

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.

The articles are divided into 4 volumes covering the time periods shown below.

Volume	1	1930	through	1939
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**Articles published in the Knoxville Journal
pertaining to North Knoxville Baptist Church**

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Feb. 27, 1960, p. 2

WMS Schedules Mission Study

The Women's Missionary Society of **North Knoxville Baptist Church** will hold a mission study Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Mrs. C. E. Steele will teach from the book, "Reaching the Rural Church." Grove City Baptist WMS will be guests. Luncheon will be served at noon.

The Knoxville Journal
Mar. 5, 1960, p. 2

North Knox Baptist Calls Pastor

North Knoxville Baptist Church

has called Rev. O. G. Lawless from an eight-year pastorate at First Baptist Church in Selmer, Tenn. He will preach his first sermons as pastor here tomorrow.

A native of Clinton County, Ky., Mr. Lawless attended Carson Newman College and New Orleans Seminary. He has held several pastorates in



Tennessee and **REV. LAWLESS** Kentucky and has been active in Tennessee Baptist Convention. He is married to the former Pearlene Watson of Bemis, Tenn., who is also active in church organization work.

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The Knoxville Journal
Apr. 23, 1960, p. 2

NORTH KNOXVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

217 OLDHAM AVE., N.W.

REVIVAL SERVICES

SUNDAY, APRIL 24th Thru MAY 1st

**SERVICES 7:30 P.M.
EACH EVENING**

*We Invite YOU
To All Services*



O. G. LAWLESS

O. G. LAWLESS
Pastor, Evangelist

JOHN E. HARRIS
Music Director



JOHN E. HARRIS

*Every Visitor Is An
HONORED GUEST
In Our Church*

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The Knoxville Journal
Apr. 27, 1960, p. 1

Wolfenbarger To Seek Full Term On Court

Squire Sidney C. Wolfenbarger, 56, Knoxville businessman and county coroner, yesterday announced he will seek the Republican nomination for a full term as justice of the peace from the Third District.

He is presently serving out the unexpired term of Carl Hickam who resigned about four years ago. Wolfenbarger was



WOLFENBARGER elected to the post then and for some time has been a member of the County Court's Finance Committee.

The squire earlier served a full six-year term during which time he also served as county coroner.

During his initial term on the court, Squire Wolfenbarger headed its Investigation (Watchdog) Committee.

A native of Grainger County, the squire has lived here for more than 35 years. He lives with his family at 942 Luttrell Street and is a member of the North Knoxville Free Will Baptist Church.

The Knoxville Journal
May 13, 1960, p. 7

FRENCH, Mrs. Elizabeth—71, of 123 Oldham Avenue NW, passed away at 11:05 a. m. Thursday. She was a widow of Marcus D. French. She was a member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survivors: sons, Orice J. French, Edward O. French; sister, Mrs. Mae Pelant, all of Knoxville; Mrs. Lettie Snelson, Halls; Mrs. Clemmie Colinger; brothers, Harne Snyder, Marion Snyder, Bill Snyder, all of Knoxville; Harrison Snyder, Memphis; grandchildren, Pamela and James French, Knoxville. Services, 3:30 p. m. Sunday, Rose Chapel. Interment, Lynnhurst Cemetery. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p. m. Saturday at Rose Mortuary.

NOTE: This church was never known as a "Free Will" Church.

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The Knoxville Journal
Sept. 19, 1960, p. 5

Elliot Wolfenbarger Rites Due Here At 4 p.m. Today

Services for Elliot P. Wolfenbarger, 45, will be held today at 4 p. m. at Mann's Church Avenue chapel. The automotive sales businessman died of a seizure Saturday at his Shelbourne Towers apartment.

