

## **FOREWARD**

**This collection of Knoxville Journal (TN) articles was begun in February 2020 for the purpose of making historical information available for the 90th Anniversary Celebration of North Knoxville Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN. The Celebration was scheduled for March 29, 2000, but was cancelled because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The church was founded January 19, 1930.**

**This is a fairly complete set of articles published from 1930 through 1964 in the Knoxville Journal about North Knoxville Baptist Church. A few articles were omitted because they had no useful information concerning the history of the church. The search engine failed to find all files pertaining to the church, but no doubt it found the vast majority of them. All images were obtained by copying articles from a personal subscription of Newspapers by Ancestry. com. Some of the images, particularly photos, did not reproduce well when they were digitized for the website.**

**Some articles were modified by piecing them back together in a more readable format to fit the layout of the articles. Type sizes varied as well as sometimes being spread over several columns or pages, and photos were separated from articles. Also, a few of the referenced page numbers shown are sometimes off by one or two pages.**

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The Knoxville Journal  
Jan. 3, 1950, p. 14

**MOSES, RAYMOND WILLARD,** aged 34, of Riceville, Tenn., died at General Hospital at 7:15 p. m. Sunday. Survivors: widow, Mrs. Gertrude Moses; daughters, Joe Ann and Phyllis Moses; sons, Kenneth Edward and Ronald Willard Moses; father, John Moses. Funeral, 10 a. m. Tuesday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Pallbearers: Robert McGhee, Sam Morgan, Dossie Reed, Ross Currier, Perley Breedlove, Ed Hobby.

The Knoxville Journal  
Apr. 6, 1950, p. 26

**EASTERDAY, LEE ARTHUR,** age 63, of 1721 McSpadden Ave., died at General Hospital 2:20 a.m. Wednesday. Survivors: widow, Mrs. Ida Love Easterday; daughters, Mrs. Harvey Moses; Mrs. Frank Grant, all of Knoxville; sons, Jess of Nashville; Ben H. and Arthur C. Easterday of Knoxville; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral 3 p.m. Thursday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment Glenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers: Edwin Smith, Edward McDaniels, Herbert Vandergriff, H. Earl Turner, Charles West, Jake Easterday. The body is at the home. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Feb. 18, 1950, p. 8

**AUXILIARY HAS BANQUET**  
The Young Women's Auxiliary of North Knoxville Baptist Church had a "Focus Week" banquet last night at the home of Mrs. Blanche Redden, 735 West Oakhill Avenue. Mrs. B. M. Beeler was chairman of the program.

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The Knoxville Journal  
June 24, 1950, p. 4



**NORTH KNOXVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**—Annual homecoming services will be held at an all-day program tomorrow at **North Knoxville Baptist** Church, pictured above. The program will include preaching, singing, and a picnic lunch. The Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger is pastor.

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## Baptist Church To Hold Homecoming

Annual homecoming services will be held at **North Knoxville Baptist** Church tomorrow in an all-day program, the Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor, said yesterday.

The day's program will begin with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., followed by Mr. Wolfenbarger's sermon, "Overcoming Temptation," at 11 a.m. A picnic lunch will be served at noon.



**Wolfenbarger**

The Rev. B. B. Dozier, a former pastor at the church, will preach during the afternoon services, which will include special music. Training union will begin at 6:30 p. m. and the day's program will close with the evening worship service and Lord's Supper starting at 7:45 p. m.

The church was founded Jan. 19, 1930 when residents of the community met at a home on Worth Street. At that time the nearest churches were Grove City Baptist, Virginia Avenue and Oakwood Baptist, Columbia Avenue. A one-room store building on Worth Street at Emerald Avenue was acquired, and the church was organized with seven members.

Attendance grew rapidly, and an increase in membership necessitated a larger building. The present building was built in 1932 on Oldham Avenue at Worth Street. The Rev. Jimmy Day was chosen first pastor. The new building for some time had a sawdust floor and was comprised of a large auditorium. Membership again began to increase and more room was required. A four-room house behind the church was recently purchased and four Sunday school classes now meet in it.

The building, which now has 13 rooms, provides a meeting place for different departments of the

church, including Baptist Training Union classes, Brotherhood, the Women's Missionary Union, and Sunday school classes.

But membership of the church has again increased. Plans for a new building started six years ago. At least \$500 had been set aside in 1944, one month before Mr. Wolfenbarger accepted the pastorate on Easter Sunday. Approximately \$14,000 has been solicited and plans for the new building are near completion.

A Boy Scout troop performs regular duties for the church as well as for the community. Organized two years ago through the efforts of Tom Cinnamon, a church member, the unit has more than 30 members. Clarence Riggs is scoutmaster.

The church's two-week Vacation Bible School now in progress will close next Friday, commencement exercises to be held July 2 at the church. Mr. Wolfenbarger is principal of the school.

Since Mr. Wolfenbarger assumed duties as pastor of the church, the Sunday School membership has more than doubled, and the church enrollment has increased by 276 members. Present membership is 750.

The church recently purchased a parsonage at 234 Emerald Avenue for \$7350 and also bought a piece of property adjoining the sanctuary.

Mrs. B. M. Beeler's Sunday school class, consisting of mothers, has been recognized by the church for having the largest attendance record every Sunday this year in the church.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Sept. 1, 1950, p. 22

**HICKS, MRS. MARY EVELYN,** 45, wife of Charles P. Hicks, of 2354 Woodbine Avenue, died suddenly late Wednesday night. She was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist** Church. She is survived by her husband; sisters, Mrs. V. L. McCallon of Knoxville; and Mrs. F. F. Butts of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mrs. Bertha Little of Rome, Ga.; brothers, J. B. Carden of Knoxville; and Fred Carden of Knoxville. Services Friday 1 p.m. at McCarty's Chapel, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in National Cemetery. Pallbearers: H. M. Dozier, C. R. Payne, Jack Burnett, Glenn Perry, George Nelson, Charles Redding. The body was taken to the home of her brother, J. B. Carden, 829 Morgan Street, N. E. late Thursday where family may be contacted. McCarty's in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Oct. 31, 1950, p. 16

**HUMPHRIES, JAMES BERNIE,** age 60, died Sunday, 2 p.m., St. Mary's Hospital. Residence 1604 Davanna Avenue. Member of Emerald Avenue Methodist Church. Employe of Brookside Mills for a number of years. Survivors: widow, Bessie Horton Humphries; daughters, Misses Jeannette and Geneva Humphries, Mrs. W. G. Carmichael, Mrs. David Smith, Mrs. Donald Sharp, Mrs. Carden Smith, Mrs. Gilbert Turner, all of Knoxville; Mrs. Adrian Walton, Oak Ridge; Mrs. William E. Daniels, Augusta, Ga.; son, Earl Humphries, Knoxville; mother, Mrs. Lottie Humphries; sisters, Mrs. Cameron Miller, Mrs. William Compton; brothers, Alfred and Walter Humphries; nine grandchildren, all of Knoxville. Funeral 2:30 p.m. Wednesday **North Knoxville Baptist** Church. Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. Jesse Bingham officiating. Interment Spring Place Cemetery. Active pallbearers: Charlie Warwick, Ed Campbell, Duard Sharp, R. E. Sharp, Lon Lindsay, C. J. Drinnen. Honorary: M. E. Holloway, Jake Easterday, Harve Welch, Raymond Petty, Mack McGhee, Charlie Whidbee, L. C. Weaver, Arthur Crane, Mitchell Smith, Albert Headrick. Body is at the home. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Dec. 27, 1950, p. 4



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN HENRY CONNER Jr.** who were married Sunday will make their home at Fort Devens, Mass., where the bridegroom is stationed with the Army. Mrs. Conner is the former Miss Rebecca Ann Maynard, daughter of Mrs. Laura Maynard, 899 Stewart Street, and Mr. C. H. Maynard of Maryville, Route 7. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conner Sr., 311 Black Oak Drive. The Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor of **North Knoxville Baptist** Church, officiated at the ceremony.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 17, 1951, p. 5

The Knoxville Journal  
Apr. 18, 1951, p. 18

## Church Planning Revival

Next week will be a busy time for both young and old members at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**



**Wolfenbarger**

as they prepare for a two-week revival starting Easter Sunday, the Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor, said yesterday.

All departments of the church will participate in meetings every night of the week. The meetings will be held in homes in the community.

The Women's Missionary Union will have charge of the program Monday night; Brotherhood, Tuesday night; Training Union, Thursday night; and the Sunday School, Friday night.

Mr. Wolfenbarger, who will conduct the revival, will speak on "Prayer" at the church next Wednesday night and he hopes to have an attendance of at least 200.

The church is on Oldham Avenue at Worth Street.

### LAKIN, BRENDA,

age 3 months daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lakin, 109 Drive 1, Western Heights, died at noon Monday. The body is at home of her grandmother, Mrs. G. N. Lakin, 225 West Woodland Avenue. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, with Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. George Myers officiating. Interment in Bookwalter Cemetery. Brewer's in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
May 5, 1951, p. 2

### CLARK, REV. WALTER ROSCOE,

age 64, 1517 Worth St., died at General Hospital 2:10 a.m. Friday. Member of the New Hope Baptist Church, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen No. 893, Charles McKinney Lodge No. 433, FGAM. Survivors: widow, Mrs. Willie Grace Clark; son, W. D. Clark; daughter, Mrs. Ralph Cabbage; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild, all of Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. Charles Ferguston, Wurtland, Ky. The body was taken to the home 5 p.m. Friday. Funeral 2 p.m. Sunday at Grove City Baptist Church, the Rev. F. M. Harbin and the Rev. Thurman Arnold officiating. Interment in Lynnhurst Cemetery. Pallbearers: Rex Roach, Burney Roach, Jack Roach, Garner Human, Roy McCoy, Will Taylor. Officers and members of Charles H. McKinney Lodge 433 FGAM will be honorary pallbearers. Rose in charge.

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The Knoxville Journal  
May 5, 1951, p. 2

## Death Claims Rev. Clark, Baptist Pastor

Rev. Walter R. Clark, 64, who had served as pastor of several churches in Knox and Anderson counties and also was employed as a yard conductor for the Southern Railway for 47 years, died 1:10 a. m. yesterday at General Hospital. While absent from his railway duties, Mr. Clark gave his attention to pastoral duties.



REV. CLARK

Clark retired as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church more than a year ago because of declining health. He was one of the builders of **North Knoxville Baptist** Church and was its first pastor. He had planned to retire as railway employe Aug. 26, when he would have been 65.

The minister was a member of Brotherhood of "Railway" Trainmen; Charles H. McKinney Lodge 433 F&AM; and of New Hope Baptist Church which he served last as pastor.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Willie Grace Clark; son, W. D. Clark; daughter, Mrs. Ralph Cabbage; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild, all of Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. Charles Coward, Wilmington, Ohio; Mrs. Charles Ferguson, Wurtland, Ky. The body was removed to the home, 1517 Worth Street, yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Sunday at Grove City Baptist Church with the Rev. F. M. Harbin and the Rev. Thurman Arnold officiating. Interment will be in Lynnhurst Cemetery.

