

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Southern Methodist Graduate Heads A&M Church of Christ

By FRANK AYRES

The Church of Christ is located one block north of the Main Post Office on Main and Church Avenue, North Gate. James Fowler, pastor, came to College Station 19 months ago from Dallas.



MR. JAMES F. FOWLER, minister, Church of Christ

Sunday services at the Church of Christ are as follows:
Bible Classes—9:45 a. m.
Worship—10:45 a. m.
Young People's Meet—6:15 p. m.
Evening Worship—7:15 p. m.
Wednesday night meetings are held at 7:15.

Rev. Fowler and his family live in the building adjoining the church. He has a son five years old and a two-year old daughter.

Both Rev. Fowler and his wife graduated from Abilene Christian College. He did graduate work and received his Master's degree from Southern Methodist University.

The property directly behind the Church of Christ Building has been purchased by the church as the site for a Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Fowler has a woodshop near the church where married students often work to make things for their homes. He teaches five Bible Courses in the college Department of Religious Education.

Baptist Church Fall Schedule Announced by Reverend Brown

By PHIL KOONCE

Rev. R. L. Brown, pastor, has announced the following schedule for the First Baptist Church for the fall semester:

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship, 10:15 a. m.
Training Union, 6:15 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7:15 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:25 p. m.
Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p. m.
A weekly social and recreation program will be announced at a later date.

The church is located at Main Street and Church Avenue, one block from the North Gate entrance.

Rev. R. L. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of College Station for the past 28 years, is the descendant of a long line of South Carolina farmers. He was



REV. R. L. BROWN, pastor, Baptist Church

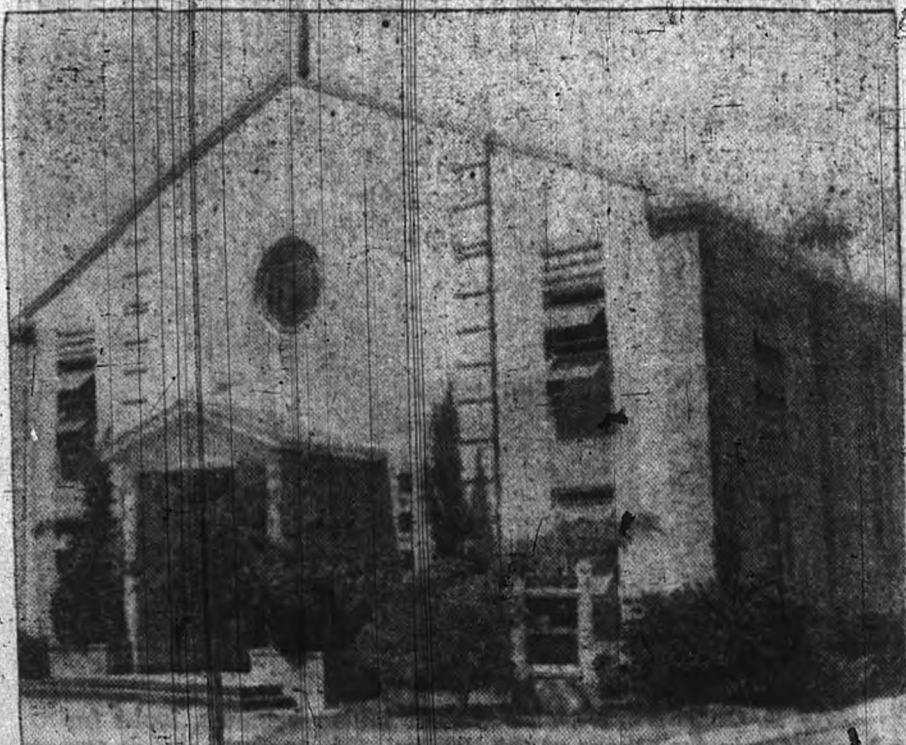
born one of seven children in Marlboro County, South Carolina. After receiving his high school diploma from the Bowie Creek Academy in 1911, he attended Wake Forest College. Upon graduation with an A.B. degree, he became superintendent of one of the state high schools near Raleigh, North Carolina.

He went from there to Louisville, Kentucky, where he attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He then attended Crozier Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, where he received his B.D. and M.A. degrees in 1919.

After spending a year as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, he was sent to College Station. Upon his arrival he set up a student religious program on the campus and conducted services in Guion Hall for three years until a church was built.

The intervening years have seen many changes in the growth of A&M and the Baptist Church. Under Rev. Brown's leadership the church is carrying on an active building program.