Mr. Wolfenbarger was manager of Burchfield Motor Co., Chapman Highway for the past year. Before that he was connected with Buschbaum Motor Co., for 13 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 2, and the Young Republican Club of Knox County. He was also a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

He is survived by wife, Mrs. Ada Wolfenbarger; father, A. L. Wolfenbarger, and stepmother, Mrs. Mary Wolfenbarger of Luttrell; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Lee Liford, Knoxville, Mrs. Carrie Liford, Corryton, and Mrs. Susie Staley of Rutledge; stepson, Herbert Price, Miami, Fla.; and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Barbara Green and Mrs. Peggy Key of Knoxville.

The Knoxville Journal
Sept. 24, 1960, p. 9

HOLBROOK, Arthur Clyde — age 54, 320 East Oak Hill Avenue, passed away at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at his home. He was a member of the **North Knoxville Baptist Church** and was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Eula Thomas Holbrook; stepdaughter, Mrs. James Dodson; sisters, Mrs. Carlos Moore, Knoxville, Mrs. Kate Snyder, Concord, Mrs. Maggie Rash, Mrs. Leola Nelson, Norfolk, Va.; brothers, Harmon and William Holbrook, Knoxville, and Robert Holbrook, Spartanburg, S. C.; grandchildren, Linda, Brenda and David Helton. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. O. G. Lawless, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment Bookwalter Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church one hour before services. Pallbearers: Robert Bolton, Harold M. Petty, Hollis C. Petty Jr., Billy Snyder, Benjamin Thomas, Earl Thomas. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal
Oct. 4, 1960, p. 2

Mount Harmony Baptist Church on Strawberry Plains Pike will hold revival services tomorrow through Oct. 9 with Rev. O. G. Lawless, pastor of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, as evangelist. Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, host pastor, will direct the music. Weekday services will be at 7:30 p.m. Open House at the new pastorium will also be observed tomorrow from 2-5 p.m.

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The Knoxville Journal
Jan. 14, 1961, p. 7

DAVIS, Mrs. Etta (Granny)—age 91, of Route 19, Kimberlin Heights Pike, died at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday at University of Tennessee Hospital after a lingering illness. Member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Funeral service 2 p.m., Saturday, Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Newport, Rev. Roy Myers, Rev. Bruce Dozier, officiating. The body will lie in state one hour before services. Interment church cemetery. Weaver Funeral Home in charge.

The Knoxville Journal
Feb. 8, 1961, p. 5

North Knox Baptists Planning To Expand

North Knoxville Baptist Church

has approved plans for construction of a two-story addition to its educational unit to house a nursery, two beginner departments, and two primary departments, Rev. O. G. Lawless, pastor, announced yesterday.

The new wing will include 4000 square feet of floor space.

The church, on Oldham Avenue at Worth Street, completed a new building in 1953 and the first addition to it in 1955. The congregation last Sunday accepted proposed building plans of a survey committee and authorized construction of the new wing. Members also voted that the survey committee now serve as the building committee.

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The Knoxville Journal
Apr. 10, 1961, p. 11

THOMPSON, Mrs. Bertha (Aunt Bert)—age 80, residence 2100 White Avenue, passed away at 11:05 a.m. Friday at University of Tennessee Hospital. She was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

Survivors: sister, Mrs. C. M. Gumm, Logan, Okla.; brothers, Curtis Burkey, Johnson City, Byrd Burkey and W. K. Burkey, Greeneville; several nieces and nephews. Services 12 noon Monday, Rose Chapel, Rev. A. G. Lawless, officiating, with graveside services to follow at 2:30 p.m. Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville, Tenn. Active pallbearers: Leslie Fort, Earnest Bullen, W. W. Harper, Clyde Sheets, Frank Arnold, Grady Postell. The body remains Rose.

