

THE CHURCH AT STUDY		
July 12, 2025		
Sabbath School: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.		
Cradle Roll (Ages 0-3, Beginners’ Room)	Cassia Owen	
Kindergarten (Ages 4-7, Kindergarten Room)	Debbie Carithers	
Primary (Ages 8-12, Primary Room)	Darby Goodge	
Youth (Ages 13-17, Hospitality House)	Jeff Peeke	
Young Adult (Ages 18+, Hosp. House Basement)	Esther Bankhead	
Women’s Bible Study (KAS Music Room)	Janet Rowe	
Adult Disciple Class (Ages 18+ Hospitality House)	Amy White	
Adult Class (KAS Library)	Kathy Burdorf	
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	Dennis Benedict	
Invocation	Dennis Benedict	
Songs of Praise	Owen Group	
Opening Song	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	#92
Morning Offering	Dennis Benedict	
Kid’s Corner	Lillianna Hagerman	
Morning Prayer	Chris May	
Musical Selection	Isabelle Velez	
Scripture Reading	Mark 2:27-28	Dennis Benedict
Sermon	Pastor Matthew Durante <i>“The Rhythm You Were Made For”</i>	
Closing Hymn	<i>Day by Day</i>	#532
Benediction	Pastor Matthew Durante	

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 – Thursday from 8:30am – 2:30pm. Due to construction, times in which the office staff are present may vary. Please schedule an appointment by calling or emailing the church office.	
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Facebook Pages	Knoxville 1 st Seventh-day Adventist Church Knoxville 1 st SDA Women’s Ministry

Ministry Servants Today	
Elder in Charge	Dennis Benedict
Deacon on Duty	Bruce Bankhead
Choristers	Owen Group
Pianist	Timothy & Ty Oyier
Live Streaming	Brian Rogers
Slides	Shanna Williamson
Sound	Mike Lopez
Greeters	Erin Howells, Jeff Peeke and Pastor T. Lian

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A Devotional Thought for Today!

"Then Jesus said, 'Come to Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you. Let Me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.' "

Matthew 11:28-30

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!

Please join us for worship service in the KAS gym starting at 10:45am every Sabbath

CHURCH OFFERING SCHEDULE
Please Mark Your Tithe Envelope!
Today’s Offering: GC Session Offering: Digital Strategy for Mission
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 July 5, 2025				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$1,262	\$5,154	\$106,522	\$139,055
Worthy Student	\$156	\$673	\$18,249	\$18,171
	Collected Last Week	Collected to Date		Goal
Building Project	\$5,100	\$328,695		\$3,000,000

Summer Evangelistic Series – Join us for our upcoming evangelistic series, “Foundations: Unshakable Truths for Uncertain Times” taking place Sabbath mornings at 10:45am from July 5 – August 16 in the KAS Gym. In a world filled with uncertainty and shifting values, this 7-week series will explore the core truths of Scripture that offer lasting hope, clarity, and peace. We encourage you to bring a friend, family member, or neighbor as we discover together what it means to build our lives on the unshakable foundation of God’s Word!

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! For more information, visit www.gccsda.com/evangelism/11888 please or speak with Dennis Benedict.

Welcome Baby Peeke! - We are excited to announce that Bryce and Emily Peeke welcomed Julian Wilder Peeke on July 1. A meal train has been organized for Bryce and Emily as we support them with the welcome of their newest family member. You can sign up to provide a meal at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/rldmdd>. For questions or more information, please contact Kat Durante or Monica Peeke.

Celebration of Life - The family of Virl Hartless have planned a Celebration of Life and Potluck on Saturday, July 19 at 12:00 PM at Bethel Baptist Church (6517 Pine Grove Rd, Knoxville, TN 37914). Virl passed away on June 17, 2025, just shy of her 82nd birthday. Please bring a dish to share and come prepared with memories and stories as we honor her life and legacy together. Thank you for keeping the Hartless family in your prayers. May the hope of the resurrection encourage us until Christ comes again!

Potluck at Dan Peters: I am opening my place for an outdoor by the lake potluck after church on July 19. Please join your church family for fellowship and food. As usual, no pets please!

Women’s Ministry - is inviting all the ladies to join in the fun today, July 12th from 5:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 8914 Northshore Dr. SW, Knoxville, TN 37922. We are having a light meal, vespers and fellowship. Please bring a summer salad or hors d’oeuvre. Ice cream and toppings will be provided. Pack a swimsuit and towel if you would like to swim. No lifeguard on duty, adults only please. Please RSVP to Lisa Pfeister.

Churchwide Pool Party - Come out to Alice Bell Swimming Pool located at 3535 Alice Bell Rd in Knoxville, on Sunday, August 17 from 6:30-8:30pm for some fun and fellowship! The Social Committee will provide hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish to contribute (potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, cookies, etc.). We look forward to seeing you there!

GCC WM One-Day Retreat - Ladies Leading is a special one-day retreat on Saturday, August 23, 2025, in Rogersville, TN. This event is for women (ages 16+) with a heart for serving the Lord. The registration deadline is Thursday, August 7, 2025. For more info and to register please visit: <https://events.gccsda.com/ladiesleading2025>

Church Newsletter - Did you know we publish a monthly church newsletter? Each issue features spotlights on church members and ministries, available rental spaces, and items or services for sale within our church community. You’ll also find highlights from recent events, reminders for upcoming activities, birthday celebrations, and a convenient calendar summarizing what’s ahead. To subscribe, email Knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com or speak with Sharena Cathey.

Church Office Summer Schedule: Tuesday – Thursday 8:30a.m. - 2:30p.m Due to construction, if you want to come by the office, please contact the office ahead of time or make an appointment.

RYN/Leads - Registration for the RYN/Leads - Evangelism Retreat 2025 is still open, and the website is now up and running! The deadline to sign up is August 5th. You can check it out and sign up here: <https://events.gccsda.com/leadsretreat2025>

Health Ministry Newsletter -The Health & Wellness Ministry releases a monthly digital newsletter, The Health Nuggette, offering evidence-based insights on nutrition, physical fitness, and mental wellness—all backed by peer-reviewed sources. Each issue also includes a spiritual reflection, upcoming health awareness events, and delicious plant-based recipes. Subscribers are invited to submit health-related questions or topic ideas for future editions. To receive The Health Nuggette, email Knoxfirstthealthministry@gmail.com or connect with Sharena Cathey.

2025 WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sabbath 10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 8:56 p.m.	July 12 Service – Pastor Matthew Durante Women’s Ministry Event Sunset
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	July 13 InStep Walking Group
Friday 8:53 p.m.	July 18 Sunset
Sabbath 10:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 8:52 p.m.	July 19 Service – Pastor Thang Lian Potluck at Dan Peters Sunset

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