

Place Stamford, Connecticut.

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Building Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church, 16 Grey-rock Place. Tel. Davis 3-1947. (A colored Church)

Date of Completion 1950

*wanted for ... but did not promise*

Persons Interested .....

Price: (\$34.)

Minister The Rev. William Lee Baxter.

Denomination Baptist.

Architect .....

Vents .....

Position in Church Window over the Baptistry, on the platform, where altar generally is.

Height from floor 6' above the platform

Protection Glass

Groove Rabbet

Metal cheap wooden  
Stone frame.  
Wood

Exposure West, good light.

Footage 44 feet/

Inscription ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "Given by Women's Circle N. Club."

Design wanted soon.

Staging .....

Templates .....

Blueprints .....

General Information See O.E.S. floor plan in folder.

This is a colored church.

This is just a cheap wooden frame. Think we could use it by taking out the three narrow divisions in the upper part, and reinforcing the main horizontal strip with a steel bar.

The Baptism theme, probably with the Dove in the upper part.

Give estimates and suggestions for the 4 side windows - see report of April 13, 1955.

*Work made*

We have completed our study of the design for your Baptistry window, and are sending you the rough color sketch herewith. It is intended to suggest color and light in action, and all the exquisite detail of line and form is left for development in the actual glass, as you have seen it in photographs of our windows.

As planned, it is devoted to Our Lord and Saint John the Baptist. Our Lord is represented in robes of brilliant white and light tints, while Saint John is wearing a rough garment and bears the rustic crossed staff and the Shell of Baptism. Surrounding them is the water motif in blue and white, forming a fountain of life. At the center is the descending Dove of the Holy Spirit. Around this is the grapevine pattern, suggesting the unity and fruitfulness of the Church, and Our Lord's significant words, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." The outer border is enriched with Shells of Baptism.

It is our thought to remove the narrow vertical division in the upper part of the window to make room for the Dove.

The window proved to be larger than my quick estimates indicated, and I am afraid it will cost fifteen hundred dollars to carry it out complete, as indicated in this color sketch. It will make a very lovely window, and we are eager to develop it in the color and light of the actual glass.

**Rector's Comments:**

"...the rough sketch pleases us, with the exception: The Baptismal scene is not exactly the type we want with the Shell and the Staff; we prefer Jesus looking somewhat as if he were radiant and fully ready for baptism and John looking with raised hand and both hidden in the water, at least up to the waist. The stream representing the Jordan river corresponding with the Baptistry in color in our Church. The scene is: around this passage: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am pleased." and ~~not the vine.~~ eliminate the vine.

Revised sketch sent Nov. 16, 1955.