The Knoxville Journal
Sept. 19, 1961, p. 11

MYERS, Mrs. Mary—age 80, died 5:15 a.m. Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. T. Faulkner, Henry Haynes Rd. She was the widow of the late C. T. Myers, member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Survivors: daughters, Mrs. S. T. Faulkner, Knoxville, Mrs. H. H. McMurray, Miami, Florida, Mrs. Alfred Bradshaw, Boston, Mass., Mrs. Dan Cacavie, California; sons, Rev. G. W. Myers, Knoxville, Rev. A. A. Myers, Niota, Tenn.; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; brothers, Amos and Joe McMahan; sister, Mrs. Laura Franklin, Knoxville. Funeral 2 p. m. Wednesday, **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger, Rev. Clyde Lakins officiating. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. The body will be taken to the home of a son, Rev. G. W. Myers, 217 West Woodland Avenue 2 p.m. Tuesday. Berry's in charge.

The Knoxville Journal
Nov. 24, 1961, p. 14

Miss Burchfield To Be Bride Of Mr. Robertson

The engagement of Miss Patsy Sue Burchfield to Mr. Kenneth Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robertson, 2211 Major Avenue, is announced today by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Burchfield, 116 Woodland Avenue.

Miss Burchfield was graduated from Fulton High School and is employed with Super Service Motor Freight Co.

Mr. Robertson is a graduate of Rule High School.

The couple will be married at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

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The Knoxville Journal
Dec. 5, 1961, p. 7

'M' Night Draws Big Attendance

More than 7300 Baptists—young people, adults, intermediates, juniors and just barely—from 118 churches in Knox County Baptist Association, last night crowded the Municipal Coliseum to hear a Birmingham pastor, Dr. W. Landon Miller, urge continued expansion of denominational reach, buttressed by consolidation of the ties of faith already made.

Training Union members, the Baptist young people who made up most of last night's "Mobilization" crowd, came in chartered buses—at least of 15 of them were parked outside—from throughout the county. A trophy was awarded to the Lincoln Park Baptist group for having the largest number of members present—337.

A second trophy went to **North Knoxville Baptist Church** for the largest number out of its total enrollment present, 305 out of 311.

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Miss Carolyn June Hicks Married To Mr. Pittman

In a twilight service Saturday at North Knoxville Baptist Church, Miss Carolyn June Hicks became the bride of Mr. Harold Barton (Bart) Pittman.

Miss Hicks is the daughter of Mr. Landon T. Hicks of Elizabethton, and of the late Mrs. Hicks, and Mr. Pittman, Courthouse reporter of The Knoxville Journal, is the son of Mrs. H. H. Pittman of Virginia Avenue, and of the late Mr. Pittman.

Officiating ministers were: Rev. Haskel Ingram Jr. of Union Baptist Church at Hampton, a cousin of the bride, and Rev. O. G. Lawless, of **North Knoxville Baptist**

Seven-branch candelabra, holding burning white candles, jade foliage and emerald palms were used in decorating the church. A program of wedding music was given by Mr. Fred Berry, vocalist, and Mrs. C. E. Winger, organist.

Mr. Ingram also gave his cousin in marriage. She wore a wedding gown of white taffeta and Chantilly lace. Fashioned with a basque bodice of the lace, inserts of lace were used in the full skirt, graduating into a chapel length train. Dainty scallops outlined the scooped neckline and the sleeves were long and pointed over the

wrists. Her double-tiered veil of English illusion fell from a small cluster of pearlized orange blossoms, and she carried a white Bible, topped with a white orchid, showered with lilies of the valley.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Ray Lowe Jr. of Elizabethton, was matron of honor and bridesmaids were: Mrs. George Herndon and Mrs. Houston Stallings. They wore sheaths of ruby velvet, designed with scooped necklines and elbow-length sleeves. Each wore a headpiece of white fur and carried a white muff, finished with a garland of red roses.

Little Miss Susan Walker was flower girl and Mr. Pittman's son, Stephen, was ringbearer.

Mr. Loren Stafford was best man and ushers were: Messrs. W. P. Wilson, Frank Jordan and Frank Stansberry.

