

MARIETTA HISTORIC BOARD OF REVIEW  
CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL APPLICATION FOR EXTERIOR CHANGES

Date: 6-18-2020 Applicant: MARIETTA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Business Name: MARIETTA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Address of Project Location: 148 CHURCH STREET, MARIETTA, GA 30060  
Applicant's Mailing Address: 148 CHURCH STREET, MARIETTA, GA 30060  
Applicant's Phone Number: 770.639.5652 (DON DORSEY, APPLICANT REF.)

(Certificates of Approval are granted in accordance with the Marietta Comprehensive Development Code, Article 7-8-8, Historic District)

Certificate of Approval is sought for:

Exterior Paint  Exterior Repair \_\_\_\_\_ Exterior Remodeling   
Demolition \_\_\_\_\_ New Construction

Brief description of project: ① RECONSTRUCTION OF PREVIOUSLY REMOVED BELL TOWER ATOP EXISTING CHAPEL BELL TOWER BASE, AND  
② PAINTING OF BRICK ON OFFICE/LIBRARY BUILDING BEHIND CHAPEL.

Estimated Completion Date: DECEMBER 2020

Please provide with your application:

The following information is required for new construction or demolition, including additions, or changes to the building façade. Please submit 20 COPIES with your application:

- Building plans or proposed alterations and plans for re-use, if appropriate
- Plats drawn to scale and showing north arrow, district, land lot and parcel number, all property lines, location of buildings and other structures, creeks and easements, setback lines or other requirements indicating the areas for which the certificate is sought
- Photographs of existing building, if applicable

For exterior paint, repair, remodeling and/or appurtenances, please submit 20 COPIES with your application:

- Color samples of paint
- Sketch of exterior of building as it is now and with proposed changes
- Measurements of proposed changes
- Samples or detailed descriptions of materials to be used

Property Owner's Name FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MARIETTA GA

Property Owner's Signature Rev. Dan ... Date: 6-28-2020

Applicant's Signature R. Dorsey Date: 6-18-2020

Return to: **Sandra Lloyd, 205 Lawrence Street, Marietta, 30060 ph: 770-794-5669**  
E-mail: [slloyd@mariettaga.gov](mailto:slloyd@mariettaga.gov)

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

(To be completed by Historic Board of Review Chairperson)

Action of Historic Board of Review: Approved Denied

Variance or Stipulation: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

# **PROPOSED EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS TO MARIETTA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Two requests are made regarding renovations to the exterior of the Church building complex.

- Construction of a new Bell Tower on the historic Chapel.
- Paint façade of existing brick building behind Chapel and adjacent Welcome Center.