"We have no children," states Rev. Brown and Mrs. Brown, "except the thousands of students who have attended A&M College since we came here in 1920. We welcome the newcomers to College Station, and with their help we are looking for a still greater A&M. Welcome mats at the church, the church office, and at our home are always out for the help and benefit of A&M students."



BAPTIST CHURCH

College Station Churches Extend Welcome to Students

Three Ministers Assigned To Work at Methodist Church

The A&M Methodist Church is located at the North Gate. Rev. James F. Jackson, pastor, has announced the following schedule for the fall semester:

Sunday:
Sunday School—10 a. m.
Coffee Hour for Cadets 9:30 a. m.
Worship Service—11 a. m.
Evening Youth Service—7 p. m.

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An open house will be held at the Methodist Church at 8 p. m. each Wednesday for students and others who want to attend, Rev. Jackson said.

Rev. Jackson was born in Cordova, Georgia. He attended Mercer College in Georgia where he acted as student minister for several churches. Majoring in Christianity, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1934.

He received a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1936 from Duke University and spent a year at University of Edinburgh, Scotland working toward his Ph.D. degree.

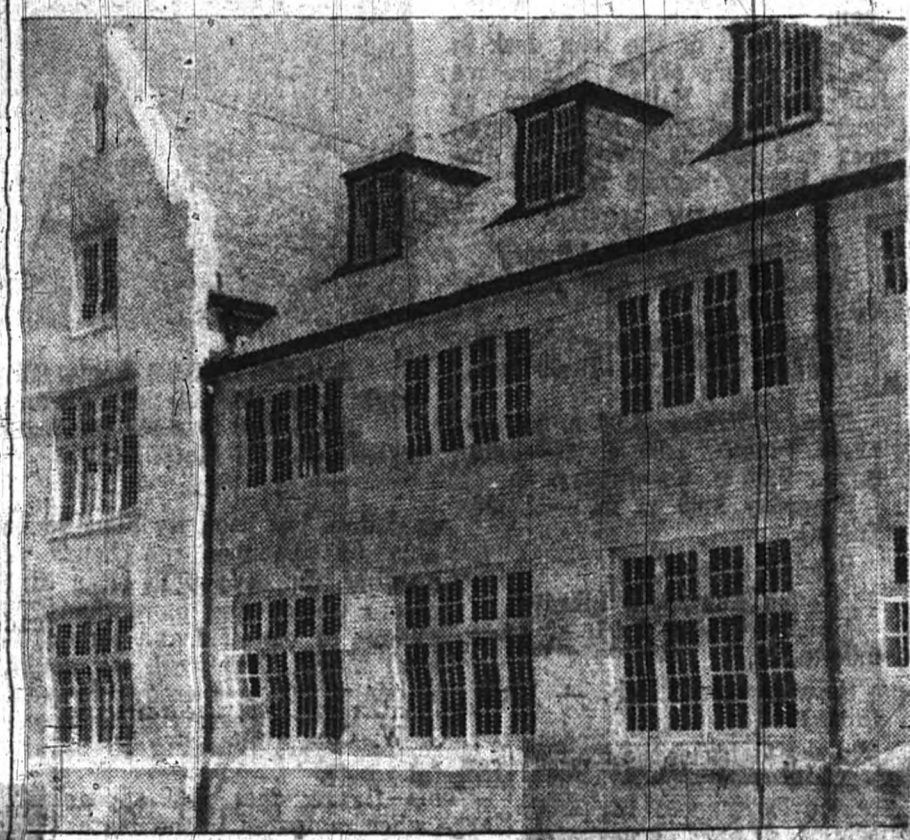
After returning to the United States, he married the former Miss Helen Thompson of Swainboro, Georgia. They have a daughter, Virginia, eight years old, and a son, Jim, Jr., who is two years old.

Rev. Jackson has been at College Station 15 months. His assistant, Rev. Asbury Lennox, has been assigned to work with cadets at the Annex.

Rev. Ferns Baker, from SMU, will arrive here soon to direct the Wesley Foundation. He will teach the Bible courses and work with married veterans and young adults.



REV. J. F. JACKSON, pastor, Methodist Church



Two Masses Will Be Held Each Sunday at St. Mary's Chapel

By H. C. MICHALAK

Sunday Masses will be held at St. Mary's Chapel, located at the North Gate, at 8:30 and 10 a. m. Confessions will be heard each Saturday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 and also before Mass on Sunday morning.

In addition, a mass will be said each Wednesday morning at 6:45.