Following the service, a reception was given in the assembly room of the church. Mrs. Lonnie Settles kept the bride's book and assisting were: Mesdames Eva Wayman, Sarah Wood, Rosabelle Schettler, all of Knoxville, and Mesdames Haskell Ingram and Robert Laws of Hampton.

Other out-of-town guests here for the occasion were: Mrs. Haskel Ingram Jr., Mr. Robert Laws, Hampton; and Mr. Ray Lowe Jr. of Elizabethton.

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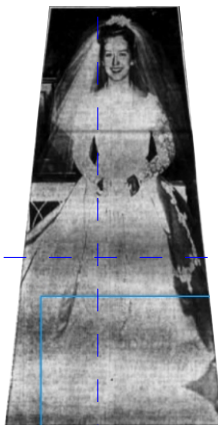
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Apr. 21, 1962, p. 2



MR. AND MRS. BARTON (Bart) PITTMAN

REVIVAL SERVICES
NORTH KNOXVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 217 Oldham Ave.
April 22 thru 29
 7:30 EACH EVENING
Rev. O. G. LAWLESS
 Pastor will be preaching
Mr. Don Blaylock
 Minister of Music Education, Beaumont Baptist Church, will have charge of the music.
 Mr. Blaylock
 The Pastor and People Invite You to Attend

The Knoxville Journal
Jan. 12, 1962, p. 17



MRS. HAROLD BARTON PITTMAN was Miss Carolyn June Hicks before her wedding Saturday at North Knoxville Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Mr. Landon T. Hicks of Elizabethton and the late Mrs. Hicks. Mr. Pittman is the son of Mrs. H. H. Pittman of Virginia Avenue and the late Mr. Pittman. After a wedding trip to Savannah, Ga., and the Carolinas, Mr. and Mrs. Pittman will make their home at 1908 Yale Avenue.

photo by Hugh Lowford

The Knoxville Journal
Apr. 23, 1962, p. 2

CHAMBERLAIN, Mrs. Ada—age 60, of 2311 North Johnson Street, passed away Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in a Knoxville hospital. Member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Survivors: husband, C. C. Chamberlain; son, Donald I. Davis, Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. Blanche Evans, Mrs. Minnie Tindell, Mrs. Elsie Chamberlain, all of Knoxville, Mrs. Dora Babb, Lenoir City, Miss Trula Bradley, Los Angeles, Calif. Funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rose Chapel, Rev. H. K. Akins and Rev. Charles Sharrits officiating. Interment in Sherwood Memorial Cemetery. Body will remain at Rose where family will receive friends 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

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The Knoxville Journal
June 15, 1962, p. 11

Miss Brenda Kaye Miller Bride Of Mr. G. D. DeFord

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Douglas DeFord are at home at 1202 Luttrell Avenue after a wedding trip to Fontana Village, N. C. The couple was married in an afternoon ceremony June 3 at **North Knoxville Baptist Church**.

The bride is the former Miss Brenda Kaye Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Miller, 228 East Oakhill Avenue, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis DeFord, 2308 Mississippi Avenue.

Rev. O. G. Lawless, pastor, performed the ceremony, and a program of wedding selections was presented by Miss Carolyn Reden.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballerina length wedding dress of silk organza over satin fashioned with a scoop neckline edged with lace motifs and long pointed sleeves. Her shoulder length veil fell from a crown of seed pearls and sequins. She carried a white Bible topped with lilies of the valley centered with an orchid.

Miss Linda Fay Miller, the bride's sister, was her only attendant. She wore a yellow satin dress and carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Mr. Jimmy DeFord served his brother as best man. Out-of-town guests here for the wedding

included the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McPhetridge and family of Wytheville, Va.; her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Miller Jr., and family of Louisville, Ky., and the bridegroom's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. McGaffie of Oak Ridge.



