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## **ESCAMBIA COUNTY'S SECOND SAINT SILOAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Second Saint Siloam Missionary Baptist Church in Brewton to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage.

The Alabama Register is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural, and archaeological landmarks. The AHC considers the notable historic properties in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition.

The Church is listed in the Alabama Register for its architectural significance. "Second Saint Siloam is a wonderful example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century African American Church," said Lee Anne Wofford of the Alabama Historical Commission.

As a place of worship that has stood for 100 years in the community of Brewton, the church features a unique design: the interior core forms a cross with a three side cathedral balcony, ceiling, and bell tower. The church retains much of its historic character and original features.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Register program, which gives the public a simple way to bring recognition to historic properties.

The Alabama Register officially recognizes and honors buildings, sites, structures, objects, and historic districts that are at least 40 years old.

The Alabama Register designation is honorary and carries no restrictions on property and offers no financial incentives.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office.***

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