

**CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church**

Physical Address: 3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN 37919

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**Church Bulletin**..... knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com

**Church Website** ..... www.knoxvillefirstsda.com

**Church Newsletter** ..... knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com

**Facebook Pages**..... Knoxville 1<sup>st</sup> Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Knoxville 1<sup>st</sup> SDA Women’s Ministry

**Ministry Servants Today!**

Elder in Charge .....Geoff White  
Deacon on Duty.....Bryan Dove  
Pianist.....Darby Goodge  
Organist..... Eddie Benedict  
Choristers..... Liesl Rowe  
Sound System .....Bill Mitchell  
Video Projection ..... Brian Arner  
Live Streaming..... Bryan Bankhead  
Greeters..... Rosalie Peters,  
Monica Peeke, and Theresa Doran

For those serving on the platform, please meet in the Elders’ Room promptly at 10:30 a.m. Our Worship Service is live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and Roku.

**AUGUST 26, 2023**

**THE CHURCH AT STUDY**

**Sabbath School – 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

**Cradle Roll** (Ages 0-3, Beginners’ Room).....Briana Burdorf

**Kindergarten** (Ages 4-7, Kindergarten Room)..... Debbie Carithers

**Primary** (Ages 8-12, Primary Room).....Jussara Horton

**Youth** (Ages 13-18, Annex)..... Amy & Geoff White

**Young Adult** (Ages 18+, Annex) .....Kennedy Agyekum

**Women’s Bible Study** (KAS Music Room) ..... Janet Rowe

**Adult Class** (Main Sanctuary) .....Randy Moeller

**Adult Class** (Downstairs Board Room).....Al Mathewson

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**

**Divine Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements.....Geoff White

Invocation .....Geoff White

Songs of Praise.....Liesl Rowe

Opening Song.....Hymn #47  
*“God who Made the Earth and Heaven”*

Morning Offering.....Geoff White

Kids’ Corner.....Katrina Schreiner

Morning Prayer..... Pastor T. Lian

Musical Selection.....The Cobb Family

Scripture Reading ..... Pastor T. Lian  
Jeremiah 29:10-14

Sermon..... Katie Miller  
*“Blooming in Babylon”*

Song of Response..... Hymn #633  
*“When we All Get to Heaven”*

Benediction ..... Katie Miller



August 26, 2023



**Devotional Thought for Today!**

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare [a] and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”  
Jeremiah 29:11 ESV*

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Members and Honored Guests! Thank you for choosing to worship with our church family this morning! We hope you feel welcome and want to call this church “home!” We have several prayer needs to keep in mind: our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, our homebound members, church members facing health challenges, healthcare workers, first responders, missionaries, educators, elected officials, and those serving in law enforcement and in the military. Please also pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

## CHURCH OFFERING SCHEDULE

### Please Mark Your Tithe Envelope!

Today’s Offering Focus: Georgia-Cumberland Ministries

Next Week’s Offering: Church Operating Budget

Loose Offering: Church Operating Budget

**Tithes & Offerings:** You can give online on our church website at mail <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANTFJL/envelope/start> or by to Knoxville First SDA Church, P.O. Box 10952, Knoxville TN, 37939. Thank you for being a faithful supporter of God’s work!

Church Giving – Through August 19, 2023				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$15,056	\$4,805	\$135,805	\$158,565
Worthy Student	\$1,931	\$673	\$12,724	\$22,209

## Membership Transfer: (Second Reading)

- Joshua and Perpetua Sangoro to the Worthington SDA Church in Worthington, Ohio from Knoxville First SDA Church

**GriefShare Seminar** – Monday evenings, Aug. 14 – Nov. 13, 2023, from 6:00 -8:00pm in the Hospitality House. If you have any questions or are willing to help, please contact Mark Horton 865-824-6474 or John Geli 865-806-3728. Brochures are available in the literature room near the foyer to share with those you know that could benefit from this ministry.

**Midweek Prayer Meeting:** Our in-person Wednesday evening prayer meeting will be resuming on September 6th at 6:30pm in the church Conference Room. This will be a time of prayer, study, and discipleship as all are encouraged to attend. Our focus of study for prayer meeting during this cycle will be Matthew 5-7 (The Sermon on the Mount). In addition, we will also be reading "Thoughts From The Mount Of Blessing" as a companion book. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Matt or the Elders for more information.

**Back To School Bash:** August 27, 3-5pm at Knoxville Advents School (KAS). Come celebrate Mr. White’s 20 years of educational service. We will have lots of outdoor water fun. Please contact Heather Ruffner at [yellowflowerbug@gmail.com](mailto:yellowflowerbug@gmail.com).