Photo by Leslie Studio

MR. AND MRS. GERALD DOUGLAS DEFORD

The Knoxville Journal
Aug. 23, 1962, p. 12

LINE, Alfred Brown — age 71, passed away at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday at his home, 2402 East Fifth Avenue. He was a member of the North Knoxville Baptist Church. He worked

57 years for Southern Railway, having retired in 1954 due to declining health. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Ruth Witt Line; son, William Jonathon Line; daughters, Mrs. Royce Line Conner, all of Knoxville, and Mrs. Barbara Line Acuff of Mt. Holley, N. J.; sister, Mrs. Beulah McCarroll of Knoxville;



grandchildren, Jackie L. Line, Karen, Steven and Kittle Conner and Mark Acuff; several nieces and nephews. Services 2 p.m. Friday at Rose Chapel, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger and Rev. A. G. Hall officiating. Interment in Lynnhurst Cemetery. Active pallbearers: R. L. Busic, Frank Dixon, L. E. Musgraves, E. A. Nicely, L. Pennington, J. B. Wrinkle. Friends will be received Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Rose Morfuary.

The Knoxville Journal
Sept. 8, 1962, p. 2

Off-Campus Religious Classes Due

An off-campus religious education program, sponsored by Carson-Newman College and designed to offer religious training to church workers in small towns and rural areas, will open Monday at 7 p.m. in Cedar Grove Baptist Church on Norris Freeway.

Classes will be held each Monday—for the succeeding 12—from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Courses offered are: "The Heart of Hebrew History," taught by Dr. D. L. Hammer of Washington Pike Baptist; and "Teaching for Results," taught by Rev. O. G. Lawless, pastor of North Knoxville Baptist.

Rev. J. E. Hale is director of the program in the Midland Association.

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The Knoxville Journal
Mar. 22, 1963, p. 18

JONES, William R.—age 57, Collier Road, Powell, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Hospital. He was a member of **North Knoxville Baptist Church**. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Beatrice Jones; son, Hugh M. Jones of Powell; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Virginia Jones; grandchildren, John Hugh and Rayona Beatrice Jones of Powell. Services 3:30 p. m. Friday, Rose Chapel, Rev. Bruce Dozier officiating. Interment Washington Pike Presbyterian Church Cemetery. The body is at Rose.

The Knoxville Journal
Feb 24, 1964, p. 2

BRIGHT, Mrs. Bertie Lee—75, of 238 Radford Place NE, passed away 10:45 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Hospital. She was a member of North Knoxville Baptist Church. Widow of William P. Bright. Survivors: daughters, Mrs. Lewis James, Mrs. Lou James, Mrs. Dennis Elkins, all of Knoxville, Mrs. Thurman Rose, Louisville; one son, J. E. Bright, Knoxville; sisters, Mrs. P. A. Morton, Knoxville, Mrs. Jessie James, Corryton; brother, Raymond Williams, Corryton; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services 2 p.m. Tuesday at **North Knoxville Baptist Church** with Rev. O. G. Lawless, Rev. Kerr Wolfenbarger officiating. Interment, Mayes Chapel Cemetery. The body will lie in state one hour before service. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Cecil and William Bright, Gerald Bunch, Jerry Holbert, James Rose, Harold Williams. The body will be taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dennis Elkins at 1111 West Fair Drive at 10 a.m. Monday. Rose in charge.

The Knoxville Journal
Feb 10, 1964, p. 11

WALKER, Mrs. Mary E.—age 74, 616 Southbrook Dr., passed away 2:45 p.m. Saturday at the home. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Services 2 p. m. Monday at the **North Knoxville Baptist Church**, Rev. O. G. Lawless and Rev. L. K. Sparks officiating. Interment in Bishopville Cemetery. The body will be taken to the church to lie in state one hour before the services. Pallbearers: George Ruble Jr., Steven Ruble, Billy Paul Evans, Carl Willis, Herman Yearwood, Charles Bishop. The body is at Rose.