

Editor's Note: During the 1960s and 1970s, the time during which this marker was approved, the process for obtaining a Texas Historical marker was much more informal than it is now. Substantial research and writing was done at the State level, and not necessarily forwarded from local communities, as it is today.

The following images are the only documentation regarding this marker contained in the marker files of the Texas Historical Commission. Although not as detailed as the materials associated with other markers, they are presented in the event they may be of some interest to readers.

Interested parties should consult the Carnegie Center of Brazos Valley History, Bryan , Texas, for further research on this subject.

With regard to the Methodist Church congregation that is the subject of this particular marker, see also the research materials associated with the marker for the "First Methodist Church of Bryan" on this website.

September, 2008



TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 12276 CAPITOL STATION AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711
TRUETT LATIMER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

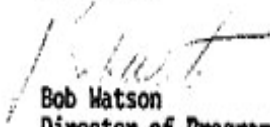
March 18, 1976

Mrs. Walter M. Young
Box 3976
Bryan, TX 77801

Dear Mrs. Young:

The State Marker Committee has ruled on the acceptability of the private marker for the Site of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of Bryan. I am happy to inform you that their ruling was a favorable one. This means that the plaque is now considered an Official Texas Historical Marker and will be listed in future issues of the Guide to Official Texas Historical Markers.

Sincerely,


Bob Watson
Director of Programs

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cc: Mr. Walter C. Jones

PRIVATE MARKER

Request for approval as an "Official Texas Historical Marker"

Evaluation of the marker for the
"Site of the Original Building of
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,
OF BRYAN, TEXAS...."

The marker text describes a church organization which, although existent in earlier years, erected its first building in 1869. The organization or religious body seems to take precedence with THC, but with the persons who planned and wrote this marker, the church site was the featured item. A church has stood on the site for 107 years, and therefore the matter is of considerable value to the people of Bryan.

If THC had been fabricating such a marker, the angle of approach would have been different. THC would have emphasized the age of the congregation first and the age of the site as of its continuous occupancy by the church -- or by the several successive meetinghouses of the church body -- would have been a secondary matter.

THC would also have shown the year of the erection of the marker.

Otherwise the marker is useful in giving one facet of Bryan history. It is not seriously defective.

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: Director of Research

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Administrative Evaluation:

Recommended approval (B) 3-3-76

RECOMMENDATION OF SMC MEMBER:

Signature, SMC Member

Date

February 18, 1976

Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Latimer:

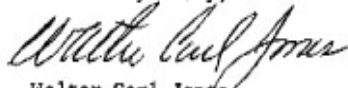
Attached are the history, pictures, and other papers necessary for the approval of a privately cast marker for the United Methodist Church in Bryan. This was discussed with Mr. Bob Watson on Thursday, February 12, 1976.

Our Committee was not properly informed about the necessity of having the markers cast through the commission until just a few years ago and we have two or three others that were privately cast that we will probably submit for approval at a later date.

If my signature is needed on any other documents, Mrs. Walter Young has authority to sign my name by her.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this matter.

Yours very truly,



Walter Carl Jones
Chairman, Brazos County
Historical Committee

WCJ:nr
Attachments

A Word of Welcome

We take this opportunity to welcome those of you who are visiting with us today. In order to know who you are, we ask you to please sign a Visitor Card (available in the pew) and place it in the offering plate. If you are now living in the Bryan - College Station area and your Church Membership is in another city, we cordially invite you to join our fellowship.

Sunday's Schedule

Worship Services 8:45, 10:55 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
 Church School (for all ages) 9:45 a.m.
 United Methodist Youth Fellowship (grades 7-12)
 Snack Supper 6:00 p.m. - Program 6:30 p.m.

The United Methodist Women meet in a general meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Between September and May the UMW has active groups of Bible Studies - Contemporary Study - Sewing For Others - Creative Arts - Volunteers in Action - and, Kitchen Hostesses. All women are welcome.

The Music Ministry seeks to reach all ages. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at seven-thirty. Chords for children and youth are active September through May.

The Goodfellowship Group (senior citizens) meets on the first Wednesday at ten in the morning. A covered dish luncheon follows games and fellowship. On other Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. the group meets for fellowship and games.

