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Webster, NY 14580

Years of Operation 1830 – present

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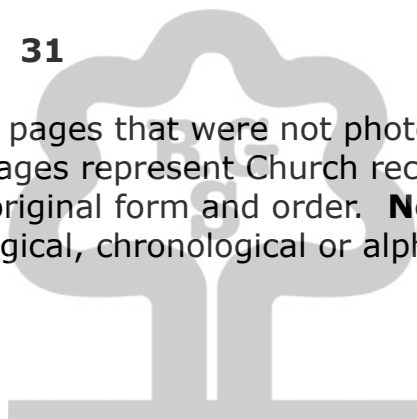
History, time line, maps and descriptions of the building as well as an early manual.

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HISTORY & TIME LINE

**WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
59 SOUTH AVENUE
WEBSTER, NEW YORK**

HISTORY AND MINISTRY

PAST

- 1827 - ANTI-MASONIC "EXCITEMENT" AFFECTS CHURCHES OF MONROE BAPTISTS - THUS THE ROUND WINDOW OF WEBSTER CHURCH.**
- 1830 - FORMATION OF NORTH PENFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH.**
- 1832 - A FRAME "MEETING HOUSE" WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF 300, COSTING \$2000, WAS ERECTED ON THE SITE OF THE PRESENT CHURCH.**
- 1840 - WEBSTER BECAME A SEPARATE TOWN FROM PENFIELD.**
- 1846 - NAME CHANGED TO WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH.**
- 1851 - THE FIRST CHURCH BELL IN THE VILLAGE OF WEBSTER, USED FOR SERVICES ON SUNDAY, "TOLLED" FOR FUNERALS AND TO SIGNAL FIREFIGHTERS.**
- 1855 - THE ORIGINAL BUILDING WAS MOVED TO CORNING PARK AND BECAME THE WEBSTER ACADEMY 1855 - 1876. THE COBBLESTONE BUILDING WAS ERECTED. REV. SPENCER F. HOLT WAS BOTH THE CHURCH'S MINISTER AND ACADEMY'S PRINCIPAL.**
- 1855 - LUTHER CURTICE AND HORACE HOLT CONTRACTED TO HAUL COBBLESTONES FROM LAKE ONTARIO FOR \$150. THEY LATER DONATED THE MONEY TO THE CHURCH.**
- 1857 - DEDICATION OF COBBLESTONE BUILDING. COST \$5000.**
- 1863 - JULY 4 - AFTER THE VICTORY AT GETTYSBURG SEVERAL BOYS CRACKED THE CHURCH BELL WHILE RINGING IT IN CELEBRATION.**
- 1865 - 3/22 ERMELINE MELUIM WAS REINSTATED AFTER BEING EXCLUDED FROM CHURCH ON 4/23/64 AFTER LYING ABOUT CHURCH MONIES. SHE APOLOGIZED AND WAS FORGIVEN.**
- 1869 - UNOCCUPIED SEATS WERE AVAILABLE AND WERE RENTED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.**
- 1872 - WEBSTER ACADEMY ON CORNING PARK WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE.**
- 1879 - TRUSTEES WERE AUTHORIZED TO PUT THE PIPE ORGAN PURCHASED FROM SOUTH ABINGTON, MASS. INTO THE CHURCH AS SOON AS SUFFICIENT FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE.**
- 1886 - FIRST PARSONAGE WAS BUILT AT 77 SOUTH AVENUE.**
- 1898 - 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF MONROE BAPTIST ASSN. HELD AT WBC. REFRESHMENTS WERE PROVIDED FOR 400 PEOPLE TWICE A DAY AND ABOUT 200 FOR OVERNIGHT.**

- 1902 - ELEVEN MEMORIAL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS INSTALLED BY HASKINS STUDIO OF ROCHESTER.**
- 1913 - VALUE OF CHURCH BUILDING \$10000. VALUE OF PARSONAGE \$4000.**
- 1906 - BEERS BIBLE CLASS FORMED WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL THE 1940S. NAMED AFTER PASTOR GEORGE A BEERS WHO SERVED 1901-1908.**
- 1917 - NINETEEN YOUNG MEN SERVED IN WORLD WAR I - ALL RETURNED.**
- 1919 - AT A BIRTHDAY FOR REV. CHARLES COLGROVE IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE BEERS BIBLE CLASS AND OTHERS PAY ONE PENNY A DAY FOR 3 YEARS TO PAY OF THE DEBT ON THE PARSONAGE.**
- 1923 - SPECIAL MEETING TO SELL THE PARSONAGE AT 77 SOUTH AVENUE FOR \$5800. THE TRUSTEES WERE EMPOWERED TO DO SO.**
- 1930 - IN MAY - 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF WBC. SPEAKERS FROM SURROUNDING BAPTIST CHURCHES, VILLAGE CHURCHES AND FORMER PASTORS TOOK PART.**
- 1937 - REV. BERNARD SCHEHL CONDUCTED SUMMER EVENING VESPER SERVICES AT WEBSTER PARK UNTIL 1948.**
- 1938 - INSTALLATION AND DEDICATION OF CHAPIN ORGAN - COST ESTIMATE \$3000.**
- 1939 - PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND - LUCRETIA CAYTON HARTUNG PRESENTED A PAINTING OF HER INTERPRETATION OF THE HOLY LAND AND THE JORDAN RIVER, WHICH WAS PLACED ON THE WALL BEHIND THE BAPTISTRY.**
- 1940 - DURING WORLD WAR II, OVER 40 MEN AND WOMEN SERVED THEIR COUNTRY. ALAN E. HERMANCE DID NOT RETURN.**
- 1942 - CHURCH DOME WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.**
- 1948 - MRS. FOSTER BURNETT HAS GIVEN THE GOLD CROSS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE.**
- 1951 - FIRST CHURCH CONSTITUTION WAS ADOPTED.**
- 1951 - INTERIOR OF CHURCH WAS RE-DECORATED IN MODERN ART-DECO TREND.**
- 1955 - BUILDING COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO OVERSEE ADDITION OF EDUCATIONAL WING (30' X 80') WHICH WAS ERECTED BY CHARLES BASCH FOR \$67,000.**
- 1957 - COBBLESTONE STRUCTURE CENTENNIAL AND ADDITION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WING COMPLETED AND DEDICATED.**
- 1960 - TOWER AND FRONT WINDOW MEMORIAL LIGHTS WERE INSTALLED.**
- 1964 - "THE DIALOGUE" CHURCH NEWSLETTER BEGAN AND LATER BECAME THE "COBBLESTONE NEWS".**

- 1965 - TOTAL RENOVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE SANCTUARY TO GREEK REVIVAL TRADITION, CORRESPONDING TO THE EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURE. COST \$138,000.
- 1967 - PARSONAGE ON PARK AVENUE WAS SOLD WHICH WAS PURCHASED AFTER THE SOUTH AVENUE ONE WAS SOLD IN 1923. MOST MINISTERS NOW PREFER TO OWN THEIR OWN HOMES.
- 1970 - PHILATHEA CLASS STARTED IN 1920 FOLDS.
- 1974 - FORMATION OF "TEMPO", A TEMPORARY HOUSING APARTMENT AT WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH ADMINISTERED BY WEBSTER COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
- 1974 - FELLOWSHIP HALL PAINTED BY PASTOR DANIEL CHESBRO AS CREATION UNIVERSE. CEILING PAINTED BY TOM LAUROESCH AS HEAVEN WITH CHRISTMAS TIME STARS.
- 1980 - WINNER OF "MOST ORIGINAL" FLOAT IN JULY 4TH VILLAGE'S DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY PARADE AS PART OF 150TH CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY.
- 1983 - TOWER CLOCK INSTALLED
- 1984 - JAN CAREY, WIFE OF PASTOR EDWARD I. CAREY, DIES FROM CANCER. SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED FOR DIVINITY SCHOOL IN HER MEMORY. MEETING ROOM IN EDUCATION WING DEDICATED TO HER MEMORY.
- 1991 - "TEMPO" DISSOLVED; CHURCH ELECTS TO OPERATE APARTMENT ON ITS OWN
- 1991 - CHURCH BUILDING PLACED ON THE STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES
- 1991 - CHAIR LIFT INSTALLED TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE SANCTUARY
- 1994 - ESTABLISHMENT OF "GOLDEN OLDIES", A CARING GROUP WHO HELP MAINTAIN AND CARE FOR THE BUILDING AND GIVE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.
- 1997 - COBBLESTONE RESTORATION PROJECT - BRUCE MIDKIFF, MASON.
- 2000 - CAPITAL FUND DRIVE FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENT.