## **PART ONE OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL - PROPOSED NEW CHAPEL BELL TOWER**

### **Exhibit A – Background**

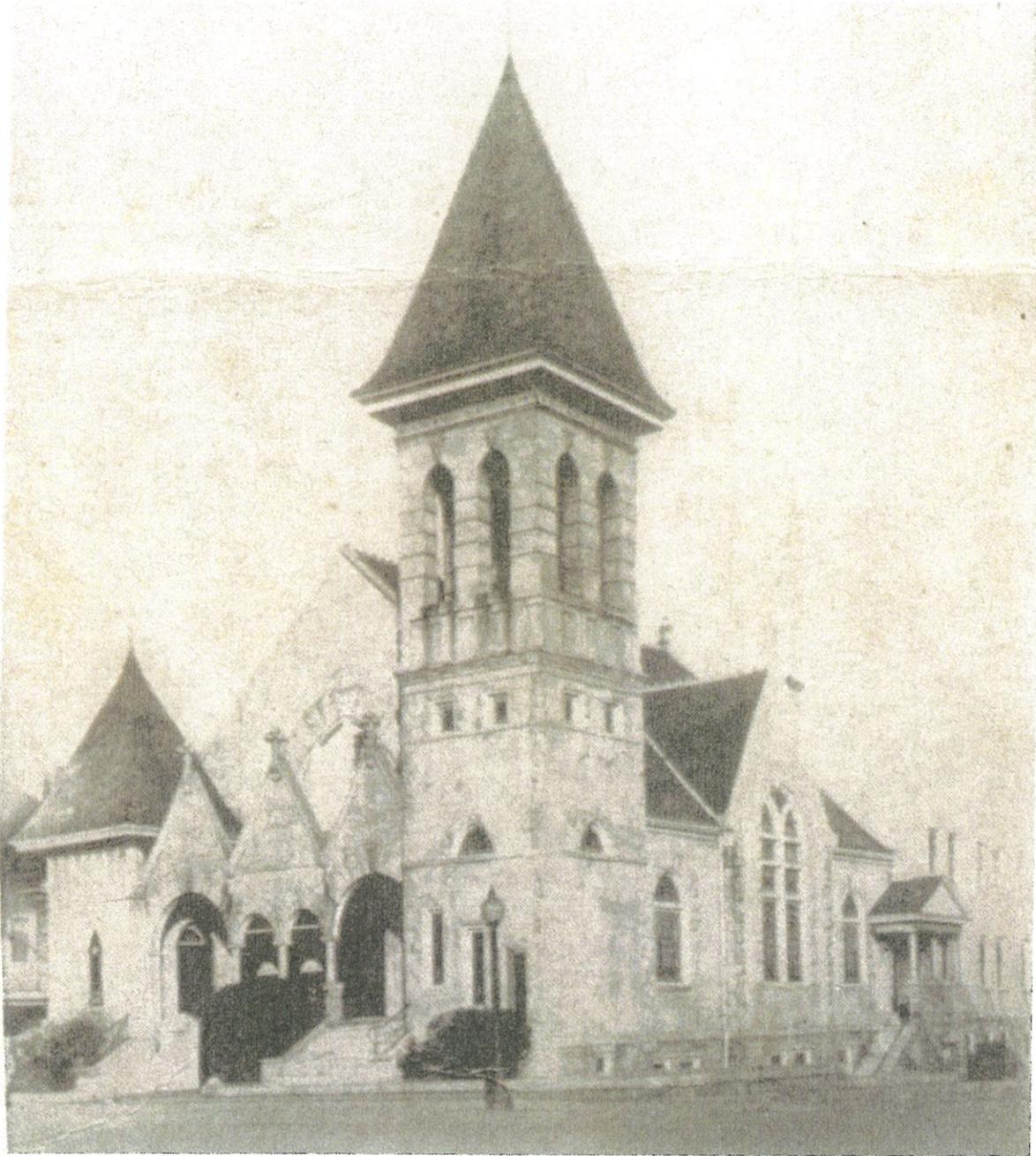
1. Construction of the original Sanctuary (now the Chapel) which included a bell tower, began in 1892 and was completed in 1897.
2. In late 1961, an inspection of the Chapel revealed that the construction had deteriorated significantly due to weather related decomposition of wood framing and was in danger of collapse. The Church approved removal of the tower that same year. The base of the tower was retained and remains today at the southwest corner of the Chapel.
3. In 2019, the Church authorized a study to determine the feasibility of reconstructing the tower. Utilizing photographs of the Chapel prior to the removal of the tower, the original design, dimensions and materials were determined. A structural engineer was commissioned to perform an evaluation to ascertain the ability of the tower base and foundation to support a new tower. The study completed in December of 2019 revealed that with the incorporation of additional structural members in combination with the use of lighter weight building materials, the existing structure would adequately support the addition of the tower.
4. In early 2020, the Church authorized development of drawings and a cost estimate to reconstruct the tower. A team consisting of architect, structural engineer, building construction consultant and general contractor were assembled to evaluate materials and methods of construction to be used to construct the new tower as well as an estimate of the probable construction cost.
5. In accordance with the structural engineer's recommendation to utilize lighter weight materials, the team commenced an investigation of building materials that would afford the lightest weight possible while representing as closely as possible the design of those materials utilized in the original construction. To achieve this, it was determined that metal vs. wood framing would be utilized to form the structural skeleton for the tower. In addition, it was determined that lighter weight man-made cast stone closely matching the original marble would be utilized. In all respects, the design goal was to replicate that of the original tower. Material colors, textures, style and configuration of the stone veneer, roof shingles, cornice and trim including paint colors would match that currently on the Chapel.