REV. T. J. VALENTA, chaplain, St. Mary's Chapel

A&M Christian Church Group Meet in YMCA

By BUDDY LUCE

The Christian Church, newly organized on the A&M campus, is making progress in religious activity.

The new Christian Church building, now under construction in the West Park area, is well under way despite the shortage of construction materials. Dedication of the new church building is expected some time in October.

Pending completion of the new church building, Christian services are held in the YMCA Chapel each Sunday morning. Sunday School is at 9:45 and preaching at 11:00. The Sunday School is divided into three groups—cadets, veterans and wives, and older people.

In addition to the new church building, one of the recently sold college dwellings was purchased to be used for a parsonage. A pastor should be on hand to occupy the house by September 1, according to Dean C. N. Sheppardson, active member of the church.

"During the regular school term, the Newman Club has various social and religious functions on schedule which will be announced from time to time and all Catholic students are encouraged to participate," Rev. Gleissner said.

Smiling, cheerful, good natured Rev. T. J. Valenta is assistant pastor to Rev. J. B. Gleissner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bryan, as well as having the extra job of chaplain for the Aggies at St. Mary's Chapel at College Station.

Rev. T. J. Valenta, better known to the boys at Father Tim, was born in Jarrell, Texas in 1908. He has the distinctive honor of having two brothers who are priests also.

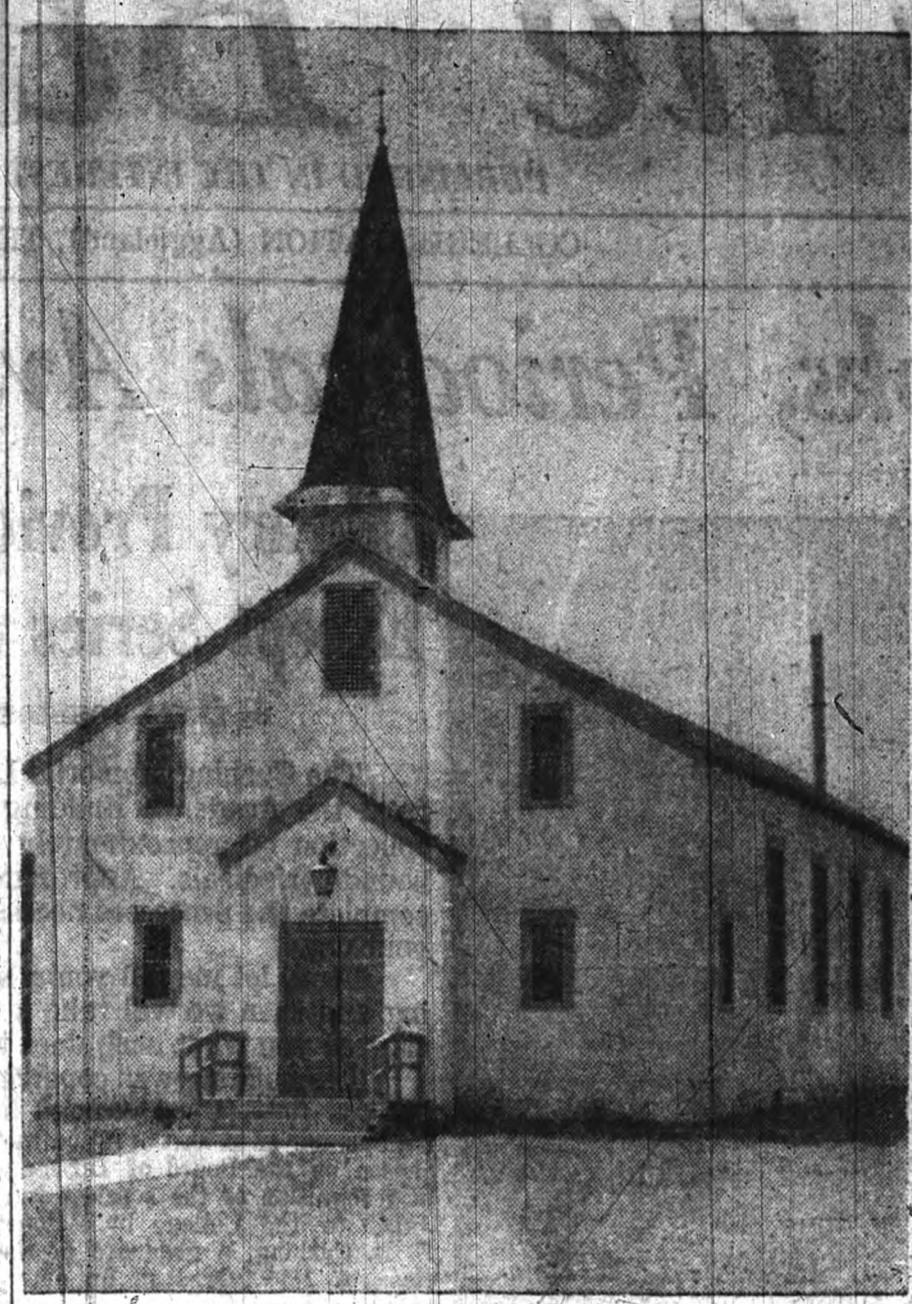
Father Tim attended St. Mary's Seminary at La Porte and was ordained in May, 1933. While at St. Mary's he was a star football player, holding down the fullback position on his team. In addition, he also played baseball, basketball, and participated in track events.