PRESENT

- 2005 - 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED WITH NUMEROUS EVENTS.
- 2007 - 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR COBBLESTONE BUILDING.
- 2008 - BELL TOWER REPAIR FUNDRAISER.
- 2010 - FELLOWSHIP HALL REFURBISHED IN HONOR OF TODD ALLEN'S PARENTS -GORDON AND JEANNE.

FUTURE

- PLANNING FOR REFURBISHING OUR HISTORIC CHAPIN ORGAN
- PLANNING FOR PASTOR MICHAEL WARE'S SABBATICAL IN 2014

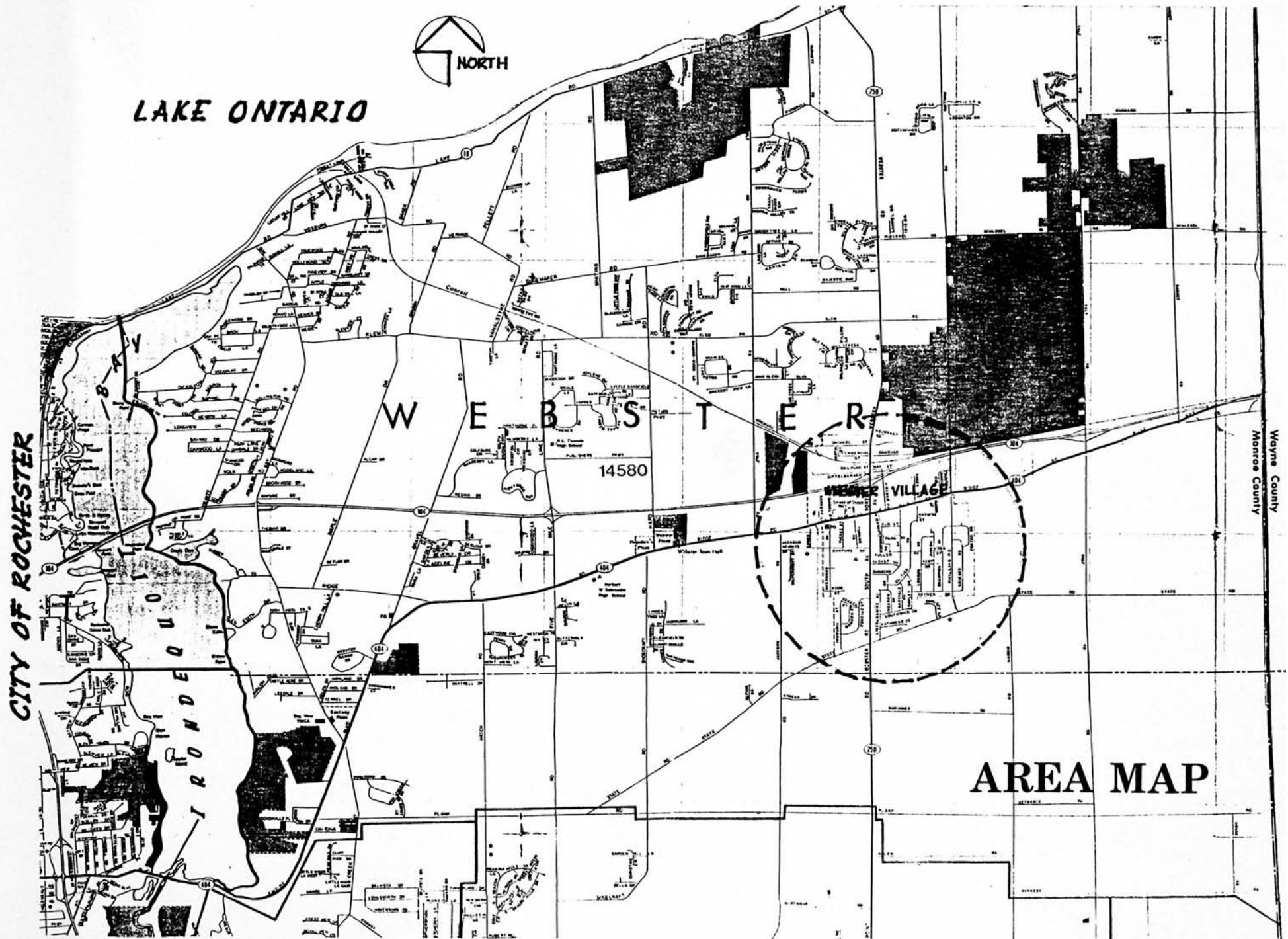
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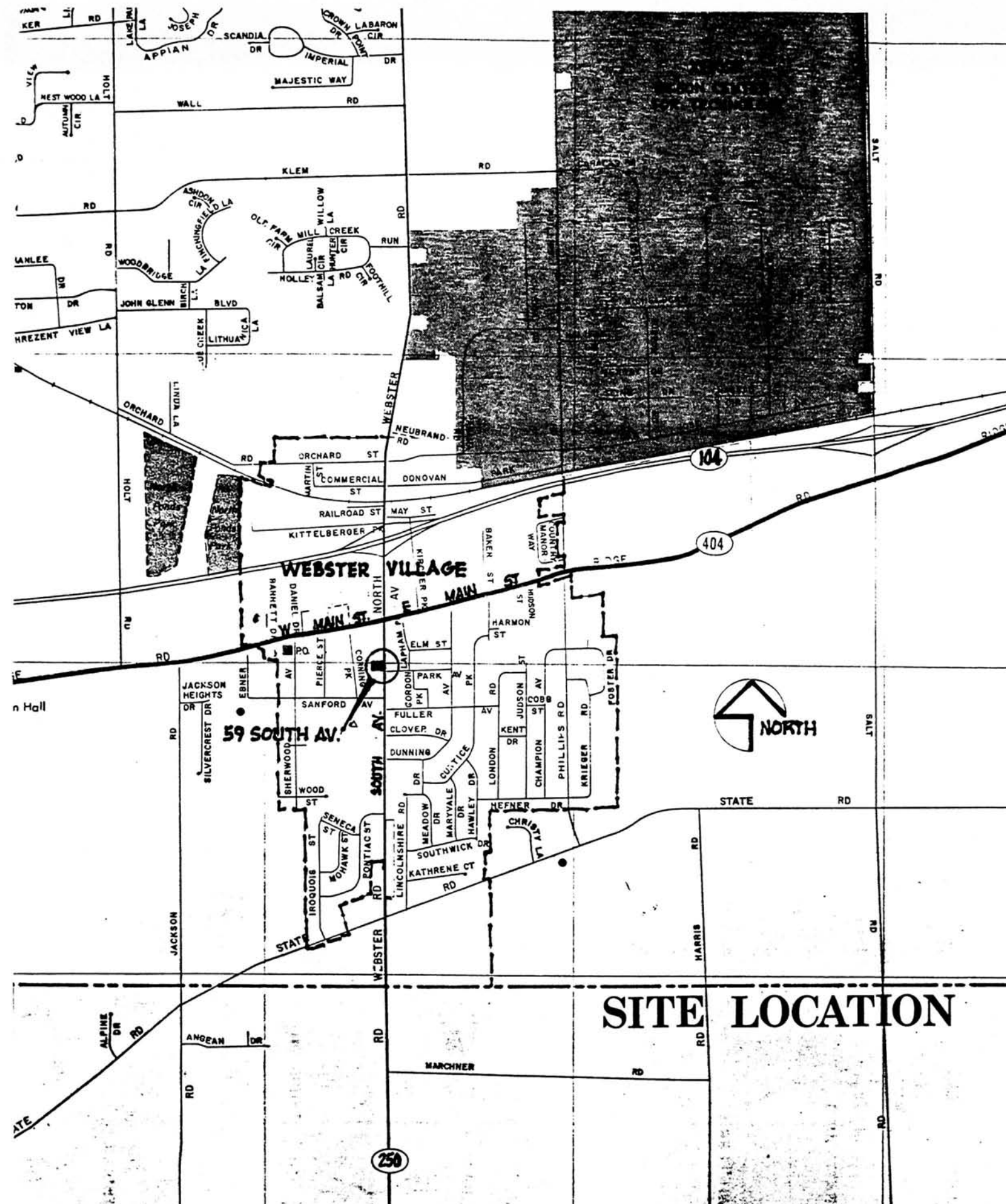
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| 10/2006-Present | Michael Ware |
| 2006 (interim) | Angel Sullivan |
| 2005-2006 (interim) | Willie J. Seals |
| 3/2003-9/2005 | Dr. Keith Harrington |
| 11/2001-2/2003 (interim) | William Herzog |
| 12/1989-10/2001 | John Lake |
| 4/1989-11/1989 (interim) | Leardrew Johnson |
| 10/1988-3/1989 | Richard Brown |
| 6/1987-9/1988 (interim) | Kenric Prescott |
| 1979-1987 | Edward I. Carey |
| 1978-1979 (interim) | Thomas Richards |
| 1973-1978 | Daniel A. Chesbro |
| 1967-1973 | Charles J. Griffith |
| 1959-1967 | John Adamczyk |
| 1949-1959 | Lee Howe |
| 1935-1948 | Bernard Schehl |
| 1933-1935 | Earl Cunningham |
| 1932-1933 | Frank L. Wasser |
| 1929-1932 | Walter O. Mackowsky |
| 1928-1929 | _____ Savage |
| 1927-1928 | Kenneth Clark |
| 1924-1927 | Gerald Watkins |
| 1922-1924 | Harold Husted |
| 1918-1921 | Charles H. Colegrove |
| 1916-1918 | George B Reigel |
| 1913-1916 | Clyde J Askins |
| 1909-1913 | H. Reid Miller |
| 1901-1908 | George A. Beers |
| 1898-1901 | F.E. Warner |
| 1892-1898 | Jonah Weaton |
| 1887-1892 | D.D. Brown |
| 1885-1886 | W.J. Coulston |