### **Exhibit B – Photographs and Renderings**

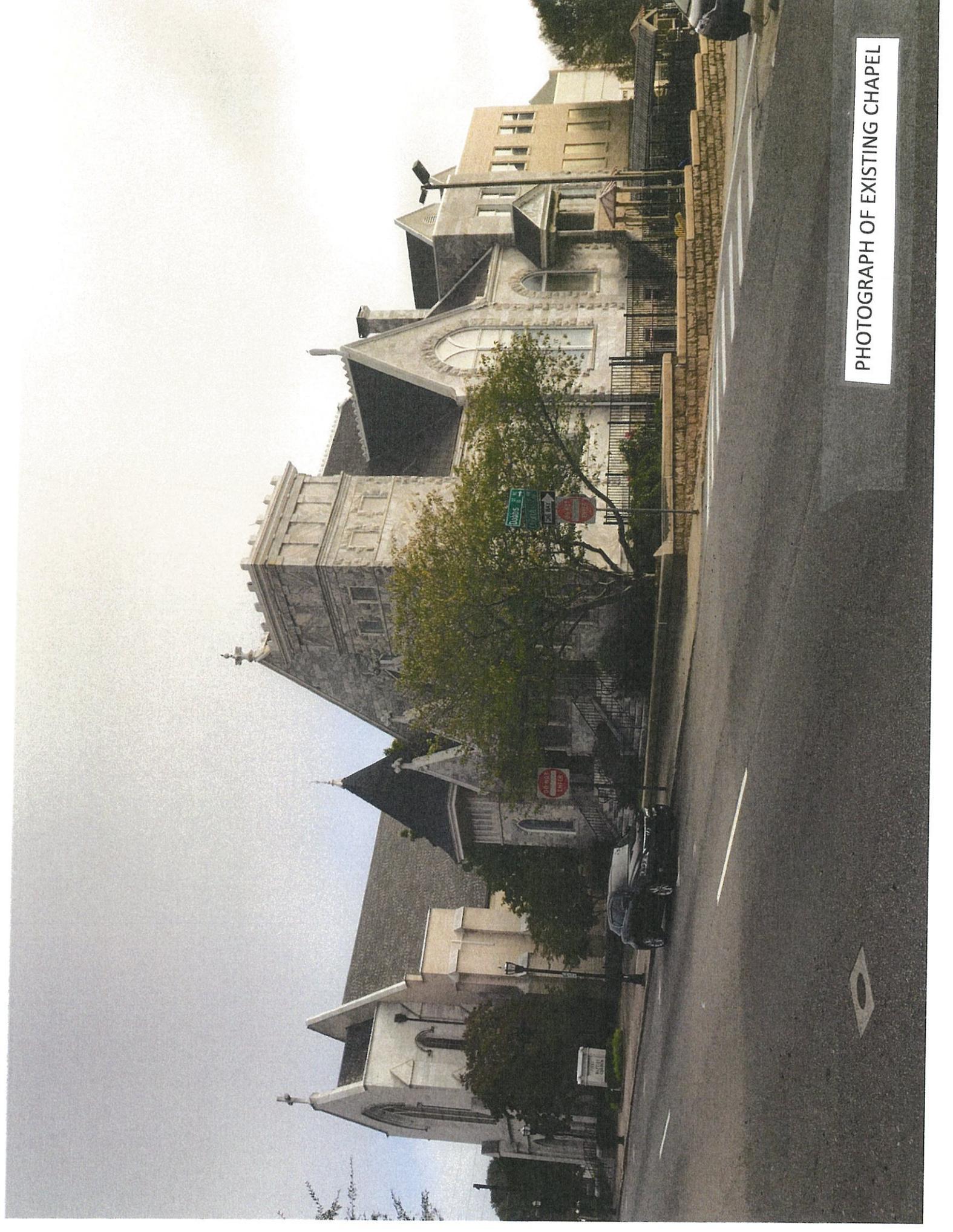
1. Photograph of original Chapel with bell tower.
2. Photograph of Chapel as it is today without bell tower.
3. Scaled drawing of the proposed bell tower.
4. Artist rendering of the proposed bell tower.