The Knoxville Journal  
June 29, 1951, p. 26

**PACKETT, MRS. MARY C.**, age 82, widow of the late I. H. Packett, expired at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday at her home, 1513 Vann Street. Survivors: daughters, Mrs. H. C. Morell, Mrs. Cora Mitchell, Mrs. Martha Byrd; sons, L. V., E. S., E. P. Packett, all of Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. R. A. Hill, Greenback, Mrs. James Cox, Maynardville; 24 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren. The body is at the home. Funeral services at 2:30 p.m. Friday, **North Knoxville Baptist** Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Interment in Byrds Chapel Cemetery. Grandsons will be pallbearers. Brewer's in charge.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Sept. 1, 1951, p. 2

**SEAL, MRS. JOHNNIE MAPLES,** age 39, died Friday 10 a.m. Knoxville General Hospital. Resident 647 West Baxter Ave. Member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survivors: husband, D. H. Seal; daughters, Wanda and Mary Seal; son, Edward; father, J. W. Maples, all of Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. Irene Arnold of Harrisonville, Ohio; Mrs. Dale Smith of Rutland, Ohio; brothers, J. C. and Herman Maples of Knoxville; Bert Maples of Wichita Falls, Texas. Funeral service at 2 p.m. Sunday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, the Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, the Rev. Thurmond Arnold officiating. Burial in Strawberry Plains Cemetery. Body is to lie in state one hour before services. Pallbearers: J. W. Coile, C. J. Drinnen, R. C. Grant, C. B. Sheets, P. L. Beeler, and A. M. Wright, Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Nov. 8, 1951, p. 24

**ROLEN, CLAUDE RAYMOND,** age 42, died at his home, 7:30 West Emerald Ave., at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday. Member of the North Knoxville Baptist Church, was an employe of Chandler & Co. Survivors are widow, Mrs. Carrie Cannup Rolen; son, Claude Rolen Jr.; daughter, Patsy Rolen; mother, Mrs. Lucy Rolen; sister, Mrs. Bertie Marsh; granddaughter, Bunny Rolen, all of Knoxville. Funeral announcement later. Rose in charge. Funeral 3 p.m. Friday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, the Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and the Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. The body will be taken to the home 10 a.m. Friday. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Nov. 5, 1951, p. 18

**LEE, MRS. SARAH VIOLA KISER,** age 60, died at Fort Sanders Hospital, 1:30 a.m. Sunday. She resided at 1106 West 4th Avenue and was a member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Charles C. Lee; two daughters, Mrs. Harold Jenkins of Knoxville and Mrs. Clayton Frye of Washburn, Tenn.; sons, Leonard of Knoxville, Elmer of Toledo, Ohio and Cpl. Charles C. Lee Jr. of Fort Custer, Michigan; a sister, Mrs. Maggie Crye of Knoxville; a brother, Frank Kiser of Maryville; 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. The body will be taken home at 10 a.m. Monday. Funeral arrangements will be made later. Rose Funeral Home is in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Nov. 12, 1951, p. 16

**WRIGHT, MRS. NELLIE GLENN BREWER,** age 65, died at her home, 1610 Marion, member of the North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survivors: husband, James M. Wright; two daughters, Mrs. Blanche Redden, and Mrs. Frances Cinnamon, both of Knoxville, Mrs. Ruth Hutchins, and Mrs. Mary Overton, both of North Carolina; sons, Albert M., Luther E., and Frank G., all of Knoxville, Pvt. David Kyle Wright, US Army in Germany; sisters, Mrs. J. C. Daniel, Byington, Mrs. J. C. Jones, Kentucky, Mrs. B. B. Burnett, South Carolina, and Mrs. Edith Scharff, Knoxville; brothers, D. A. and M. H. Brewer; both of Knoxville, Clifford Brewer, Detroit, Mich.; 21 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren. Funeral 3 p.m. Tuesday North Knoxville Baptist Church; the Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and the Rev. Fred Harbin officiating. Interment in Bookwalter Cemetery. Deacons of North Knoxville Baptist Church will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be members of matrons Bible class of North Knoxville Baptist Church. The body is at the home. Rose in charge.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Dec. 2, 1951, p. 25

**SMITH, MRS. MAGGIE McANALLY,** age 57, died at her home 410 East Oldham Street at 7 p.m. Saturday. She was a member of East Oldham Baptist Church. Survivors: daughter, Mrs. Hazel Dyer, Knoxville; step-daughters, Miss Ernestine Smith, Miss Agnes Smith, Nashville; Mrs. Mary Alice Underwood, Ohio; step-son, Boyd Smith Jr., Neuberts; sisters, Mrs. Ollie McGinnis, Corryton; Mrs. Green Jackson, White Pine; brothers, Claude Harrell, Fred, and John Wolfenbarger, all of Knoxville; five grandchildren. Funeral 1:30 p.m. Monday at North Knoxville Baptist Church with Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Interment in McGinnis Cemetery in Grainger County. Pallbearers: Carl Dyer, Ed Bullen, Tim Buchanan, S. E. McGinnis, Clarence Wolfenbarger, and Jack Christopher. The body will be taken to the home at 3 p.m. Sunday. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Dec. 29, 1951, p. 12

**SMITH, MRS. TINIE SEYMOUR,** age 72, of 1812 Worth St., Knoxville, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Snell, Indianapolis, Ind., 8:50 a.m. Friday. She attended the North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survivors: husband, Robert Wood Smith; son, Homer Smith, both of Knoxville; daughters, Mrs. Pearl Snell, Indianapolis; Mrs. Lester Acuff, of Washington, D. C.; sisters, Mrs. Flora Chadwick, Mrs. W. H. Barnes, Mrs. Mary Acuff, all of Knoxville; four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. The body will arrive in Knoxville Saturday afternoon and will be taken to Rose Mortuary where services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday. Interment in

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Jan. 28, 1952, p. 16

**MORELL, HENRY C.,**  
age 82, died at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at his home, 1613 Vann Street. The body is at the home. Services at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, of which he was a member. Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, and Rev. R. C. Barnes officiating. Interment in Byrd's Cemetery. Pallbearers will be members of his Sunday School Class, J. W. Coile, R. C. Grant, Albert Spears, C. J. Drinnon, Harvey Moses, Charles Cummings, Brewer's, in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Apr. 14, 1952, p. 16

**POWERS, MRS. EDNA WOLFENBARGER,**  
age 31, 224 State Street, died at General Hospital 1:45 a. m. Saturday. Funeral 2 p. m. Monday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment Lynnhurst Cemetery. Body remains at Rose.

The Knoxville Journal  
Feb. 21, 1952, p. 20

**BUCKNER, LUTHER,**  
age 64, died at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday at his home, 1907 Jourolmar. Survivors: widow, Mrs. Luther Buckner; mother, Mrs. Etta Pack Davis of Neuberts; sons, William Howard, Noah and Claude Buckner, all of Knoxville; daughters, Mrs. Louise Turner, Gastonia, N. C.; Mrs. Frances Ferguson, Mrs. Evelyn Walker, Miss Faye Buckner, all of Knoxville; ten grandchildren. The body will be returned to the family home 10 a.m. Thursday. Funeral service 10 a.m. Friday **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Interment in Liberty Hill Cemetery, Newport. Weaver's in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Aug 21, 1952, p. 20

**ARMS, MRS. ARPHIE JANE,**  
age 31, passed away at Fort Sanders Hospital at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. She was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Survivors: father, Herstle Henry, Glenmary, Tennessee; sisters, Mrs. Ada Priest, Sacramento, California; Mrs. Ruby Kearney, Knoxville; Mrs. Verna Gibson, Kentucky; brothers, Quinton Henry, Glenmary, Tennessee; Linton Henry, Cincinnati, Ohio; eight half brothers and sisters of Glenmary, Tennessee. Service 10 a.m. Friday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Another service will be held at Camp Ground Church in Scott County at 2 p.m. Interment in church cemetery. Gentry's in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 4, 1952, p. 14

**BUCKNER, MICHAEL LYNN,**  
age 15 months of 1728 Davanna, died at 4:45 p.m. Sunday at Knoxville General Hospital. Survivors: parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Buckner; brother, Glen Howard Buckner; grandparents, Mrs. Clemmie Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Hanlon of England; great-grandmother, Mrs. Etta Davis of Neuberts; several uncles and aunts in Knoxville and England. Body will be returned to the home at noon Monday. Funeral services 10 a.m. Tuesday, **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment Liberty Hill Cemetery, Newport. Weaver's in charge.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Oct. 5, 1952, p. 31

## Wolfenbarger-Lester Rites Set Monday

A white gown of satin and lace will be worn by Miss Clara Faye Lester when she becomes the bride of Mr. Benny Joe Wolfenbarger at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Fairview Baptist Church.

Tomorrow is also the wedding anniversary, the twentieth, of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Lester, Route 12, Luttrell Road.

Mr. Wolfenbarger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Knisley of Route 1, Corryton.

The Rev. C. J. Clark, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, will perform the double-ring ceremony before the altar which will be banked with greenery interspersed with burning white candles.

Wedding music will be presented by Miss Shirley Redden, vocalist, and Miss Shirley Wallace, pianist.

The bride will be given in marriage by her father. Her satin gown has a yoke of lace, long pointed sleeves, and a full skirt. The finger-tip veil of illusion will fall from a satin and lace bonnet edged with seed pearls. She will carry a white Bible topped with a white orchid.

Miss Shirley Lester, sister of the bride, will be maid of honor. She will wear a blue gown of net over taffeta and carry a bouquet of yellow roses.

Mr. Charles Pate will serve his cousin as best man and Mr. Kenneth Apple and Mr. Billy Johnson will be ushers.

After a week's eastern wedding trip, the couple will be at home on Luttrell Road.

Miss Betty Graham of Spartanburg, S. C., will be here for the wedding.

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# 20,000 Pennies Double Pledge To Church Fund

## Albert Spears Rolls In Wheelbarrow Load Of Coppers For North Knoxville Baptist

By BART PITTMAN

He didn't have the money to give when the Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, made an appeal to his congregation for a Thanksgiving offering of \$4000 toward the church's building fund goal of \$100,000.

But Albert Spears, 1539 Marion Street, was determined to raise at least \$100 and he told the preacher so. "I'll get you that much or more," he declared.

When the church received the offering last Sunday, Spears rolled in a wheelbarrow full of pennies—20,000 of them. He had doubled his pledge with \$200.

Spears solicited the pennies in the neighborhood. He got 4200 coppers for his birthday by asking friends to give him pennies as gifts.

The congregation reached the goal of \$4000 Sunday, bringing the total on the building fund to \$38,000, and Mr. Wolfenbarger announced that the church would break ground for the first unit of the new sanctuary March 2.

The first unit, to be built adjacent to the present church building, will cost an estimated \$75,000. Services will be held in the old building while construction of the new unit is underway, Mr. Wolfenbarger explained.

"Mr. Spears' enthusiasm and efforts was a great inspiration to other members of the church," Mr. Wolfenbarger declared.

Spears' only comment was: "Pennies make dollars."

The church, its membership rising to 802, recently started its campaign to raise funds for a new building.

It was founded Jan. 19, 1930, in a home on Worth Street and soon moved into a one-room store building on Worth Street at Emerald Avenue with seven members.

Attendance grew rapidly and soon the church moved to its present location on Oldham Avenue at Worth Street.

The new church will be built of brick and will include departments for all ages in its Sunday School, Mr. Wolfenbarger. A parsonage was recently purchased at 234 Emerald Avenue for \$7350.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 15, 1953, p. 10

## Work Starts On New Knox Baptist Church

Despite inclement weather, more than 50 members gathered for the ground-breaking March 2, for the new **North Knoxville Baptist Church** building, the pastor said yesterday.

The Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, who will observe his ninth anniversary as pastor of the church Easter Sunday, spoke on "Laborers together with God." B. M.



Wolfenbarger

Beeler, chairman of the building committee, and C. J. Drinnen, chairman of the deacons, also gave short talks.

Mrs. Sylvia Brown and Mrs. A. E. Spears, two oldest charter members of the church, broke the ground during the ceremonies. The church was organized in 1930 with seven charter members.

### MYERS, CLABORN TEAGUE,

82, of 217 N. W. Woodland, died at 12:15 a.m. Saturday at Knoxville General Hospital. He was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church** and was a retired carpenter. Survivors: widow, Mrs. Mary Myers; sons, Rev. George Myers, Arlie Myers, both of Knoxville; daughters, Mrs. H. H. McMurray, Neuberts; Mrs. S. T. Faulkner, Knoxville; Mrs. Alfred Bradshaw, Newport News, Va.; Mrs. Dan Caccavale, Manhattan Beach, Calif.; 17 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren. The body was returned to the family home 4 p.m. Saturday. Funeral service 3 p.m. Sunday at Little Cove Baptist Church, Sevier County, Rev. Alonzo Satterfield, Rev. Leonard Haun officiating. Interment church cemetery. The funeral party will leave the home 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Pallbearers: Russell Wolford, Jack Johnson, George Hayes, Charles Ramsey, Clay Ridenour, Elisha Miley. Weaver's in charge.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 18, 1953, p. 6

## Miss Judy Anne Coile Bride Of Mr. Smelcer

Miss Judy Anne Coile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Coile, 1513 Branner Street, and Mr. Raymond Smelcer, son of Mr. Alfred Smelcer of Route 2, Seymour, and of the late Mrs. Smelcer, were married last night at

Church.

The Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor, performed the ceremony before the altar which was decorated with shamrocks, greenery

and candles. A program of wedding music was presented by Miss Frances Linder, pianist, and Miss Shirley Redden, soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white satin fashioned with a basque bodice, an off-the-shoulder Chantilly lace yoke, long sleeves with lace ruffles over the hands, and a full skirt extending into a court train. The two-tiered finger-tip veil of English illusion was held by a scalloped halo of lace and pearls. She carried a white prayer book topped with a white orchid and for-get-me-nots.

Miss Mayme Smelcer of Sevierville, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. She wore an aquatone gown of satin and nylon net made with a basque bodice, U neckline, double-ruffled short sleeves and a full skirt with front loops of ruffles.

Her bouquet of pink carnations was surrounded with shamrocks. Bridesmaids were Miss Jesse Carr of Sevierville and Miss Joan Spears. Miss Joyce Raye Boufids was junior bridesmaid. They wore cameo pink satin and net gowns and carried green carnations and shamrocks.

Steven Rose, cousin of the bride, was ringbearer.

