

THE CHURCH AT STUDY		
May 31, 2025, 2025		
Sabbath School: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.		
Cradle Roll (Ages 0-3, Beginners’ Room)	Kaley Hinson	
Kindergarten (Ages 4-7, Kindergarten Room)	Debbie Dowling	
Primary (Ages 8-12, Primary Room)	Danielle Velez	
Youth (Ages 13-17, Hospitality House)	Jeff Peeke	
Young Adult (Ages 18+, Hospitality House Basement)	Ishmael Dunson	
Women’s Bible Study (KAS Music Room)	Janet Rowe	
Adult Disciple Class (Ages 18+ Hospitality House)	Brandon Cathey	
Adult Class (KAS Library)	Cancelled	
Adult Class (Downstairs Board Room)	Al Matthewson	

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP		
Divine Worship Service: 10:45a.m.		
In the Knoxville Adventist School Gym		
Welcome & Announcements	Bill Mitchell	
Invocation	Bill Mitchell	
Songs of Praise	Bruce & Esther Bankhead	
Opening Song	<i>When the Roll is Called up Yonder</i>	#216
Morning Offering	Bill Mitchell	
Kid’s Corner	Debbie Dowling	
Morning Prayer	Bryan Dove	
Musical Selection	Hannah Zackrison	
Scripture Reading	Luke 14:23-24	Carol Dove
Sermon	<i>"Check Yes!"</i>	Katie Miller
Song of Response	<i>Come to the Table</i>	Irvine Team
Benediction	Katie Miller	

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

KNOXVILLE FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH	
3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN 37919	
Mailing: P.O. Box 10952, Knoxville, TN 37939	
Church Office Hour: Tuesday – Friday. Due to construction, times in which the office staff are present will vary. Please schedule an appointment by calling or emailing the church office.	
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Compassion Outreach	(865) 524-7842
Facebook Pages	Knoxville 1 st Seventh-day Adventist Church Knoxville 1 st SDA Women’s Ministry

Ministry Servants Today	
Elder in Charge	Bill Mitchell
Deacon on Duty	Bruce Bankhead
Chorister	Bruce & Esther Bankhead
Pianist	Tyler Irvine
Live Streaming	Brian Rogers
Video Projection	Larry Doran
Sound	Bryan Bankhead
Greeters	Allyson Carithers, Dan Peters and Erin Howells

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A Devotional Thought for Today!

“For everyone who
exalts himself will be
humbled, and he who
humbles himself will be
exalted.”
Luke 14:11

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 families, homebound members, those 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: Church Operating Budget
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 May 24, 2025				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$1,228	\$5,154	\$76,605	\$108,134
Worthy Student	\$124	\$673	\$14,694	\$14,133
	Collect Last Week	Collected to Date		Goal
Building Project	\$2,100	\$307,403		\$3,000,000

Worship Service in KAS Gym – Please join us for worship service in the KAS gym starting at 10:45am every Sabbath.

Adult Class Held in the KAS Library Cancelled Today.

VBS Donation Board - This is your chance to make VBS a church family event! Please consider helping with VBS needs by purchasing an item on our board. You can take a tab, purchase the item, bring it back to church, and place it in the VBS tote! Or we can do the shopping for you! You can make a cash donation towards an item by placing the cash and the tab in the VBS cash box located by the donation board.

VBS Registration - VBS Registration is now open! Please visit the church website for the link to register your kids for VBS. Dates are June 23rd -27th, from 6-8pm. VBS is for children ages 2-4 for Pre-K (Parent Must Attend With Child), and K - 5th grade for elementary age VBS.

Church Office Summer Schedule – The church office will be open Tuesday – Thursday beginning June 17, 2025 from 8:30a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Church Finance Committee and Board Meetings – The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and the Church Board at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Women’s Ministry Dinner – The Women’s Ministry is inviting all women to meet for dinner at Cava located at 6638 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37919 June 5th at 6 pm. Please RSVP to Lisa Pfeister, Kim Mitchell or Corrie Jones.