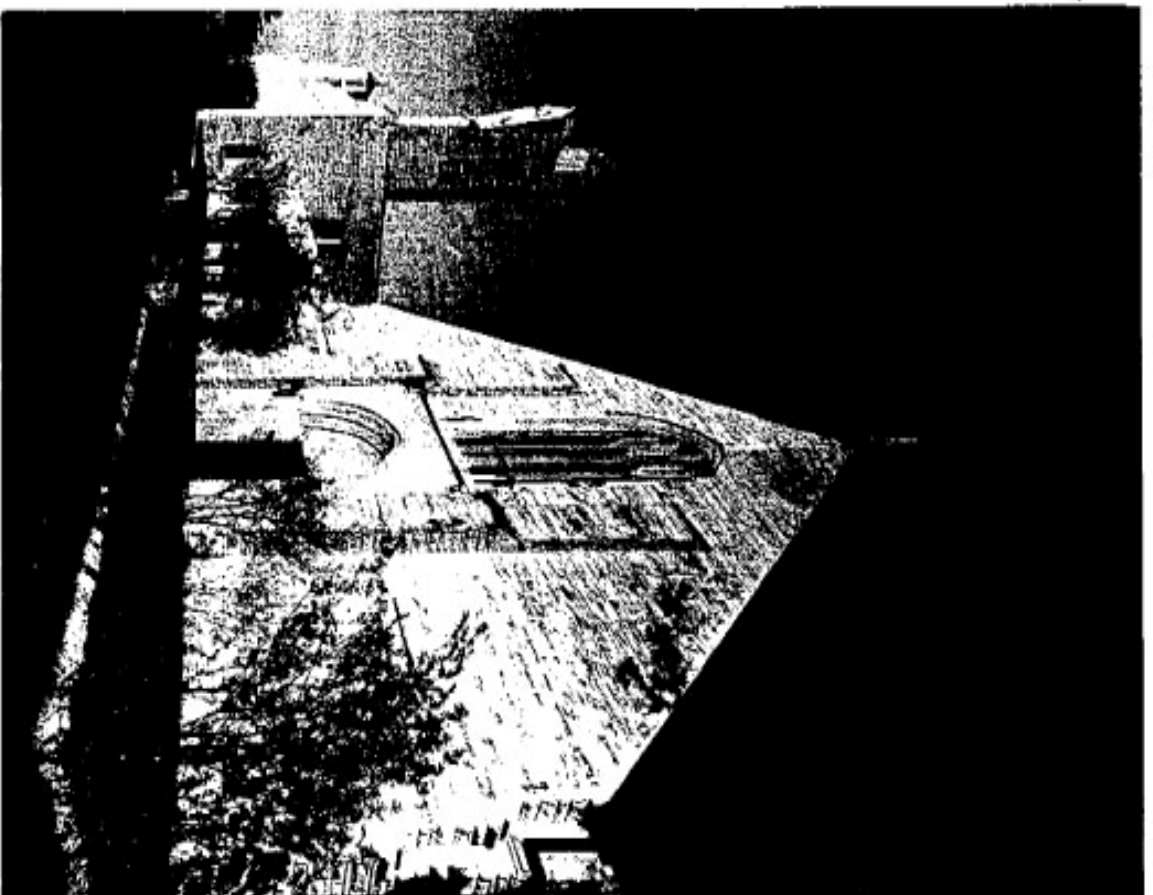
A Pre-School program runs during the school year. Three year olds meet each Tuesday and Thursday (9:00 - 11:30 a.m.). Four year olds meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (9:00 - 11:30 a.m.). The Mother's Day Out Program is available on Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For further information on any of these programs call the Church office 779-1324.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Carroll Fancher	Pastor
Harrel Dunnam	Pastor
Charlotte R. Wells	Educational Director
Mrs. Jim L. Beard	Youth Director
James Matheny	Music Director
Ruth L. Borman	Organist
Mrs. Harry Arthur	Church Secretary
Mrs. E. E. Allen	Financial Secretary
Rev. and Mrs. Frits Jeffery	Missionaries
Miss Andra Paulos	Campus Minister

Competent Nursery Workers available for Church activities as needed.