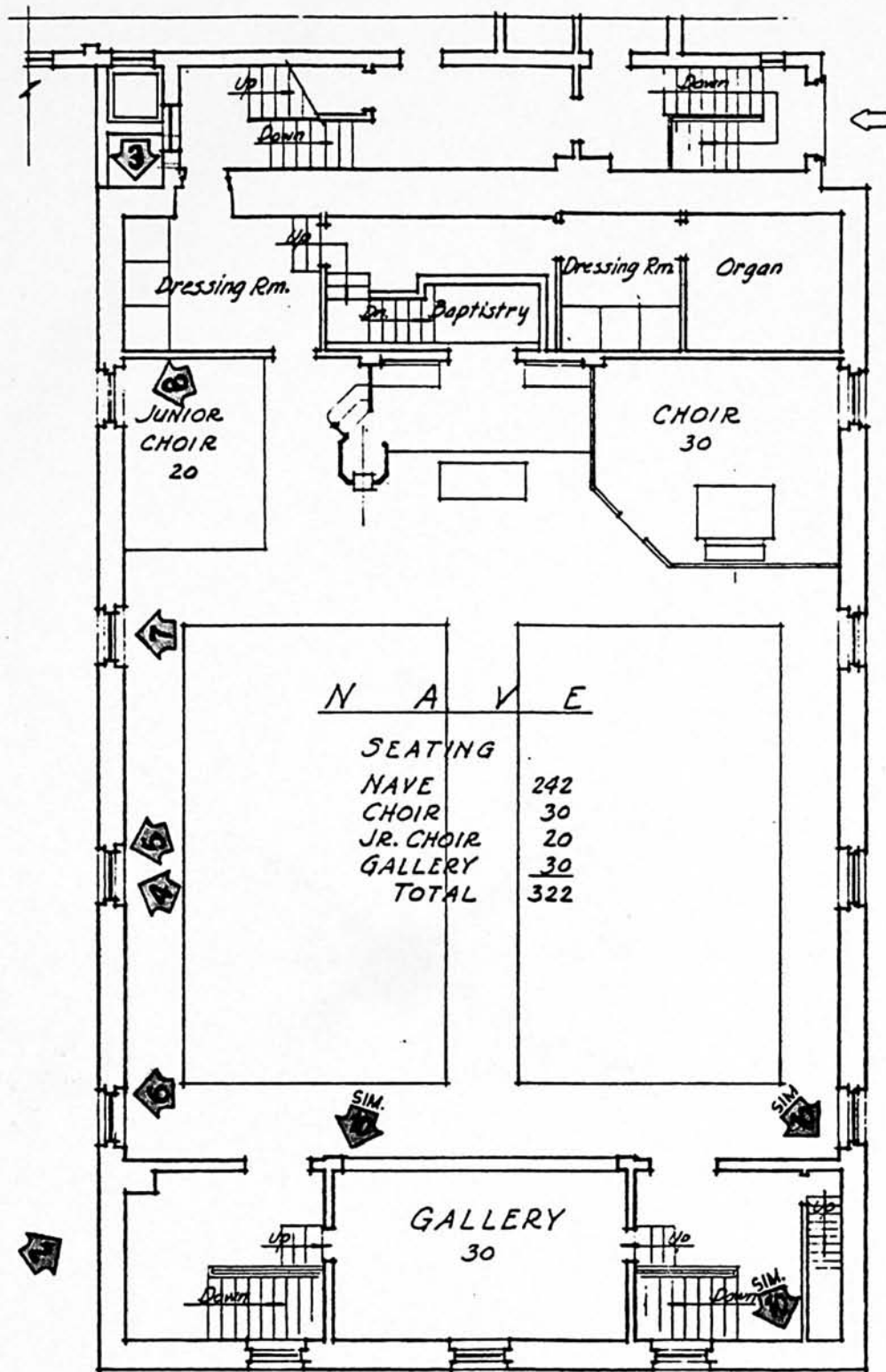
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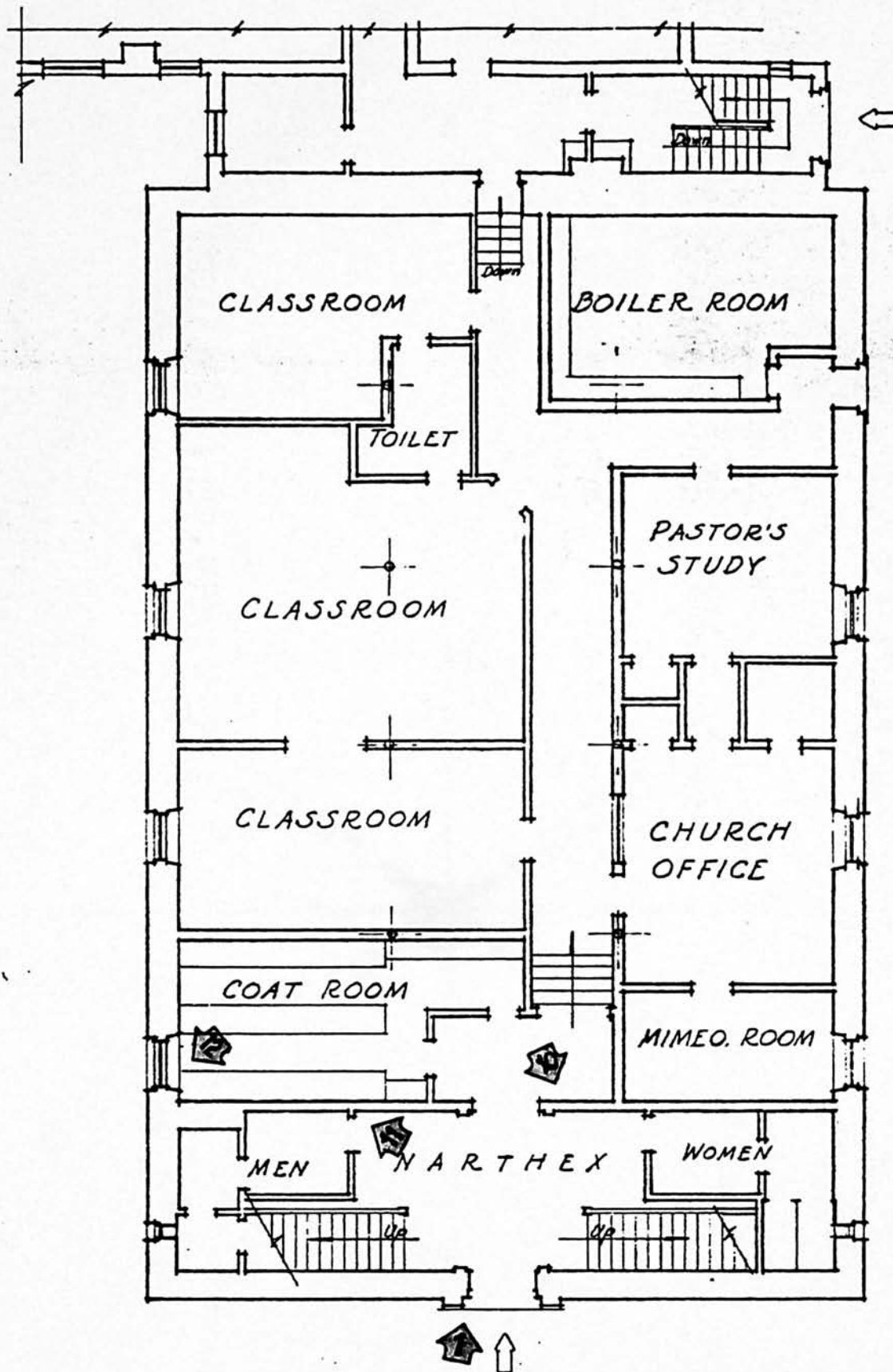
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| 1878-1883 | | John T. Seeley |
| 1877-1878 | | Charles Ayer |
| 1876-1877 | (interim) | S. Schoel |
| 1873-1876 | | Ebenezer Edwards |
| 1872-1873 | | J.W. Ford |
| 1868-1871 | | E.F. Maine |
| 1866-1868 | | Alfred Wells |
| 1862-1866 | | S.D. Merrick |
| 1861-1862 | | E. Savage |
| 1859-1861 | | Ira Bennett |
| 1858-1859 | | Walter Holt |
| 1854-1858 | | Spencer F. Holt |
| 1852-1854 | | S.H. Taft |
| 1849-1852 | | Samuel Way |
| 1848-1849 | | Orson Taylor |
| 1846-1848 | | Ebenezer Scott |
| 1844-1846 | | Elder Corwin |
| 1843-1844 | | A. Whitman |
| 1838-1843 | | Jonas Woodward |
| 1837-1838 | | A.P. Mason |
| 1836-1837 | | H.B. Kenyon |
| 1835-1836 | | L.J. Reynolds |
| 1833-1835 | | Elder P. Kelsey |
| 1829-1832 | | Elder J. Corwin |