Mr. Bill Lynn, cousin of the bride, served as best man and ushers were Mr. Bud Drinnen and Mr. Shirley Drinnen.

A reception was held at the bride's home for relatives and the bridal party. Assisting were Misses Barbara Atchley, cousin of the bride, and Wilma Mode.

After spending a week at Myrtle Beach, S. C., the couple will reside at 1513 Branner Street.



MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND SMELCER

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The Knoxville Journal  
Apr. 8, 1953, p. 9

**PRICE, ROBERT FRANK,** 1320 North Central, died 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Knoxville General Hospital. Survivors: widow, Mrs. Estella McBride Price, Knoxville; daughter, Mrs. Levenia Penland, Germany; sons, Credise, Raymond and Alvin, all Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. Susie Wallace, Knoxville; Mrs. Lucy Trent, Rogersville; brother, George Price, Oakland, Calif. Mr. Price was a deacon of **North Knoxville Baptist Church** and had been an employed of Southern Railway 52 years, before retirement. Member of Masters Lodge No. 244 F&AM and the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America Local 47. Services at Rose Chapel 3:30 p.m. Thursday Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in Lynnhurst Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be C. J. Drinnon, P. L. Beeler, G. D. Adams, J. W. Coile, R. C. Grant, A. M. Spears. The body remains at Rose.

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**BEELER, PRYOR L.,** age 50, of 545 West Scott Avenue, died at 8 a.m. Thursday at Knoxville General Hospital. Was trustee, treasurer and music director of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, also a member of Charles H. McKinney Masonic Lodge 433. He owned and operated Hilltop Grocery store; also in charge of supply room at Brookside Mills. Survivors: widow, Mrs. Bonnie Frances Beeler; son, Earl E. Beeler; daughters, Mrs. Laverne Keith, Miss Patricia Beeler; sisters, Miss Hassie Beeler, Mrs. Mallie Bunch, Mrs. Trula Bridges, all of Knoxville; Mrs. Retha McCoy, Anderson County; brothers, Harvey and Garrett Beeler, Liberty Hill; two grandchildren. Funeral 11 a.m. Sunday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, the Rev. Ken Wolfenbarger and the Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Another service will be held at 2 p.m. at Beeler Chapel. Interment in Liberty Hill Cemetery in Grainger County. The body will be removed to the home at 2 p.m. Friday. Rose in charge.

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## P. L. Beeler Dies While At His Work

*Grocer Would Have Celebrated 52nd Year On Saturday*

Pryor L. Beeler, proprietor of Hilltop Grocery business and supply room manager for Brookside Mills, died suddenly of a heart seizure yesterday morning. He was at his post at the mills when stricken and efforts to resuscitate him failed. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at General Hospital.



**BEELER**

Mr. Beeler had been employed at the mills for 25 years an official said he was popular with the officials and employes.

The veteran employe was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist**

**Church**. He was choir leader, treasurer superintendent of the Sunday School. He was vice president of the Knox County Singing Convention and a member of Charles H. McKinney Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Beeler would have been 52 tomorrow. It was reported he had never been seriously ill until he suffered the heart attack resulting in his death. The family home is at 545 West Scott Avenue.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bonnie Frances Beeler; son, Earl E. Beeler; daughters, Mrs. Laverne Keith and Miss Patricia Beeler, Knoxville.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, the Rev. Ken Wolfenbarger and the Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Another service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Beeler's Chapel. Interment will be in Liberty Hill Cemetery.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Aug. 4, 1953, p. 8

**PARKS, SAMUEL GRIFFIN,**  
61, 1419 Cline Street, died at home early Monday. Member of North Knoxville Baptist Church and a construction worker. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Alice Marie Parks; son, Samuel G. Jr.; daughter, Mrs. Bobbie J. Holmes; grandson, Stephen H. Holmes. Services Wednesday 2 p.m. at North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment Oliver Springs Cemetery. Body will be taken to the home Tuesday afternoon. Pallbearers: Galyon Wolfenbarger, Roscoe Grant, Bill Miller, Ralph Bunch, Wylie Coile, and Louis Stubbs. McCarty's in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Oct. 25, 1953, p. 34

## Drinnen-Alford

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Drinnen, 1625 Worth Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Mr. Paul Alford, 3918 Windsor Street. The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buford L. Alford of Chattanooga.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Fulton High School.

Mr. Alford, a graduate of Rule High School, is attending the University of Tennessee.

The couple will be married Nov. 26 at North Knoxville Baptist Church.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Nov. 14, 1953, p. 2

# North Knox Baptist Paces Ever Growing Congregation

By BART PITTMAN

A handful of residents in an Oldham Avenue neighborhood met in a dwelling one cold, wintry night in 1930 with one plan in mind—they wanted a church in the community.

They got their church, all right, organizing with seven charter members in a one-room store building on Worth Street at Emerald Avenue.

But the little meeting place was so swamped with crowds that church officials had to start making plans for a larger building. They got a larger building on Oldham Avenue at Worth Street but it wasn't long until an even larger church was needed.

Tomorrow morning, when the pastor, the Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, steps to the pulpit at North Knoxville Baptist Church, the congregation now numbering more than 600 will be meeting in a new \$85,000 26-room brick building — recently completed after nearly 10 long years of raising funds.

The new building, including the sanctuary and meeting rooms for all departments of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union, is furnished with beautiful oak pews and has a piano in the auditorium and in each of the various departmental rooms, including the Beginners, Primaries, Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults.

A seating capacity of 500 is pro-

vided by the new auditorium and the 48-seat choir will be located behind the pulpit.

A nursery and a pastor's study are also features of the new building.

Mr. Wolfenbarger, who became pastor of the church on Easter Sunday of 1944, said 20 more rooms will be added to the new structure in the future. The new building includes about half of the church's proposed new educational building.

A steeple also is to be installed on the new church.

Ground for the new building was broken March 2 and construction began in mid-May. The congregation has been meeting in the old building while the new one was under construction.

The old building, which will be torn down soon, was erected in 1931 and for some time had a sawdust floor in the auditorium. It has 17 rooms.

Church members praise Mr. Wolfenbarger for his part in spurring on the campaign for the new church. Mr. Wolfenbarger praises his congregation for their part.

Since he became pastor, membership of both the church and its Sunday School has increased tremendously and he said he hopes the present Sunday School enrollment of more than 400 will be boosted by another 100 soon. Murrell Whaley is Sunday School superintendent.

Open house will be held at the new church from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 29.



Rev.  
Wolfenbarger



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Nov. 27, 1953, p. 8

## Miss Drinnen Bride Of Mr. Paul D. Alford

*NOTE: This was the first wedding  
in the new building.*

Miss Frances Drinnen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Drinnen, 1625 Worth Street, and Mr. Paul D. Alford, 3918 Windsor Street, son of the Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Alford of Bristol, Va., were married last night at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

The Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor of the church, officiated and the bride was given in marriage by her father.

A program of wedding music was presented by Mrs. Velva Irwin, organist, and Miss Shirley Redden, vocalist.

White Chantilly lace and satin were combined in the bride's gown. The lace bodice had a tiny collar and long fitted sleeves, and the full satin skirt had a scalloped lace panel which extended into the cathedral train. Her finger-tip veil of illusion fell from a half-cap of lace and she carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid.

Ballerina-length dresses with fitted velveteen bodices and full ruffled skirts were worn by the bride's attendants. They carried colonial bouquets of pink carnations and roses. Honor attendants, Mrs. Norma Drinnen, sister-in-law of the bride, and Miss Edna Davis, wore aqua. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Wilma Whitlock and Mrs. Elizabeth Drinnen of Knoxville and Mrs. Azelea Cordell of LaFollette, all cousins of the bride; and Miss Frankie Borden. Their gowns were pink.

Miss Rebecca Lindsay of LaFollette, cousin of the bride, was flower girl and was dressed in pink. Jimmy Liford was ring-bearer.

Mr. Don Alford was his brother's best man. Serving as ushers were Messrs. Shirley Drinnen, Howard Drinnen, Gene Moses, and William Coatney.

Assisting at the reception at the bride's home following the ceremony were Miss Dorothy Davis, Miss Kathryn Hackworth, Miss Wilma Wolfenbarger and Miss Roberta Coatney.

The couple will be at home at 3918 Windsor Street.



*(Photo from Nov. 29, p. 32)*



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The Knoxville Journal  
Dec. 8, 1953, p. 8

## Miss Phyllis Miller Weds Mr. Paul Smith

Miss Phyllis Jeanette Miller, daughter of Mrs. Lucile Miller of 314 Oldham Street, became the bride of Mr. Paul Franklyn Smith of Fort Bragg, N. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith of Murray Road, Saturday evening at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

The Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger performed the ceremony and Mr. Bobby Miller gave his niece in marriage.

Woodwardia fern and burning candles were used in decorating the church. Nuptial music was presented by Miss Shirley Redden, vocalist, and Miss Master-son, organist.

The bride wore a gown of white Chantilly lace over nylon tulle with a scalloped yoke of net and a circular skirt. The finger-tip veil of English illusion was held by a scalloped halo of lace and pearls. She carried a white orchid on a prayer book.

Miss Bonnie Miller, aunt of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a ballerina-length gown of pink net. Gowns of pink and green net were worn by the bridesmaids, Miss Imogene Grant and Miss Eureka Suttles. The attendants carried fan-shaped bouquets of pink carnations.

Mr. Bill Smith served his brother as best man and ushers were Messrs. Bud Drinnen and Billy Moses.

Assisting at the reception at the home of the bride's mother were Misses Eva Wilson and Edwina Washam, cousins of the bride, and Mrs. Bobbie Smith, sister-in-law of the bridegroom.

After the reception the couple left for a short trip. The bride will be at home with her mother while Mr. Smith is in service.



The Knoxville Journal  
Jan. 30, 1954, p. 8

## Wolfenbarger Enters Race For Clerkship

Sidney C. Wolfenbarger, restaurant owner, squire and county coroner, yesterday tossed his hat in the Republican primary for the nomination for Criminal Court clerk.



**Wolfenbarger**

Wolfenbarger, 50, emphasized that if elected and reelected to second term, he will not seek a third term.

The Fountain City resident of 1708 West Adair Drive has served on County Court for five years and as county coroner for five years. He is a member of the **North Knoxville Baptist Church** and the Second District Restaurant Association.

As a member of County Court, he is chairman of the important Watchdog Committee, and is a member of the Welfare, Jail and Courthouse, and UT Hospital Committees. He is also a member of the County Park Board and the County Zoning Appeals Board.

Born in Grainger County, Wolfenbarger has lived here for 30 years, is married and has operated a North Central Street restaurant for 12 years.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Feb. 12, 1954, p. 10

## Marriage Of Miss Grant, James Loope Held Jan. 16

Miss Imogene Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Grant of 1425 Cline Street, and Mr. James C. Loope, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Loope of Brown Road, were married Jan. 16 at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiated and music was presented by Miss Sophia Masterson, organist, and Miss Shirley Redden, vocalist.

The bride wore a white suit with navy and white accessories. She carried a white prayer book topped with a white orchid.

Miss Bonnie Miller, maid of honor, wore a light blue suit with navy and white accessories. She carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Mr. Hollis Loope served as best man and ushers were Mr. Orville Loope and Mr. R. C. Grant Jr.

A reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Loope.

The couple is at home at 306 East Quincey Avenue after a trip to Daytona Beach, Fla.

The bride is employed with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Mr. Loope attended the University of Tennessee and is employed with Appliances, Inc.



MR. AND MRS. J. C. LOOPE



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The Knoxville Journal  
Feb. 14, 1954, p. 32

## Hayes-Clark

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes, 1811 Marion Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jo Ann, to Mr. James A. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clark, 407 Randolph Street.

Miss Hayes is a senior at Rule High School.

The bridegroom-to-be attended the University of Tennessee, and is now employed in the bookkeeping department at C. M. McClung.

The wedding will be held Feb. 26 at **North Knoxville Baptist Church.**

The Knoxville Journal  
Feb. 19, 1954, p. 8



**MR. AND MRS. GENE H. MOSES** were married last Sunday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church.** The bride is the former Miss Lois Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess M. Hopkins, 1419 Harvey Street. Mr. Moses is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moses, 414 East Woodland Avenue. Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger performed the ceremony. The bride wore a light blue suit with navy and white accessories, and carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid. Mrs. Paul Alford was matron of honor, and Mr. Ernest Bull served as best man. The couple is residing at 800 Morgan Street.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 2, 1954, p. 8



—Simpson photo  
MR. AND MRS. JAMES A. CLARK were married Friday evening at North Knoxville Baptist Church with the Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. The bride is the former Miss Jo Ann Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hayes of 1811 Marion Street. She is a senior at Rule High School. Mr. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clark of 407 Randolph Street, attended the University of Tennessee. The couple will be at home at 820 Luttrell Street after a wedding trip.

