

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2013-0001

HLC DATE:

January 28, 2013

PC DATE:

February 12, 2013

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APPLICANTS: St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church and the City of Austin

HISTORIC NAME: Old David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church/St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church

WATERSHED: Boggy Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 2209 E. 14th Street

ZONING FROM: P-NP to P-H-NP

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from Public, Neighborhood Plan (P-NP) combining district zoning to Public – Historic Landmark – Neighborhood Plan (P-H-NP) combining district zoning.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION:

The ca. 1940 church building is a vernacular African-American religious structure with strong associations with two historic African-American congregations in Austin.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from Public, Neighborhood Plan (P-NP) combining district zoning to Public – Historic Landmark – Neighborhood Plan (P-H-NP) combining district zoning. Vote: 5-0 (Rosato and Roberts absent).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The church is listed as a Priority 2 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) and as a high priority for preservation in the Chestnut Neighborhood Historic Structure Survey (2001).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: February 28, 2013

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: Chestnut Neighborhood Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Architecture:

Two-story, rectangular-plan, flat-roofed, stuccoed frame church building with a central entry consisting of double-leaf doors framed with a Gothic-arched raised stucco molding; shaped and stepped parapet with a front-gabled pediment; Gothic-arched vent in the tympanum of the gabled pediment parapet; 1:1 fenestration.

Historical Associations:

The church building was constructed in 1940 by David Chapel Baptist Church, an African-American congregation that had its origins in 1924 in the Ceiling Hills Community in Travis County. The building remained the David Chapel Baptist Church until 1959 until that

LOCATION MAP

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- SUBJECT TRACT
- PENDING CASE
- ZONING BOUNDARY

ZONING
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1" = 200'

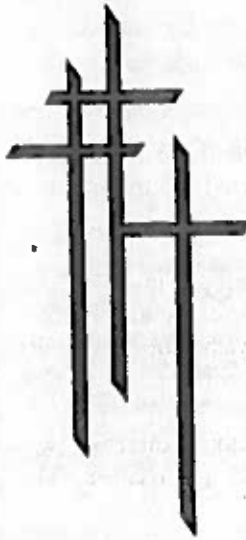
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The History of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church



The historic origin of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church was the year 1924, and the site of its beginnings was a blacksmith shop. From that site, this body of believers moved to a tabernacle, a stucco building, and to its present site located on the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Chestnut Street.

In the year 1924, a few Christians living in the community of Ceiling Hills became concerned about the way the boys of the community were observing the Lord's Day—playing marbles. As a result of their concern, a meeting was called by neighbors at the residence of the Horace Davis family. A subsequent meeting was called and under the able supervision of two ministers, Reverend Ben Wroe and Reverend Connie Alexander, a church was organized on April 27, 1924. The church was named Davis Chapel, in honor of the Horace Davis family, on whose farm it was organized. There were twenty-eight persons who made up the first membership roll.

In another meeting, the Reverend L. M. Marshall was called to lead this newly organized body of Christians. A blacksmith shop was the first dwelling used until October 30, 1926, when the pastor and his members moved from the Ceiling Hills Community to the city of Austin. In Austin, a tabernacle was erected at the corner of 14th and Chestnut Streets. The name of the church was changed to David Chapel. After serving for twelve illustrious years, Reverend L. M. Marshall passed on to his reward on April 17, 1937. Another church in the city of Austin, Rising Star Baptist Church, was born with ten members from David Chapel's membership.

In 1937, the Reverend S. L. Davis succeeded Reverend Marshall and continued to lead the church in spiritual and financial growth. A house and three lots at the corner of 12th and Chestnut Streets were purchased. After Reverend Davis' tenure of service, Mt. Calvary was born out of David Chapel's membership and the Reverend E. G. Gibbs was called as pastor in 1940. Under his pastorate, the indebtedness of the church was liquidated. The old tabernacle was torn down, July 4, 1940, and the building of a new \$8,000.00 stucco structure began. The indebtedness of this building was paid in less than four years. Another church, Zion Hill came out of David Chapel's membership.

The Reverend W. I. Rector succeeded the Reverend Gibbs in 1948. One of the spiritual highlights of Reverend Rector's ministry was the establishment of the Week Day Church. Serving a short fruitful period of one year and five months, Reverend Rector was called by God to his heavenly reward.

In the year 1950, the Reverend E. H. Branch answered the Macedonian call of the church, but after answering, with much prayerful deliberation, found that the Spirit did not endorse his

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In 1997, the Marshall Fellowship Hall was expanded to double its size and better accommodate the members' many activities. This was the first major addition to the church facility since its construction in 1959.

In January 1998, Pastor Parker led us to adopt *David Chapel 2000 and Beyond*, our comprehensive approach to planning for ministries to our members and the community. As part of our plan, in June 1998 we hired our first full-time Minister of Education and Ministries Development, Rev. Beverly J. Sennier. From January - March 1999 we conducted *United We Build*, a successful intensive capital stewardship campaign to secure pledges for free-will offerings from our members to finance a Community Life Center to house our ministries, programs, activities, and staff.

Continuing in the pattern of the first century church, we study, hear, and do God's word. Seeking God's will and following the leadership and vision God has revealed to our pastor, this church—God's houses—gives God all the Glory!



David Chapel's Mission Statement

We, the David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, are a growing fellowship of believers, united and empowered by the Holy Spirit, committed to glorifying God by leading people to accept the Lord Jesus; ~~developing, equipping, and empowering~~ them for a dedicated life and ministry through proclaiming, teaching, and studying God's Word; ~~promoting~~ Christian love and fellowship, and ~~demonstrating~~ a Christ-like presence in the community and the world in order to magnify God.



The David Chapel Vision Statement

David Chapel's vision is that it is to be a church geared to the needs, lifestyles and interests of persons who seek and share a Christian commitment to offer holistic ministries which address spiritual, human, urban, and community needs in Austin, Texas. These ministries are to be characterized by a loving, forgiving and accepting Christian environment. In order to accommodate these and other ministries, David Chapel is planning a multi-purpose community life center (cover photo) that will help families and the community survive and thrive.



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David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
75th Anniversary
1901-1976

Pastoral Heritage



REV. L. M. MARSHALL
1924-1937



REV. S. L. DAVIS
1937-1939



REV. E. G. GIBBS
1940-1948



REV. W. I. RECTOR
1948-1950



REV. J. L. DAWSON
1950-1963

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organized by the Presbtery Board of the Providence District on July 17, 1957, after which the Reverend E. L. Lee was called to pastor Saint Paul. We continued to worshipped with Mount Moriah until the second Sunday in January 1959 when we entered the Church building of our home at 2209 East 14th Street. Reverend E.L. Lee, Moderator of Providence District remained with us until his death.

After the death of Reverend E.L. Lee, Reverend Wiley was called to pastor Saint Paul in July, 1961. He served as Pastor for 2 years.

Reverend Watts was called to pastor in 1963, where he served for 14 years, until 1977.

Reverend Darby was called to pastor, where he

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None

Note

**Building permit to David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church to demolish their original
tabernacle building (1940)**

OWNER St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church ADDRESS 2209 E. 14th. St.

FLAT 38 LOT 6 BLK 5

SUBDIVISION of O. L. 34

OCCUPANCY Enlarge dining area & kitchen

BLD PERMIT # 105749 DATE 11-8-67 OWNERS ESTIMATE 500.00

CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES several

WATER TAP REC # Existing SEWER TAP REC # Existing

Addn. to church bldg. 320 sq. ft.

Building permit to St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church for the construction of an addition
(1967)