CHURCH FLOOR PLAN



BASEMENT PLAN

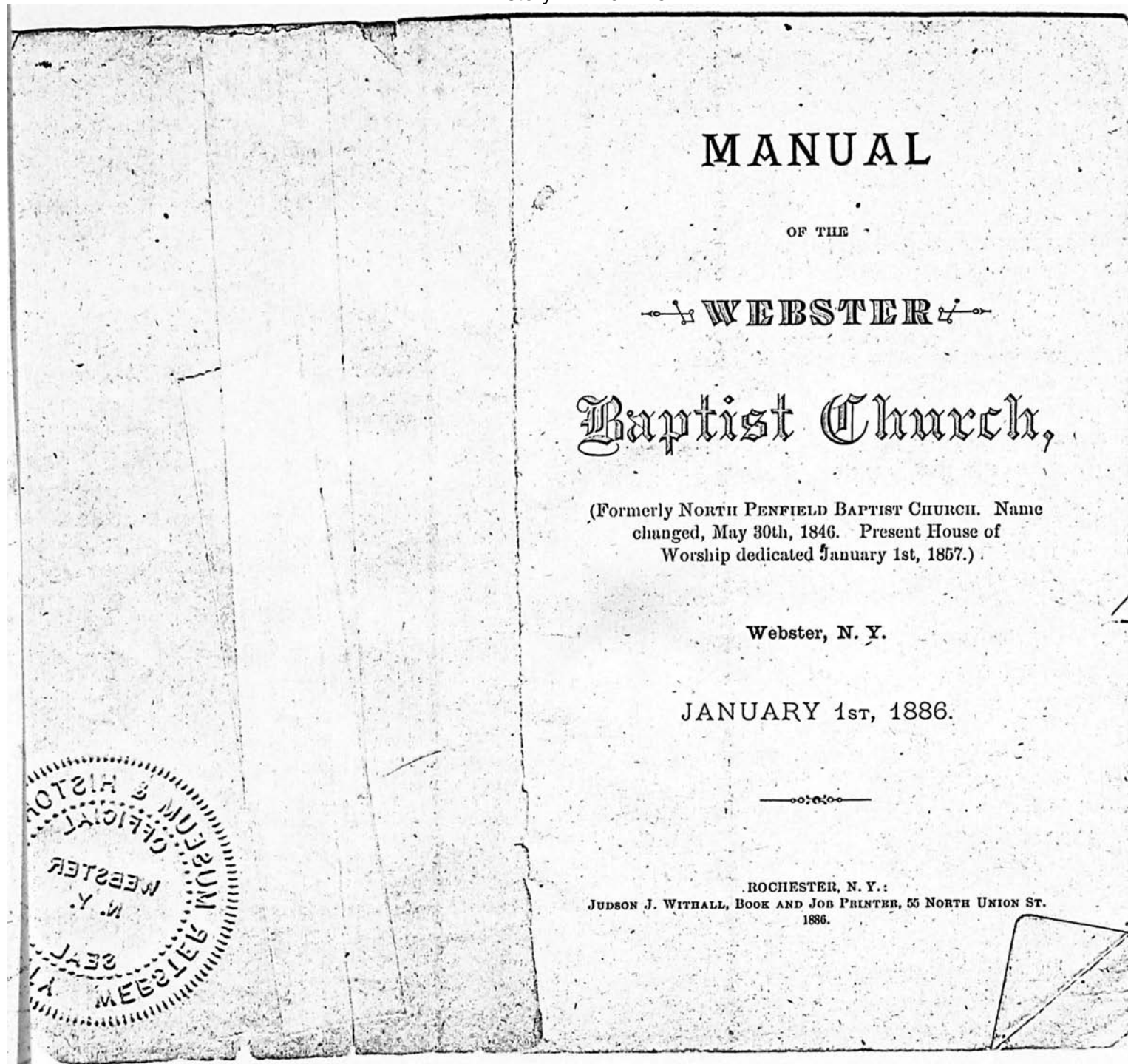
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BAPTIST CHURCH,

WEBSTER, N. Y.

1886.

PRESENTED WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE
PASTOR.





Standing Committees.

I. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

This Committee shall serve as a board of advisors to the Pastor, and with him have immediate supervision of the spiritual interests of the church. It shall consist of the Deacons, and three brethren whom they and the Pastor may choose, subject to the approval of the church.

II. LOOK-OUT COMMITTEE.

This Committee shall be on the alert for any matter of interest to the church; seek out cases of sickness and suffering and report them to the other members; report cases of special religious interest to the Pastor; and affectionately look after and reclaim the indifferent.

III. SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

This Committee shall seek out and welcome strangers to the services, and shall provide for the mutual acquaintance of members of church and congregation by occasional socials, or any entertainment that may be suitable.

Standing Rules.

I. Twelve members (half of whom must be male members) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting of the church.

II. A regular business session will be held in connection with every covenant meeting.

III. A vote, equal to the majority of members present, is necessary to carry a measure.

IV. The annual meeting of the church will be held in connection with the January covenant meeting, at which the Pastor, Deacons, Clerk, and Standing Committees will present reports.

Covenant.

Having been, as we trust, brought by Divine Grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly to Him, we do now solemnly covenant with each other to walk together in him with brotherly love, to his glory as our common Lord.

We do therefore in his strength engage that we will exercise a mutual care as members one of another, to promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge, holiness and comfort, to the end that we may stand perfect in the will of God.

To promote and secure this object:

We will uphold the public worship of God, and the ordinances of His house, and hold constant communion with each other therein.

We will cheerfully contribute of our substance for the support of the poor, and the maintenance of a faithful Gospel ministry among us.

We will not omit closet and family religion at home, nor allow ourselves in the too common neglect of the great duty of religiously training up our children and those under our care with a view to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of heaven.

