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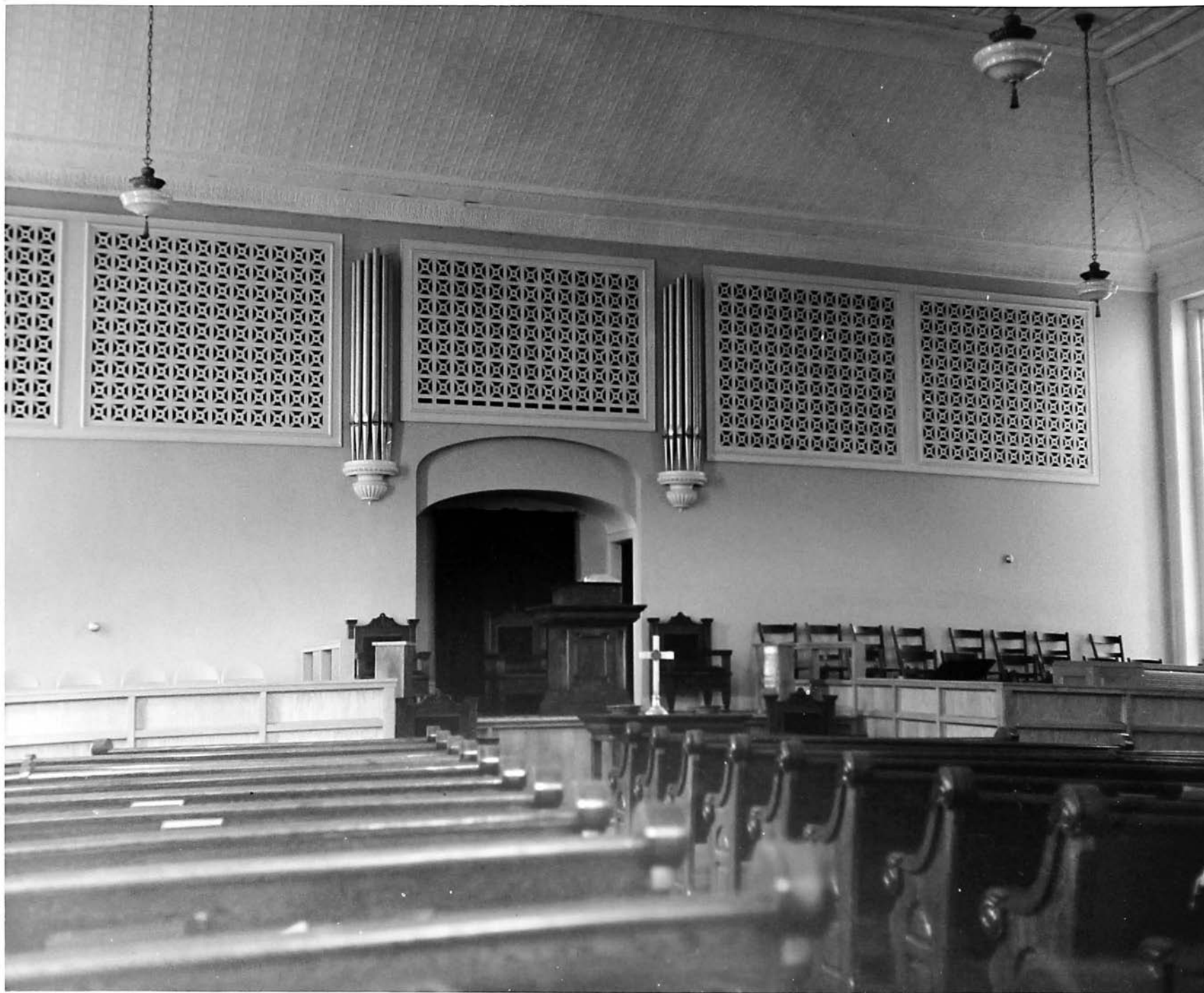






