this building, known as the Sandy First Ward was demolished in 1986. Interview conducted by Korral Broschinsky, July 16, 1996, Sandy, Utah.

<sup>17</sup>"Memories of Sandy Ward on the Celebration of its Centennial, 1882-1982, with a history of its locale and people", [by Lerona Carpenter, 16. The Third Ward met in the seminary building near Jordan High School until they built their own chapel in 1925. This building was neo-classical in style. It was located at 90th South and State Street and was demolished in the 1960s.

<sup>18</sup>Rich, 225-226.

<sup>19</sup>LDS Church Journal History. Files of the LDS Church Historical Department.

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constructed large enough to house both the First, the Second and the 13th Wards, and was officially dedicated on March 27, 1966.<sup>20</sup>

The building and grounds of the old Second Ward Chapel were deeded to the Anchor Baptist Church on May 7, 1962. The Anchor Baptist Church used for six years, during which time, they were constructing a new building on 5600 South near Highland Drive. They could not handle the financial obligations of both buildings. On May 17, 1968, the property was deeded to the Baptist Mid Missions Inc., and a congregation of Berean Baptists currently uses the building.<sup>21</sup>

## ARCHITECTURE:

The Neoclassical, or Classical Revival, style enjoyed many years of popularity in Utah and the rest of the United States. Between 1900-1925, buildings such as banks, courthouses, post offices and churches employed the Greek and Roman classical motifs.

More conservative than the contemporary Beaux Arts Classicism, neoclassical buildings were usually symmetrical, monumental forms with facades highlighted by colonnades and porticos. The Sandy Second Ward Chapel is a relatively simple version of the style, but the building includes several distinguishing elements: the raised basement, the Tuscan columns at the entry, the arched windows, the parapet and the accentuated keystones.<sup>22</sup> The chapel is a unique interpretation of the style with an asymmetrical curving facade (which pre-dates the Art Moderne movement by nearly a decade).<sup>23</sup>

## ARCHITECT:

Joseph Don Carlos Young was born on May 6, 1855. He was the son of Brigham Young and Emily Dow Partridge Young, and was one of the first native Utahns to be formally educated in architecture. He attended the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. Joseph Don Carlos Young designed a number of commercial and residential buildings in Salt Lake City, but is primarily remembered as one of the official architects of the LDS Church (c. 1883-1930). He directed the completion of the interior

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<sup>20</sup>The building was built in the early 1960s and officially dedicated on March 27, 1966. It still stands at 8650 South and 220 East.

<sup>21</sup>Interview with Pastor Wesley Clem conducted by Korral Broschinsky, June 21, 1996, Sandy, Utah.

<sup>22</sup>Thomas Carter and Peter Goss, Utah's Historic Architecture, 1847-1940, (Salt Lake City, Utah: University of Utah Press, 1988), 150.

<sup>23</sup>Ibid, 173.

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of the Salt Lake Temple and designed the LDS Church Office Building (now known as the administration building). He took a part in designing several LDS Chapels. Young utilized a variety of styles, but primarily designed Neo-Classical and Renaissance Revival buildings. The Sandy Second Ward Chapel represents a relatively simple and refined statement of his work. Joseph Don Carlos Young died in 1938.

### **Historic Context: Mormon Meetinghouses and Tabernacles in Utah, 1847-1936<sup>24</sup>**

The history of Utah is closely tied to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. More commonly known as Mormons, members of the church played a significant role in the early settlement and subsequent growth of the state of Utah. It is not surprising therefore that the religious buildings of the Mormons comprise one of the principal segments of the state's architectural heritage. Within the larger theme of Mormon religious architecture, eight specific historic contexts have been identified [See the Multiple Property Submission, Mormon Church Buildings in Utah, 1847-1936]. The Sandy Second Ward Chapel is significant within the third phase of the context "Mormon Meetinghouses and Tabernacles, 1847-1936".