We will walk circumspectly in the world, that we may win their souls, remembering: that God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of love, and of a sound mind; that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth—a city set on a hill that cannot be hid.

We will frequently exhort, and, if occasion may require, admonish according to Matt. 18, in the spirit of meekness, considering ourselves also, lest we be tempted.

And that as in baptism we have been buried with Christ, and raised again, so likewise there is on us a special obligation henceforth to walk in newness of life.

And may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that Great Shepherd of Sheep, through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forevermore: Amen.

A Consensus of Baptist Belief.

[The Baptists have no standards of faith, except the Holy Scriptures. The following Articles, by J. Newton Brown, D. D., substantially express the belief of Baptists concerning the subjects mentioned.]

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

2 Tim. 3: 16, 17; 2 Pet. 1: 21; 2 Tim. 3: 15; 1 Pet. 1: 10-12; Prov. 30: 5, 6; Rom. 2: 12; John 12: 47, 48; Isa. 8: 20; 1 Thess. 5: 21.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

John 4: 24; Ps. 143: 5; Ps. 83: 18; Ex. 15: 11; Mark 12: 30; Rev. 4: 11; Matt. 23: 19; John 15: 26; John 10: 30; Eph. 2: 18.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not from constraint, but from choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness

required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

Gen. 1: 27, 31; 2: 16; 3: 6-24. Rom. 5: 12, 15-19; 8: 7. Isa. 53: 6. Rom. 3: 9-18. Eph. 2: 1-3. Rom. 1: 18-32; 2: 1-16. Ez. 18: 19, 20.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.

Eph. 2: 5; John 3: 16; Phil. 2: 6-8; Isa. 42: 21; Isa. 53: 4, 5; Heb. 1: 3, 8; 8: 1; 7: 25, 26; 2: 18.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

John 1: 16; Acts 13: 39; Rom. 5.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent, and obedient faith; and

that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

Isa. 53: 1; Rev. 22: 17; Rom. 16: 26; John 5: 40; 3: 19.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.

John 3: 3, 6, 7, 8; 2 Cor. 5: 17; John 1: 13; James 1: 16-18; 1 Pet. 1: 22-25; Eph. 5: 9; Gal. 5: 16-23; Matt. 3: 8-10; 7: 20.

VIII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and relying on him alone as the only, and all-sufficient Saviour.

Mark 1: 15; Eph. 2: 8; 1 John 5: 1; John 16: 8; Acts 2: 37, 38; 16: 30, 31; Luke 19: 13; Rom. 10: 9-11.

IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy,

and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

2 Tim. 1: 8, 9; 2 Thess. 2: 13, 14; Ex. 33: 18, 19; 1 Cor. 4: 7; 2 Tim. 2: 10; 1 Thess. 1: 4-10; Rom. 8: 28-30.

X. OF SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means,—especially, the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

1 Thess. 4: 3; 5: 23. Prov. 4: 18. John 2: 29. Phil. 2: 12, 13.

XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

We believe that such only are true believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

John 8: 31. 1 John 2: 19. Rom. 8: 23. Phil. 1: 6; 2: 12, 13.

XII. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and

to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

Rom. 3: 31; 7: 12; 8: 2, 4, 7, 8.

XIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges vested in them by his word; that its only Scriptural Officers are Bishops, or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

1 Cor. 1: 1-13. Acts 2: 41, 42. 1 Cor. 11: 2. Matt. 23: 20. Eph. 4: 7. 1 Tim. 3. Titus 1.

XIV. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the Church, by the sacred use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Acts 8: 36-39. Matt. 3: 5, 6. John 3: 22, 23; 4: 1, 2. Matt. 23: 19. Rom. 6: 4. Acts 2: 41, 42. 1 Cor. 11: 26. Matt. 26: 26-29. Mark 14: 22-25. Luke 22: 14-20. 1 Cor. 11: 23.

XV. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and

sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both public and private; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Acts 20: 7. (Mark 2: 27, 28. Rev. 1: 10. Ps. 118: 24.) Isa. 58: 13, 14. Ps. 113: 15. Heb. 10: 24, 25; 4: 8-11.

XVI. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of our conscience, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth.

Rom. 13: 1-7. Matt. 22: 21. Acts 5: 29. Matt. 23: 10. Rev. 19: 16.

XVII. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

Mal. 3: 18. Rom. 1: 17; 7: 6; 6: 18, 22. 1 John 5: 19. Gal. 3: 10. Prov. 14: 32. Luke 16: 25. Matt. 25: 31-46.

XVIII. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

Acts 1: 11; 24: 15. 1 Cor. 15: 12-59. Matt. 13: 49; 25: 35-41.

Appointments of the Church.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Preaching, - - - - - 11 A. M.; 7:30 P. M.
Sabbath School, - - - - - 12 M.
Lord's Supper, the first Sabbath in each month.

OTHER RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Prayer Meeting, every Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.
Woman's Missionary Meeting, last Thursday in each month,
 at 3 P. M.
Covenant Meeting, the Saturday previous to the first Sunday
 of the month, at 2:30 P. M.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Of the *Church and Society*, the first Saturday evening in
 December.
 Of the *Church*, in connection with the January Covenant
 meeting.
 Of the *Sabbath School*, the first Sabbath in April.

WEEK-DAY PREACHING STATIONS.

Whitehead School House, } alternate Friday evenings.
 Pound School House, }

Benevolent Offerings.

New York State Convention, during October and November.
Home Missions, - - - - - " December and January.
Foreign Missions, - - - - - " February and March.
Ministerial Education, - - - - - " April and May.
Am. Bap. Publication Society, " June and September.

List of the Deacons of the Church.

| | United with Church. | Elected. | |
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| WILLIAM BILLINGS, | 1831; | 1834; | died 1862. |
| JESSE CURTICE,* | | 1834; | " 1860. |
| JOHN PHILLIPS, | 1831; | 1834; | dismissed 1864. |
| ABRAHAM FOSTER,* | | 1830; | died 1859. |
| REUBEN MARLETTE, | 1835; | 1836; | " 1841. |
| BENJAMIN WEEKS, | 1835; | 1841; | " 1872. |
| BURR NORTHROP, | 1830; | 1841; | dismissed 1844. |
| HENRY JENNINGS, | 1847; | 1847; | died 1872. |
| NELSON FULLAM, | 1849; | 1849; | dismissed 1851. |
| MARK CURTICE, | 1832; | 1856; | died 1880. |
| GEORGE WEEKS, | 1834; | 1866; | " 1868. |
| LUTHER CURTICE, | 1833; | 1872; | " 1876. |
| ROBERT D. TRIMBLE, | 1879; | 1881. | |
| N. CURTICE HOLT, | 1867; | 1881. | |

* Constituent Member.

ADVISORY BOARD.

R. D. TRIMBLE, N. C. HOLT, A. W. SMITH,
 ABRAM COLE, G. HOWARD CURTICE.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Miss Hattie L. Smith, Miss Ora Emery,
 Mrs. Lizzie L. Holt, Miss S. Libbie Watson,
 Mrs. Jennie E. Pratt, Miss Stella A. Peacock,
 Miss Hattie Scribner, Miss Nealie S. Curtice.

LOOK-OUT COMMITTEE.

Geo. H. Peacock, *Chairman*, Mrs. Elizabeth Billings,
 Milton H. Newland, Mrs. Addie Fox,
 Grove F. Stolp, Mrs. Edna Stilwell,
 Albert Scribner, Miss Mary E. Curtice,
 John Schwenzer, Miss S. Libbie Watson,
 Justus W. Emery, Miss Nora Harris,
 Mrs. Julia Schermerhorn, Miss Bertie Trimble,
 Mrs. Laura Hatch, Miss Jennie Nivison,
 Mrs. Sabrah A. Holt, Miss Mina Dayton.

Officers of the Church.

WILLIAM J. COULSTON, - - - Pastor.

DEACONS.

ROBERT D. TRIMBLE, - - - Elected 1876.
N. CURTICE HOLT, - - - " 1876.

H. N. CURTICE, - - - Clerk.

R. D. TRIMBLE, - - - Treasurer.

TRUSTEES.

ELAM A. HATCH, - - - Term expires 1887.
HENRY E. DWINELLE, - - - " " 1887.
ROBERT D. TRIMBLE, - - - " " 1888.
HORACE HOLT, - - - " " 1888.
L. J. BILLINGS, - - - " " 1889.
GEO. H. PEACOCK, - - - " " 1889.

