

Charged off Dec 1967

No 4958

Place Elizabeth City, North Carolina  
Building First Baptist Church Date of Completion 7/1/66  
Persons Interested Mrs. Harold S. Overman 415 West Main Street Elizabeth City \$1200.00  
(A member of the committee on memorials)  
Mr. Charles M. Gordon (of Gordon Sheet Metal Company)

Minister Denomination Baptist

Architect

Vents

Position in Church Over a door

Height from floor Protection Glass Groove Rabbet Metal Stone Wood

Exposure Footage About 15'

Inscription

Design wanted Staging

Templates Blueprints

General Information NATIVITY

As planned, it is devoted to the Nativity of Our Lord, with Mary and Joseph kneeling over the Christ Child in the manger. Above the Star of Bethlehem casts down rays of Divine light. Joseph holds his flowering staff.

At either side are the traditional ox and ass. If you prefer, these could be omitted or replaced with attendant Angels.

I believe we can undertake this window designed in this manner at a cost of twelve hundred dollars, not including the local carpentry cost of preparing the wooden frame to receive the glass. I presume this would involve the removal of the two diagonal curved members and providing a half inch rebate to receive the glass.

We are very glad, indeed, to have your good message of the twentieth and we are eager to develop the plan for your windows. First of all, let me assure you that we will be happy to design the great window in a more contemporary character, in fact, our preliminary studies were in this direction, but we introduced concessions in the traditional direction. Changes can readily be made without detracting from the fine design and distinctive character of the sketch as it now stands.

We have prepared a color sketch for typical side windows with Apostolic symbols in the larger ones. The scale of these symbols could be reduced and the names omitted if you prefer. The symbols are easily recognized, - Saint Peter's Keys, Saint Andrew's diagonal Cross, Saint John's Chalice and Serpent, and Saint James Major's Staff and traveler's Pouch inscribed with the Shells of Baptism.

I think we can make and install these six windows at a cost of not more than seven thousand, eight hundred dollars. Some simplification could be effected to reduce the cost to seven thousand, five hundred, but we would urge the larger amount.

For the lower windows we have suggested a very simple arrangement with a symbol in the central panel, the Anchor Cross of Faith and Hope. Designed in this manner we believe we can undertake them at a cost of two thousand, three hundred and forty dollars. Here again, they might be made for a little less without a symbol, or a little more with symbols in each panel. We suggest symbols of Christian Virtues, such as Faith, Hope and Charity, Love, Peace, Justice and so forth, choosing from the many that are suggested in the Bible through the Fruit of the Spirit, the Beatitudes, the Acts of Mercy, and others.