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County Josephine
 Theme 9-A
 Name (Common) Jones (T. L.) Memorial Church
 (Historic) Wilderville Church
 Address Wilderville, Oregon
 Present Owner Jones Memorial Church
 Address Wilderville, Oregon
 Original Use Church
 Date of Construction 1929

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The T. L. Jones Memorial Church is a one story, wood frame building with a gable roof which stands in Wilderville, Oregon. This building has open eaves with open decorative brackets at the roof level. A square bell tower rises on the southeast corner and has louvers in the belfry. The tower is covered with a hip roof with open eaves. The exterior of the building is shiplap siding. A large, lancet bay is located in the front elevation and contains stained glass windows in three panels of "The Good Shepherd." The bays of one-over-one, double hung sash windows in the east elevation contain colored glass. This building has a basement.

The first Wilderville Church was erected in 1890 and was replaced by this building in 1929. The church was named in honor of circuit rider T. L. Jones, author of From Gold Mine to Pulpit. Jones was born in 1841 in Pike County, Illinois, and came to Oregon in 1853 with his parents. Jones was ordained by the Methodists in 1871 and had the Wilderville Circuit under his jurisdiction. Jones rode this circuit for over fifty years and preached over 1,000 sermons.

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Sources Consulted:
 Hiller, Elizabeth. "The Wilderville Church,"
The Oldtimer, 1962, pp. 12-17, photos.

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