The most common types of nineteenth-century Mormon religious buildings were the meetinghouses and tabernacles. Designed as assembly halls for regular Sunday services, these buildings differed principally in size and scale. Tabernacles were typically large buildings with a seating capacity sufficient to accommodate the membership of several LDS wards, with wards being the smallest unit of ecclesiastical jurisdiction within the LDS Church. Smaller Mormon towns consisted of a single ward, while the larger communities were subdivided into several such districts. Every ward had a meetinghouse, or ward meetinghouse. Wards were further organized into larger geographical groupings called stakes, and usually (though not always) each stake had its own tabernacle. Tabernacles and meetinghouses were generally placed in a central location within the gridiron plan of the Mormon town. There are approximately 20 tabernacles and 237 meetinghouses remaining in Utah that were constructed prior to 1940.<sup>25</sup>

Tabernacle and meetinghouse design went through five significant periods of historical development. The first period is associated with the early years of Mormon western settlement and begins with the arrival of the Saints in the Great Salt Lake Valley in 1847 and extends until around 1870. During this

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<sup>24</sup>National Register of Historic Places nomination, Multiple Property Listing, Mormon Church Buildings in Utah, 1847-1936, 1988.

<sup>25</sup>See Allen D. Roberts, "A Survey of LDS Architecture in Utah, 1847-1930", unpublished manuscript, Utah State Historical Society, 1974.

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phase, the smaller meetinghouses were likely to serve a variety of functions such as schoolhouses, city halls, and social centers.<sup>26</sup>

A second period of LDS Church tabernacle and meetinghouse architecture was ushered in by the ecclesiastical reforms of the late 1870s. A significant number of new religious buildings appeared throughout the state during the years between 1870 and about 1885. These buildings were generally larger and more substantial than those of the settlement period. At this time also it became characteristic of Mormon communities to have separate buildings for different functions. Another result of this increased building activity was that many of the first-period structures were demolished to make way for the new ones.

The expansion activities of the LDS Church were curtailed during the 1880s and 1890s as the leadership's attention was increasingly consumed by the struggle with the U.S. Government over the doctrine of polygamy. Under pressure from Congress, The Mormons disavowed the practice of plural marriage in 1890 and the way was paved for

Utah to become a state in 1896. Nearly twenty years of political conflict, however, had left the church in confusion and disarray. Beginning in about 1898, a serious revitalization program was launched that included, among other things, a restructuring of the hierarchy, a return to financial solvency, a revival of faith and commitment among the membership, and a rebuilding of the church architecture.

As a symbol of rededication, a massive church building effort was initiated in 1898 that lasted until the end of World War I and into the 1920s. This period of architectural development may be considered one of "activation", as the church moved to strengthen its institutional base in Utah and surrounding states. It was during this time that the first "modern" meetinghouses appeared. These multi-functional buildings gathered all the activities of the local church under one roof. Ward buildings now included an assembly hall or chapel, the offices of the bishop, a room for the women's auxiliary, and classrooms for Sunday school. Designs varied. On one side, a conservation faction within the church hierarchy favored the Neoclassical and Colonial Revival, while on the other, progressive groups championed Prairie School and Arts and Crafts designs. All in all, the early years of the twentieth century mark one of the richest periods in LDS Church architectural history.<sup>27</sup>

The fourth period in tabernacle and meetinghouse development spans roughly a thirty-year period between 1925 and 1955 and represents a time of both consolidation and experimentation. The multi-

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<sup>26</sup>Allen D Roberts, "Religious Architecture of the LDS Church: Influences and Changes Since 1847", Utah Historical Quarterly 43 (Summer 1975): 303-311.

<sup>27</sup>Allen and Leonard, The Story of the Latter-day Saints, 456-465; and Roberts, "Religious Architecture", 324-327.

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functional building became the mainstay of the building program, but designs ranged from the Moderne to the Colonial Revival. The LDS Church grew rapidly during the 1940s and 1950s and the need for new meetinghouse construction was even greater. Standardization increased, and there was a drive toward architectural efficiency that eventually led to the creation of the LDS Church Building Department in 1954.<sup>28</sup> The work of building department architects remains the final and fifth stage in the development of Mormon religious architecture in Utah.