Officers of the Sunday School.

N. CURTICE HOLT, - - - Superintendent.
MRS. JULIA SCHERMERHORN, - - - Assistant Superintendent.
MILTON H. NEWLAND, - - - Secretary and Treasurer.
MISS S. LIBBIE WATSON, - - - Librarian.
G. HOWARD CURTICE, - - - Assistant Librarian.

Officers of Woman's Mission Circle.

MISS MARY E. CURTICE, - - - President.
MISS HATTIE L. SMITH, - - - Secretary.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

[The figures give the date of union with this church;
e denotes added by Experience; b, added by Baptism; l,
by Letter.]

1855 b Billings, L. J.
1884 l Billings, Mrs. Elizabeth
1879 b Billings, Warren
1879 b Billings, Mrs. Ella
1840 b Baker, Mrs. Phoebe Lansing; Mich.
1843 b Brown, Mrs. Mary
1840 b Botsford, Mrs. Diana
1883 b Brookmire, Miss Louisa Fairport, N. Y.
1877 b Brower, Mrs. Della Pittsford, N. Y.
1836 b Curtice, Parker
-1830 b Curtice, Mrs. Lucinda *Dec 7th 17/86*
1841 b Curtice, H. N.
1847 l Curtice, Mrs. Ann M.
1861 b Curtice, Miss Mary E.
1867 b Curtice, Miss Cornelia S.
1877 b Curtice, G. Howard
1867 b Curtice, Ammon Brookmere, N. Y.
1849 b Curtice, George Victor, N. Y.
1852 b Curtice, Mrs. Lola Victor, N. Y.
1879 b Curtice, H. Holt Victor, N. Y.
1832 b Curtice, Mrs. Elmina
1846 l Curtice, Mrs. Ruth Ann
1867 l Curtice, Calvin P. Clark, Dak.
1883 b Curtice, Mrs. Martha Clark, Dak.
1883 b Curtice, Miss Lajune Clark, Dak.
1855 b Curtice, Simeon G. Rochester, N. Y.

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1855 b Corey, Robert
 1885 b Corey, Miss Bertie
 1882 l Cole, Abram
 1882 l Cole, Mrs. Ida
 1867 b Collins, Mrs. Lydia
 1885 l Coulston, William J.
 1885 l Coulston, Mrs. Lettie
 1867 b Dunning, Mrs. Harriet
 1855 b Dunning, Mrs. Arilla
 1869 b Dean, Eugene B.
 1869 b Dean, Mrs. Edna
 1883 b Dean, Miss Alice Rochester, N. Y.
 1883 b Dean, Miss Jessie A.
 1883 b Darling, Frank
 1883 b Darling, Miss Emma
 1837 l Dwinelle, Mrs. Desire
 1883 b Dwinelle, Mrs. Lucinda
 1883 b Dwinelle, Miss Mettie
 1839 b Dayton, Mrs. Catherine
 1879 b Dayton, Miss Mina
 1858 b Davis, Mrs. Harriet
 1842 b Eldred, Mrs. Cyrene Michigan.
 1839 l Emery, Justus W.
 1857 b Emery, Mrs. Sarah
 1879 b Emery, Mrs. Ora
 1879 b Emery, Hiram Brighton, N. Y.
 1879 b Emery, Mrs. Lottie Brighton, N. Y.
 1885 l Emery, Mrs. Elizabeth
 1882 l Enos, Mrs. Adelle Carlton, N. Y.
 1883 b Enos, Edwin Carlton, N. Y.
 1856 l Foster, Chas.
 1867 b Foster, Mrs. Charlissa
 1870 l Fox, Mrs. Addie
 1883 b Fillingham, George
 1883 b Fillingham, Mrs. Mary C.

1883 b Nettie Langdon

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1883 l Farmer, Mrs. Ida S. Libertyville, Ill.
 1873 l Gould, Mrs. Sylvia
 1873 b Gifford, J. W.
 1867 b Gifford, Mrs. Dora D.
 1879 b Green, Miss Dora
 1873 b Green, Mrs. Fanny
 1879 b Green, Frank *Orta Green 1886*
 1873 b Green, Isaac
 1832 b Horton, Miss Edna
 1841 b Holt, Horace
 1833 b Holt, Mrs. Sabrah A.
 1867 b Holt, N. Curtice
 1883 b Holt, Mrs. Lizzie L.
 1879 b Hatch, Elam A.
 1877 l Hatch, Mrs. Laura
 1883 b Harris, Miss Nora
 1883 b Harris, Miss Maggie
 1883 b Harris, Miss Nettie
 1883 b Harris, Mrs. Minerva
 1883 b Harris, Potter E.
 1874 b Hendee, Mrs. Carrie R.
 1867 b Hicks, Mrs. Louisa R.
 1869 b Harris, Mrs. Chloe P.
 1874 b Hawley, Mrs. F. May
 1879 b Hotchkiss, Mrs. Emma J. Rochester, N. Y.
 1879 b Jennings, Myron
 1879 b Jennings, Mrs. Jane
 1885 l Kidder, Mrs. Ann
 1873 b Lapham, Miss Jennie
 1875 b Lockwood, S. Duane Oxford, Mich.
 1875 b Lockwood, Miss Lavina Rochester, N. Y.
 1883 b Lockwood, Merritt
 1883 b Lockwood, Levi
 1883 b Lockwood, Mrs. Eliza
 1867 b Leaty, Fred.

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1869 b Losie, Henry Chili Station, N. Y.
 1869 l Losie, Mrs. Martha Chili Station, N. Y.
 1885 b Leadley, Frank P.
 1830 b Middaugh, Mrs. Abigail Rochester, N. Y.
 1855 b Middaugh, Levi S. Rochester, N. Y.
 1867 b Middaugh, Mrs. M, Eliz. Rochester, N. Y.
 1879 b Myers, Mrs. Harriet
 1857 b McKay, Mrs. Emma E.
 1888 b McKay, Clarence
 1874 b Macomber, Mrs. Avis P.
 1876 l Newland, Miss Achsah Rochester, N. Y.
 1879 b Newland, Milton H.
 1858 b Newland, Mrs. Lavinia
 1879 b Nivison, Richard E.
 1879 b Nivison, Mrs. Mary M. *Etta Nivison 1886*
 1879 b Nivison, Miss Jennie
 1883 b Nivison, John D.
 1883 l Nivison, Mrs. Martha L.
 1884 l Nivison, Mrs. Eleanor
 1841 b Partridge, Mrs. Jemima
 1864 b Pellett, Mrs. Martha A. *Lora Pellet 1886*
 1873 b Pellett, John A. *Etta Pellet 1885*
 1877 b Pinkney, Miss Anna
 1883 b Pinkney, Chas.
 1883 b Pinkney, Mrs. Lucy
 1879 b Peacock, Miss Stella A.
 1883 e Peacock, George H.
 1883 e Peacock, Mrs. Amelia
 1879 b Preston, Franklin
 1879 b Preston, Mrs. Caroline E.
 1883 l Pratt, A. J.
 1883 l Pratt, Mrs. Jennie E.
 1833 l Stearns, Nelson
 1834 b Stearns, Mrs. Lucetta
 1864 b Stearns, N. Blossom

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1834 b Scribner, Miss Clarissa
 1855 b Scribner, Miss Lodica
 1855 b Scribner, Miss Sally Ann
 1858 b Scribner, Miss Mary J.
 1864 b Scribner, Miss Ella
 1883 b Scribner, Miss Hattie
 1883 b Scribner, Arthur L.
 1883 b Scribner, Albert
 1840 b Scribner, Mrs. Patience
 1883 l Stolp, Giles
 1883 l Stolp, Mrs. Jane
 1883 l Stolp, Grove
 1883 l Stolp, Mrs. Hattie
 1883 b Schwenzer, John
 1869 b Schermerhorn, Abram M. *Lella Bousroughs 1886*
 1866 b Schermerhorn, Mrs. Julia
 1858 l Smith, Dana M.
 1858 b Smith, Mrs. Phoebe
 1883 l Smith, Allen W.
 1883 l Smith, Mrs. Hannah M. H.
 1883 l Smith, Miss Hattie L.
 1870 b Smith, Henry F. Lakeside, N. Y.
 1870 b Smith, Mrs. Clarissa Lakeside, N. Y.
 1869 b Stoddard, Mrs. Lucy
 1842 b Stoddard, Mrs. Agnes M.
 1874 b Spangler, Mrs. Hattie M. Hopewell Centre, N. Y.
 1873 b Stilwell, Edwin P.
 1883 b Stilwell, Mrs. Edna V.
 1849 b Stilwell, Mrs. Louisa
 1875 b Stilwell, Miss Jennie East Claridon, O.
 1874 b Stilwell, Miss Minnie A.
 1883 b Schlauch, Gustavus R.
 1879 b Trimble, Robert D.
 1879 b Trimble, Mrs. Frances
 1879 b Trimble, Miss Bertie
 1886 b *Edith Trimble*