Since coming to Bryan 15 years ago on his first assignment, Father Tim has continually taken over more of the work of the parish as Rev. Gleissner has advanced in age. At present the task of ministering to the needs of the students at A&M is growing, and present plans call for the erection of a new chapel, pastor's residence and recreation hall to replace St. Mary's Chapel, when funds are available. When this building program is accomplished, Father Tim will devote his entire time and energy to working with the Aggies.

For hobbies, Father Tim likes art, music, and garden work. Also he is very fond of his big comic dog, Cap, which was given to him several years ago by a student.

Rev. Gleissner, 83 years old, who has been a pastor in Bryan nearly 45 years says that "I am myself a self appointed fish because I have been here so long. When he came to Bryan as pastor of St. Joseph's, he acted as chaplain for the Aggies, and at his first service there were only six men."

"The only thing that keeps me from getting old," explained the elderly clergyman, "is the fact that I come out here to see the boys every once in awhile and after talking with a few of them I get the feeling that I am not so old after all, just sort of ancient."



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Recently-Built Presbyterian Church Located at North Gate

The recently erected Presbyterian Church is located at the North Gate. Rev. Norman Anderson, head of the Department of Education here since 1930, is pastor.

Choir and prayer meetings are held at the Presbyterian Church at 7 p. m. on Wednesdays.

The schedule of Sunday services are as follows:

Sunday School—10 a. m.
Church Services—11 a. m.
Evening Services—7:15 p. m.
High School League—6:20 p. m.
Agricultural League—6:30 p. m.

Rev. Anderson graduated from high school in San Antonio and attended the University of Texas, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy.

After two years as minister of the Presbyterian Church at Taff, Texas, he was transferred to College Station in 1932.

He and his wife have three children. Mary Evelyn, 2 years of age, is a graduate of the University of Texas. Norman Jr., 19 years of age, played football and basketball for College Station Consolidated. Fred, 13 years of age, is in school at A&M Consolidated.

Anderson is interested in genetics and after seven years of experimentation, has developed his own hybrid chicken.

He believes that the contact and association through the dormitory is responsible for the spirit that prevails at A&M.



LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER

Lutheran Student Center Open Daily for Student Visitors

The Lutheran Student Center of College Station is located at Main and Cross Streets, North Gate. Rev. Fred Mgebroff, pastor, said the center would be open daily from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. for the convenience of students.

Two units of the Student Center have been completed and a third, the chapel, is expected to be added later, Rev. Mgebroff said.

The Sunday service at the Lutheran Student Center are:

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School Bible Class.
10:45 a. m.—Worship Service.
6:45 p. m.—Evening Bible

Study for students with luncheon.
7 p. m.—Evening Worship Service.

The Lutheran Student Association will meet every Wednesday night at the Center. Meetings will be held at the Center on Friday nights for all Lutherans, and guest speakers will be invited, Rev. Mgebroff said.

A social open house will be held every Saturday night and refreshments will be served.

Rev. Mgebroff came to College Station with his wife and 12-year-old daughter in July, 1947. Born in Bremen, he graduated from Texas Lutheran College at Seguin and did Seminary work at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

He was ordained in 1932 and served at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clifton, Texas five and one half years. He was later transferred to Zion Lutheran Church near Brenham before coming to College Station.

Lutheran religious services are now held in the recreation room of the Student Center. The chapel, when constructed, will complete the center, Rev. Mgebroff said.

Center facilities include a kitchen, lounge room, and recreation room.



REV. FRED MGEBROFF, pastor, Lutheran Church

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Schedule Announced for Fall

St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel is located across the drill field from Duncan Hall. Services have been announced by Rev. O. G. Helvey as follows:

Sunday:
Holy Communion—9 a. m.
Church School—9:45 a. m.
Aggie Coffee Club—9:45 a. m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon—11 a. m.