The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 6, 1954, p. 12

**BATES, MRS. DORA LEFFEW,** age 72, died 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Baptist Hospital. Residence 300 West Oldham Avenue. Member of North Knoxville Baptist Church and employe of Baptist Hospital. Survivors: sisters, Mrs. Della Foster, Knoxville; Mrs. Robert Clevenger, Rutledge; Mrs. V. I. Acuff, Strawberry Plains; brothers, Jerry and David Leffew, Memphis, Texas; G. W. of Santa Maria, Calif.; several nieces and nephews. Funeral announcements later. The body remains at Rose.

The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 15, 1954, p. 5

## Miss Davis, Pvt. Alford Set Bridals

Miss Edna Lois Davis and Pvt. Donald Cueraune Alford have completed plans for their wedding which will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at North Knoxville Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Davis, 206 Oldham Avenue. She is a graduate of Knoxville High School.

Private Alford, son of Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Alford of Bristol, is stationed with the US Army at Fort Jackson, S. C. He attended Maryville College and the University of Tennessee.

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger will officiate.

Miss Dorothy Davis, sister of the bride-elect, will be maid of honor. Chosen as bridesmaids are Mrs. Helen Seivers and Miss Charlotte Davis, sisters of the bride-to-be; Mrs. Paul Alford; and Miss Carolyn Collins,

Mr. Paul Alford will serve his brother as best man and ushers will be Mr. William Coatney, Mr. Gene Moses, Mr. Howard Glenn Drinnen and Mr. Buford Byrge.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Davis will entertain with a reception at their home.

The rehearsal dinner will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Alford on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Lula Armstrong.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 19, 1954, p.11

## Marriage Of Miss Davis, Pvt. Alford Held Yesterday

Miss Edna Lois Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Davis, 206 Oldham Avenue, became the bride of Pvt. Donald Cueraune Alford, son of Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Alford of Bristol, last night at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church.**

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, the pastor, performed the ceremony before an arch of candles banked with greenery and gladioli. A program of nuptial music was presented by Mr. Bill Huffaker, soloist, and Mrs. Velva Irwin, organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white gown fashioned with a bodice of Florentine lace, a wide round neckline accented with flowers of the lace centered with rhinestones, long lace sleeves, and a full skirt and train of nylon net over taffeta. Her veil was of illusion and she carried a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley centered with a purple-throated white orchid.

Miss Dorothy Davis, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a deep purple ballerina-length dress of nylon net and taffeta. Bridesmaids were Miss Charlotte Davis and Mrs. Helen Seivers, sisters of the bride. Mrs. Paul Alford and Miss Carolyn Collins. Their dresses were light orchid. Crescent bouquets of yellow roses were carried by the attendants.

Miss Dianne Humphries was flower girl and Mr. Jimmy Liford was ringbearer.

Mr. Paul Alford was his brother's best man and ushers were Mr. Jerry King, Mr. William Coatney, Mr. Gene Moses and Mr. Howard Glenn Drinnen.

A reception was held at the bride's home following the ceremony and Miss Roberta Coatney, Miss Wilma Wolfenbarger, Miss Catherine Hackworth and Mrs. George Farmer assisted in serving.

After spending a week at Fontana Village, N. C., the bride will be at home with her parents and Private Alford will be stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.



PVT. AND MRS. DONALD ALFORD

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The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 27, 1954, p. 10

**ODELL, JAMES WINFIELD,** age 82, 217 West Woodland Avenue, passed away 11:30 p.m. Thursday at the home. Member of North Knoxville Baptist Church and Woodmen of the World. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Mary Odell; daughters, Mrs. Estella Lakin, Mrs. Cecil Myers, Mrs. Maggie McGinnis; son, Raymond Odell all of Knoxville; 30 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren. The body is at the home. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Interment Bookwalter Cemetery. Roberts in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
May. 11, 1954, p. 18s

**CARDWELL, SAM,** age 82, 966 Cleveland Place, died at Knoxville General Hospital at 5 p. m. Sunday. Member of the North Knoxville Baptist Church for 10 years. Survivors: four sons, C. F., W. L., D. F., R. G. Cardwell; one daughter, Mrs. Mae Christian, sisters, Mrs. Emma Chesney, Mrs. Fannie Stout, Mrs. Janice Wagoner; brothers, Lafayette and John Cardwell. Funeral 2 p. m. Wednesday North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Burial Bookwalter Cemetery. The body was removed to 1511 Virginia Avenue Monday afternoon. Roberts in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Apr. 18, 1954, p. 20

**WOOD, MACK T.,** age 70, of 1528 Branner Ave., Knoxville, died 11 p.m. Friday at his home. He was a retired railroad clerk and was also a member of the North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survivors: wife, Lennis Wood; one son, Mack H. Wood; two granddaughters. Funeral service 2:30 p.m. Sunday, North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. Alfred Royer officiating. Burial in Lynnhurst Cemetery. Pallbearers: John Winston, Walter Harper, Wiley Cole, Charlie Walker, Harvey Dozier, Roscoe Grant. The body is at the home. Holley's, Clinton, in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
May 20, 1954, p. 22

**McCLANAHAN, JOSEPH,** age 76, of 127 West Oldham Avenue, died at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Knoxville General Hospital. He attended North Knoxville Baptist Church. Funeral services 4 p.m. Thursday at the Weaver Chapel, Rev. Roscoe Oxendine officiating. Interment in Mt. Olive Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be nephews: Theodore McClanahan, Marshall Davis, J. L. Haynes, B. M. Beeler Jr., A. E. Spears Jr., W. C. Spears. Honorary pallbearers: A. M. Spears, E. C. Hurst, R. C. Grant, J. W. Coile, C. L. Hill, B. H. Beeler Sr., George Nelson, Joe Davis, W. W. Harper, Earl Snyder. Weaver's in charge.



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The Knoxville Journal  
July 3, 1954, p. 2

## *Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger Values Unusual Tribute*

"I was completely surprised!" was the reaction of Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, to the most unusual "training union" service of his pastoral career last Sunday evening—a "This Is Your Life" program, complete with 30 of the most important people in his life, given in his honor by members of the church.

The program, based on a radio and television show of the same name, was arranged under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Conner as an expression of appreciation for the work accomplished by Rev. Wolfenbarger during his 10 years as pastor of the church.

The committee worked, without even a hint to the pastor, from 7:30 p. m. Saturday, June 20, to midnight the following Friday arranging the program, decorating the room, writing speeches for the 30 guests, and contacting the guests themselves.

Since only three of the speakers were members of the church, it was necessary to go outside—sometimes as far as Grainger County and vicinity—to arrange for the guest speakers.

Rev. Wolfenbarger went to the regular training union services knowing only that there was to be "some kind of surprise" during the evening. When he stood before the overflow crowd of some 600 members and guests in the orchid and primrose decorated room—his high school colors—things happened in rapid succession.

Each of the 30 guests, including his family, high school coach, the first couple he married, the first person he baptized, and friends and classmates, gave an incident that happened in his life either in school or his ministry. The Intermediate Training Union gave him 20 letters of appreciation. The entire Training Union gave him a 14-volume set of books by Kenneth Wuest. Finally he was presented with a tape recording of the entire hour-long program, made with his daughter's tape recorder.

"It was quite a big night for me," stated Rev. Wolfenbarger. "It brought back a lot of very pleasant memories."



*Allen Conner, Rev. Wolfenbarger & Royce Conner*

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The Knoxville Journal  
July 25, 1954, p. 34

## Redden-Spencer

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Redden of 1610 Worth Street announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte, to Mr. Dean Graham Spencer, Melrose Hall, 1701 Rose Avenue. Mr. Spencer is the son of Mr. Dean Spencer of Shelbourne Towers and of Mrs. Leonard Sedbrook of Oklahoma City.

Miss Redden is employed as secretary with Valley Appliances, Inc.

Mr. Spencer attended the University of Oklahoma and is now a student at the University of Tennessee.

The wedding will be Aug. 28 at North Knoxville Baptist Church.

The Knoxville Journal  
July 27, 1954, p. 3

**WOLFENBARGER, REV. SAM,** age 46, passed away Sunday, 1:15 p.m., Baptist Hospital. Residence, 1618 Nevada Avenue. Member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Employed as foreman for Chandler & Company last 26 years. Survivors: widow, Mrs. Sally S. Wolfenbarger; daughters, Mrs. J. D. Morgan of Michigan; Mrs. Frank Staley of Knoxville; Miss Norma Sue Wolfenbarger, of Knoxville; sons, Jessie, Sam, and John Wolfenbarger, all of Knoxville; George Wolfenbarger, United States Army in Korea; also his father and step-mother Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wolfenbarger of Rutledge, Tenn.; sisters, Mrs. Marion Lifford of Corryton, Tenn.; Mrs. W. R. Lifford of Knoxville, Mrs. Joe Staley of Rutledge; brothers, E. P. and Coile Wolfenbarger, both of Knoxville. Funeral 1:30 p. m. Wednesday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. J. C. Wolfenbarger and Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Interment in Dyer Cemetery near Luttrell. Active pallbearers: Arnold Jones, William Lynn, Charlie Redden, Ernie Moore, Cal Drinnen, Wylie Coile. Honorary pallbearers: Charles Rose, John Ogle, Francis Collins, Clarence Carmichael, Wiston Cooper, Hobart Johnson, Charlie Fonde. The body is at the home. Rose in charge.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Aug. 14, 1954, p. 2

## Knoxvillian Changed By One Sermon

"Brownie" had a feeling the wanderlust was unbeatable. Then a preacher at a little side-street mission in Florida showed him how to change his ways.

In January of this year, Paul E. Brown returned to his wife and two children in Knoxville. He got a steady job as manager of a Krystal Kitchen, joined the North Knoxville Baptist Church and set about becoming a family man of regular habits.

"I don't even remember what his sermon was about," he said yesterday. "But something that preacher in Florida said convinced me I should go into the ministry."

He made his first public talk from the pulpit in the North Knoxville church and, in recent months, has been supply pastor in other churches about town.

In September he will enter Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City on a scholarship furnished by his "home" church. From there he will continue with seminary work. In seven years he will be a fully ordained Baptist preacher.

"Brownie" is young yet—only 26. He joined the Army at the age of 15. He was married to Joan Bryant, a Knoxville girl, one month before his release from the Army in November of 1947.

"Since then I have traveled the 48 states and held at least that many assorted jobs," he said. "I thought I was destined to be a wanderer. You see, my father is from Knoxville, too—almost ALWAYS from Knoxville."



**'MARKED MAN'**—Paul E. Brown may be flipping hamburgers in a Gay Street lunchroom today, but tomorrow he will deliver sermons at morning and evening services in West Side Baptist Church. Topic for the morning sermon is to be "Marked Men," based on the experiences of this young sailor, traveling salesman and short-order cook who has finally decided to become a minister of the gospel.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Aug. 29, 1954, p. 39

## Miss Redden Becomes Bride Of Mr. Spencer

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Graham Spencer are away on a wedding trip following their marriage yesterday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

Formerly Miss Charlotte Ruth Redden, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Redden, 1610 Worth Street. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Dean Spencer of Shelbourne Towers and Mrs. Leonard Sedbrook of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony in a setting of greenery and flowers. Mrs. Clarence Collier, organist, and Mr. J. P. Redden, vocalist, brother of the bride, presented the nuptial music.



(Photo on p. 36)

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ankle length dress of nylon lace over taffeta with a scalloped neckline and long pointed lace sleeves. The finger-tip veil of silk illusion was held in place by a tiara of seed pearls, and she carried a white Bible centered with a white orchid showered with stephanotis.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Miss Shirley Redden, and bridesmaids were Miss Patsy Redden, sister of the bride, and Miss Barbara McGinnis. Their gowns were ballerina dresses made of white nylon net with bodices of red velveteen. They carried crescent bouquets of white asters.

Ringbearer was the bride's cousin, Jerry Golloway.

Mr. John E. Creswell Jr. was best man Mr. Bill Joyner and Mr. Ralph Rogers served as ushers.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride. Assisting in serving were Misses Roberta Coatney, Wilma Wolfenbarger, Alice Burgin, Ruby Yarnell, Betty Cinnamon, and Mrs. J. P. Redden.

The couple will live at 517 1-4 Hawthorne Street.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Sept. 24, 1954, p. 1

### North Knoxville Church Damaged By Fire

Fire last night destroyed a small building in rear of North Knoxville Baptist Church, 221 West Oldham Avenue, and slightly damaged the church, the fire department reported.

Two alarms were issued on the fire as a cautionary measure. The flames were discovered shortly before 11 p. m., and firemen closely checked the church before leaving.