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| 1858 | b | Whitbeck, Mrs. Margaret | Pittsford, N. Y. |
| 1883 | e | Waterman, Albert B. | |
| 1883 | b | Waterman, Mrs. Sarah | |
| 1842 | b | Watson, J. F. | |
| 1883 | b | Watson, Miss S. Libbie | |
| 1879 | l | Wolcott, Mrs. Isabella S. | |
| 1872 | l | Williams, Mrs. Fanny | |
| 1852 | b | Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth R. | |
| 1855 | b | Wilson, Miss Aretta | Annapolis, Md. |
| 1881 | b | Wood, Mrs. Anna M. | Hopewell Center, N. Y. |
| 1855 | b | Woodhull, Benjamin | |
| 1855 | b | Woodhull, Mrs. Emily | |
| 1873 | b | Warner, Mrs. Clara A. | |
| 1879 | b | Warren, Mrs. Eliza | Michigan. |
| 1881 | b | Washburn, Mrs. Daniel | Rochester, N. Y. <i>dismissed</i> |
| 1881 | b | Washburn, Daniel, Jr. | Rochester, N. Y. |

SUMMARY.

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| Male Members, | 62 |
| Female Members, | 120 |
| Received by Baptism, | 142 |
| Received by Letter, | 36 |
| Received by Experience, | 4 |
| Resident Members, | 147 |
| Non resident Members, | 35 |
| Total Membership, | 182 |

[Members of the Church will confer a favor by reporting every change of residence promptly to the Pastor, and to the Clerk.]

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List of Contributing Members of the
Congregation.

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| Allen, Peter | Hendee, Newton L. |
| Allen, Wesley | Hawley, Geo. N. |
| Brown, R. K. | Hageman, William |
| Benedict, Prof. H. A. | Lapham, R. H. |
| Crittenden, Marvin | Mason, S. Fred. |
| Darling, Andrew | Mason, Geo. G. |
| Dwinelle, Henry E. | McKay, Hugh |
| Dayton, Eli | Speer, Mrs. M. |
| Dunning, J. D., M. D. | Stoddard, Henry C. |
| Doan, John | Watson, A. M. |
| Emery, Chauncey N. | Wager, Kelsey |
| Fox, Martin | Wolcott, A. B. |
| Hicks, J. R. | |

HISTORICAL SUMMARY.

Compiled from the Association Minutes. Any errors occurring are to be credited to the Clerks.

| Date. | Members. | GAIN. | | LOSS. | | | Benevolent Contributions. | PASTOR. |
|-------|----------|----------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | | Baptism. | Experience and Letter. | Excluded and Dropped. | Dismissed. | Died. | | |
| 1829 | 13* | | | | | | \$ | Jason Corwin. |
| 1830 | 51 | 35 | 3 | | | | | Jason Corwin. |
| 1831 | | | | | | | | Jason Corwin. |
| 1832 | 127 | 49 | 22 | | 10 | 3 | | Phillander Kelsey. |
| 1833 | 148 | 15 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | Phillander Kelsey. |
| 1834 | 156 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 2 | | Phillander Kelsey. |
| 1835 | 157 | 2 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 1 | | Phillander Kelsey. |
| 1836 | 157 | 11 | 12 | 3 | 19 | 1 | 75 00 | L. J. Reynolds. |
| 1837 | 158 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 9 | | | † H. B. Kenyon. |
| 1838 | 161 | 5 | 19 | 1 | 17 | 3 | 13 22 | H. B. Kenyon. |
| 1839 | 156 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 57 23 | Jonas Woodward. |
| 1840 | 187 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 35 85 | Jonas Woodward. |
| 1841 | 195 | 54 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 58 27 | Jonas Woodward. |
| 1842 | 202 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 104 69 | Jonas Woodward. |
| 1843 | 263 | 70 | 12 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 58 56 | Jonas Woodward. |
| 1844 | 239 | | 4 | 2 | 23 | 1 | 469 42 | Jonas Woodward. |
| 1845 | 222 | | 3 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 66 67 | A. Whitman. |
| 1846 | 199 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 23 90 | Jason Corwin. |
| 1847 | 163 | | 8 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 73 40 | Jason Corwin. |
| 1848 | 155 | | 8 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 51 70 | E. J. Scott. |
| 1849 | 177 | 24 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 65 25 | E. J. Scott. |
| 1850 | 171 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 32 19 | S. P. Way. |
| 1851 | 176 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 304 90 | S. P. Way. |
| 1852 | 196 | 17 | 9 | 1 | | 2 | 84 55 | S. H. Taft. |
| 1853 | 202 | 3 | 7 | | 4 | | 167 94 | S. H. Taft. |
| 1854 | 185 | | | 23 | 8 | 1 | 419 55 | S. H. Taft. |
| 1855 | 204 | 42 | 11 | | 3 | | 182 30 | S. H. Taft. |
| 1856 | 200 | 1 | 4 | | 7 | 2 | | Spencer F. Holt. |
| 1857 | 202 | 6 | 4 | | 5 | 3 | 131 72 | Spencer F. Holt. |
| 1858 | 250 | 44 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 1 | | Spencer F. Holt. |
| 1859 | 247 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 7 | | 2 00 | Spencer F. Holt. |
| 1860 | 240 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 115 81 | No Pastor. |
| 1861 | 252 | 6 | 2 | | 6 | | 164 55 | Ira Bennett. |
| 1862 | 198 | | 1 | 14 | 6 | | 65 60 | E. Savage. |
| 1863 | 171 | 2 | 10 | 17 | 8 | 4 | 41 75 | S. D. Merrick. |
| 1864 | 172 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 88 30 | S. D. Merrick. |
| 1865 | 171 | | 4 | 1 | 4 | | 129 00 | S. D. Merrick. |
| 1866 | 164 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 82 00 | S. D. Merrick. |
| 1867 | 178 | 24 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 151 35 | Alf. Wells. |
| 1868 | 173 | | 5 | 14 | 8 | 1 | 111 31 | Alf. Wells. |
| 1869 | 158 | 9 | 7 | | 13 | 2 | 87 12 | No Pastor. |
| 1870 | 150 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 124 49 | E. F. Maine. |
| 1871 | 147 | | | | 1 | 4 | 207 00 | E. F. Maine. |
| 1872 | 144 | | 4 | | 4 | 3 | 133 50 | E. F. Maine. |
| 1873 | 157 | 13 | 4 | | 3 | 1 | 10 00 | J. W. Ford. |
| 1874 | 162 | 4 | 6 | | 3 | 4 | 21 00 | No Pastor. |
| 1875 | 163 | 4 | 1 | | 3 | | 35 50 | E. Edwards. |
| 1876 | 158 | | 1 | | 4 | 2 | 87 00 | E. Edwards. |
| 1877 | 164 | 5 | 7 | | 5 | 1 | 142 30 | No Pastor. |
| 1878 | 163 | | 4 | | 5 | | 163 75 | Chas. Ayer. |
| 1879 | 198 | 33 | 7 | | 1 | | 159 80 | J. T. Seeley. |
| 1880 | 189 | | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 203 80 | J. T. Seeley. |
| 1881 | 186 | 4 | 1 | | 4 | 4 | 250 75 | J. T. Seeley. |
| 1882 | 183 | | 4 | 4 | | 3 | 193 74 | J. T. Seeley. |
| 1883 | 222 | 32 | 19 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 235 33 | J. T. Seeley. |
| 1884 | 215 | | 2 | | 7 | 2 | 80 33 | N. A. Hines. |
| 1885 | 184 | | 4 | 22 | 6 | 1 | 75 00 | No Pastor. |
| | | | | | | | 188 65 | Wm. J. Coulston. |

* Constituted a branch of Ontario and Penfield Church.