Evening Prayer—6:30 p. m.
Young People's Service League—Following evening prayer.
Young people's fellowship—Following evening prayer.

Rev. Helvey was born in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, and attended Castle Heights Military Academy and Tech High School in Austin, Georgia, before entering Central High in Houston.

He attended the University of the South at Seawee where he played tackle and fullback on the football team for four years, being all-conference fullback one year. He also played basketball and lettered four years in track. He graduated in 1927 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology.

Rev. Helvey entered the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Virginia, after leaving Seawee and received a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1931.

Upon leaving the Seminary he was appointed Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Houston and after two and one-half years was transferred to Nacogdoches where he was Rector of Christ Church for nine years.

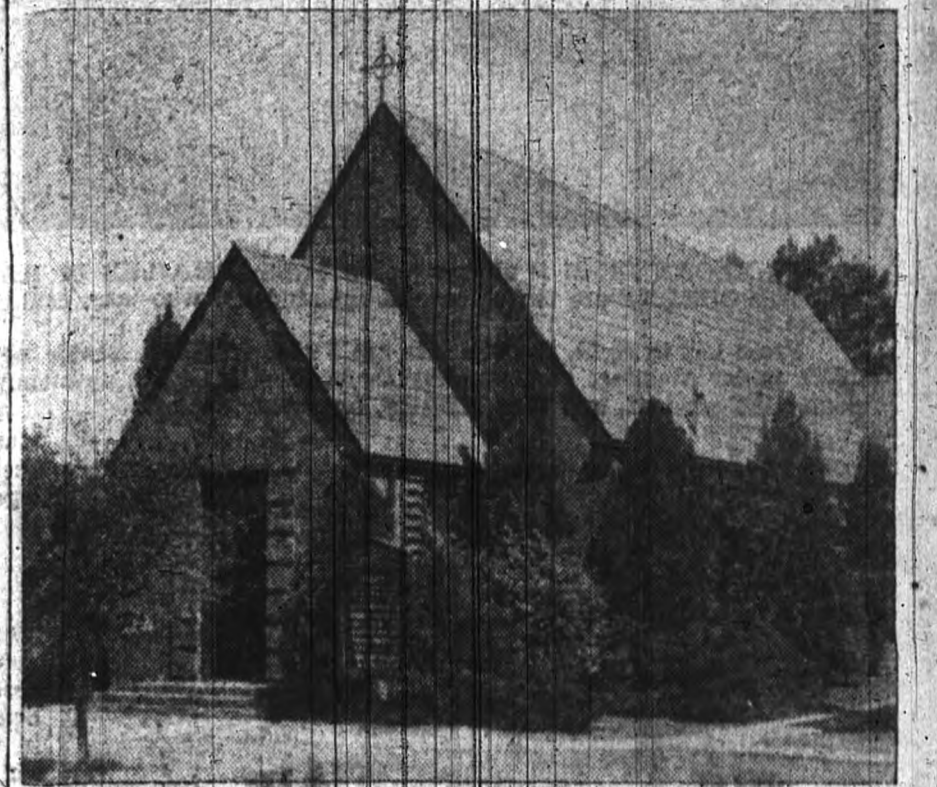
Rev. Helvey entered the Naval Chaplains Corps with rank



REV. O. G. HELVEY, vicar, St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel

of Lieutenant in 1942. He served with the Navy in Algeria nine months and later served in the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns. In 1933 he married the former Miss Earlene Gunn of Houston. They have three sons: Orin Jr., 14; Clinton, 12; and Stuart, 10.

Rev. Helvey has been Rector of St. Thomas Chapel since 1945.



ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHAPEL

Jewish Faith Services Held In 'Y' Chapel

Sponsor of the religious services held on the campus.

Jewish Services are held every Friday at 7:15 p. m. in the YMCA Chapel and at the Annex. Two students from the Main Campus conduct services at the Annex.

A cultural meeting of the A&M branch of the National Hill Foundation is held each Wednesday at 7:15 p. m. Guest speakers are invited to attend the cultural meetings. Cultural meetings are held on the Main Campus one week and at the Annex the next.

All Jewish religious holidays are celebrated on the campus, and a spring dance is held every year.

Mrs. Esther Tauberman is director of the A&M branch of the National Hill Foundation and



REV. NORMAN ANDERSON, pastor, Presbyterian Church



ST. MARY'S CHAPEL