

Washington Co.  
Farmington vic.  
Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church

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United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic

and/or common Walnut Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church

2. Location

street & number Highway 170 not for publication

city, town Walnut Grove vicinity of congressional district

state Arkansas code county Washington code

3. Classification

| Category                             | Ownership                                 | Status                                     | Present Use                            |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district    | <input type="checkbox"/> public           | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied          | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private          | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied        | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> park                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure   | <input type="checkbox"/> both             | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress  | <input type="checkbox"/> educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site        | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                 | <b>Accessible</b>                          | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object      | <input type="checkbox"/> in process       | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted   | <input type="checkbox"/> government    | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific           |
|                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation       |
|                                      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> no                | <input type="checkbox"/> military      | <input type="checkbox"/> other:               |

4. Owner of Property

name Cumberland Presbyterian Church

street & number same

city, town vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

street & number

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                       |                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved         | date <u>April 29, 1986</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |  |                            |

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Walnut Grove, Arkansas is a vernacular version of a Romanesque church, with distinct Craftsman detailing.

This compact little brick church sits on a sandstone base like a small jewel beside a grove of large old trees. A square bell tower, serving as an entry vestibule to the two sets of double doors, rises from the northwest angle created by the symmetrical, cruciform plan. The bell tower lacks a steeple, and although I have found no record or story about it, I feel certain that it at one time had one. Each of the three large gable-ended forms is enhanced by the symmetrical placement of a large tri-part stained glass window. The three rectangular double-hung portions of this window sit upon concrete sills and are topped by concrete lintels, above which are arched stained glass lights. In the peak of the gables and above the windows, are ~~triangular~~ <sup>square</sup> shaped vents that are surrounded by corbeled patterns of a darker brick. The corbeling around the vents echoes the craftsman detailing under the gables and eaves, and around the mid-section of the tower. The fourth form, smaller than the other three and directly behind the pulpit, contains the pastor's office and restrooms. The single windows on this part of the church are also stained glass and double-hung.

Inside this small church is a striking example of local carpentry work. The ceiling of the sanctuary curves around the peaks of the gables with a checkerboard pattern of approximately 3'-0" square strips of wood, infilled with beaded boarding laid in an alternating pattern. The whole ceiling has been painted white, creating an airy space, and allowing the beautiful stained glass windows to be seen at their best.

## 8. Significance

| Period                               | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below   |   |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599   | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture            | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699   | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799   | <input type="checkbox"/> art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899   | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-       | <input type="checkbox"/> communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|                                      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

**Specific dates** 1903 **Builder/Architect** Masons- Frank and George Terpenning

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Walnut Grove, Arkansas is significant in the history and development of the community.

It was built in 1903, of bricks which were made and fired at the Terpenning kiln nearby. A local man named Doonie Hametry, who kept the fires for the kiln going, later liked to say that he made the bricks for the church. This same man was a singer of old Ozark folk and gospel songs (many of which are not written). Fortunately, the University of Arkansas made recordings of him prior to the time of his death.

Reverend Freyschlag was the pastor of the church at the time it was built. He was apparently a very energetic and charismatic man who led this little community church to prosperity by purchasing land to grow strawberries and grapes. The church also sponsored a weekly picture show in the nearby "community house", which also functioned as the schoolhouse.

There is also a story (unconfirmed) that an itinerant preacher named Nathan Hanks played a large part in the design of the sanctuary ceiling.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Mrs. Jules Giles, Farmington, Arkansas  
Mr. Mac Hamblin, Farmington, Arkansas

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .25 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jane M. Beane

organization \_\_\_\_\_

date April 29, 1986

street & number 2816 Dove Dr.

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city or town Fayetteville

state Arkansas

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date \_\_\_\_\_

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

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VICINITY OF

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PHOTO CREDIT

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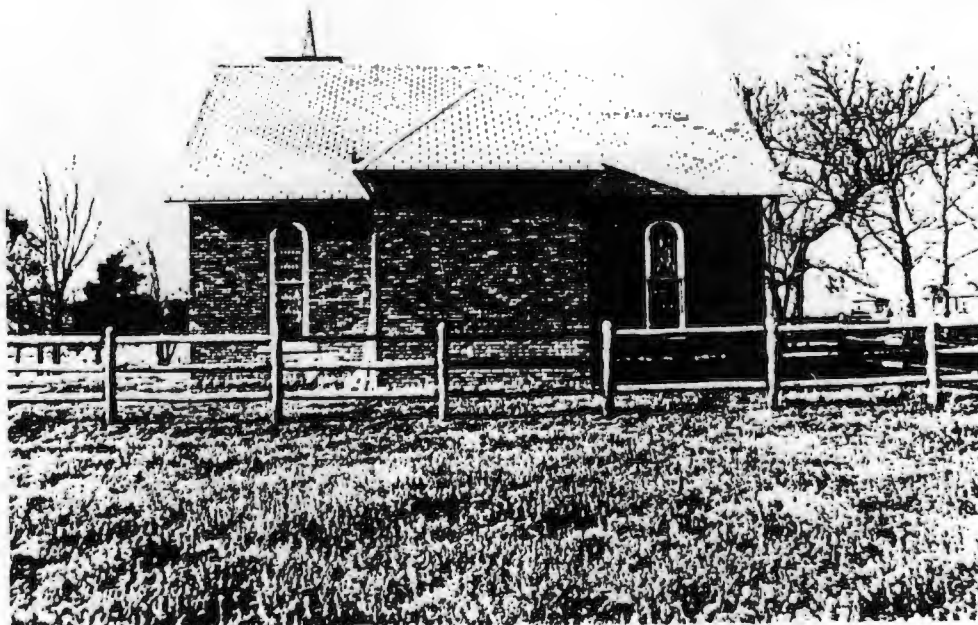
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View of west side of  
bell tower, showing  
corbeled detailing