† H. J. Eddy served as Pastor a few months only.

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The Webster Baptist Church consists of two connected buildings: a church and a Christian Education Building which together occupy nearly all of the one hundred and thirty-two by one hundred and ninety foot lot. Grassy strips of lawn surround the buildings and complete the church owned property which is located on the west side of South Avenue (Route #250) one block south of the intersection of Routes #250 and #404 in the Village of Webster. The general area consists of a mixture of private residences, small businesses and a fire house (Photo #1).

The late Greek Revival styled church was constructed in 1856 of fieldstone with a veneer of small lake-washed cobblestones laid six courses to each smooth, limestone quoin height. On the east elevation, round and oval-shaped stones were used, with the oval-shaped stones laid on the diagonal. The north, south and west walls are composed of larger lake washed stones of white, gray, red, yellow and black color laid five courses to each quoin height.

The rectangular, two story building has a high foundation and water table. The foundation is composed of fieldstone plastered with a mixture of mortar and sand. Topping the gable roof which has an overhanging box cornice and pediment is a major architectural feature, an open belfry supported by eight fluted Ionic columns and capped with a copper dome. The columns rest on a clap-board sided base with clock faces on the north, east and south sides (Photo #2).

The east facade of the building is three bays wide with the

entrance in the center bay. The tall, square head windows are stained glass. A fourth round stained glass window is centered under the gable.

The fenestration of the north and south elevations, consisting of four stained glass windows with limestone lintels and sills on each elevation of the upper portion of the building, is symmetrical. The windows in the ground floor portion are eight over eight light double hung windows.

The exterior wall of the west elevation is cobblestone and adjoins the Christian Education Building (Photo #3).

A pre-1903 photo of the Exterior shows:

(Photo #_____).

"People photo" circa_____describe door etc.

(Photo #_____)

No documentation regarding the original interior appearance of the church has been located. Remnants of a plaster cornice, believed to be part of the original 1856 design, are visible on the west wall behind the organ chambers (Photo #4).

Stenciling is visible at the top of the interior plaster wall in both the northeast and southeast corners of the building. The stenciling is on the walls common with the north and south stair halls that lead to the sanctuary. A ceiling added at a later date conceals it from view. Ruth Flowers, a noted authority on stenciling and member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, examined the stenciling. She states that it is Victorian in design and she dates it circa 1870 (colored slide #).

The earliest known photo documentation of the interior dates from 1901 (Photo #). The photo shows the west elevation of the sanctuary decorated for a memorial service in memory of the assassinated President McKinley. "A large concourse met in the Baptist Church yesterday...Pastor Beers (Baptist preacher) sang as well as spoke."1 Oil lamps with shades are visible. The raised wainscot-trimmed dais contains a pipe organ at the north end with a rail and balustrades in front of the organ. A pair of paneled doors are seen at the rear center of the west elevation. President McKinley's portrait is suspended in front of the paneled doors.

1. Webster Herald, September 20, 1901.

"...During the year 1902, the interior was completely renovated. A new roof was put on, heating plant installed, leaded glass memorial windows put in, sanctuary redecorated and basement modernized..."2.

A 1905 photo of the west elevation of the sanctuary shows one ten arm acetylene light fixture and two four arm acetylene light fixtures suspended from the ceiling. A pair of wall sconces are seen on either side of the pipe organ. A stained glass window with shouldered trim is visible on the north elevation.

The pipe organ, purchased in 1879 in South Abington, Massachusetts, is located in the northwest corner of the sanctuary. There are fabric draperies hung on rods on each side of the organ. A rail with balustrades and fabric backing appears in front of the choir chairs.

The center of the west elevation contains a pair of pilasters carrying an entablature that consists of an architrave frieze with triglyphs and cornice of the Doric order. Centered within the above described space are double paneled doors that are framed with a pair of pilasters which support an elliptical arch. These features focus attention on the raised dais. South of the raised dais a paneled door is situated. All walls are smooth plaster with a chair rail (Photo #).

2. A Brief History of Webster of Webster Baptist Church, Grace Kofahl
November 1940, Revised March 1954, August 1960, August 1967

A 1964 photograph of the sanctuary reveals many changes made in earlier years. A tin ceiling was added sometime between 1923-25.3 Electric lights were suspended from the ceiling. Alterations to the west elevation of the sanctuary were also made between 1937 and 1938 to provide chambers for the eight organ departments of the Aeolian pipe organ. Five organ chamber openings covered with decorative grill are shown. Seven organ pipes of graduated lengths are supported by two fluted wall brackets on either side of a plain elliptical arch centered in the west elevation. Fabric draperies across the arch conceal an opening to the baptistry.

The fabric draperies concealed a painting of the River Jordan that existed on the west wall of the baptistry (Photo #). The painting was done by a church member, Lucretia Dayton in 1939. The painting was either removed or covered with wood paneling during the 1965 renovation. A framed opening is visible within the north side of the arch. The Aeolian pipe organ and choir chairs are nearly concealed by a wooden screen enclosing them. The wooden screen ends just north of a raised dais located in front of the elliptical arch and then is continued on the south side of the dais.

3. Brief History of Webster Baptist Church: Mrs. Wesley Kofahl
November, 1940 Revised March, 1954; August, 1960; August, 1967

The Aeolian pipe organ for which so many of the previously detailed changes had to be made was installed by the Kohl Organ Company in the Webster Baptist Church in 1938, a gift to the church by the children of Mr. and Mrs. William Wisner Chapin in memory of their parents. The original eight organs and three manual console were moved from the Chapin mansion, 110 South Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, New York, where the organ had been a feature since the first section was installed in 1917. Five organs remain in the Webster Baptist Church today; a new four manual console, added in 1962, has replaced the three manual original.⁴

In 1965 the interior of the cobblestone church was renovated with the intention of creating a sanctuary harmonious with the late Greek Revival design of the exterior. The ground floor level consists of a flagstone narthex entered from the east front of the church, with a cloak room, classrooms, offices and a boiler room at the rear. Stairways flank the north and south ends of the northex leading to north and south halls located outside the sanctuary on the second level and include open balustrades and newel post that appear to be original (Photo #).

4. Pamphlet: Mr. and Mrs. William Chapin, Early 1930's Cobblestone News: Vol. VII, No. 22 November 14, 1988

As well as offering access to the sanctuary, these halls lead to a gallery located in the east end above the main floor of the sanctuary. This gallery is framed with an original pair of pilasters carrying an entablature consisting of an architrave freize with triglyphs and cornice of the Doric order that was added in 1965 following the removal of the tin ceiling (Photo #).

A simple, narrow molding completely surrounds the rectangular sanctuary. There are four rectangular stained glass windows on each of the north and south walls. Four multi-armed, brass, electric chandeliers hang from the ceiling which replaced the electric fixtures shown in (Photo # tin ceiling). All sanctuary doors, windows and organ chamber openings are framed with wide-shouldered trim. The smooth plastered walls, replastered in 1965, have a flat paneling from floor to window sill height. A pair of pilasters carrying an entablature consisting of an architrave freize with triglyphs and cornice of the Doric order complete the framework around the baptistry and focus attention on the raised dais before it (Photo #). A five rank Aeolian Pipe Organ and choir loft, lower than the dais, are situated in the northwest corner and are enclosed by a flat paneled screen.

A door south of the dais leads through the west wall of the cobblestone building to a connected tri-level painted cement black structure designed by Andrew E. Egeressey, Architect, completed in 1957. It is eighty feet long and fifty feet wide and contains

classrooms, a kitchen and a large fellowship hall with a cathedral ceiling and exposed beams. An elevator was added during the 1965 renovation. The exposed cement block interior walls are painted. The cement block building is dominated by the cobblestone church and is a non-contributing structure.

The Webster Baptist Church cobblestone building is unique in two areas:

"This is the largest cobblestone church building of approximately twenty such buildings in New York State."⁵

"The Webster Baptist Church is the nation's largest cobblestone structure that has had continuous use, for the same purpose and by the same organization, as when it was constructed."⁶

5. Cobblestone Landmarks of New York State: Olaf William Shlegren
Carry Lattin, Robert W. Frasch, Syracuse University Press, 1978
6. Times Union, Rochester, New York: November 12, 1987