

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church

Physical Address: 3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN 37919
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- Church Office Hours**.....Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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- Church Website**www.knoxvillefirstsda.com
- Facebook Pages**..... Knoxville 1st Seventh-day Adventist Church
Knoxville 1st SDA Women’s Ministry

Ministry Staff Serving Today:

- Platform Elder..... Bryan Bankhead
- Deacon on DutyDavid Bravo
- Pianist.....Darby Goodge
- OrganistRonda Mostella
- Chorister Owen Family
- Visual Aids.....Larry Doran
- Sound Board..... Troy Hollenbeck
- Live Streaming Timothy Oyier
- GreetersRosalie Peters,
Rachel Arner & Tim Carithers

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.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

Sabbath School – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

- Cradle Roll** (Ages 0-3, Beginners’ Room)..... Kaley Hinson
- Kindergarten** (Ages 4-7, Kindergarten Room)..... Debbie Carithers
- Primary** (Ages 8-12, Primary Room)..... Erin Howells
- Youth** (Ages 13-18, Annex)..... Pastor Matthew Durante
- Young Adult** (Ages 18+, Annex) Esther Spinolo
- Women’s Bible Study** (KAS Music Room)Janet Rowe
- Adult Class** (Main Sanctuary)Randy Moeller
- Adult Class** (Downstairs Board Room)..... Dan Peters

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Divine Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

- Welcome & AnnouncementsBryan Bankhead
- InvocationBryan Bankhead
- Songs of Praise..... Owen Family
- Opening SongHymn #88
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
- Morning OfferingBryan Bankhead
- Pianist Samuel Patru
- Children’s OfferingLittle Lambs for Jesus!
- Kids’ Corner..... Debbie Carithers
- Morning PrayerDennis Benedict
- Musical SelectionWillia Wittekind
- Scripture ReadingDennis Benedict
Revelation 1:7-8
- Sermon..... Pastor Marcus Bates
“Jesus: The Alpha and the Omega”
- Song of Response Hymn #229
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
- BenedictionPastor Marcus Bates



March 18, 2023



Devotional Thought for Today:

"Oh, that our people could realize what advantages would be theirs if they would look constantly to Jesus ... He is our Alpha and our Omega. Pressing close to His side and holding communion with Him, we become like Him. Through the transforming power of the Spirit of Christ, we are changed in heart and life. His words are engraven on the tablets of the soul, and we are His witnesses, representing Him in the daily life ... Such a life is the only true religious life."

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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, Joe Ellison, Dan Belic, people with health issues, healthcare workers, first responders, missionaries, educators, elected officials, and those serving in the military and law enforcement. Please also pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

CHURCH OFFERING SCHEDULE

Please Mark Your Tithe Envelope!

Today’s Offering Focus: Church Operating Budget
 Next Week’s Offering: Georgia-Cumberland Ministries
 Loose Offering: Church Operating Budget

Tithes & Offerings: You can give online on our church website at <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANTFJL/envelope/start> or by mail 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 March 11, 2023				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$2,162	\$4,805	\$27,395	\$43,245
Worthy Student	\$165	\$673	\$3,714	\$6,057

Mid-Week In-Person Bible Study, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.: Our in-person mid-week Bible study is held each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the church board room.

Night of Worship: Please join us for our Spring 2023 “night of worship” event on March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in our church sanctuary. Several talented musicians and singers from our local church will share inspiring Christian music and devotional thoughts that will be a great blessing for those who attend. Try to bring a friend to this inspiring program!

Oh Boy! Join us for a baby shower for Cassia Owen, which will take place tomorrow, March 19, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Goodge residence, located at 1730 Little Creek Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922. Cassia is registered at Babylist.com. Please RSVP by calling (770) 375-1976.

The Southern Union Conference is currently accepting applications for an Audio/Visual Director. If you are interested in this position, please go to www.southernunion.com/employment for more information.

Finance Committee and Church Board Meetings: Our next Finance Committee and Church Board meetings will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in the church board room. The Finance Committee will meet at 6 p.m. and the Church Board will follow at 7 p.m.

