

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Church Wi-Fi Info..... Sanctuary Guest, Password: guest2020

Church Websitewww.knoxvillefirstsda.com

Facebook Pages..... Knoxville 1st Seventh-day Adventist Church
Knoxville 1st SDA Women’s Ministry

Ministry Servants Today:

Elder in ChargeGeoff White
Deacon on Duty.....Miguel Velez
Church PianistDarby Goodge
Church Organist..... Jussara Horton
Choristers..... Theresa Doran,
Darlene Gillett, & Cassia Owen
Sound SystemBill Mitchell
Live Streaming..... Bryan Bankhead
Video ProjectionSusanna Bondo
Greeters..... Rosalie Peters,
Rachel Arner & Pastor Matthew Durante

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)..... Cassia Owen

Primary (Ages 8-12, Primary Room)..... Adriana Zoder

Youth (Ages 13-18, Annex)..... Jeff Peeke

Young Adult (Ages 18+, Annex) Esther Spinolo

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

Adult Class (Main Sanctuary) Pastor Marcus Bates

Adult Class (Downstairs Board Room)..... Dan Peters

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Welcome & Announcements Geoff White

Invocation Geoff White

Praise Songs Theresa Doran, Darlene Gillett & Cassia Owen

Congregational Song Hymn #626
In a Little While We’re Going Home

Video Tribute: Pastoral Voices from the Past..... Pastor Marcus Bates

Morning Offering Geoff White

Pianist Zada Ruffner

Children’s Offering Little Lambs for Jesus!

Kids’ Corner..... Pastor Rodrick London

Child Dedication..... Pastor Marcus Bates
Atlas & Beckham London

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Marcus Bates

Musical Selection Sabbath School Children

Responsive Reading #782 (Hymnal)..... Pastor Marcus Bates

Message..... Pastor Gary Rustad
“God HAS led!”

Song of Response..... Theresa Doran, Darlene Gillett,
Darby Goodge & Cassia Owen

Benediction Gary Rustad



April 8, 2023



Devotional Thought for Today:

“In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”

Life Sketches, page 196

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: Hope Channel Int., Inc.
Next Week’s Offering: Church Operating Budget
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 April 1, 2023				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$26,437	\$4,805	\$58,731	\$57,660
Worthy Student	\$835	\$673	\$5,333	\$8,076

Homecoming Sabbath: We are celebrating and honoring our church's rich history and longevity as we hold our homecoming service today. This service will be a great time of worship and fellowship as we reconnect with former and current members and guests. This is a high Sabbath day of praising God for all He has done and is doing for our church family! Please join us for a fellowship meal following the worship service.

Membership Transfers: (Second Reading) Vote

Debbie and Scott Lear to the Coalfield SDA church in Oliver Springs, TN.
Joy and Jerry Rogers to the Maryville SDA church.
Susan Edwardson to the Knoxville Grace SDA church.
Alex Horton to the Grace in the Desert Church, Peoria, AZ

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.

Fellowship Meal Today: Liliane Robertson and Team 4 will serve. Thank you: Becky & Randy Barnes, Leticia & Derek Barnes, Odessa Brown, Lisa Ann Bruzzese, Sarah & Danny Clevenger, Darlene & Derrick Gillett, Sharon & Arnold Hudson, Nancy & Kelvin Mitchell, Malcolm Neely, Jr., Liliane & John Robertson, Rosalie & Dan Peters, Shirley & Steve Watson, 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.

Finance Committee and Church Board Meetings: Our next Finance Committee and Church Board meetings will be held on Thursday, April 20 in the church board room. The Finance Committee will meet at 6 p.m. and the Church Board will follow at 7 p.m.

Knox Men of Integrity: A weekly accountability group will be hosted by the Knoxville First men's ministry for men who are working through addiction. Groups will operate with high confidentiality. Curriculum and resources include Sexaholics Anonymous, Living in Freedom, Everyday Recovery, and Everyman A Warrior. Multiple options to participate are available, including virtual groups through Blueprint for Men. For more info, contact Keven Burdorf at burdorfk@gmail.com or (320) 267-1166.

Spring Evangelistic Series: Due to some scheduling conflicts, the Spring Evangelistic Series “Encounter” scheduled for April 12-15 has been postponed. More information will follow once a later date has been rescheduled. Thank you for keeping our church efforts in your prayers.

Bible Study Interests: We need your help! Currently our church has received 60+ Bible study interests from our community. We are in need of volunteers to help take & drop off studies that have been requested. If you feel impressed to help with this outreach or if you have any questions about this ministry endeavor, please speak to our Bible Study Coordinator Dennis Benedict or Pastor Matt.

KARM Volunteers: We are excited to see more Christ-followers engage in service to our community. We see each volunteer experience as a discipling opportunity for volunteers and would love to host people from Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more information, please visit karm.org or volunteer@karmstoes.com.

Emotional and Spiritual Care Certification will be held on April 28-30 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. This training and certification will equip people to serve as credentialed responders after disasters and other traumatic events. Approved instructors use standardized, recognized curricula and other resources developed by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF), Adventist Community Services (ACS), and others. See <https://www.gccsda.com/events/10082> to register for this event.

Atlanta Braves Family Game Day, Sunday, May 7: Join us as the Atlanta Braves take on the Baltimore Orioles. Tickets are still available, and you must purchase your tickets by April 20 to be assured a seat with the GCC group. Please go to www.gccsda.com/events/gameday2023 or call (706) 602-7346 for more information.

ABC Bookmobile will be at Knoxville First on Sunday, April 23 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. If you would like to order books, DVDs or food, please call (423) 396-2814. Visit the ABC Facebook page to view the online version of the Schedule & Specials and Food Price List.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 8:05 p.m.	April 8, 2023 – Homecoming Sabbath Sabbath School Classes Worship Service: Gary Rustad, GCC President Fellowship Meal Sunset
Sunday	April 9, 2023 Easter
Tuesday 3:30 p.m.	April 11, 2023 Good Samaritan Center - Open
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	April 12, 2023 Mid-Week Bible Study (In-Person)
Friday 8:08 p.m.	April 14, 2023 Sunset
Saturday 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 8:09 p.m.	April 15, 2023 Sabbath School Classes Worship Service: Pastor Marcus Bates Sunset

SAVE THE DATES

April 20	Finance and Church Board Meetings
April 23	ABC Bookmobile