OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: HOOD RIVER COUNTY

HIST. NAME: First Church of Christ, Scientist
COMMON NAME: Shepherd of Valley Bible School
ADDRESS: 823 Eugene Street
CITY: Hood River
OWNER: Shepherd of the Valley Bible Church
ADDRESS: 823 Eugene St., Hood River, OR 97031

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1916
ORIGINAL USE: Religious: church
PRESENT USE: Education: school
ARCHITECT: A.E. Doyle
BUILDER:
THEME: Religion: church
STYLE: Greek Revival

T/R/S: T3N R10E S36
MAP NO.: 3N 10E 36BB TAX LOT: 2800
ADDITION: South Waucoma
BLOCK: D LOT: 6, 7
ZONE: R2 QUAD.: Hood River
ASSESSOR NO.: 8184

RESOURCE TYPE: Religious: church
CONDITION: Good
MOVED (DATE): No

RANK: Primary

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Irregular
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Flat w/intersecting gable
WALL/FRAME: Wood frame
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Multi-pane
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Lap siding, wood

NO. OF STORIES: 1
BASEMENT: Yes

DECORATIVE FEATURES:
Central front pedimented gable; large Tuscan porch colonade; diamond-shaped leaded glass transom; wide friezeboard; multi-pane double entrance doors; cornerstone in northwest corner of building; wide cornerboards with recessed panels; arched triparite windows on west elevation

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:
Addition on east elevation (1958); door added to west end of basement and concrete steps up to front of building installed

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
Sloped front lot planted with ivy and low evergreen shrubs; rock retaining wall on west elevation; deciduous trees line rear of slope on property

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:
None

SETTING:
The building faces north on Eugene Street, a moderately busy two-lane arterial. The corner lot is a moderately sized parcel and is in a primarily residential neighborhood. Residences are east of the building.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
823 Eugene Street

Architectural: The First Church of Christ, constructed in 1916, was designed in the Greek Revival style. The church was designed by prominent Northwest architect A.E. Doyle and was completed in June of 1916. Distinctive characteristics of the Greek Revival Style include the central pedimented gable roof supported by colossal columns, wide friezeboard, multi-pane entrance door, wide cornerboards with recessed panels and transom over the entrance doors. Modifications include a large addition to the east elevation of the building in 1958, installation of a door on the rear elevation and the concrete entrance steps. In good condition, the building is an excellent example of its type.

Historical: The property was historically associated with the following Hood River families or businesses:

1914 to 1979 First Church of Christ purchased the property in 1914 from L. Stover (WD: bk. 9, p. 229) and owned the church until it was sold to Joel Skousen in 1979.

OWNERS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

First Church of Christ, Scientists
Christian Science was introduced in Hood River in 1905. In the spring of 1909 a small group of people started regular meetings and Sunday school classes. The church was officially organized in April 1914 and one month later the articles of incorporation were prepared. A site of a church building was subsequently purchased on the southeast corner of Ninth and Eugene streets. The church was designed by prominent Portland architect A.E. Doyle. Doyle designed the Butler Bank (now the U.S. Bank) in Hood River and the Multnomah Lodge. He designed many of Portland's most prominent public buildings in the second decade of the 20th century.

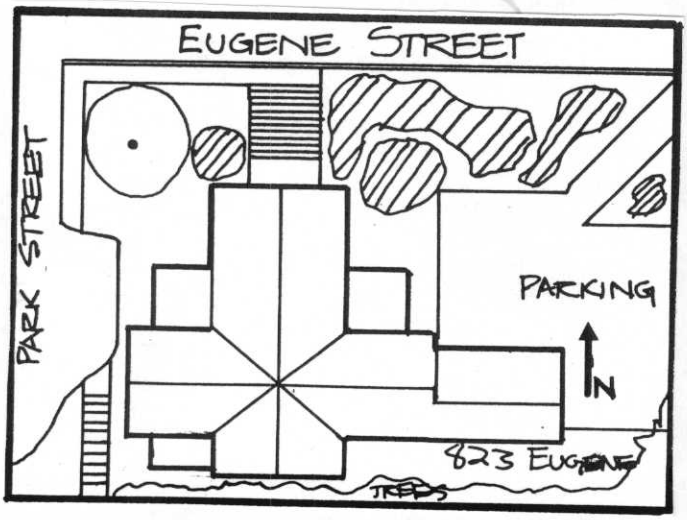
The church was completed in June 1916 and was dedicated in October. The church was used for many years until a site was purchased for a new church nearer to downtown. The cornerstone was laid in 1947 and the church was dedicated in 1949. The original church was sold and is now used as a bible school.

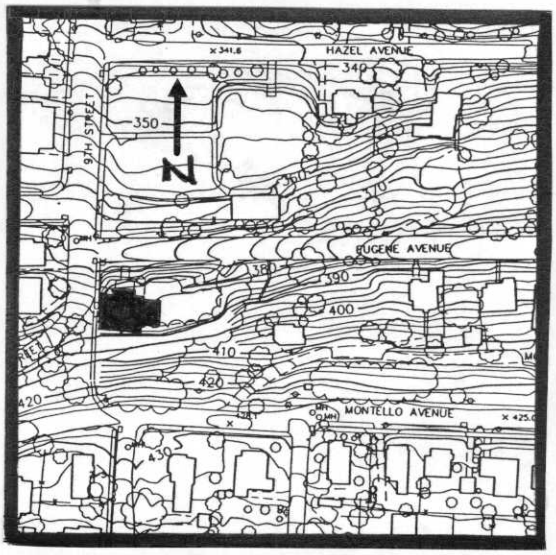
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