**Sabbath In The Smokies:** Join us on September 29-30, 2023 at Cades Cove in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. For information on reservations/lodging, schedule, and parking please check online at [www.gccsda.com/events/sabbathsmokies](http://www.gccsda.com/events/sabbathsmokies). Questions? Contact Alise at 706-602-7376 or [aweber@gccsda.com](mailto:aweber@gccsda.com).

**Fellowship Meal September 9, 2023:** Team 3 will serve. Thank you: Tatiana & Denis Arvat, Kathy & Dale Burdorf, Margaret Cloud, Theresa & Larry Doran, Tami & John Geli, Kim Goodge, Lynette & Troy Hollenbeck, Jussara & Mark Horton, Katie & Paul Miller, Betty & Elvin Vence, for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Everyone attending this luncheon, please bring enough food (vegetarian or vegan dishes only please!) for your family and to share with others.

**Sarah Sexton:** Sarah is a previous member of the Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sarah is a midwife working in Chad, Africa long term. She is on furlough sharing stories about building relationships in the local tribes she lives with and how caring for moms and babies gives her the opportunity to share love and gives her the privilege to learn a different culture and worldview. Come hear Sarah’s story September 9th following the fellowship meal

**Ladies! You are invited to the monthly Women’s Ministry Brunch** this Sunday August 27, 2023 at 10:00 am, at the North Knoxville SDA church. Come and hear our guest speaker Laurie Snyman speak on Self-Esteem. A Brunch will be provided but you must RSVP to Sharon Terrell at 269-876-2490 by Sabbath to make sure we have prepared enough food for you. Looking forward to seeing you.

**Pathfinders and Adventures:** Anyone interested in joining Pathfinders or Adventures, registration is open for August 27, 2023 from 1-3 pm. Join us at the North Knoxville SDA Church, 6539 Fountain City Road, Knoxville, TN 37918. If any questions call 865-687-2600 or Margaret Chesney 865-705-7125.

**Medicare Educational Workshop – Part 1:** a Zoom Webinar. This is a free Webinar from Planned Giving Trust Services, hosted by the Florida Conference in association with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Grateful Living Department, on Tuesday, August 29, at 6 p.m. To register and get your Zoom link, contact Ray Hartwell at [rhartwell@gccsda.com](mailto:rhartwell@gccsda.com).

**Requests for Use Of Campus Facilities:** Please email your request to the church office and include the event, date, time, and the facility/room(s) you are interested in reserving. If approved, it will be scheduled on the church calendar.

**GCC Marriage Retreat At Cohutta Springs:** This retreat will be held September 22 - 24, 2023. “Rekindle the Flame” will be presented by Pastor Nathan and Becky Renner. Registration is now open. Go to <https://www.gccsda.com/events/100795>.

**ENGAGE Leadership Convention, September 29-30, 2023:** Save the Date! This year, our annual Youth Leadership Convention will be held at the Warner Robins SDA Church in Warner Robins, GA. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 20. For information or to register, go to: <https://www.gccsda.com/events/engage2023>. Questions? Contact Alyse: 706-629-7951 or [alyse@gccsda.com](mailto:alyse@gccsda.com).

**Experience The Miracle Of The Birth Of The Seventh-Day Adventist Church.** Join us in September 2024 for a New England Adventist Heritage tour, led by Dr. Merlin Burt of the E.G. White Estate and hosted by Grateful Living of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. To be placed on an “interested in going” list, contact Grateful Living at: 706-629-7951, Ext 361 or [rhartwell@gccsda.com](mailto:rhartwell@gccsda.com).

**ABC Bookmobile:** Will be in the church parking lot Sunday, August 27, 2023 from 5:30pm to 6:00pm. 423-396-2814.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>Sabbath</b> 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 8:11 p.m.	<b>August 26, 2023</b> Sabbath School Classes Sermon – Katie Miller Sunset
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.  3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>August 27, 2023</b> Women’s Ministry Brunch – North Knoxville SDA Church Pathfinders and Adventures Registration – North Knoxville SDA Church Back to School Bash ABC Bookmobile
<b>Monday</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>August 28, 2023</b> GriefShare Seminar
<b>Friday</b> 8:03 p.m.	<b>September 01, 2023</b> Sunset
<b>Sabbath</b> 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 8:02 p.m.	<b>September 02, 2023</b> Sabbath School Classes Sermon – Pastor Matthew Durante Sunset

## SAVE THE DATES

<b>September 6</b>	Midweek Prayer Meeting
<b>September 9</b>	Fellowship Lunch
<b>September 9</b>	Sarah Saxton
<b>September 14</b>	Church Finance Committee and Board Meetings