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THE BAPTISTRY PAINTING(AN IDEALISTIC PORTRAYAL OF THE JORDON RIVER) AS THE WORK AND GIFT OF MRS LUCRETIA DAYTON HARTUNG AND WAS PRESENTED TO THE CHURCH PALM SUNDAY 1939

BAPTISTRY PAINTING, THE WORK OF KEVIN MCLYMOND DEDICATED JUNE 8, 2008 KEVIN'S GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS THE LATE REV GEORGE BEERS WHO SERVED AS PASTOR OF THE CHURCH FROM 1901-1909



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4,000 electric connections and more than 3,000 moving electrical contacts. The entire equipment occupies 14,000 cubic feet of space and weighs about sixteen tons.

The baptistry painting (an idealistic portrayal of the Jordan River), adding so much to the beauty and serenity of the sanctuary, was the work and gift of Mrs. Lucretia (Dayton) Hartung and was presented to the church on Palm Sunday, 1939.

The present pastor, Rev. Lee A. Howe, Jr., came to Webster on February 1, 1949. The church is in a prosperous condition and the prospects for the future are most encouraging. It is gratifying to know that two members of the present day church, Clifford Scribner and Mrs. Mildred Scribner Bilger, are direct descendants (fifth and sixth generations, respectively) of Abram Foster, a charter member. Also, Mrs. Laura Averill and Dr. Hugh Averill are descendants of Ziba Curtice, another charter member.

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figures regarding the Webster Baptist Church, we are indebted to the history prepared by Rev. W. C. Mackowsky and A. C. Leaty and the very kind cooperation of Mrs. Wesley Kofahl.

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VILLAGE FOCUS

Art inspires Baptist congregation

BY CAROL KLEM
Special to the Herald

On the third Sunday of February 2008, Kevin McLymond was sitting in the balcony of the Webster Baptist Church witnessing the Baptism of Jason Michael Ware, the son of the pastor, Rev. Michael Ware's and his wife, Barbara Lacker-Ware.

On the wall behind the Baptismal Font was a blank canvas. The canvas had not always been empty. In 1939, the late Lucretia Dayton's inspirational art covered the space, but time took its toll. As of late - nothing.

An artist, Kevin stared at that space and started thinking. Something inspirational should fill that space, he thought. At that moment - at that Baptism - he knew he wanted to be the one to fill that area.

Perhaps he was inspired by his great-grandfather the late Rev. George Beers who served as pastor of the church from 1901-1909 or any one of his ancestors who loved and supported this Baptist community for generations.

After receiving the blessing from the decision makers of the church, who knew his reputation as an artist, he had permission to start.

His mother, Margery (Jayne) McLymond, had instilled a great love for nature in her son, and he knew that a waterfall, signifying the waters of Baptism would have to take center stage. From then on, he let the Spirit direct him.

Another artist, Andre Gide said, "Art is collaboration between God and the artist, and the less the artist does the better."

For 40 to 50 hours, from April through mid-May, the Spirit guided Kevin and he drew a plush refreshing garden, complete with a waterfall, mountains in the background ... akin to what we may picture as the Garden of Paradise.

The result was astounding ... inspirational, triumphant! In addition, it was all for the greater honor and glory of God.

On June 8, the mural was dedicated

and the congregation prayed that the art would inspire all to become closer to God.

Kevin was given a standing ovation. "That made me feel very good," Kevin said humbly.

"I am in awe of the God-given talent and expression that Kevin has been given," said the Rev. Ware. "I find the mural of the living water offered by God to be deeply moving and inviting and I truly am thankful that he saw a need and met it."

This mural will be a blessing for many years to come," he added.

Note: Kevin runs a freelance painting business. He is an interior specialist with an attention to detail, offering faux finishes, murals, furniture, as well as walls and trim. He can be reached at home, 265-2728 or his cell at 314-7064.

GANDER UPON GADSBY'S GARDEN AT GARDEN TOUR

For years, I would drive down Hawley Drive, slowing down when I went past No. 35, the home of Bruce and Helen Gadsby.

