



**ALL FAITHS CHAPEL/ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK
Site Medallion No. 37
4829 S. Carrier Parkway**

The All Faiths Chapel was originally dedicated on October 2, 1949 on the grounds of the Dallas Naval Air Station (and was assigned Facility No. 74). Bishop A. Danglemyer of Dallas and the 8th Naval District Chaplain, John P. Forsander shared in the dedication ceremony. The station newspaper described the little white clapboard chapel as follows: "The beautiful new chapel offers a haven for those, regardless of creed, to visit and render homage to their God." The Chapel was named in 1953 via a contest won by "Scratchy" Roark.

After nearly four decades of service to Navy Dallas, the building was scheduled for demolition in the late summer of 1985 to make way for a new brick structure. The old building was deemed too small and in need of major structural repair. Mary Berryhill who had played the organ in the small chapel for 18 years felt the church was "unsafe when the wind blows hard." Abe Clauser, a parishioner for over 25 years was sad to consider the chapel's demolition because "It's such a beautiful building. I'll really miss the vintage WWII design."

Fortunately, the building was donated to St. Joseph's Episcopal Church and was relocated to Grand Prairie in 1985, instead of being demolished. It has served as the sanctuary for St. Joseph's, located at 4829 S. Carrier Parkway, since that time.

The original structure was approximately 53 feet long, 36 feet wide and 12 feet in height (plus the steeple at the front). The exterior walls were originally white clapboard siding, with long side windows and a circular window at the rear. A front portico was supported by four square wood columns.