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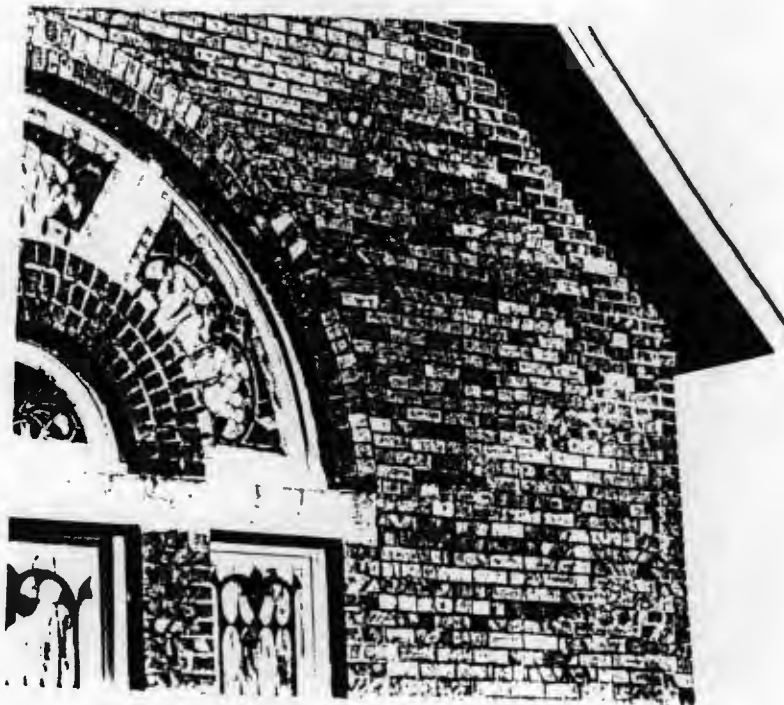
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view showing details  
under eaves.

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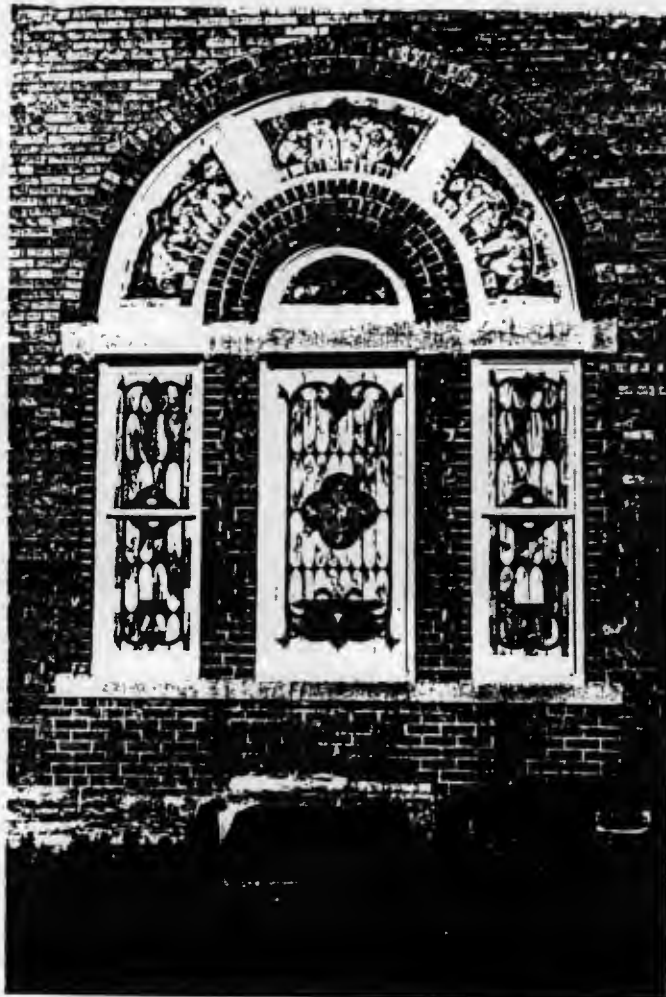
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view showing one of  
three large stained  
glass windows.