Homecoming Sabbath: Join us in celebrating and honoring our church’s rich history and longevity as we hold our homecoming service on April 8. This service will be a great time of worship and fellowship as we reconnect with former and current members and guests. We look forward to this high day of praising God for all He has done, is doing, & will do in our church family! Our speaker will be Gary Rustad, our conference president. A fellowship meal will follow the worship service.

GCC Adult Ministries Department is hosting a Prison Ministries training event at the Conference office on Sunday, April 16 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Dr. Cleveland Houser, our North American Division Prison Ministry Coordinator, will be providing instruction. A registration fee of \$10 is required and a vegetarian lunch will be provided. Registration closes April 3. More information can be found at www.gccsda.org/prison-ministries or by calling the conference office at (706) 629-7951, ext. 348.

Knoxville Adventist School (KAS) Visitor Day This Friday: Calling all kindergarten and first graders, or anyone who is interested in finding out more about KAS! Please join us for our KAS Visitor Day this month, this Friday, March 24 from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. It is open to anyone going into grades K-8, and interested in attending KAS for the 2023-2024 school year. It will be a morning full of information, learning, and fun. Lunch will be provided, and all who take part will receive a \$50 discount towards their registration fee if they attend KAS during the 2023-2024 school year. We would like to send your child a personalized invitation. Please contact the school at knoxvilleadventistschool@gmail.com or (865) 522-9929 for more information.

The North Knoxville SDA Church will be hosting a free Diabetes Reversal Seminar on Monday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will also be held each Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. for 8 weeks. This will be a fun and educational lifestyle seminar that is not just for those with diabetes, but for anyone looking to improve their health. Each session will include educational information, food samples, exercise, and small group coaching. Space is limited, so you must preregister at Jesuslovesknoxville.com, or you can call Sharon Hodges, Health Ministries Leader at (865) 556-0658.

Family Promise: We are the first church in Knoxville to host homeless families in last three years. We have two single moms, one with a new born baby, and they are counting on us to provide a peaceful, safe place to sleep for this week. Volunteers are still needed to spend one night at the house. We also need meal teams. Our ministry effort will take place from April 2 through April 9. Please call Carolyn Hansen at (865) 384-4711 to sign up. Thank you for giving your time for these families!

International Food Fest: Sunday April 2, 2023 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Sample vegetarian foods from around the world. Tickets will be sold in \$1 increments. Location: Maryville SDA Church, 2921 Sevierville Road, Maryville, TN 37804. See <http://internationalfoodfest.com>.

Healthy Taste Cooking with Michelle Gosselin, Health Coach, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Donation \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of 3 or more. Michelle is an HCI Certified Health & Life Coach, Rouxbe Certified, Whole-Food, Plant-Based Cooking Instructor and Wellness Educator. Menu: appetizer – Chinese Chive pockets, main dish – Five-Spice Stir Fry with Spring-Roll, Yogurt/Berry Mousse (a plant based, fresh, low-sugar dessert!). Recipes are included! *Gluten Free Too!* For a reservation, see <http://theveggielink.com> or call Stan at (865) 250-4214.

Healthy Taste Chattanooga Event on Sunday April 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Collegedale Commons, 4950 Swinyar Drive, Collegedale, TN 37363. For more information, please see <https://healthytaste.net>.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday

9:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
7:47 p.m.

Sunday

2:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Thursday

6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.
7:52 p.m.

Saturday

9:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:53 p.m.

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Sabbath School Classes
Worship Service: Pastor Marcus Bates
Sunset

March 19, 2023

Baby Shower for Cassia Owen
Healthy Taste Cooking with Michelle Gosselin

March 22, 2023

Mid-Week Bible Study (In-Person)

March 23, 2023

Finance Committee Meeting
Church Board Meeting

March 24, 2023

Knoxville Adventist School Visitor Day
Sunset

March 25, 2023 – Christian Education Sabbath

Sabbath School Classes
Worship Service: Knoxville Adventist School
Night of Worship
Sunset

SAVE THE DATES

April 1
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April 2-9
April 7
April 8
April 9

Bernie Anderson – “New Freedom to Love”
Children’s Church Program – KAS Gym
Family Promise Ministry
Good Friday
Homecoming Sabbath: Gary Rustad, GCC President
Easter Sunday