The Sandy Second Ward Chapel is significant within the third phase of meetinghouse development. There are currently 29 meetinghouse buildings remaining in Utah from the third phase. The construction dates of these buildings ranged from 1899 to 1925. Sandy Second Ward Chapel represents the multi-functional and architecturally rich meetinghouse of the third phase, but it was also designed by an official church architect, a practice which would become more common in the fourth phase. The building was used by the LDS Church until the 1960s when it was replaced by a non-historic chapel.

The remaining Period III meetinghouses are as follows:

1. American Fork Second Ward Meetinghouse, Utah County (Historic District)
2. American Fork LDS Third Ward, Utah County
3. Clearfield Ward Chapel, David County
4. Clinton Ward Meetinghouse, Davis County
5. Enterprise Meetinghouse, Washington County (National Register listed)
6. Eureka LDS Wardhouse, Juab County (Eureka Historic District)
7. Hanksville Meetinghouse School, Wayne County (National Register listed)
8. Heber First Ward Meetinghouse, Wasatch County (major addition)
9. Heber Second Ward Meetinghouse, Wasatch County (National Register listed)
10. Hyrum First Ward Meetinghouse, Cache County (National Register listed)
11. Kaysville Tabernacle, Davis County (State Register)
12. Leamington LDS Church, Millard County
13. Levan Ward Chapel and Amusement Hall, Juab County
14. Logan Sixth Ward, Cache County (Logan Historic District)
15. Moab LDS Meetinghouse, Grand County (altered)
16. Moab Star Hall, Grand County (National Register listed)
17. Murray First Ward, Salt Lake County (NR documentation started)
18. Murray Second Ward Meetinghouse, Salt Lake County
19. Murray Tenth Ward (formerly Grant Ward House), Salt Lake County

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<sup>28</sup>Anderson, Paul L. "Mormon Moderne: Latter-day Saint Architecture, 1925-1945", *Journal of Mormon History* 9 (1982): 71-84; and Martha Sonntag Bradley, "The Cloning of Mormon Architecture", *Dialogue* 14 (Spring 1981): 20-31.

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20. Provo Third Ward Chapel and Amusement Hall, Utah County (National Register)
21. SLC 453 S 1100 E, Salt Lake County (University Historic District)
22. SLC 160 S University, Salt Lake County (University Historic District)
23. SLC Cannon Ward LDS Church, Salt Lake County
24. SLC Fifth Ward Meetinghouse, Salt Lake County (National Register listed)
25. SLC Ensign Ward Meetinghouse/Amusement Hall, Salt Lake County (Avenues H.D.)
26. SLC Guadalupe Center (LDS 16th Ward), Salt Lake County
27. SLC Miracle Rock Church (LDS 34th Ward), Salt Lake County
28. SLC New Hope Center, Salt Lake County
29. Sandy Second Ward Chapel, Salt Lake County (NR documentation started)

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Sandy Second Ward Chapel  
Name of Property

Sandy, Salt Lake County, Utah  
City, County, and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property .77 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

LOTS 1 to 7 INCL E 75 FT OF LOTS 10 & 11 & ALL LOTS 12 TO 16 INCL BLK 119 SANDY STATION PLAT.

Property Tax No. 28-06-109-001-0000

   See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that have been and continue to be associated with the building.

   See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Korral Broschinsky

organization    date January 1997

street & number 1049 University Village telephone (801) 581-1497

city or town Salt Lake City state UT zip code 84108-3453

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and/or properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
- **Photographs:** Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.
- **Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

## Property Owner

name Baptist Mid Missions Inc. (Contact Pastor Wesley Clem)

street & number 10354 Serpentine Circle telephone (801) 571-0261

city or town Sandy state UT zip code 84094-4629

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1. Sandy Second Ward Chapel
2. Sandy City, Salt Lake County, Utah
3. Photographer: Korral Broschinsky
4. Date: July 1996
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.
6. Southeast elevation of building. Camera facing northwest.

**Photo No. 2**

1. Sandy Second Ward Chapel
2. Sandy City, Salt Lake County, Utah
3. Photographer: Korral Broschinsky
4. Date: July 1996
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.
6. Northwest elevation of building. Camera facing southeast.