First United Methodist Church
 Bryan, Texas
 PRESENT SANCTUARY

MORNING WORSHIP

8:45 and 10:55
February 15, 1976

Prelude — "Prelude and Toccata in A Flat" Sara A. Davis
Call to Worship
*Hymn — "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" 1
*Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed 738

Children's Sermon
Old Testament Lesson — Jeremiah 10:1-7 673

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, have mercy upon us for delinquent loyalties, limping progress, and deliberate disobedience. Forgive us for broken vows, unfulfilled promises, and shattered ideals. Pardon us for being too busy with trifles to lay hold on things eternal. Strengthen us that we may put away all hurtful things and steadfastly endeavor to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Solo — "Giving" Burroughs
Mala Farmer 8:45
Anthem — "Lord God of Sabbath" K.K. Davis
Sanctuary Choir 10:55
New Testament Lesson — Mark 5:24b-34 37
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Choral Response
Informal Moments
Offertory Prayer
Offertory — "Bread and The Book" W.B. Hunt
*Doxology
*Hymn — "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound!" 92
Sermon — "Who Touched Me?" Carroll Fancher
*Hymn — "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" 217
*Reception of Members
*Benediction
*Chorla Patri
Postlude

***** Ushers will seat those waiting
* Congregation will please stand

EVENING WORSHIP

7:30

Prelude
Hymn Sing 223, 215, 175
Scripture Reading — Genesis 24:58-67 20
Pastoral Prayer
Prayer Hymn — "Sweet Hour of Prayer" 275
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory
Solo — "Jesus is The Answer" Paul Whitt
Sermon — "Stories From Genesis: Rebekah & Isaac" Harral Dunnam
Altar Moments
"Blest Be Thee That Binds"
Postlude

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 15
5:00 Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Council Room
6:00 U.M.Y.F. Snack Supper
6:30 U.M.Y.F.
8:30-10:00 Youth Building Open
Monday, February 16
10:00 Ladies Exer-dance Class, Youth Building
3:00 UMW Lydia Bible Study, Council Room
Tuesday, February 17
10:00 UMW Morning Bible Study, Council Room
10:00 UMW Contemporary Study, College and Career
Wednesday, February 18
9:30 Adult Bell Choir, Ashbury Choir Room
2:00 Goodfellowship
2:30 UMW Wesleyan Study, Council Room
3:30 Ashbury Choir, Ashbury Choir Room
3:30 Wesley Choir, Choir Room
6:00 Bible Study, Council Room
7:30 Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room
Thursday, February 19
10:00 Ladies Exer-dance Class, Youth Building
7:30 Tuscon Boys Chorus, First Presbyterian Church, Bryan.
Saturday, February 21
10:30 Teen-age Exer-dance Class, Youth Building
7:00 Charles E. Burleson Organ Recital

COMING EVENTS

February 23 — Council on Ministry
February 25 — Men's Oyster Supper
February 26 — Commission on Education

The rose is in honor of Murray Craig son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hafenkamp. The flowers are placed on the altar today by Mrs. Ralph Echols in loving memory of her mother Mrs. Bertha Shulenberg.
We extend our gratitude to Leanna Turbeville for serving as Choir Director and Philip Alexander for serving as organist this morning.

INSCRIPTION:

On this site stood the first building of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of Bryan, completed in September 1869 for less than \$500.00 on land given in 1861 by Houston and Texas Central Railroad. The first pastor, Rev. H.G. Horton was assigned to Bryan station in November 1868.

Earlier services were held by pioneer circuit riders including the Rev. H.B. Philpott who preached in The Theatrical Hall over a saloon.

The original frame building was replaced in 1902 by a brick structure which burned in 1906. Two years later a building of the same plan was erected on the original foundation. The present sanctuary was completed in 1951. The educational building added in 1954.

Ornamental Castings
Bryan

J.E. Flanders, Architect - 1902-1906
George Jenkins, Contractor - 1902
His last contract
C.E. Jenkins, Contractor - 1906

Information contained on
cornerstones supporting
bench.