

Sabbath School: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Cradle Roll (Ages 0-3, Beginners' Rm)	Kaley Hinson
Kindergarten (Grades PreK–2 nd , Kindergarten Rm)	Cassia Owen
Primary (Grades 3 rd –5 th , Primary Rm)	Darby Goodge
Earliteen (Grades 6 th –8 th , KAS Library)	Heather and Jason Ruffner
Youth (Grades 9 th –12 th , KAS 6 th –8 th Gr Rm)	Mark Jones
Young Adult (Ages 18+, KAS 9 th –10 th Gr Rm)	Moses Boy
Women's Bible Study (KAS Music Room)	Janet Rowe
Adult Disciple Class (18+, KAS 3 rd – 5 th Gr Rm)	Florence Oyier
Adult Class (Sanctuary)	Rick Greve
Adult Class (Downstairs Conference Room)	Al Matthewson

Welcome & Announcements		Derrick Gillett
Invocation		Derrick Gillett
Baptisms	Ishmel Dunson Jenerose Tuyisenge	Pastor Matthew Durante
Songs of Praise		Janet Rowe
Opening Song	<i>Draw Me Nearer</i>	# 306
Morning Offering		Bill Mitchell
Kid's Corner		Theresa Doran
Morning Prayer		Pastor Rick Greve
Musical Selection		Deih Niang
Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:13–15	Mark Jones
Sermon	<i>“Kingdom Influencer”</i>	Pastor Thang Lian
Closing Hymn	<i>Rescue the Perishing</i>	#367
Benediction		Pastor Thang Lian

For those serving on the platform,
please meet in the Elder's Room 10:30 a.m.

Service available on Facebook, YouTube, or Roku this Sabbath.

Church Office Hour:	Tuesday – Thursday from 9:00am – 2:00pm
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Elder in Charge	Derrick Gillett
Deacon on Duty	Bruce Bankhead
Choristers	Janet Rowe
Pianist	Timothy and Ty Oyier
Organist	Eddie Benedict
Live Streaming	Larry Doran
Slides	Jeanna Crews
Sound	Trey White
Greeters	Beverly Duckett, Allyson Carithers, and Mark Horton



September 13, 2025



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Welcome to Worship! We're so glad you've chosen to worship with us today. Whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a valued part of our church family. As we gather in worship, let's remember those in need of prayer: our church families, the homebound, those facing health challenges, and all who serve—healthcare workers, educators, first responders, missionaries, elected officials, law enforcement, and military personnel. Most of all, let us continue to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit—to lead, empower, and renew us as we seek to follow Jesus more fully. May God richly bless you today!

CHURCH OFFERING SCHEDULE
Please Mark Your Tithe Envelope!
Today's Offering: Radio Ministries—WB GC
Next Week's Offering: Church Operating Budget
Loose Offering Today: Church Operating Budget

Tithes and Offerings: You can give online on our church website at <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANTFJL/envelope/start> or 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 September 6, 2025				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$1,129	\$5,154	\$138,080	\$185,544
Worthy Student	\$400	\$673	\$22,974	\$24,228
	Collected Last Week	Collected to Date	Goal	
Building Project	\$6,524	\$413,840	\$3,000,000	

Prayer Meeting Returns – We're excited to resume Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays beginning September 10th! There are two ways to join: online at 11:00am or in person at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary for a dedicated time of prayer and seeking God together. There won't be a study, just hearts lifted in united prayer. For the Zoom option, use Meeting ID: 842 9624 6733 and Passcode: 654321.

GriefShare Seminar – Monday evenings, from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the KAS Music Room. Contact Mark Horton 865-824-6474 or John Geli 865-806-3728 or go to <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/267600>

Fellowship Lunch Returns – beginning in October Fellowship Lunches will be held on the Second Sabbath of each month. Everyone attending are encouraged to please bring enough food (vegetarian or vegan dishes only please!) for your family and to share with others. If you would like to join a team twice a year to help serve, setup and cleanup, contact Eddie Benedict.

Prayer Changes Things - The Prayer Ministry Team wants to pray for you! If you have a praise or prayer request, the Prayer Ministry Team would be delighted to include it on their prayer list. You can send your request via text or email to any of the pastors, elders, Bryan and Carol Dove, or Amy White. Contact information is available in the church directory. Let's stay united in prayer as we go boldly before the throne of grace!

Healthy Taste Dinner - You're invited to the next Healthy Taste Dinner tomorrow, Sunday, September 14 from 6:00-7:30pm. This free, plant-based dinner's theme will focus on one-dish meals. For questions or to RSVP, contact Bryan Dove.

Please plan to join the Knoxville First Campus in a Revival for our church, families, and School. Pastor Don MacLafferty will teach us a variety of important pieces of Discipleship in our homes, School, and community. Friday night Sept. 19th, starting at 6:00pm, come and enjoy a warm meal and the first session. Pastor Don will challenge us with a second message during the sermon on Sabbath, September 20th, followed by a potluck lunch, and a third session Sabbath afternoon on the 20th. We look forward to seeing you then!

NE TN Camp Meeting - which will be held at the Oaks Retreat Center September 19 - 20, 2025. Here is a link for the program information, <https://events.gccsda.com/netn2025/program>

Tennessee Valley Fair Booth - September 5-14, 2025. Interested in volunteering at the Fair Booth this year or would like more information? Please call Kim Goodge at 425-350-3430.

Sundays at 7am - Our Running Group is off to a great start! A variety of runners/walkers are involved and you are welcome to join us in the KAS gym tomorrow at 7:00a.m. Bring your own mat for the pre-run warm up and post run stretching session. Water and post run nutrition is provided. Contact Rick Greve at (865)803-9959 for more details.

ENGAGE Youth Leadership Convention, September 26-27, 2025 - A training event for anyone who feels called to serve in youth and young adult ministry held at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Office in Calhoun, GA with lodging at a local hotel. Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 17th or September 10th if you plan on staying in a hotel. To register go to: events.gccsda.com/mobilize2025 or contact Janae Bowman: 706-629-7951 or jbowman@gccsda.com.

Sabbath in the Smokies - September 26-27 2025 in Cades Cove, Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This weekend promises a time of fellowship to renew your spirit. We will enjoy music, nature, and time in worship together. Visit events.gccsda.com/smokies2025 for more info.

Southern Union Young Adult Life Tour – Oct 24–25 at Raleigh SDA Church. A free event to inspire and equip young adults and leaders. Register by Oct 16: <https://d.io/YALifeTour2025/0e6ff5>

2025 WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sabbath 10:45 a.m. 7:48 p.m.	September 13 Service -Pastor Thang Lian Sunset
Sunday 7:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m	September 14 Training for Running Healthy Taste Dinner InStep Walking Group
Monday 6:00 p.m.	September 15 GriefShare Seminar
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	September 17 Prayer Meeting – Online Prayer Meeting – In Person
Friday 7:39 p.m.	September 19 Sunset
Sabbath 10:45 a.m. 7:37 p.m.	September 20 Service -Pastor Don McLafferty Sunset

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