### **Exhibit C – Material Colors (Samples attached)**

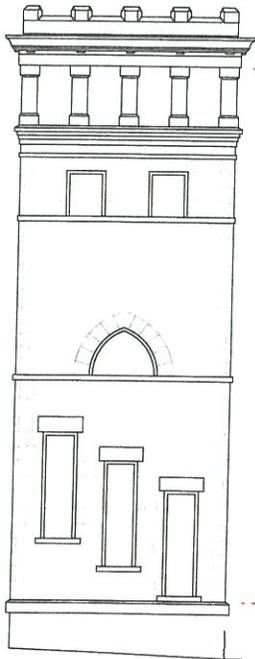
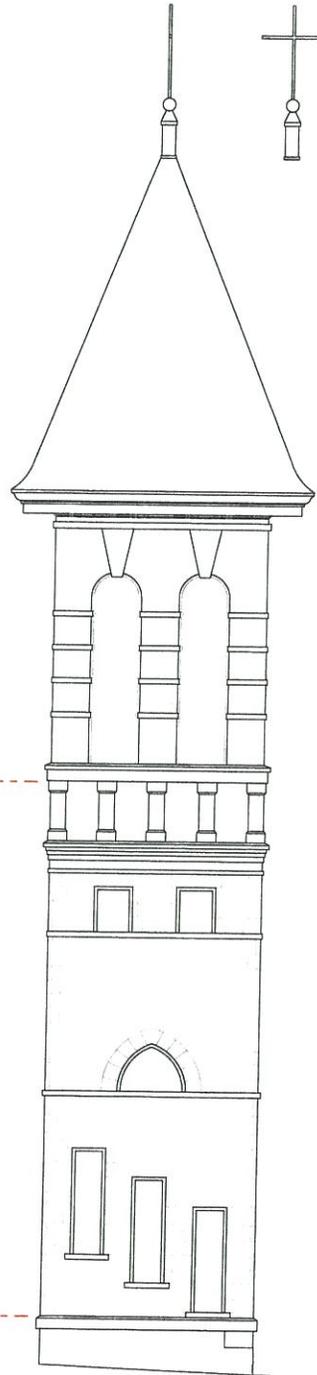
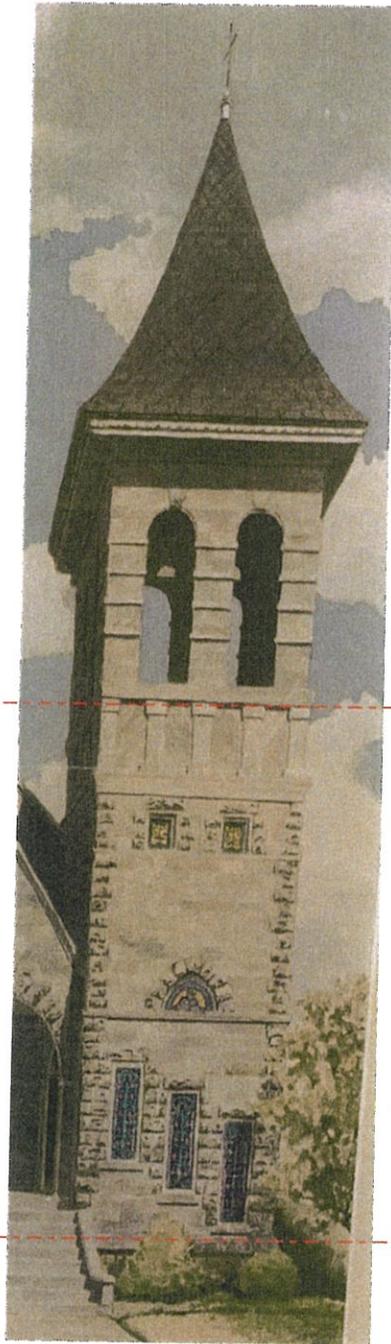
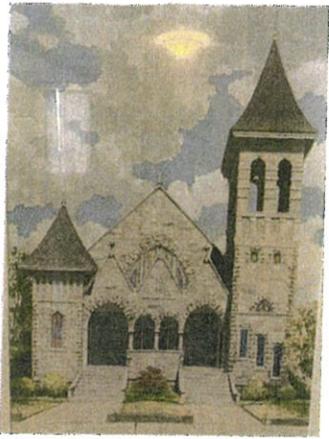
1. Painting of tower roof cornice and trim will be accomplished with paint colors to match existing and previously approved by the Historic Board of Review. Sherwin Williams SW 7009 Pearly White. (Color sample attached)
2. Simulated stone will be a proprietary product manufactured by Symcast. The product is a lightweight cast stone product custom matched to the size, color and texture of the existing stone. (Color sample attached)
3. Roofing shingles will match existing Chapel roof shingles. (Color sample attached)



