

# Ajo Landscaping

Arizona since 1928. Over the years many plants were added to the church's exterior, most were plants that were not native to the area. In 1985, Don Fedock was asked by the church to landscape the church grounds. The Ajo Federated Methodist Church has been a landmark in Ajo,

*"This was a significant landscape job, " says Desert Don, "because it was instrumental in starting a trend to desert landscaping in Ajo. The church was located directly across from the town's plaza, giving the project high visibility. The whole town seemed very curious about my job of landscaping, watching how I would transform their beloved church.*

*After completion of the job, the consensus was that it was good and more and more people approached me to install desert landscaping around their homes.*

*Today, desert landscaping is the norm in Ajo and saves the supplies the community with potable water."*

*All of the large trees and most of the cacti used at the church were scheduled to be bulldozed in another part of Ajo. Here they live on!"*

The following photos are photos of the church grounds taken in 1998, 13 years after he did the job. Desert Don's job plan he used in 1985. Following the 1985 project, Ajo community leaders decided that it would be in the best interest to plant desert vegetation on Ajo streets. Pictured here is the job plan is one of the streets that Desert Don worked on.



