

Churches Extend Welcome to Aggies

At local churches the welcome mat is always out for the Aggies. Almost all have special services and organizations for Aggies and other young people of the community and many of the larger churches have men working solely with the students.

During the school year Wednesday night is always set aside for religious meetings, and one night of Freshman Week — Saturday, Sept. 10 — has been designated as church night.

J. Gordon Gay, secretary of the

YMCA, will be master of ceremonies at the meeting, which will be held at the Grove. The program will include a short speech by the corps chaplain and introduction of local ministers. Afterwards students will be invited to go to the church of their choice and get acquainted with their ministers and with other students of the same faith.

Here, briefly, is some information about the student programs offered at College Station and Bryan churches. The full schedule of

services is in The Battalion each week.

A&M Methodist Church

The Methodist student movement on the campus is the Wesley Foundation. The program of activities, designed to promote fellowship and training in churchmanship, includes worship, recreation, drama, community projects and many other activities. First among its objectives is "that the student become a part of the Christian fellowship which exists at A&M."

The Rev. Mr. Robert C. Monk

is director of the Wesley Foundation, and the Rev. Mr. Nolan Vance is minister of the church.

St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel

A wide and comprehensive program in which every student can participate according to his ability and interest is scheduled for the Canterbury Association, the Episcopal student club, for this coming year, according to the Rev. Mr. Robert L. Darwall, vicar and chaplain to students. This program includes:

(1) A general meeting of the

Canterbury Association, held each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. This begins with student-led Evening Prayer, and the program includes speakers, discussions, fellowship and entertainment.

(2) A service of Holy Communion followed by breakfast for students at 6:30 a.m. each Wednesday morning.

(3) Lay readers and acolytes training groups, members of which serve at the chapel services.

(4) A monthly "Bishop's Night" at which time one of the several bishops in Texas is the featured guest and speaker at a parish and student supper.

(5) Confirmation classes and study groups which lead to Confirmation in the church.

College Heights Assembly of God
The Christ Ambassadors is the group for student members of the Assembly of God Church, which is located on Old Highway 6 in College Station.

The Christ Ambassadors meet every Sunday at 6:45 p.m. The meetings feature musical programs, testimony services, games, socials and informative programs.

First Baptist Church

Baptist Aggies will discover that their home away from home is the Baptist Student Union, which is located at North Gate. The BSU is under the direction of Cliff Harris and sponsors many activities for students during the year, including vesper services each night at 7.

On registration day, the Union will have a booth outside the registration hall, where students can become acquainted with BSU leaders. They will receive literature explaining the Baptist Training Union, which meets each Sunday at 6:15 p.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

The Lutheran student movement on the campus is known as the Lutheran Student Association; it meets each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. The meetings, presided over by President Bernard Halverson, include worship, study and recreation. They are held in the Lutheran student center at Main and Cross Streets beyond North Gate.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas H. Swygert is pastor of the church.

Hillel Foundation
The Hillel Foundation, Jewish student organization, holds cultural meetings at 7:15 every Wednesday night in the Memorial Student Center. Mrs. J. J. Taubenhaus is in charge of the group.

Members enjoy movies, lectures, forums and discussions. Throughout the year the group observes the Jewish holidays.

Christian Science Society

The headquarters for the Christian Science Society is at Boyett and Patricia Streets in College Station.

Of interest to students will be the testimonial meetings of the Christian Science Organization held at 8 p.m. each Wednesday.

Church of Christ

Robert E. Davidson will devote his time to work with A&M students and other young people. He will teach an Aggie Bible class at 9:45 a.m. Sunday at the YMCA and will be in charge of the young people's training class at 6:15 p.m. at the church.

Students will also meet at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday for prayer meeting and training. Social meetings will be held once each month.

Bethel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

The Rev. Mr. William C. Peterson is the pastor of the Bethel Lutheran Church, which is at 800 S. College Avenue in Bryan.

The Walther Club, student organization, meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Memorial Student Center.

These meetings are usually devoted to study, but the Walther Club also plans social activities during the year. At the meetings students discuss the Bible and problems of interest to them.

A&M Presbyterian Church

The Sunday program at the Presbyterian Student Center begins with breakfast at 9 a.m. Then Aggie Bible classes and couples' classes meet at 9:45. Worship as a part of the congregation of the church is at 11 a.m.

The Presbyterian Student League, staffed by student officers, meets from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. Thoughtful student discussions, challenging personalities from world mission fields, interesting

movies, and stimulating worship in scripture, hymns and prayer make these hours meaningful.

Wednesday evenings are primarily devoted to Christian fellowship. These meetings are from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Diversified recreational facilities, a free lending library, and picnic grounds are always available for students' use. The minister to students, the Rev. Charles G. Workman, and the pastor, the Rev. Norman Anderson, are ready at all times to help the students.

A&M Christian Church

Student members of the A&M Christian Church have their own organization, the Disciple Student Fellowship, which meets at 5 p.m. each Sunday.

Twice a month the members have debates, forums, or discussions. Each month the club hears a speech on some controversial subject, and one meeting each month is devoted to fellowship and games.

St. Mary's Catholic Chapel

Catholic students at A&M will have two organizations open to them, the Newman Club and the Knights of Columbus Student Council.

The Newman Club covers three fields: intellectual, religious and social.

In the first line the group sponsors lectures by the local priests and visitors to the campus, and also plans group discussions. Each year the club observes national Newman Day.

Members of the club act as ushers in the chapel, serve mass, and teach the young children. The organization sponsors the pamphlet rack outside the chapel.

The social activities begin with the freshman reception. Throughout the year there are dances, wienner roasts, skating parties and other events.

The Knights of Columbus Council here is the only student council in Texas at a non-denominational school. The council sponsors many worthwhile activities, and membership gives students valuable experience in KC work.

Catholic students have a priest to work especially with them. He is Father Charles Elmer, who lives in the Catholic Student Center.

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