ARCHIVE PHOTOGRAPH OF 1897 SANCTUARY WITH BELL TOWER



PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING CHAPEL



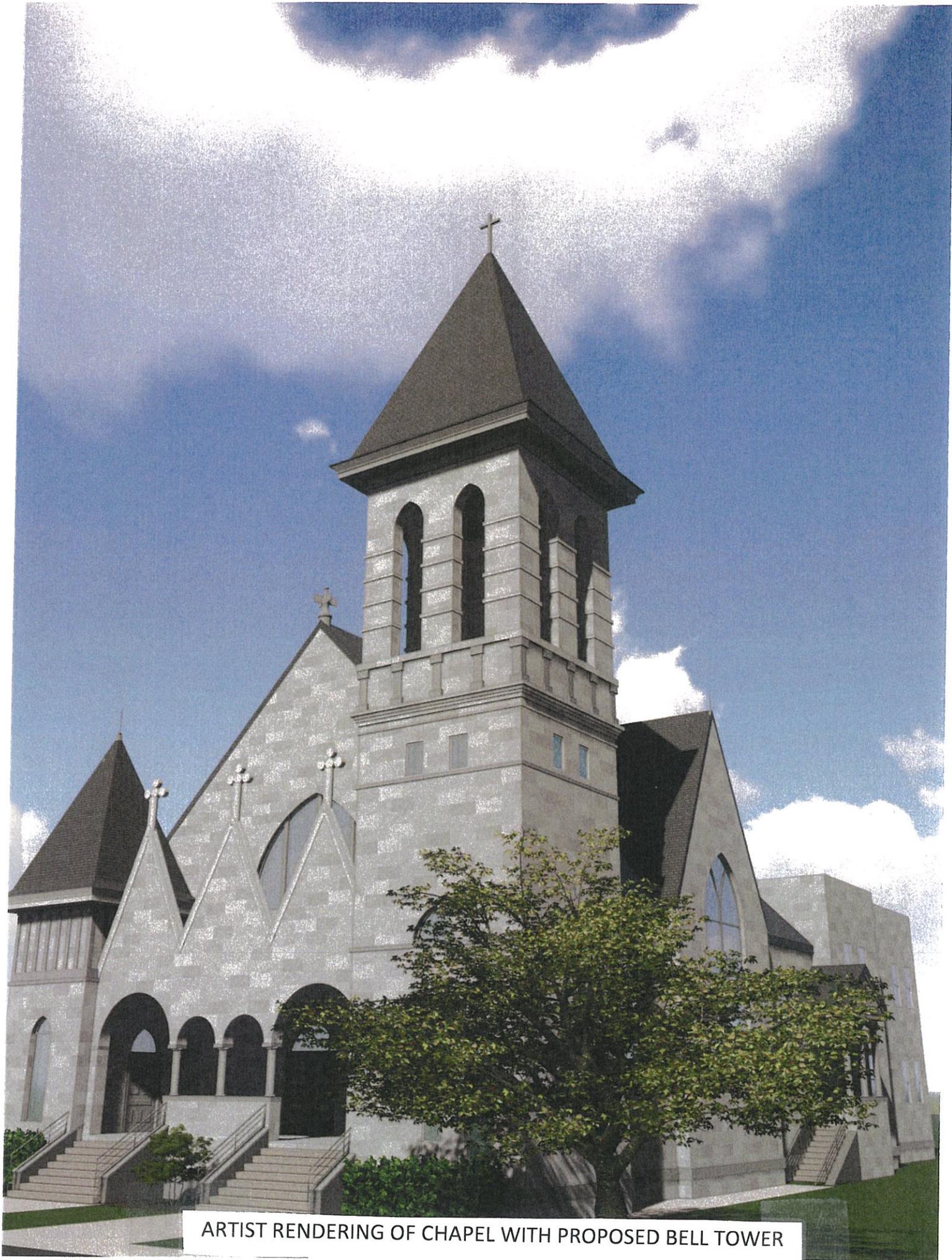
SCALED DRAWING OF PROPOSED BELL TOWER ADDITION

