

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
December 24, 2022 – 10:45am

Welcome/Announcements	Larry Doran
Invocation	Larry Doran
Songs Of Praise	Rowe Family
Opening Hymn	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #122
Morning Offering	Larry Doran
Kid’s Corner	Keven Burdorf
Morning Prayer	Keven Burdorf
Special Music	Gillett Family
Scripture Reading	Matthew 1:18-23 Keven Burdorf
Sermon	Pastor Marcus Bates “Love With a Risk”
Closing Song	“Angels We Have Heard on High” #142
Benediction	Pastor Marcus Bates

SERVING TODAY

Elder in Charge: Larry Doran
Deacon on Duty: Bruce Bankhead
Piano: Darby Goodge
Organ: Eddie Benedict
Choristers: Rowe Family
A/V: Stan Wolcott
Sound: Mike Lopez
Live Stream: Timothy Oyier
Greeters: Rosalie Peters, Beverly Duckett,
and Theresa Doran

THE CHURCH AT STUDY THIS SABBATH
9:30a.m. – 10:30a.m. SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

Cradle Roll: Kaley Hinson (Ages 0-3, Beginner’s Room)
Kindergarten: Darby Goodge (Ages 4-7, Kindergarten)
Primary: Danielle Velez (Ages 8-12, Primary Rm)
Youth: Geoff & Amy White (Ages 13-18, Annex)
Young Adult: Esther Spinolo (Annex Basement)
Women’s Bible Study: Janet Rowe (KAS Music Room)
Adult: Randy Moeller (Main Sanctuary)
Adult: Al Mathewson (Downstairs Board Room)

10:30 a.m. Those Serving – Meet in the Elder’s Room
10:45 a.m. The church congregation assembles in the Sanctuary for praise and worship!

The Worship Service is live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and Roku.

KNOXVILLE FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Friday 9:30am - 2:00pm

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Knoxville 1st SDA Women’s Ministry



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“The holiday season is fast approaching with its interchange of gifts ... It is pleasant to receive a gift, however small, from those we love. It is an assurance that we are not forgotten, and seems to bind us to them a little closer ... It is right to bestow upon one another tokens of love and remembrance if we do not in this forget God, our best Friend.”
Adventist Home, pages 478-479

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Members and Honored Guests!

Merry Christmas!

Thank you for choosing to worship with our congregation today! We hope you feel welcome and want to call this church “home!” We have several prayer requests to keep in mind: our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; Joe Ellison; Dan Belic; those dealing with health issues; healthcare workers; first responders; missionaries; educators; elected officials; those folks serving in law enforcement and the military; and for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Please Mark Your Tithe Envelope!

Today: Georgia-Cumberland Ministries

Next Week: Cohutta Springs

Loose Offering: Church Operating Fund

Tithes And Offerings – You may choose to give online at the website link <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANTFJL/envelope/start> or mail to Knoxville First SDA Church, P.O. Box 10952, Knoxville, TN 37939.

CHURCH GIVING

Through December 17, 2022

	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed
Combined Budget	\$6,944	\$4,590	\$219,748	\$234,090
Worthy Student	\$841	\$1,000	\$41,315	\$51,000

All tithes and offerings must be postmarked by Dec 31st midnight to be included in the receipts for 2022. If you are using your tithe and offering for an IRS Tax deduction that deadline must be met.

Membership Transfer: (Second Reading)

Jessica Collier from Knoxville First SDA Church to Smoky Mountain SDA Church.

2023 Devotional Books – Special ABC prices for devotional books are good through Jan. 31, 2023. Orders must be placed through the church office to guarantee the holiday pricing. Brochures are available in the upstairs literature area. Please call the church office if you have questions.

Come join us to welcome in the Sabbath – 7p.m. every Friday evening through the winter months at the Little Creek Chapel, 9020 Leland Straw Way, on the Little Creek campus in Knoxville.

Family Promise – Our next week to serve homeless families will be Jan. 15-21, 2023. We need to provide 7 meals for 3 families. Please pray that these families will find housing. If you would like to help by fixing a meal, please call Carolyn at (865) 384-4711.

Contemporary Relationships for Families – The GCC Family Ministries department is hosting a special event at the Cohutta Springs Conference Center on Feb. 3-4, 2023 for families who are navigating LGBTQ+ questions. These presentations are intended for both parents and young people, and will emphasize how to be compassionate and Christ-like for those on the journey. Registration deadline is Jan. 19, 2023. For costs, registration, and info, please go to gccsda.com/events/100800.

The Church Office will be Closed for the Holidays Next Week – The church office will be closed from Dec. 24, 2022 through Jan. 2, 2023 for the holidays. Please submit any bulletin info for Sabbath, Dec. 31 by email to knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com no later than Wed., Dec. 28. Thank you and have a great holiday!

Cards for the Family of Ina Stanaland – If you would like to send a card of support to the family of Ina Stanaland, it can be sent to Valerie Newman, 124 East Lane, Andersonville, TN 37705 and Rhonda Crippen, 310 Lynnwood Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918. Ina was a faithful member of our church for 83 years, and she will be sorely missed by her family, loved ones, and church family. Please continue to pray for her family as they grieve her loss.

OASIS High School Retreat – Feb. 3-5, 2023 at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. Gather together and bring a group of Adventist students (grades 9-12) who are not currently in SDA schools. \$99 per student (\$89 through Jan. 11) and \$59 per sponsor. Deadline is Jan. 25, 2023. For more info call Alyse at (706) 629-7951, ext. 346 or go to www.gccsda.com/events/oasis2023 to register.

Volleyball Night in the KAS gym on January 14 from 5:45pm-7:45pm. See you there!

Church Text Message Alert – Starting in the new year (2023), the church office will be adding a text messaging service, which will provide notifications about inclement weather, church closures and cancellations, and other important announcements will. If you wish to sign up for this service, please email the church office with the cell number you would like to receive text alerts. **Note** – To receive this service, you must be listed in the Instant Church Directory. If you'd like to be included in the directory, please email knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com. The email must come from the same address that you want included in the directory.

Mid-Week In-Person Bible Study, Jan. 4, 2023 @ 6:30pm – Our in-person mid-week Bible study is back for 2023! We will be using the Bible study format, not a traditional prayer meeting format, and it will be held every **Wednesday** from **6:30-7:30pm**. More details will follow on a possible mid-week prayer meeting option on Zoom for those who are not able to attend in person.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sabbath 9:30am 10:45am 5:26pm	December 24, 2022 – Christmas Eve Sabbath School Classes Service – Pastor Marcus Bates Sunset
Sunday	December 25, 2022 Merry Christmas
Wednesday 7:00pm	December 28, 2022 Prayer Meeting
Friday 5:30pm	December 30, 2022 Sunset
Saturday 9:30am 10:45am 5:31pm	December 31, 2022 - New Year's Eve Sabbath School Classes Service – Pastor Marcus Bates Sunset

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Happy New Year
2023