The Knoxville Journal  
Dec. 27, 1954, p. 5

### Miss Frances Lota Borden Bride of Mr. W. J. Stroud Jr.

Miss Frances Lota Borden became the bride of Mr. Worth Jennings Stroud Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Stroud of Neubert Springs Pike, Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Borden, 2534 Larkwood Lane.

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor of Church, performed the ceremony in a Christmas setting of poinsettias and candles.

A program of wedding music was presented by Miss Shirley Sue Redden, vocalist, and Mrs. Frances Alford, pianist.

The bride wore a ballerina-length gown of white taffeta and a tiara of seed pearls held her finger-tip veil of illusion. She

carried a white orchid on a white Bible.

Miss Marion Lyn Maxey, maid of honor, wore an ice-blue ballerina-length gown and carried red carnations.

Mr. John Elliott served as best man and ushers were Messrs. P. A. Walker and Bill Cabbage.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Assisting were Misses Sarah Stroud, sister of the bridegroom, Carol Collins, Dorothy Davis, Catherine Hackworth, Wanda Beeler, and Barbara Crick.

After spending two weeks in Miami, Mr. Stroud and his bride will be at home with his parents until their new home on Alcoa Highway is completed.

The Knoxville Journal  
Nov. 11, 1954, p. 22

**SMITH, ROBERT WOOD,** age 82, formerly of Knoxville, passed away in Indianapolis, Ind. Wednesday at 9 a.m. He was a member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survivors: daughter, Mrs. Pearl Snell; son, Homer Smith, both of Indianapolis; another daughter, Mrs. Nora Atkins, Knoxville; son, Jesse Acuff, of John Sevier, Tenn.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral 2 p.m. Saturday at Rose Chapel, Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Interment in Union Cemetery. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Dec. 19, 1954, p. 32

**CLACK, T. B.,** 66 years, passed away at his home, 1534 Marion Street, 10 p.m. Thursday. Funeral service Sunday 2 p.m., North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, Rev. Bruce Dozier, Rev. Herbert Vandergriff officiating. Interment Bookwalter Cemetery. Pallbearers: Earl Snyder, R. B. Hampton, Gene Hill, Miles Jackson, Jonas Haynes, Clyde Hill. Honorary pallbearers: Huse Hill, Elbert Davis, Hubert Smith, and members of the Men's Bible Class, North Knoxville Baptist Church. The body is at the home and will be removed to the church 1 p.m. Sunday to lie in state. Arrangements by Mynatt's.



Talent photo  
MR. AND MRS. WORTH JENNINGS STROUD JR.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Jan. 2, 1955, p. 11

**DeMARCUS, ERNEST,**  
age 63, of Haynes-Sterchi Road, passed away at 3:45 p.m. Friday at Mountain Home Veterans' Hospital. He was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Services 2:30 p.m. Sunday, **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, Rev. Ralph Bible officiating. Interment: Lynnhurst Cemetery. Pallbearers: D. M. Spears, D. J. Drinnon, J. W. Coile, R. C. Grant, W. W. Harper, E. D. Snyder. The body is at the home and will be removed to the church 1:30 p.m. Sunday to lie in state an hour before services. Mynatt's in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Jan. 16, 1955, p. 28

**Redden-Fry**  
Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Redden, 1610 Worth Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Sue, to Mr. James Thomas Fry Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fry, 2529 East Fifth Avenue.  
Miss Redden is a pharmacist's assistant at Gentry Apothecary.  
Mr. Fry served three years with the US Navy and is employed with Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co. Oak Ridge.  
The wedding will be at 8 p.m. Feb. 18 at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

The Knoxville Journal  
Jan. 10, 1955, p. 14

**HALE, MRS. ZOLA MAE,**  
37 years, of 34 Aster Road, Fountain City, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital at 1 p.m. Sunday as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident **early last week**. She was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Survivors: husband, Clyde Hale; one son, Eddie Hale; three daughters, Misses Deborah Ann, Patsy Hale, of Fountain City, and Mrs. Shirley Farrington, of Knoxville; mother, Mrs. Annie Rogers Byrd, of Knoxville; three sisters, Mrs. Luther Byrd, Mrs. Alex Craig, Knoxville, Mrs. Vesta Moore, California; five brothers, Murphy and Curtis Byrd, of Knoxville, Marshal Byrd, Cincinnati, Ohio, Carl Byrd, St. Louis, Mo., W. H. Byrd, Blaine, Tenn. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. The body will remain at Mynatt's.



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## Miss Redden Gives Plans For Wedding

Miss Shirley Sue Redden and Mr. James Thomas Fry Jr. have completed plans for their wedding to be held at 8 p. m. Feb. 18 at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Redden, 1610 Worth Street. The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fry, 2529 East Fifth Avenue.

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger will officiate at the ceremony following a program of nuptial music to be presented by Mr. James King Jr., organist, and Mr. Paul Faulkner, vocalist.

Miss Patsy Redden will be her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids will be Miss Shirley Simpson and Mrs. J. P. Redden, sister-in-law of the bride. Miss Becky Collins and Mr. Andy Taylor will be flower girl and ringbearer.

Mr. Bob Fry will serve as his brother's best man. Ushers are Mr. Harvey Hankins and Mr. Bill Kautz.

A reception will be held at the home of the bride immediately following the ceremony. Assisting will be Mrs. C. L. Riggs, the bride's aunt, Miss Betty Cinnanom, cousin of the bride, Mrs. Jennings Stroud, Misses Christine Sharp, Dorothy Parker, and Charlotte Rollings.

Parties are being given by Mrs. J. P. Redden and Mrs. Dean Spencer, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Redden, and the YWA's of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

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MRS. JAMES THOMAS FRY JR. was Miss Shirley Sue Redden before her wedding Friday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Redden, 1610 Worth Street. Mr. Fry's parents reside at 2529 East Fifth Avenue.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Feb. 26, 1955, p. 3

## N<sub>2</sub> Knoxville Baptists Complete New Wing

Construction of an additional wing to **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, costing an estimated \$25,000 has been completed, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor, announced yesterday.

The congregation of the church on Oldham Avenue at Worth Street moved into a \$90,000 new sanctuary in November of 1953.

Also, the sanctuary has a copper steeple which was installed early this month.



**REV. WOLFENBARGER**

The new wing is an educational unit housing three departments — Juniors, Intermediates, and Young People. It has three assembly rooms and 20 classrooms.

With the additional wing, the church's Sunday School can now accommodate more than 700 persons, Mr. Wolfenbarger said.

Work on the educational unit began last fall.

The Brotherhood recently placed a neon sign identifying the church in front of the building. It cost \$500.



**GROWTH CONTINUES** — **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Oldham Avenue at Worth Street, recently installed a copper steeple on its new \$90,000 sanctuary which the congregation started using in November of 1953. Also, construction of an additional wing costing an estimated \$25,000 was completed early this month.

The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 11, 1955, p. 4

**YOAKUM, JAMES H.**, 68, 1116 North 3rd Street passed on 7:45 a.m. Wednesday at his home. He was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Survivors: widow, Mrs. Dessie M. Yoakum; sisters, Mrs. S. J. Redmon, Mrs. D. N. Rolan; brothers, E. G. and Charles R. Yoakum, all of Knoxville; several nieces and nephews. Funeral 2 p.m. Friday at Rose Chapel, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. Buford Bull officiating. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery. Nephews will serve as active pallbearers. Bright Hope 557, FGAM, will have charge of services at the grave. The body will remain at Rose.

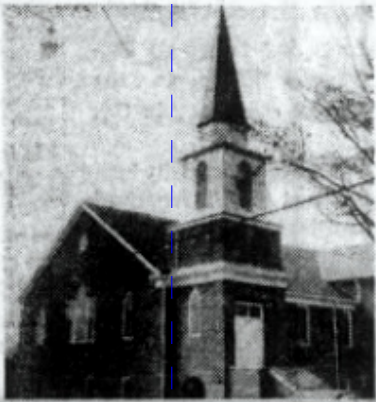


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## North Knoxville Church To Expand Further

**North Knoxville Baptist Church**, which has grown rapidly from a one-room store building and is making plans for further expansion, will observe its twenty-fifth anniversary tomorrow, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor, announced yesterday.

The congregation now occupies a \$90,000 sanctuary completed in the fall of 1953. Last winter, an additional wing costing an estimated \$25,000 was finished. It is an educational unit housing three departments—Juniors, Intermediates, and Young People. It has three assembly rooms and 20 classrooms.

Tomorrow's program will be highlighted by an afternoon service beginning at 2 p.m. with a speech by Rev. Gordon Greenwell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Fountain City. Following his talk, a cornerstone laying ceremony will be held. A history of the church, a Bible, and minutes of the association will be sealed with the cornerstone.

Mr. Wolfenbarger will preach on "Crossing Jordan" at 11 a.m. and for the evening service starting at 7:45 p.m. he has chosen "A Growing Church."

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on "Crossing Jordan" at 11 a.m. and for the evening service starting at 7:45 p.m. he has chosen "A Growing Church."

An attendance goal of 700 has been set for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

The church began with seven charter members in a one-room store building on Worth Street at Emerald Avenue. Soon the little meeting place was so swamped with crowds that church officials had to start making plans for a larger building. They got one on Oldham Avenue at Worth Street but it wasn't long until an even larger church was needed and after a long building campaign the present sanctuary was erected on the site.

Mr. Wolfenbarger became pastor of the church on Easter Sunday of 1944 and the church has enjoyed its greatest growth under his leadership, members of the congregation said. Church membership has more than doubled to 920 and Sunday School enrollment has risen to 740.



**SITE OF CEREMONY—North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Oldham Avenue at Worth Street, tomorrow will observe its twenty-fifth anniversary. Highlight of a special afternoon service beginning at 2 p.m. will be a cornerstone laying ceremony. Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor, stands by the place where the cornerstone will be laid.



The Knoxville Journal  
July 1, 1955, p. 6

## Miss Parker Chooses Wedding Attendants

Miss Dorothy Ann Parker and Mr. William Edward Coatney have chosen attendants for their wedding which will be at 8 p.m. July 8 at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

Miss Parker is the daughter of Mrs. Henry Clay Parker, 131 East Oklahoma Avenue, and the late Mr. Parker. Mr. Coatney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Coatney, 116 East Oldham Avenue.

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger will officiate at the ceremony following a program of nuptial music presented by Mrs. H. M. Crowder, organist, and Mrs. J. T. Fry Jr., vocalist. Mr. George F. Parker will give his sister in marriage.

Miss Etta Parker, sister of the bride-elect, will be maid of honor and bridesmaids will be Miss Betty Ruth Parker, cousin of Miss Parker, Atlanta, Ga.; and Miss Roberta Coatney, sister of the groom-to-be.

Mr. Coatney's niece, Miss Barbara Jean Byrge, will be flower girl and Master Larry Young will be ringbearer.

Mr. Donald C. Alford of Fort Knox, Ky., will serve as best man. Ushers will be Mr. Gene Moses, Mr. Jack Wright, Mr. Paul Alford and Mr. Ray Cinnamon, all of Knoxville.

The reception will be held at the home of the bride-elect's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Welch, 114 West Oldham Avenue. Assisting will be Mrs. John Ed Rutherford, Miss Wilma Wolfenbarger, Miss Barbara McGinnis, and Miss Ivarae Coatney, sister of the groom-to-be.

Parties are being given by Mrs. Russell Kelly, Mrs. W. H. Young, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Clarence Welch, Mrs. Imogene Byrge, Miss Roberta Coatney, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Zion, and the **Young Women's Auxiliary at North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Mr. and Mrs. Coatney will give the rehearsal dinner.



(Photo from wedding announcement of June 5, p. 37-article not shown here)

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Miss Dorothy Ann Parker  
Bride Of Mr. W. E. Coatney



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM EDWARD COATNEY

Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Coatney, who were married last night at ~~St. Paul's Episcopal Church~~ Church, will make their home on Tillery Street, Fountain City, upon returning from a short stay at Fontana Village, N. C.

The bride is the former Miss Dorothy Ann Parker, daughter of Mrs. Henry Clay Parker, 131 East Oklahoma Avenue, and the late Mr. Parker. Mr. Coatney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Coatney, 116 East Aldham Avenue.

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger performed the ceremony following a program of traditional music which was presented by Mrs. H. M. Crowder, organist, and Mrs. J. T. Fry Jr., vocalist.

Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. George F. Parker, the bride wore a gown of tulle and Chantilly lace fashioned with a scooped neckline, cap sleeves, basque bodice and tiered skirt. Her veil of illusion was held by a tiara of pearls. She carried a bouquet of stephanotis and white orchids.

Ballerina-length dresses of blue crystalette made with pleated yokes and matching jackets were worn by the bride's attendants. They carried bouquets of yellow angel feathers, asters and lilies. Miss Etta Parker, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss Ruth Parker of Atlanta, cousin of the bride, and Miss Roberta Coatney, sister of the bridegroom, were bridesmaids.