FRONT EXTERIOR ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

BELL TOWER FOR:  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MARIETTA**

148 CHURCH STREET  
MARIETTA, GA 30060



ARTIST RENDERING OF CHAPEL WITH PROPOSED BELL TOWER

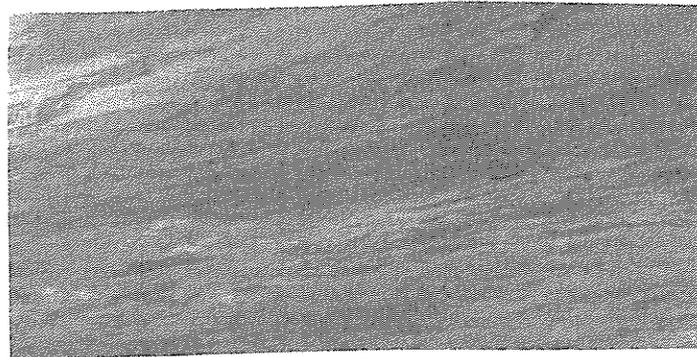
**Exhibit D – Measurements**

1. The bell tower will be 14'-0" square to match that of the existing tower base.
2. The new construction portion of the tower will be 40'-0" high.
3. The combined total height of the tower including the existing base and the new construction from grade-line will be 82'-0". (Maximum height allowed in CBD is 85'-0".) If allowed by the Zoning Regulations, a cross will be added to the top of the roof extending the height by an additional 10'-0".

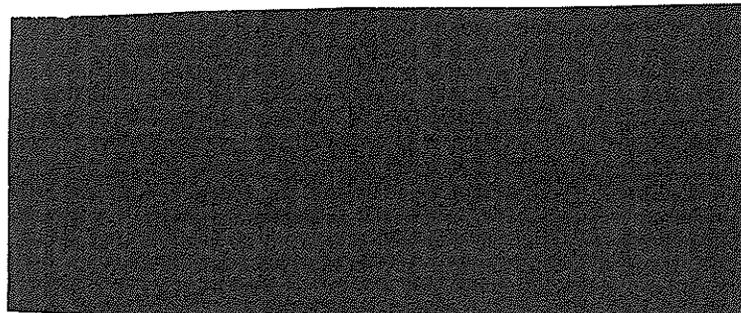
**Exhibit E – Colors**

CORNICE AND TRIM PAINT COLOR

STONE



SHINGLES



## **PART TWO OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL - PROPOSED PAINTING OF BRICK BUILDING BEHIND CHAPEL**

### **Exhibit A – Background**

1. In the 1920's approximately 25 years after the construction of the original Sanctuary, now the Chapel, a three story building addition was constructed and faced with a combination of stone (first floor) and tan brick veneer (second and third floors).
2. As a component of the current building renovation project, the brick veneered second and third floors will undergo refurbishing to improve structural stability and water tightness. To accomplish this endeavor, some of the brick will require removal and replacement with new brick. However, attempts to find a new replacement brick matching the existing in color and texture have been unsuccessful.
3. In order to provide a uniform color and texture for the repaired brick façade, we propose to coat both the new and existing brick with an elastomeric waterproof coating creating a uniform color and texture.