Children’s Ministry Meeting - All current volunteers in children’s ministry and all parents of children in our children’s programs are invited to an important meeting immediately following the church service on Sabbath, June 7, in the Church Conference Room. The meeting will cover important information, upcoming plans, and key reminders for the summer season and beyond. Your presence is greatly appreciated as we work together to create a safe, fun, and faith-filled environment for our kids. For more questions, please speak to Katie Miller or Pastor Matt.

Family Promise Thank you! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with our recent Family Promise host week. It was a wonderful week and your kind helpfulness made it go very smoothly. Your time and talents are deeply appreciated. Because of you, four families with children were fed and comfortably sheltered for the week. *And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’* - Matthew 25:40

Building Project in the News - We're excited to share that our church’s building project was recently featured in the Bearden Shopper News! The article highlights the vision, progress, and purpose behind the new space that God is helping us create. Read the full story here: <https://www.knoxnews.com/story/shopper-news/2025/05/12/shopper-news-brings-you-the-latest-happenings-in-your-community/83528556007/> Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and support as we move forward together in faith!

1888 Message National Conference 2025 - This year's theme is; "In Search Of The Cross" at Southern Adventist University June 18 – 21, 2025. Registering ahead of time at 1888msc.org qualifies for a free tote bag and a discount at the Conference bookstore. Meal tickets can also be purchased. For more info: 269-473-1888, info@1888msc.org, or 1888msc.org. A Children's Program for ages 5-7 & 8-13 for those families attending will also be held." Pre-Registering is required. Monica Campbell at 423-367-5189.

Adventist Young Professionals (AYP) - 5th annual convention in Houston, Texas on July 17-20, 2025, the convention will feature a diverse network of speakers - including keynote presenters Dr. Eric Walsh and Dr. Calvin Kim, powerful worship by Contagious Faith, a resource-filled exhibit hall, and a spirit-filled prayer room. If you have any questions or need further details about the AYP Convention, please email Timothy.Waters@AYP.me. You can also call or text 877-297-1844.

The 62nd General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church - will be taking place July 3 - 12, 2025 at America's Center Convention Complex in St. Louis, MO. The theme is *Jesus is Coming, I Will Go*. More info at: <https://www.gcsession.org/>

Prayer Requests: If you have any prayer requests that you would like to be circled in prayer by your fellow church members, please email knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com with your prayer request.

InStep Walking Group - The Health and Wellness Ministry's InStep Walking Group meets every Sunday at 6pm. The walks last about one hour and rotate through the many parks and greenways in the Knox area. Join our page to stay up to date on each week's location at <https://www.meetup.com/KnoxvilleInstep-Walking-Group> on Meetup. For questions, contact Sharena Cathey at 865-228-7807.

Reach Your Neighbor Retreat - Registration is now open for the upcoming Reach Your Neighbor Retreat, taking place August 22–24 at Cohutta Springs. If you’re interested in learning practical skills to help you better share the Gospel, this is an opportunity you won’t want to miss! It will be a weekend filled with encouragement, hands-on training, and meaningful relationship-building. For more information, please speak with Dennis Benedict or visit www.gccsda.com/evangelism/11888

Japan Mission Spotlight - On June 14, 2025, Amy White will share a Japan mission presentation after the church service during a haystack potluck. If you plan to attend, please bring food to share and walking shoes for a prayer walk in the Sequoyah Hills neighborhood afterward.

2025 WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sabbath 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:48 p.m.	May 31 Sabbath School Classes Service – Katie Miller InStep Walking Group Sunset
Thursday 6:00 p.m.	June 5 Woman’s Ministry Dinner
Friday 8:52 p.m.	June 6 Sunset
Sabbath 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.n. 6:00 p.m. 8:52 p.m.	June 7 Sabbath School Classes Service – Pastor Matthew Durante Children’s Ministry Meeting InStep Walking Group Sunset