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Brentsville Union, ~~Church of Brentsville~~
Pentecostal, Church is located on a 50'x50'
part of the "old tavern lot," a 3-acre
parcel set aside when the town of
Brentsville was laid out in 1820.

The 22' x 34' wooden frame church rests
on a stone foundation. It is covered in 5½-inch-
lap ^{previously painted white, and} sheath ~~boards~~ has a moulded cornice,
a plain wide frieze, cornerboards and
gable returns. ~~The~~ Atop the roof is a 'frame-built
gable roofed belfry having bracketed corners
but possibly having lost some of its ornamentation.
The large 7/2 sliding sash windows
across the front and along each side have
bracketed hoods and are flanked by
green-painted shutters. The front entrance
likewise ~~is~~ has a moulded, bracketed
cornice, or hood on brackets. The ~~two~~
double door has two ~~per~~ moulded panels
per door, the upper panel with a
circular arch. There is a three-light
overhead above the door. The door has
mortice locks, a metal knob and metal
face plate.

Inside is a large, high-ceilinged
room with plaster walls painted blue-green
and ^{wider} plain, box ^{with a single bead,} trim painted brown.

^{gran.} Four ~~hanging~~ ^{drop} light fixtures hang from
the ceiling. There is a hole in the east wall

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for a stovepipe. The wide baseboards show the former locations of the pews, which have all been removed. Some, ~~if~~ if not all, (14 total) of the brown-painted crudely-made simply-decorated pews are piled onto the 8½-foot-wide platform at the rear.

The remains of an old, 3-foot-high, 14-foot-long moulded rail with a square, moulded post and turned balusters ^{are} stored at the front of the church. The floors are rather wide tongue-and-groove pine, needing some repair. ~~and~~ the plaster walls are cracked as is the ceiling. Some of the floor joists may be damaged. Some of the window panes are missing.

This is one of the most interesting late-19th century churches in Prince William County: It has most of the early architectural and exterior decorative features intact. It is located in a town that also retains much of its historical and aesthetic qualities. The Park Authority is in the process of acquiring the church for inclusion in its historical recreational area.

The grounds need some work, and the building should be made weather and vandal-safe.

Church parcel,

7 denominations owned at one time -
7 diff trustees.

lot = 50' x 50'

drop light fixt.
would double front door.