It was as though a little piece of Nantucket - Old Cape Cod had plunked itself in the middle of the Schantz tract. Bruce calls his front yard garden an English Country Garden.

I would like to throw the word "cottage" in their somewhere. The lovely Cape Cod home is the perfect backdrop for the well-designed curvy garden that is full of surprises. The more you look - the more you see.

First off, a 6 1/2-foot high lily, a six-foot delphinium that Bruce said he has cut back and hollyhocks that seem to grow to the sky bedazzle your eyes. "I think there is something in the soil," Bruce said.

Both Maryjean Yengo and I stare in wonder at the size of the flowers. "There's a lot of peat moss," Bruce admitted - "maybe even half of the soil is peat moss," he said. "It doesn't require watering."

This is Bruce's garden, Helen says, - not wanting to take the credit for the



Photos submitted by Carol Klem

A WATERFALL painted by Kevin McLymond symbolizes the Living Water and is located near the baptismal font at the Webster Baptist Church.

masterpiece of flowers away from her husband and God. Helen cares for the hanging baskets, Bruce explains. "I rent space to her," he laughed.

Bright red Bea balm, purple clematis climbs the trellis, loose strife, but mostly it is those lilies that catch your eye- raspberry, mauve, pale pink, white, yards of yellow, along the garden path. Hydrangea, astilbe, dianthus, wild geraniums, and roses assure the sight-seer of color throughout the season. Keep looking you will find more. Ah yes, strawberry plants. Hostas, glads, flocks, Marguerite daisies, lily of the valley, suddenly I find myself looking for Waldo.

Bruce tries to give each plant its own space, space to grow and that is the one and only rule he abides by. As for the many bulbs - "I just throw bulbs in" he said.

Little lights and clematis along the white wooded arched trellis add a special ambiance at night and Christmas of course.

Over on the right of the house in the shade is the plant hospital where flowers are taken when they are sick. "There are no demands on them there," Bruce said sounding very much like a plant doctor.

Out in the sunlight they are nuzzled

derful tip.

Nature propagates, Bruce said, admitting that he is not responsible for every living thing in the garden. Birds drop their seeds - and birds are most welcome at the Gadsbys.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, those taking the Garden tour will enjoy the many-colored hibiscus that should be blooming in late summer along with a variety of late summer blooming plants.

"I take great satisfaction in the garden. I am grateful that I can still work in it," he says.

KEEP LOOKING UP IN THE VILLAGE

Things are looking up in the village. A new committee has been formed, the Building Code Enforcement Committee.

Its purpose is to educate merchants, business owners, property owners, members of the business district - as to the new current building codes.

"We are going to help them stay out of trouble," said Barry Howard, committee person and owner of JB Management said. One building was shutdown due to code violations - "we're talking dangerous situations in the building - health and safety issues."

In addition, a mission of the committee is to keep buildings up to speed if there is an aesthetic issue.

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Making a difference four centuries later



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kevin McLymond poses next to the mural he painted on the baptismal tub in the Webster Baptist Church. The painting took about six weeks to complete.

Webster resident Kevin McLymond painted a mural of a waterfall in the baptismal tub of his church.

By JESSICA GASPAR

Messenger Post Staff

Like his great-grandfather before him, Kevin McLymond wanted to make a difference at the Webster Baptist Church.

Though, in his own way. McLymond's roots at the church stretch back more than a century — his great-grandfather, George Beers, served as pastor of the church from 1901 to 1909.

Sitting in the back pew during service one day, McLymond stared at the wood paneling affixed to the wall above the church's baptismal tub.

"I was sitting back there and said, 'We need a mural,'" he said.

Being an artist, an idea popped into his head — water.