Miss Barbara Jean Byrge, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl and Larry Young was ring-bearer.

Best man was Mr. Paul Alford and serving as ushers were Mr. Gene Moses, Mr. Ray Cinnamon, Mr. Bill Moses and Mr. Jack Wright.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Welch, 114 West Oldham Avenue. Assisting in serving were Mrs. John Ed Rutherford, Miss Wilma Wolfenbarger, Miss Barbara McGinnis and Miss Ivarae Coatney.



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The Knoxville Journal  
July 13, 1955, p. 16

**EDWARDS, SGT. ELMER H.,** age 43 of 124 Woodland Ave. N. E., passed on 10:45 p.m. Sunday at Fort Sanders Presbyterian Hospital. He was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. He had served 19 years in US Army two years of overseas duty. He was assistant adviser of the US Army Reserves. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Elmer Edwards; daughter, Loretta Jean; stepdaughters, Mrs. Glenn Dalton, Miss Dwuann Mathes; mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis; sister, Mrs. Comer Conner; brother, Harry Y. Edwards all of Knoxville. Funeral 2 p.m. Wednesday, Rose Chapel, Rev. Bill Romines, Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Interment National Cemetery. The Army Reserve Corps of Instructors will serve as honorary and active pallbearers and have charge of services at the grave. The body is at the home of his mother, Mrs. W. R. Davis, 124 E. Woodland. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Dec. 7, 1955, p. 6

**PACK, WILLIAM DALLAS,** age 51, of 1359 Shepherd Place, the husband of Mrs. Prinnie Pack, died Monday morning, Knoxville General Hospital. Member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church** and the Brotherhood of Railway Machinists, having been with Southern Railway for past 30 years. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Prinnie Pack; mother, Mrs. Lillie Pack; children, William Pack Jr., Delmar Pack, Ronald Pack, Roger Pack and Joe Pack, all of Knoxville; three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Atkins, Betty Fair, Miss Barbara Pack; two sisters, Mrs. Cora Tucker, Mrs. Helen Hurst; four brothers, John Henry Pack, Riley Pack, Cuba Pack, and Robert Pack. Funeral 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. M. K. Cobble officiating. Interment Mt. Zion Cemetery, Del Rio, Tenn. Members of the Fellowship Bible Class will be pallbearers. The body is at the home. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Nov. 20, 1955, p. 7

**TOLSON, MRS. GERTRUDE,** age 63, widow of the late Rev. Sherman Tolson, died suddenly Friday night at her home, 1424 Cornelia Avenue. She was a member of **Beaumont Baptist Church**. In addition to previously named survivors, a half-sister, Mrs. Eva Williamson of Knoxville. Services Monday 2 p. m., **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment National Cemetery. Pallbearers: Clarence and Herbert Waters, Ray Vickers, Harvey Moses, Merrell Whaley, Erwin Beeler. The body will be taken to the church one hour before services. McCarty's in charge. The body is at McCarty's. The family will receive friends at McCarty's from 7 to 9 p. m. Sunday.

The Knoxville Journal  
Jan. 8, 1956, p. 34

## Beeler-Webster

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Beeler, 336 Cedar Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wanda Ruth, to Mr. David Steven Webster, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Webster of Mascot.

Miss Beeler was graduated from Fulton High School where she was a member of the Teen-ette Club.

Mr. Webster attended the University of Tennessee and is a graduate of National Business College. He is employed with Johnson and Galyon Construction Company.

The wedding will be Jan. 20 at  
**North Knoxville Baptist Church.**

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger will officiate and nuptial music will be presented by Miss Jeannen Jones, vocalist, and Miss Evelyn Smith, organist.

Miss Patsy Ann Redden will be maid of honor. Chosen as bridesmaids are Miss Helen Beeler, cousin of the bride-elect, and Misses Sue Tittsworth, Carolyn Collins and Margaret Yarnell.

Miss Roselynn Beeler, niece of the bride-to-be, will be flower girl and Jimmy Lifford will be ringbearer.

Mr. Charles Webster of Mascot will serve his brother as best man and ushers will be Mr. John Webster, brother of the bridegroom-elect; Mr. Ralph Webster, cousin of the bridegroom-elect; and Messrs. Lynn Beeler and Herman Beeler, brothers of the bride-elect.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be given at the home of Miss Beeler's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Beeler Jr., 5644 Kentwood Drive. Assisting will be Mrs. Lynn Beeler, and Misses Ivarae Coatney, Betty Spangler, Catherine Hackworth and Sondra Harris.

Parties are being given by Mrs. W. H. Sharp, Miss Tittsworth, Miss Yarnell, Mrs. Paul Sair, Mrs. W. O. Webster, Mrs. Jesse Gose, Mrs. Ruth Roberts, Mrs. Charles Webster and Mrs. W. O. Webster Jr.

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Jan. 17, 1956, p. 5

## Beeler-Webster Plans For Nuptials Given

Miss Wanda Ruth Beeler and Mr. David Steven Webster have completed plans for their wedding which will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church.**

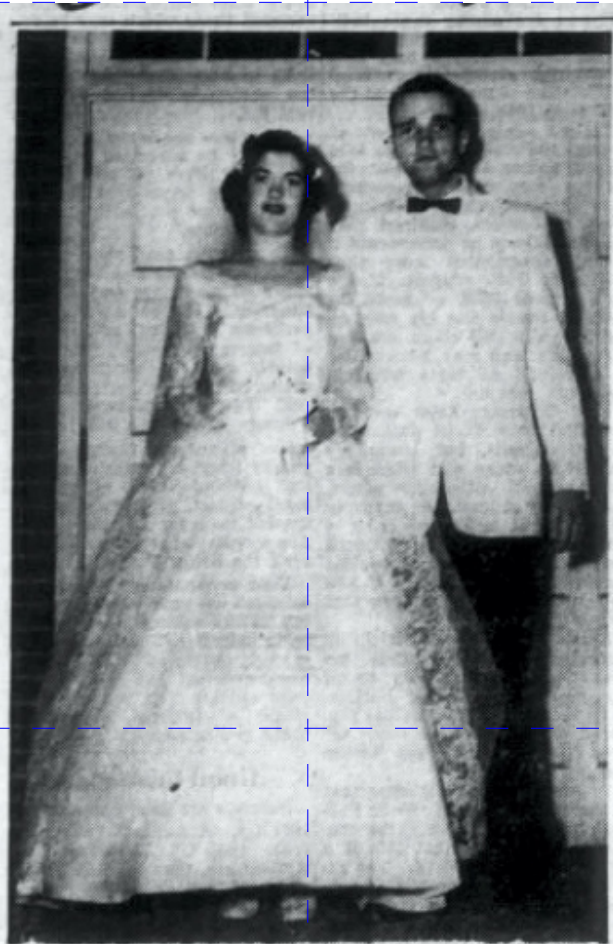
The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Beeler of 336 Cedar Avenue. Mr. Webster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Webster of Route 1, Mascot.

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MR. AND MRS. DAVID STEVEN WEBSTER, who were married Friday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, will make their home at 115½ Atlantic Avenue. The bride is the former Miss Wanda Ruth Beeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Beeler, 336 Cedar Avenue. Mr. Webster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Webster, Route 1, Mascot.

The Knoxville Journal  
Feb. 5, 1956, p.11

**CABAGE, F. L. (ROY)**, age 59, Haynes-Sterchi Road, died Friday night at Knoxville General Hospital. Was retired plumbing contractor, member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Martha Ann Cabage; son, Ralph C. Cabage; daughter, Mrs. Inez Roberts; brothers, W. A. Cabage, all of Knoxville; John and Issac Cabage, Covington, Ky.; sisters, Mrs. Lucy George, Mrs. Mary Brewer, Mrs. Hannah Cox, all of Knoxville; Mrs. Lonie Rosenblum, Mt. Pleasant, Mo.; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren. Services 2p .m. Sunday at McCarty's Chapel, Rev. Manuel Smith and Rev. Ralph Bible officiating. Interment Lynnhurst. Pallbearers will be nephews. The body is at the home of son, 4609 Washington Pike. McCarty's in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Feb. 27, 1956, p. 13

**HENSLEY, JOHN O.**, 54 years old, passed away at 12:05 a. m. Sunday at General Hospital. Residence 1365 Mathews Place. Member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Gladys Hensley of Knoxville; daughters, Mrs. Jackson Schuler of Richmond, Ind., Mrs. Ernest Lackey, Mrs. Barbara Blalock, both of Knoxville; sons, Sgt. Jack L. Hensley, Langley Air Force Base, Hamilton, Va., John Hensley Jr., Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. William Norman of Knoxville, Mrs. Sam Webb of Clinton, Mrs. D. H. Coker of West Virginia; brother, Claude Hensley of West Virginia; seven grandchildren. Services at North Knoxville Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Tuesday with the Revs. Bruce Dozier and Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers: E. L. Wallace, H. H. Martin, Mel Tyree, Joe Bradshaw, William Gray, Mack Finchum, R. T. Zimmerman and Frank Gray. The body will lie in state one hour before services. The body was removed to the home Sunday. Rose in charge.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 11, 1956, p. 6

**CAMERON, MRS. FANNY  
SPEARS,**

age 75, of 1708 Worth Street, died at 10 p.m. at Knoxville General Hospital. She was the widow of the late D. H. Cameron, a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Clara Lee Rogers; brothers, Alfred E. Spears Sr., Albert M. Spears, all of Knoxville. Funeral 4 p.m. Monday at Weaver's Chapel with Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in Mount Olive Cemetery. The family will receive friends 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Weaver's in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
May 3, 1956, p. 6

**FRENCH, DELBERT,**

51, residence Flagler Road, passed on Wednesday 4:45 a.m. at Baptist Hospital. He was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church** and **The Asbestos Workers Union Local No. 46**. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Frances French; sons, Delbert, Armine French, both of Knoxville; Eddie French; mother, Mrs. Lula French, both of Illinois; two grandchildren. Services 1 p.m. Friday **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. The body will be taken to Greeneville, Tennessee Oak Grove Cemetery for graveside services 4 p.m. Active pallbearers: Leslie Fort, H. W. Woody, A. L. Pool, Jack Grice, Carl Hutchison, Frank Harrison. Honorary pallbearers will be members of **Asbestos Workers Union Local No. 46** and members of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. The body is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ricker, 402 Cedar Lane. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 31, 1956, p. 8

**HENSLEY, JOHN OLIVER JR.,  
(SONNY)**

age 17, 1365 Matthews Place, passed on 6 a.m. Thursday in Atlanta, Ga. He attended **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Senior at Fulton High School. Survivors: mother, Mrs. Gladys Hensley, Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. Judson Shular, Richmond, Ind.; Mrs. Ernest Lackey and Mrs. Barbara Blalock of Knoxville; brother, Sgt. Jack L. Hensley, Langely Air Force Base, Hampton, Va. Funeral 2 p.m., Sunday, **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church one hour before service. Active pallbearers: Clinton Adams, Harold Posey, Bill Bunch, Bob Beeler, Clyde Arden, R. L. White, Orvaley Hancock, Sam Forkner. The body is at the home. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
May 9, 1956, p. 10

**GILLESPIE, ELANDA,**

age 30, died Sunday night at Berea, Ky. Residence 2313 Maple Avenue, Fountain City. He was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church** and of **Masonic Lodge No. 718**. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Laura Gillespie; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gillespie, Knoxville; sister, Mrs. Violet Gravitt, Atlanta. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment Highland Memorial Cemetery. Masons will have charge of services at the grave. Active pallbearers: Gene Sayne, James Lifford, Jim Wade, J. D. Morgan, Ralph Kerr, Chell Webb. The body will lie in state at the church one hour before services. The body remains at Rose.



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The Knoxville Journal  
June 2, 1956, p. 6

**BRUCE, MRS. LAURA BRUMMETT,**  
age 78, passed away at her home, 956 North Fourth Avenue, at 7:20 p.m. Friday. She was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Cleo Cox, Knoxville; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services at 2 p.m. Sunday at Roberts Mortuary. Interment in Book-walter Cemetery. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Roberts'.

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June 10, 1956, p. 27

**PARKS, SAMUEL G. JR.,**  
age 22, passed away 1:15 a.m. Saturday at General Hospital. The family home is 4520 East End Avenue. Surviving: sister, Mrs. James Holmes, Knoxville; one niece and nephew, and a host of relatives. Funeral 2 p. m. Sunday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment, Oliver Springs Cemetery. Pallbearers: Ralph Rudd, Hubert and Raymond Stubbs, Jack Wright, Jack Jenkins, Bill Dupes. The body will remain at Berry's.

