Serene in God's power,  
this loved church  
Has eased the knocks and  
blows of men  
Given words of cheer to the  
broken hearted,  
Lifted, sorrows and eased  
sins,  
Gallantly the red-brick  
walls welcome  
Sons and daughters home again,  
The Multicolored windows  
muting  
Loved old prayers and  
songs refrain.  
Up from the misty past are  
looming  

Those who have marched  
adown these aisles -  
The so called dead memories  
ger linger  
Recalling past days, joys  
and smiles  
But today - it stands in  
silence grand,  
Today it welcomes your  
home again,  
Today we lift our hearts  
to Him  
Today we sing God's sweet  
refrain.
HISTORY OF THE NORTH COVINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

More than half a century ago, in 1889, the little brick church in Midway was built. For some time previous to its building, services had been held in two different places in North Covington— one of them being the building which is now the Granger home. These wooden buildings did not prove satisfactory. Mrs. Echols, a member of the church and a devout Christian donated the ground on which the church stands, and the building of the main part of the church was completed. Mr. Jack Carroll, an early member, made the bricks for the construction.

In the early days the church was a charge with Oxford and was called Midway. Many Emory College Theological students received training in the little church before the University was removed to Emory, Georgia.

Among the earlier ministers who served the church were the Reverends Mac Eakes, William Budd, Nath Thompson, Ryborn, Yarbrough, Dickey, Melton, Dillard, Shaw, LaPrade, Henry Jones, Sharpe, Lundy Harris, Wynn Joyner and Dr. Quillian.

Later pastors were: Rumble, Randle, Manning, Carroll, Elizer, Maxwell, Haynes, Lunsford, Stone, Emory, Petty, Van Landingham, and Jack Nichols.

Mr. C. Freeman came next and it was he who suggested the Homecoming as an annual affair on Father’s Day. The church has continued to prosper under the leadership of more recent preachers.
Wilcox, Thompson, Gaylor, Griffith, and our present pastor, 
Jimmy Jones.

In the 1920's Mrs. Sallie Clark set up a movement with the 
backing of the Men's Community Club to secure the official conference 
approval for a new name. Emory University had been moved to 
Atlanta, and Midway Church – Oxford charge was no more, but became 
known as the North Covington Church.

Various opinions that brought dissention caused the removal 
of many of the leaders to First Church, Covington—about 1919. 
Those left behind were unable to support it adequately andrecogni-
nition as an independent church was not accorded. Pastors from 
First Church came in the afternoons for preaching services strictly 
voluntary and missionary. Finally, Conference added the name to 
the Brick Store Circuit. Since then it has been changed and is 
today a part of the North Covington Circuit.

Mr. W.P. Odum (Grandpa Odum), Mr. Henry Odum, and Miss 
Gertrude Richardson are the only living charter members of the 
Church.
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Midway Sunday School prospered even before the present building was erected. There was a goodly number attending regularly down near the Georgia railroad. After the church was built the Sunday School grew so rapidly that more room was needed. In 1905, the Sunday School annex was built - adding the two rooms at the back of the church. The plan was to sell bricks to pay for the work and one of the Baptist ladies who still lives in our Community, Miss Mae Livingston, got the prize for making the most sales.

Mr. Kelly, the father of Mrs. Earl Smith, was the first superintendent of the Sunday School and served long and faithfully.

Mr. W.P. Odum, our oldest member, was also among the early superintendents and his influence has reached far into the making of worthy men and women in this community. Mrs. Echols, Mrs. W.C. Clarke, and Mrs. Addie Turner helped the Sunday School to grow and prosper.

Among others who served in places of leadership as superintendents and musicians and workers were found such familiar names as Smith, Speer Briscoe, Lester, Harper, Odum, Geiger, Tucker, Death, Young, Mask, Bouchillon, Richardson, Allen, Granger, and Thompson. Later came the Wileys, Everhardts, Johnsons, Redmans, Lockhart, Wicks, and Huckaby's, Gibbs, and House.
In 1948 a new lot was bought and the parsonage built. A portion of the house is used for Church School Classes and various church meetings. A parking lot was added at the back of the church in 1950.

It is because of the untiring efforts and loyalty and the faithfulness of many families, that membership is able to enjoy worshipping at North Covington today.

"Our years take a beautiful luster
And our hearts feel a wonderful thrill,
For our loveliest memories cluster
In the little brick church
On River's Hill."