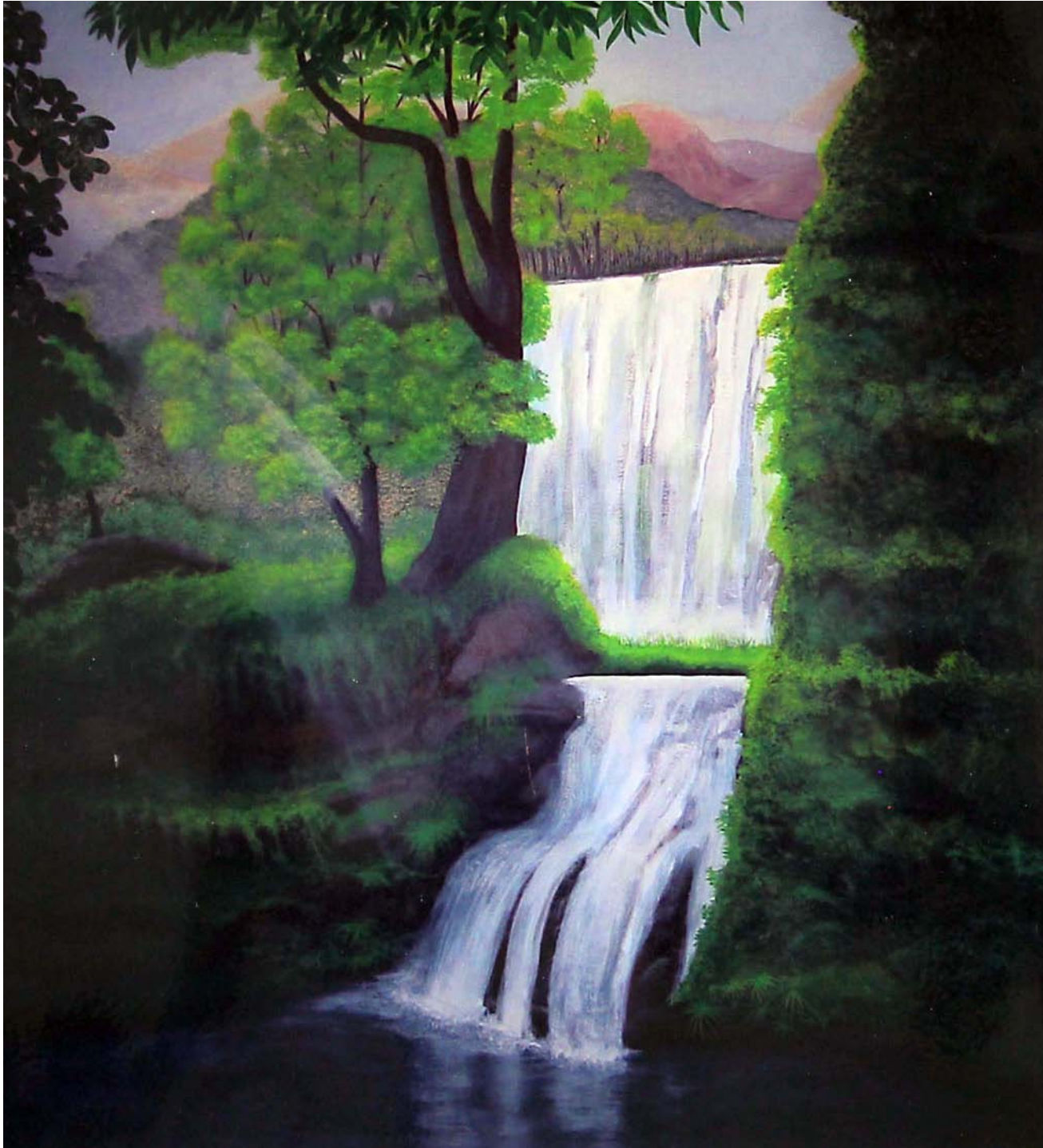
"My vision was to have water tumbling down into the big tub," he said.

After formalizing the idea — mountainous plains with a waterfall spilling water into a lake — McLymond presented his plans to a board of church officials.

"They wanted to be able to envision it," he said.

They liked it and gave him the go ahead to begin work on the painting. It took about six weeks to complete.