### **Exhibit B – Photographs**

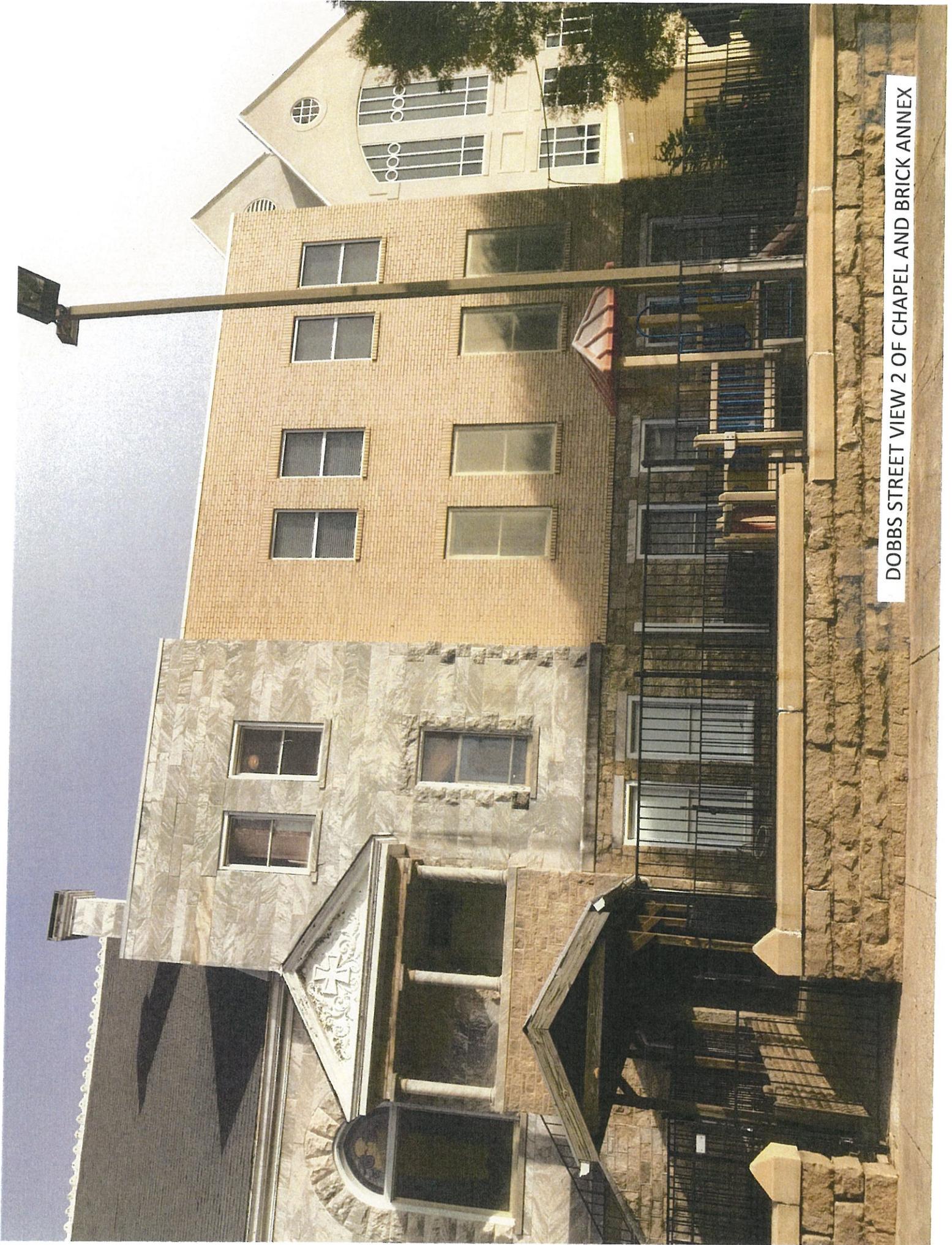
1. Dobbs Street View 1 of Chapel and Brick Annex
2. Dobbs Street View 2 of Chapel and Brick Annex
3. Dobbs Street View 3 of Brick Annex and Welcome Center

### **Exhibit C – Material Color**

1. The proposed coating color will match the adjoining Welcome Center Building stucco color.



DOBBS STREET VIEW 1 OF CHAPEL AND BRICK ANNEX



DOBBS STREET VIEW 2 OF CHAPEL AND BRICK ANNEX



DOBBS STREET VIEW 3 OF BRICK ANNEX AND WELCOME CENTER