The Knoxville Journal  
Oct. 13, 1956, p. 12

## Miss Hackworth Married Yesterday To J. H. Peters



MR. AND MRS. JAMES HUGH PETERS

Mr. and Mrs. James Hugh Peters are spending a week in Florida following their marriage last night at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. After they return they will reside at 133 Oldham Avenue.

The bride is the former Miss Sylvia Catherine Hackworth, daughter of Mrs. Cecil Marie Hackworth of 133 Oldham Avenue. Mr. Peters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peters of Luttrell.

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger performed the ceremony and nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Charles Irwin, organist, and Mr. C. E. Russell, vocalist.

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Given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. C. L. Beam, the bride wore a full length gown of imported Chantilly lace fashioned with a basque bodice with a new moon neckline and long fitted sleeves, a full skirt with a lace princess panel with cascading side ruffles of pleated nylon tulle. Her fingertip length veil of tulle was attached to a crown covered with sequins and seed pearls. She carried a Bible covered with white satin and topped with a white orchid.

Miss Carolyn Collins was maid of honor and the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Douglas Stewart of Beaufort, S. C., was matron of honor. Their dresses were ballerina length of two-tone pink nylon chiffon with shirred bodices and gathered skirts with floating panel backs. They carried bouquets of turquoise carnations.

Bridesmaids were Misses Barbara Beam and Faye Maples, cousins of the bride, Miss Patsy Redden, and Mrs. David Webster of Mascot. Their two-toned turquoise dresses were styled like that of the honor attendants. They carried bouquets of pink carnations.

Miss Deborah Collins was flower girl and Master Stanley Collins was ringbearer.

Mr. Carl McDaniel of Luttrell was best man and ushers were Mrs. Carroll Beeler and Mr. Bill Shankles of Corryton, Mr. Douglas Stewart of Beaufort, S. C., brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Mr. David Webster of Mascot.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Drinnen at 5813 Wil-Loyd Drive. Assisting in serving were Misses Iva Ray Coatney, Mammie Beam, Jennie Mae Haney and Betty Steels.

Attending the wedding from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. John William and Miss Loretta Edwards of Kentucky.

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Oct. 14, 1956, p. 40



Mrs. James H. Peters



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Jan. 17, 1957, p. 16

**KAPLAN, MRS. HELEN B.  
ASBURY,**

age 48, residence 326 Buckhead, Atlanta, Ga., passed on Tuesday at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She was a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Asbury Sr. formerly of Knoxville. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Buckhead, suburb of Atlanta. Survivors: husband, Art E. Kaplan of Buckhead; son, Charles E. Graham, of Dayton, Ohio; three grandchildren; brothers, C. A. Asbury Jr. of Knoxville; Robert A. Asbury of Atlanta. The body will arrive here over LGN Railroad Thursday afternoon and will be taken to the home of her brother, C. A. Asbury Jr., 1615 Worth Street. Services 2:30 p.m. Friday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in Zion Hill Cemetery. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Feb. 14, 1957, p. 5

**DeMARCUS, MRS. OLLIE,**

age 65, of 5408 Haynes Sterchi Road, Fountain City, passed away at Baptist Hospital, 3:45 p.m. Wednesday. She was a member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Surviving: one sister, Mrs. Roy Cabbage; one brother, Alec Ezell; several nieces and nephews, all of Knoxville. Services at 4 p.m. Friday in North Knoxville Baptist Church. Interment Lynnhurst Cemetery. The body will be removed to the home at 3 p.m. Thursday. Arrangements by Mynatt's.

The Knoxville Journal  
Feb. 23, 1957, p. 8

**BROWN, MRS. SYLVIA BYRGE,**

78, 1808 Marion St., passed on Thursday, 6:50 a.m. at her home. She was a charter member of the North Knoxville Baptist Church. Served as first secretary & treasury of the church.

Survivors: daughters, Mrs. Flossie Brooks, of Atlanta; Mrs. Delelah Wright, Knoxville; granddaughter, Mrs. Mildred Carr of Atlanta; son, Bailey Brown, Oklahoma; sister, Mrs. Delia Bray, Hamilton, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at North Knoxville Baptist



Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, Rev. Bruce Dozier, Rev. Clyde Lakin officiating. The body is at the home. Interment will be in Underwood Cemetery, Knox County. Active pallbearers: Wylie Coile, Roscoe Grant, Murphy Beeler, Sam Blackstock, Albert Spears, Cal Drinner. Her Sunday School Class will serve as honorary pallbearers. Flower girls will be the Cheerful Workers' Sunday School Class. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 17, 1957, p. 11

**NELSON, GEORGE G.,** age 77, 111 Oldham Ave., died at his home 7 a.m. Saturday. He was a Spanish-American war veteran and a member of Master's Lodge No. 244 FGAM. Surviving: wife, Bertha M. Nelson; sons, Elton Nelson, Knoxville; Harry E. Proffitt, Detroit; daughters, Mrs. Jevina Allison, Mrs. Dollie Saylor, Knoxville, one brother, Charles Nelson, Greenville, S. C.; six sisters, Mrs. Louise Burns, Greenville, Mrs. Carrie Boyce, Laurie Hill, N. C., Mrs. Annie McCall, Piedmont, S. C., Mrs. Sue Smith, Pelzer, S. C., Mrs. Cannie Gillespie, Brevard, N. C., Mrs. Beulah Leach, Burlington, N. C. Funeral services 2 p.m. Monday, Mynatt's Chapel, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in Lynnhurst Cemetery. Pallbearers will be members of his Sunday School class of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Masons will have charge of services at the grave. Family will receive friends Sunday afternoon and evening at Mynatt's.

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May 18, 1957, p. 2

## Youth Direct Church Activity

**North Knoxville Baptist Church**

young people will conduct church activities during Youth Week, which begins tomorrow.

Under the direction of Jack Piatt, young people's superintendent and Phyllis Jarboe will be acting Training Union director.

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June 16, 1957, p. 35

## Floyd-Sharp Bridals Held

Miss Barbara Ann Sharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Robert Sharp, 1715 Connecticut Avenue, and Mr. James Nile Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Howard Floyd, Route 18, were married last evening at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and wedding music was presented by Miss Patsy Propince.

The bride wore a dress of blue taffeta trimmed with white lace. Her accessories were white and she carried an orchid on a Bible.

Miss Norma Jo Blankenship of Loyall, Ky., was maid of honor and Mr. Clyde Floyd served his brother as best man.

A reception was given at the home of the bridegroom's parents following the ceremony.

After a southern wedding trip, the couple will be at home at 1715 Connecticut Avenue.



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**DAIL, SGT. JOHN D.,**  
age 36, residence 1516 Harvey Street, passed on at Fort Riley, Kansas. He attended the Baptist Church. Survivors: sisters, Miss Orpha Dail of Knoxville; Mrs. Lula Anderson of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Lois White, Mrs. Iva McGinnis; brothers, W. F., George and Harvey P. Dail, all of Knoxville. The body arrived and was taken to Rose Mortuary. Services 2:30 p.m. Sunday, **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and J. C. Davis officiating. Graveside services 11 a.m. Monday, US National Cemetery. The body is at the home of his brother, W. F. Dail, 318 E. Oldham Avenue. US Army Reserves will have charge of military honors at the grave. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Oct. 4, 1957, p. 2

**HOPKINS, W. L.,**  
age 48, residence 420 Woodland Avenue, passed on Wednesday 11:45 p. m. at St. Mary's Hospital. He was a member and deacon of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. He was a machinist for Park Hosiery Mills for the past fourteen years. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Ada Raines Hopkins; sons, Dennis and Kenneth Hopkins, all of Knoxville; sister, Mrs. Jasper Moss, Trinton, Mich.; brothers, Charley and J. T. Hopkins, Jellico, Tenn., Jess Hopkins, Knoxville; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church** with Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment Bookwalter Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church one hour before services. Active pallbearers: Harvey Dozier, Irwin Beeler, C. J. Drinnen, Wiley Coil, Arnold Jones and T. K. Rollins. Honorary pallbearers will be deacons of the church and fellow workers of Park Hosiery Mills. The body remains at Rose where the family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p. m. Friday.

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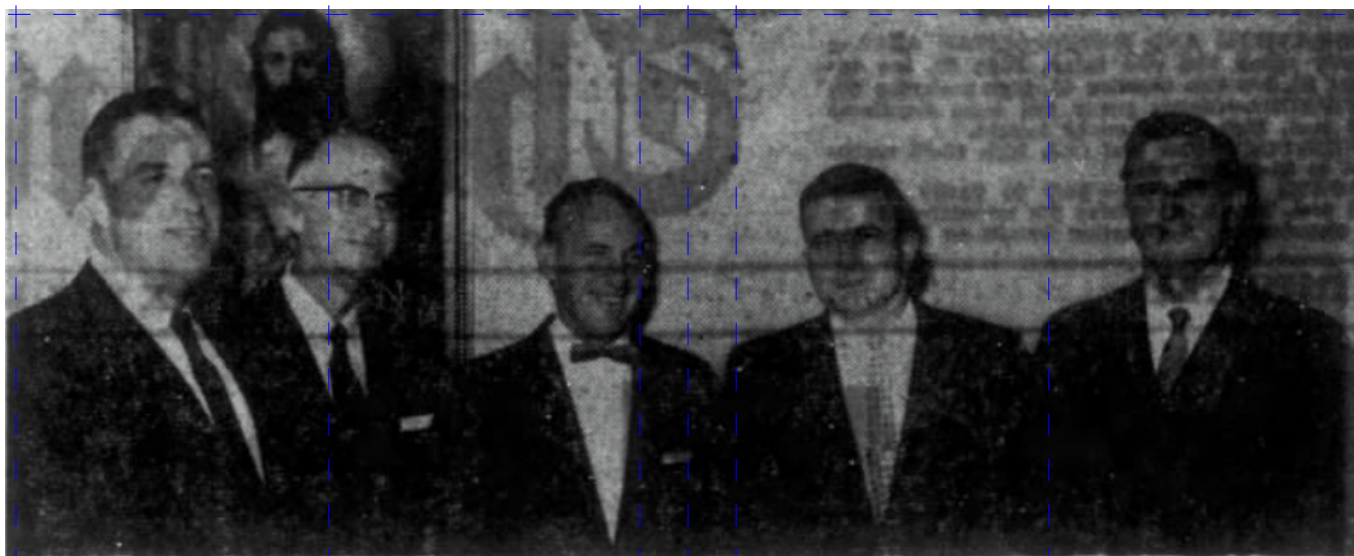
## *Rust Made Moderator Of Knox Baptist Group*

Rev. E. Warren Rust, pastor of McCalla Avenue Baptist, was elected moderator of the Knox County Association of Baptists at the closing session of the 155th annual meeting yesterday.

Other officers are Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, assistant moderator; Rev. D. L. Hammer, pastor of New Hopewell Baptist Church, clerk; and Rev. Wallace Morton, pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, treasurer.

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**KNOX BAPTIST LEADERS**—Officers of the Knox County Association of Baptists, elected at the closing session of the 155 annual meeting this week, are left to right, Rev. Warren E. Rust, pastor of McCalla Avenue Baptist Church, moderator; Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, assistant moderator; Rev. D. L. Hammer, pastor of New Hopewell Baptist Church, clerk; Rev. James McCulia, pastor of Tennessee Avenue Baptist Church, assistant clerk; and Rev. Wallace E. Morton, pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, treasurer.