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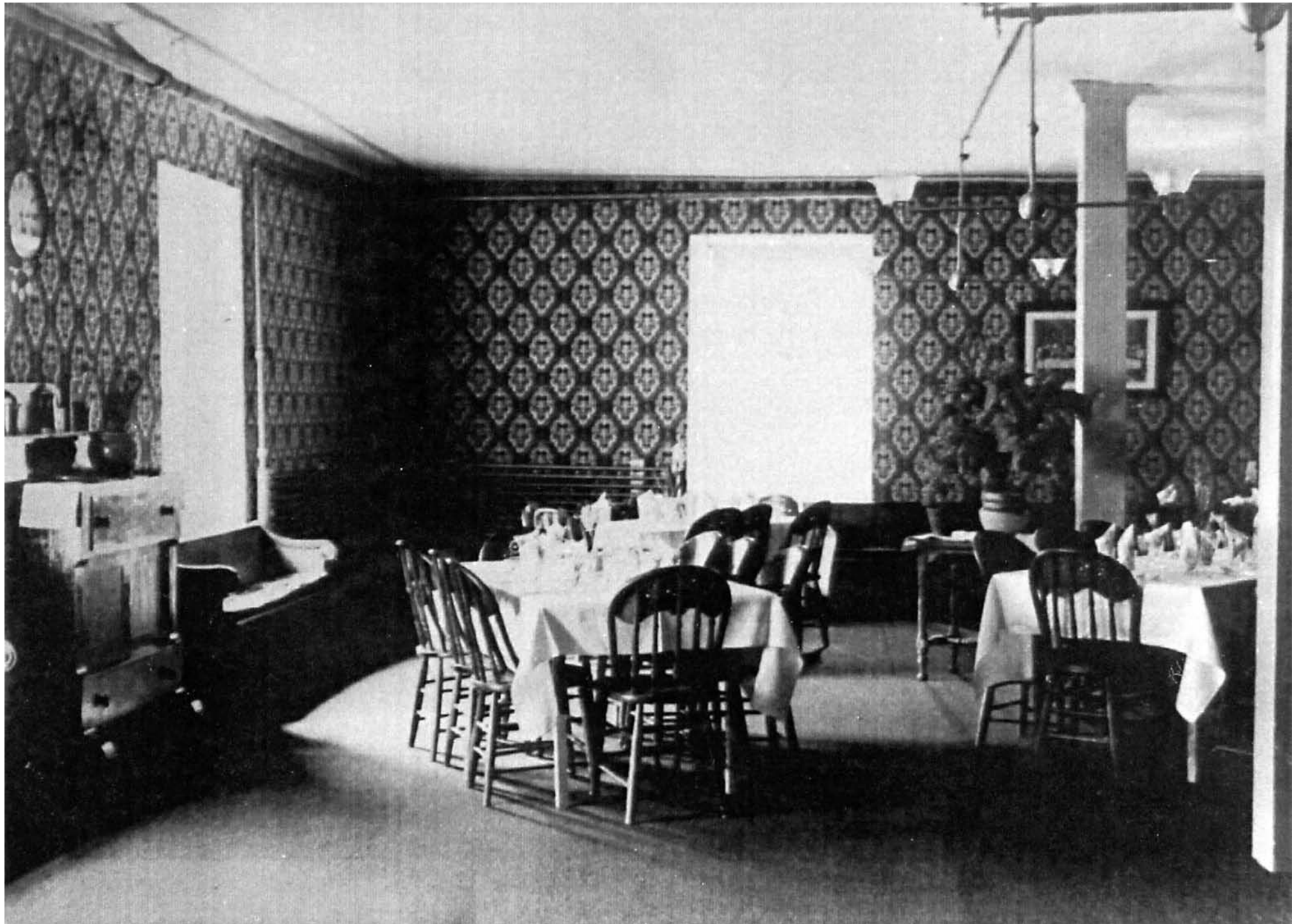




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Webster Baptist Church
Area 1905