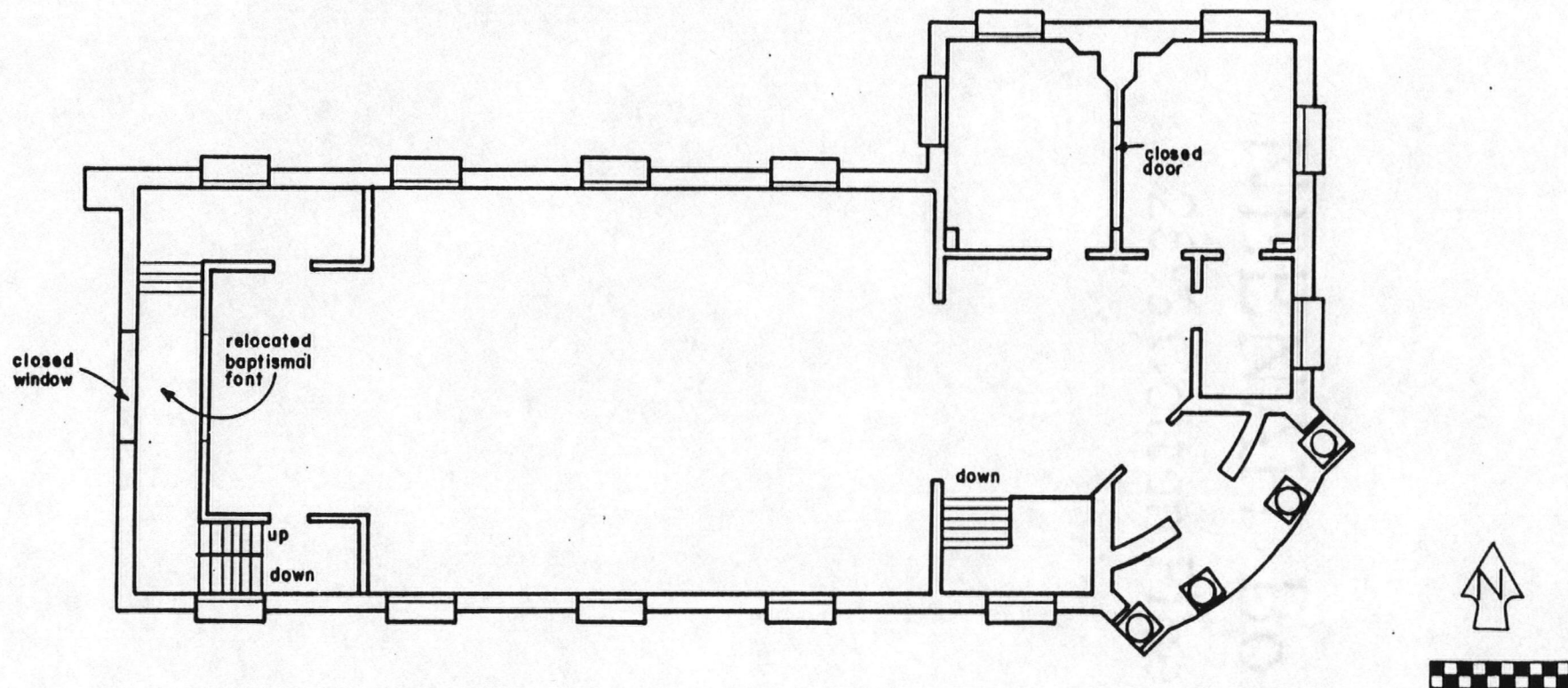
**Photo No. 3**

1. Sandy Second Ward Chapel
2. Sandy City, Salt Lake County, Utah
3. Photographer: Korral Broschinsky
4. Date: July 1996
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.
6. North elevation of building. Camera facing south.

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The Sandy 2nd Ward Chapel



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Sandy Second Ward Chapel

MULTIPLE NAME: Sandy City MPS

STATE & COUNTY: UTAH, Salt Lake

DATE RECEIVED: 5/30/97      DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY:      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/14/97  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 97000638

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    7/9/97 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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Salt Lake County  
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Photo #3

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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