

**CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church**

Physical Address: 3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN 37919

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10952, Knoxville, TN 37939

- Church Office Hours**..... Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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- Associate Pastor:** Matthew Durante.....mdurante@gccsda.com
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- Church Website** .....www.knoxvillefirstsda.com
- Church Newsletter**..... knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com
- Facebook Pages**..... Knoxville 1<sup>st</sup> Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Knoxville 1<sup>st</sup> SDA Women’s Ministry

**Ministry Servants Today**

- Elder in Charge ..... Bryan Bankhead
- Deacon on Duty..... David Bravo
- Pianist ..... Tatiana Arvat
- Organist..... Jussara Horton
- Choristers ..... Esther Spinolo
- Sound System ..... Mike Lopez
- Live Streaming..... Timothy Oyier
- Video Projection ..... Susana Bondo
- Greeters..... Rosalie Peters,  
Rachel Arner and Mark Horton

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**

**May 20, 2023**

**Sabbath School – 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

- Cradle Roll** (Ages 0-3, Beginners’ Room)..... Katie Miller
- Kindergarten** (Ages 4-7, Kindergarten Room)..... Debbie Carithers
- Primary** (Ages 8-12, Primary Room).....Jussara Horton
- 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) .....Randy Moeller
- Adult Class** (Downstairs Board Room)..... Al Mathewson

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**

**Divine Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

- Welcome & Announcements.....Bryan Bankhead
- Invocation .....Bryan Bankhead
- Songs of Praise..... Esther Spinolo
- Opening Song .....#1  
*"Praise to the Lord "*
- Morning Offering.....Bryan Bankhead
- Offertory Pianist..... Molly Peeke
- Kids’ Corner..... Wanda Moore
- Morning Prayer..... Dennis Benedict
- Musical Selection.....Caleb Geli
- Scripture Reading .....Dennis Benedict  
Psalm 103:1-2
- Sermon..... Pastor Matthew Durante  
“Pedagogies from the Psalms: “Never Forget”
- Song of Response.....#86  
*"How Great Thou Art"*
- Benediction ..... Pastor Matthew Durante



May 20, 2023



**Devotional Thought for Today!**

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Have any of us duly considered how much we have to be thankful for? Do we remember that the mercies of the Lord are new every morning and that His faithfulness faileth not? Do we acknowledge our dependence upon Him and express gratitude for all His favors? On the contrary, we too often forget that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights."  
**Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 5, 315**

## 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: Disaster & Famine Relief WB-GC&NAD

Next Week’s Offering: Church Operating Budget

Loose Offering: Georgia-Cumberland Ministries

**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 May 13, 2023				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$5,139	\$4,805	\$92,699	\$86,490
Worthy Student	\$809	\$673	\$7,730	\$12,112

#### Membership Transfers:

##### (First Reading)

Cassidy Munson Williams from the Owosso, MI SDA church to Knoxville First SDA church

Debbie Rennie from Knoxville First SDA church to the North Knoxville church

Robert and Sue Fuller from Knoxville First SDA church to the Cohutta SDA church

##### (Second Reading) Vote

Chris and May Lane from the New England SDA Church in Trenton, GA to Knoxville First SDA Church.

**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. Multiple options to participate are available, including virtual groups, through Blueprint for Men. For more info, contact Keven Burdorf at [burdorfk@gmail.com](mailto:burdorfk@gmail.com) or (320) 267-1166.

**Instant Church Directory Text Messages:** The Church Office Staff will be sending emergency text messages to church members through the church directory. Only those who are included in the church directory and who email the office requesting this service will be added to text messaging. If you are a church member and would like to be included in the directory, please contact the church office.

**Midweek Prayer Meeting:** Our in-person Wednesday evening prayer meeting has been paused for Summer break and we look to restart sometime in the Fall. We are in need of those willing to help lead out when prayer meeting resumes. If you are interested in helping out or in need of continued fellowship & Bible study, please contact Pastor Matt or the Elders for more information.

**Knoxville First SDA Church Newsletter:** This is sent monthly by email to keep our members updated and informed. We love to hear from our church family, so please share any life events with us so we can celebrate with you. Ministry Leaders, please feel free to share any past or upcoming events. Please email [knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com) by the 25th of the preceding month. You can sign up to receive the newsletter by emailing a request to the church office. Please note, this newsletter is best viewed on a desktop computer, or in landscape mode on your mobile device.

**Requests for Use of Our Facilities:** If you would like the use of any of the church facilities, such as a room in the church, the Sanctuary, the KAS gym, the KAS Kitchen, the Hospitality House, or parking lot(s) for any purpose, email your request to the church office at [knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com](mailto:knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com). Please include the event, date, time, and the facility you are interested in reserving. If approved, your request will be scheduled on the church calendar. Requests will be considered on a first come, first served basis. Our church calendar can be accessed on our church website and on the Church Newsletter.

**Ministry Leaders:** If you would like to advertise an upcoming church ministry event, send an email with the information and/or flyer to the following email addresses: [knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com) to be included in the church newsletter; [knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com](mailto:knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com) for the bulletin; and to Stan Wolcott at [s-kwolcott@juno.com](mailto:s-kwolcott@juno.com) for the church website.

**Bible Study Interests:** We need volunteers to help take and drop off Bible 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 Bible Study Coordinator Dennis Benedict or Pastor Matt.

**Cohutta Springs Youth Camp:** Register your children now for an uplifting spiritual week full of outdoor adventure! Some activities are already full, so register as soon as possible to have the most options. For information or to register, go to [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com), or call (706) 602-7346.

**Advent House Furniture Fundraiser:** For more information, please contact Chris May or visit [adventhouse.org/donate](http://adventhouse.org/donate).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sabbath**  
9:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.  
8:40 p.m.

**May 20, 2023**  
Sabbath School Classes  
Worship Service: Pastor Matthew Durante  
Sunset

**Sunday**

**May 21, 2023**  
Get Healthy Knoxville – KAS Gym

**Tuesday**  
3:30 p.m.

**May 23, 2023**  
Good Samaritan Center – Open

**Friday**  
8:45 p.m.

**May 26, 2023**  
Sunset

**Sabbath**  
9:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.  
8:45 p.m.

**May 27, 2023**  
Sabbath School Classes  
Worship Service: Pastor Matthew Durante  
Sunset

## SAVE THE DATE

**May 21** Get Healthy Knoxville & Health Taste  
Cooking – KAS Gym 5 – 7 pm

**May 26 - Aug. 4** Hospitality House – Canvassing Team

**May 29** Memorial Day

**June 10** Fellowship Lunch – Summer Picnic -Team 6

**Aug. 5 & 6 (9am)** KAS Gym – Canvassing Team

**Aug. 6 – Aug. 13** Hospitality House – Family Promise