

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction:	<u>1939</u>
<u>Religion</u>		Architect:	
		Builder:	
		Engineer:	

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No
Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local): No
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance The building was originally the Olympia Foursquare Church, part of the denomination founded by Pentecostal evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson in 1926 in Los Angeles. The congregation in Olympia was begun in 1932 by Rev. and Mrs. E. B. McKeown who had their first meetings in 1932 in the Eagles Hall. The group met in homes and storefronts until 1934 when they rented the former Lutheran Church at Fifth and Adams where they were granted a charter in 1934 by the International Foursquare Church in Los Angeles. They bought this church property in 1938 and constructed the church, dedicated in 1939, which they used until 1972. The church was built through donated materials and labor. The property has since been used as a music hall and theater.

Description of Physical Appearance The Foursquare Church is a large rectangular stucco structure of utilitarian design with Craftsman-style detailing. Its tall gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves. The front (north) gable is broken at the east corner by a tall, flat-roofed bell tower with small open gothic arches at the top, and by a shorter flat-roofed tower at the west corner; both towers are set off by engaged pilasters. Centered on the front facade are double entry doors with an arched transom, recessed with a wide molded archivolt and flanked by Craftsman-style lanterns. Above the doorway is a gothic-arched window of leaded, marbled glass in a stylized flower pattern; the towers contain rectangular windows of similar design. The side walls feature rows of windows (now boarded over) between engaged pilasters.

Major Bibliographic References "Foursquare Gospel Church," Daily Olympian, April 10, 1964, p. 6.
"Foursquare Church 50 Years Old," Olympian, February 11, 1984, B.3.

PHOTOS



View of NW corner
taken 9/12/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
16-35A
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