Webster Baptist Church
1964



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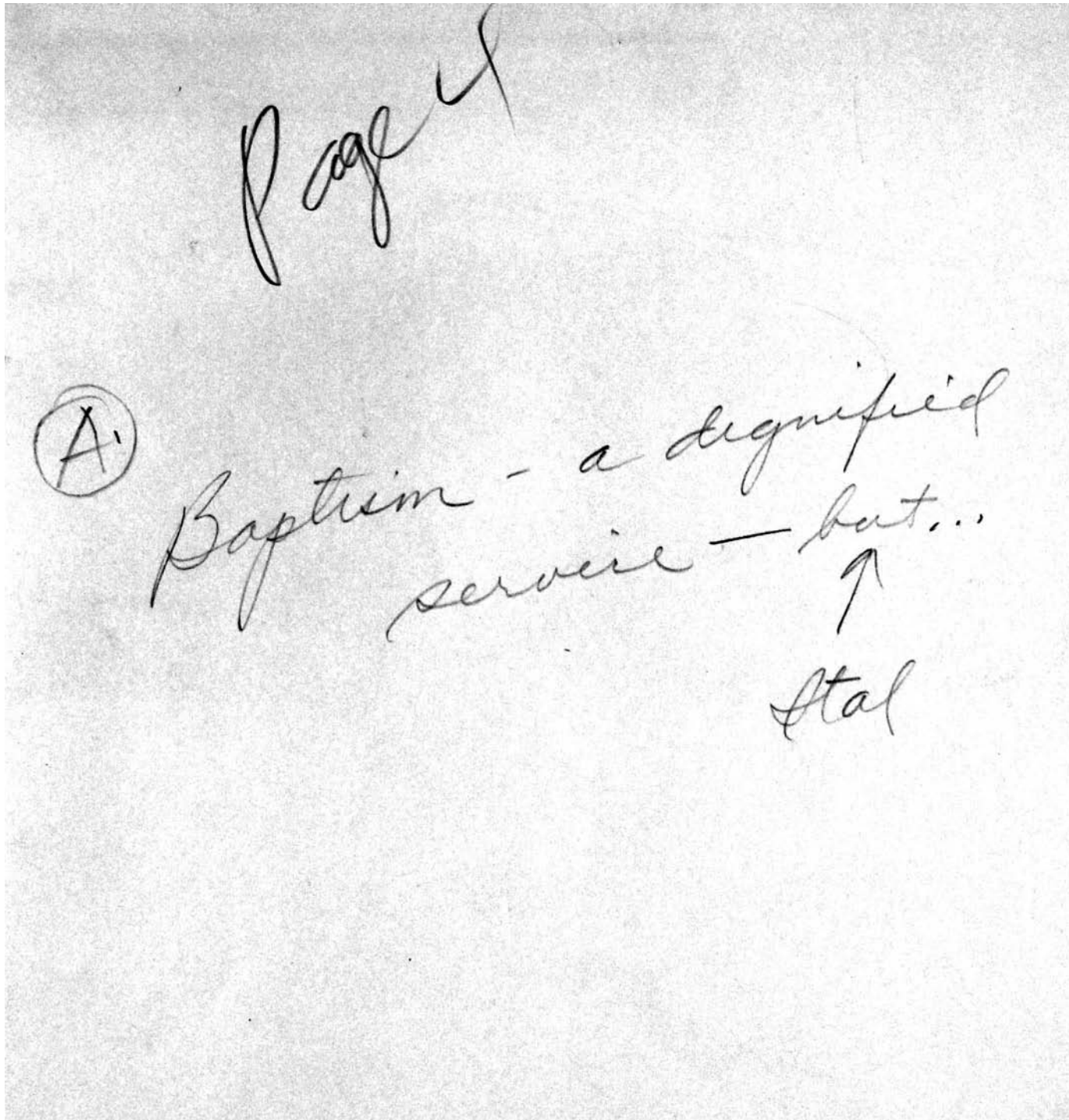
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