The Knoxville Journal  
Dec. 11, 1957, p. 12

**COX, STELLA JANE**—age 67, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Callison, 3021 Tazewell Pike, 9:15 p. m. Monday. She was widow of the late Richard E. Cox, a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Survived by her mother, Mrs. Sarah Smith; sons, Clyde, K. C., and Fred Cox, all of Knoxville, Lester Cox, Birmingham, Ala.; daughters, Mrs. H. A. Callison, Mrs. C. A. Asbury, Knoxville, Mrs. Sam Ogle, Lubbock, Texas, Mrs. W. M. Thomas, Chattanooga; 23 grandchildren, one great-grandchild. The body is at the home of Mrs. C. A. Asbury, 1615 Worth Street. Funeral service at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in Beech Grove Cemetery. Weaver's in charge.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Jan. 18, 1958, p. 7

**WOLFENBARGER,  
GAYLON S.—**  
age 59, of 1411 Cline Street, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital at 3:30 p. m. Thursday. He was a member of Charles H. McKinney Lodge No. 244 F&AM. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Della Wolfenbarger; two sisters, Mrs. R. C. Grant and Mrs. T. N. Cox, both of Knoxville; several nieces and nephews. The body will be taken to the home 2 p. m. Saturday. Funeral service 2 p. m. Sunday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers: John McCully, Roscoe Grant, Jr., Aubrey Daniels, Ralph Mantooth, Doyle Selvers, J. L. Loope. Mynatt's in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Apr. 8, 1958, p. 12

**SHAW, MRS. MARGARET—**  
age 61, passed away 3:40 p.m. Sunday at St. Mary's Hospital. The residence is at 800 Hiwassee Avenue. She was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Survived by husband, Nelse Shaw, Knoxville; daughters, Mrs. John C. Manning and Mrs. Jack Cochran, Knoxville; sons, T. J. and Earl Shaw, Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. Roxie Stanley and Mrs. Rosa Watson, Miamisburg, O.; brothers, Cyrus Aired, Las Vegas, Nev., and Sam Aired, Titus, Fla.; 10 grandchildren. The body will be taken to the home at 1 p. m. Monday. Services 2 p. m. Wednesday at Rose Chapel, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, Rev. Ralph Murray officiating. Interment Highland Memorial Cemetery. Active pallbearers: Emerson and G. W. Davis, Jack and Jim Cochran, John Manning, Verlis Loveday. The body is at the home. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 27, 1958, p. 9

**GOFORTH, MARION E.—**  
76, residence 2802 Tarleton Street, passed away 7:23 a. m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Hospital. Member of North Knoxville Baptist Church; member of Junior Order; was retired groceryman. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Hattie Jane Hickam Goforth; son, Edward T. and Wenford Goforth; brother, George Goforth; two grandchildren, all of Knoxville. Services 2:30 p.m. Friday at Rose Chapel, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Dr. Melvin Faulkner officiating. Interment in Lynnhurst Cemetery. The body remains at Rose where the family will receive friends Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Knoxville Journal  
Apr. 26, 1958, p. 3

## Christ Theme Of Youth Week Services

"Youth For Christ" is to be the theme of Youth Week services at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, beginning tomorrow and continuing through May 4.

Young people will be in charge of all church activities for the period. Athleen Asbury will be Sunday School superintendent; J. V. Simmons, Training Union director; Barbara Grubb, church clerk. Faye Maples will act as church organist and Carolyn Redden will assist as pianist.

Jack Piatt is in charge of the entire week's program, with representatives from Intermediate, Junior and Young Peoples departments serving on his committee.

Rev. Billy Moses will speak at the Wednesday evening service and Rev. Thad Dowdle, Carson-Newman student, will speak Sunday. C. E. (Sonny) Russell will direct special music by the Youth Choir. Thursday is to be Visitation Day, with adults assisting the young people on the round of calls.

The Knoxville Journal  
May 2, 1958, p. 17

MRS. TED L. WILLIAMSON was Miss Carolyn June Collins before her wedding last evening at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, pastor of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conley Collins, 133 Oldham Avenue. Mr. Williamson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williamson, 4625 Newcom Avenue.





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May 2, 1958, p. 24

## Williamson, Collins Rites Solemnized

Miss Carolyn June Collins and Mr. Ted L. Williamson were married at 7:30 p.m. yesterday at the home of Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, Emerald Avenue.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conley Collins, 133 Oldham Avenue. A graduate of Fulton High School, she is employed as a secretary with Southern Drug and Manufacturing Co.

Mr. Williamson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williamson, 4625 Newcom Avenue. He was graduated from West High School and is employed with WATE television.

Mr. Wolfenbarger, pastor of North Knoxville Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a street-length dress of white lace featuring a round neckline. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson will make their home at 1805 East Fifth Avenue.

The Knoxville Journal  
June 2, 1958, p. 10

### BOYD, DAWSON—

age 49, passed away Sunday at 4:50 a. m. at Rins Convalescent Home. Residence 1719 Branner Avenue. A member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survived by mother, Mrs. Bertha Boyd, Knoxville; brother, L. M. Boyd, Myrtle Beach, S. C. Funeral announcements later. The body remains at Rose.

The Knoxville Journal  
July 15, 1958, p. 12

### GRANT, MRS. ZELMA—

age 87, of 2721 Johnson Street, died at St. Mary's Hospital, 2:26 p. m. Sunday. Member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survivors: husband, Roscoe Grant; daughters, Mrs. Edith Hopkins and Mrs. Imogene Loop of Knoxville; son, Roscoe Grant Jr., Washington, D. C.; sister, Mrs. Myrtle Cox, Knoxville; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service 2 p. m. Wednesday, North Knoxville Baptist Church, with Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment Bookwalter Cemetery. Pallbearers: Harvey Moses, H. M. Dozier, Clyde Sheets, Wiley Coile, Sam Blackstock, C. B. Ricker. The body will be taken to the home at 10 a.m. Thursday. Arrangements by Mynatt's.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Sept. 26, 1958, p. 2

## T. M. Elliott Funeral Set For Today

Funeral service for Rev. Thomas M. Elliott, Baptist minister who had been preaching in the Knoxville area for 30 years and who died Wednesday night at St. Mary's Hospital, will be held at 2 p.m. today at Gentry's Mortuary Chapel, with Chaplain F. H. Clifton Jr. and Rev. Lester Young officiating.

Mr. Elliott, 73, was a native of Meigs County. He had served as pastor in many churches, his last work was at Calvary Baptist

Church at Heiskell. Previous to that he was pastor of Callahan Baptist Church, North Knoxville Baptist Church, and Folsom Street Baptist Church. The veteran minister underwent an operation a month ago and had been in grave condition. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Effie Wolfe Elliott; daughters, Mrs. Margie Scarbro, Fountain City, Mrs. Grace Spinx, Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Mattie Lou Pheagin, Gastonia, N.C.; sons, Sam Elliott, Maryville, James Elliott, San Francisco, Calif., Earl Elliott, Nebraska; brothers, Sam Elliott, Texas, and Phillip Elliott, North Carolina.

The Knoxville Journal  
Oct. 16, 1958, p. 19



**BAPTIST OFFICIALS**—The Knox County Association of Baptists closed its 156th annual meeting yesterday with an election of officers. Left to right: Rev. D. L. Hammer Jr. of Washington Pike Baptist Church reelected clerk; Dr. Wallace E. Morton of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, reelected treasurer; Rev. Wyman Wood of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, associate moderator; Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger of North Knoxville Baptist Church, moderator; and James W. McCulla Jr., reelected associate clerk. Central Baptist Church of Bearden and Wallace Memorial Baptist Church were selected as host churches for next year's meeting, Oct. 12-14.



The Knoxville Journal  
Nov. 11, 1958, p. 11

**CARTER, HERMAN M.—**  
age 57. passed away suddenly Monday 1 a. m. at his home, 4607 Clinton Hwy. A member and deacon **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, engineer for Southern Railway, member of BLF&E No. 444. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Flora Carter; sons, Verlin and R. B. Carter, Knoxville; 3 granddaughters; father, Rev. F. M. Carter; sisters, Mrs. B. M. Beeler, Mrs. W. H. Sharp, Mrs. Ann Cook, Knoxville; Mrs. James Gault, Rogersville; brothers, Roy Carter, Chattanooga, Charles of Maryville; Rev. Otis Carter, Beecher, and Tipton Carter, Knoxville. Services Rose Chapel, 2 p.m. Wednesday. Rev. Andy Vance and Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Pallbearers: B. M., Lynn, Francis and Herman Beeler, Ronnie and Hoyle Carter. Honorary pallbearers will be members of BLF & E No. 444. Interment Bookwalter Cemetery. Body remains at Rose Mortuary where family will receive friends Tuesday, 7-9:30 p.m.

The Knoxville Journal  
Dec. 6, 1958, p. 9

**McDONALD, IRVIN FOSTER—**  
61, of 250 East Anderson Avenue, passed away at 2:15 p. m. Thursday at St. Mary's Hospital. He attended the **North Knoxville Baptist Church** and was shipping clerk with Swift Packing Co. for 33 years. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Iva McDonald; daughters, Mrs. Harold Blalock, Miss Mary McDonald; sons, James, Robert and Charles McDonald, all of Knoxville; Foster McDonald of Texas; mother, Mrs. James Laster of Waxachie, Texas; sister, Viola Patterson of Ennis, Texas. Services 2 p. m. Saturday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. William Cardwell officiating. Interment in Highland Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers: Cecil Bryant, George Cockrum, John B. Davidson, Jake Easterday, J. L. Easterday, J. B. Hill. Honorary pallbearers will be employes of the mailing room of The Knoxville News-Sentinel. The body is at the home. Rose in charge.

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The Knoxville Journal  
Jan. 14, 1959, p. 9

**BLACKSTOCK, SAM T.**—age 66, residence, 207 Oldham Avenue, N. W., passed away 7:30 a. m. Monday, St. Mary's Hospital. He was a member and deacon of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Employee of Palm Beach Co. for many years. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Susie Cobb Blackstock; daughter, Mrs. Lillian Rule, both of Knoxville; grandson, David Ronnie Rule, U. S. Navy, Jacksonville, Fla.; brother, John Blackstock, Knoxville. Services 2 p. m. Wednesday at Rose Chapel, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. Thurman Arnold officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Nephews will serve as active pallbearers: Edward, Don Howard and Houston Blackstock; Bill and Leonard Bradley. Honorary pallbearers will be deacons of North Knoxville Baptist Church. The body remains at Rose.

The Knoxville Journal  
July 22, 1959, p. 12

**MILLER, Mrs. Eva Maybelle**—age 65, of 314 West Oldham Avenue, passed away 3:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Hospital. She was a member of East Oldham Avenue Baptist Church. Services 2 p. m. Wednesday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Clyde Lakin and Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in Hill Cemetery. Active pallbearers: John Childress, William Childress, Charles Miller, Albert Mitchell, Frank Worsham, Vineyard Wolfenbarger. The body is at the home. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Aug. 4, 1959, p. 5

The Knoxville Journal  
Mar. 16, 1959, p. 11

**SPEARS, Albert M.**—age 75, passed away 2:45 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Hospital. Residence 2707 Jefferson Avenue. He was an active member of North Knoxville Baptist Church, and was foreman at Brookside Mills for 50 years. Surviving: daughter, Mrs. Crystal Myers, Knoxville; sons, A. L. Spears, of Powell, F. W. Spears, Rockford, and R. T. Spears, of Powell; brother, A. E. Spears, Knoxville; sister, Mrs. Clara Rogers, Knoxville; 14 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren. Services 1:30 p.m. Monday, North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in Bookwalter Cemetery. The body will lie in state 1 hour at the church. Pallbearers: Wylie Colie, Roscoe Grant, Clarence Ricker, Earl Snyder, Clyde Hill, W. W. Angel. The body will remain at Rose Mortuary.

## Wolfenbarger Accepts Call To Mt. Harmony

Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, moderator of the Knox County Association of Baptists and pastor of North Knoxville Baptist Church for the past 15 years, has accepted a call to become pastor of Mt. Harmony Baptist Church.

He will succeed Rev. Dillard Mynatt, who recently went to Madisonville, Tenn., Baptist Church.

A campaign for a new parsonage and sanctuary is expected to get underway soon at Mt. Harmony Church on Strawberry Plains Pike.



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The Knoxville Journal  
Nov. 5, 1959, p. 15

**SMITH, MITCHELL F.**—age 47, of 335 Radford Place, died at 7:40 p. m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Hospital after a sudden illness. He was a member of the **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, and a member of the Charles H. McKinney Lodge No. 433 and the Boiler Makers Union No. 453. Employee of Jamison Construction Co. Survivors: widow, Mrs. Sallie Logon Steele Smith; sons, Charles A. Smith and James Roy Smith, Knoxville; brother, Caleb B. Smith, Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. Hazel Hamitt, Knoxville, Mrs. Eliza Rolan, Knoxville, Mrs. Leola Adams, Cleveland, O.; one grandchild. Funeral 2 p.m. Thursday at Weaver Chapel, Rev. Dewey Jackson officiating. Interment, Woodlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers: George Adams, Ralph Webb, Dude Frie, J. W. Drinnon, J. W. Underwood, Robert Hampton, Charles McKinney. Lodge No. 433 F&AM will have charge of services at the grave. Weaver Funeral Home, 3930 Oak Ridge Highway at West Haven, in charge.

The Knoxville Journal  
Dec. 10, 1959, p. 7

**HICKS, Mrs. Ester Schrader**—age 65, of Johnson City, formerly of Knoxville, died at Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, Wednesday morning. She was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church** and Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Knoxville Unif No. 2. She was a licensed practical nurse at Memorial Hospital. Survivors: husband, Charles Phillip Hicks, Johnson City; daughter, Mrs. John F. Doran, Ridgewood, N. J.; son, James Schrader, Quincy, Fla.; two grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Ernest Wilson, Norris, Mrs. Ida Hines, Knoxville; brother, George Donaldson, Trenton, Ga. Services at 2 p. m. Saturday at McCarty's Chapel, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p. m. Friday at McCarty's.