

THE CHURCH AT STUDY
November 8, 2025
Sabbath School: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Cradle Roll (Ages 0-3, Beginners' Rm)	Kaley Hinson
Kindergarten (Grades PreK–2 nd , Kindergarten Rm)	Debbie Carithers
Primary (Grades 3 rd –5 th , Primary Rm)	Erin Howells
Earliteen (Grades 6 th –8 th , Hospitality House)	Kim Goodge & Daniel Goodge
Youth (Grades 9 th –12 th , Hospitality House)	Geoff White
Young Adult (Ages 18+, Hospitality House)	Esther Bankhead
Adult Disciple Class (18+, Hospitality House)	Florence Oyier
Women's Bible Study (KAS Music Room)	Janet Rowe
Adult Class (Sanctuary)	Kathy Burdorf
Adult Class (Downstairs Conference Room)	Al Mathewson

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Divine Worship Service: 10:45a.m.

Welcome & Announcements	Mike Lopez
Invocation	Mike Lopez
Songs of Praise	Owen Group
Opening Song	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> #334
Morning Offering	Mike Lopez
Kid's Corner	Elia Owen
Morning Prayer	Sydney Lopez
Musical Selection	Knox First Choir
Scripture Reading	Matthew 6:31-34 Ethan Lopez
Sermon	Pastor Matthew Durante <i>"Above All Else"</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i> #530
Benediction	Pastor Matthew Durante

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

KNOXVILLE FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
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Ministry Servants Today

Elder in Charge	Mike Lopez
Deacon on Duty	Bruce Bankhead
Choristers	Owen Group
Pianist	Timothy and Ty Oyier
Organ	Eddie Benedict
Live Stream	Brian Rogers
Slides	Shanna Williamson
Sound	Caitlin Lopez
Greeters	Beverly Duckett, Dan Peters, and Mark Horton



A Devotional Thought for Today!

"Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me. O my people, trust in Him at all times. Pour out your heart to Him for God is our refuge."

Psalm 62:5-8

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!

CHURCH OFFERING SCHEDULE
Please Mark Your Tithe Envelope!
Today's Offering: Church Operating Budget
Next Week's Offering: Church Operating Budget
Loose Offering Today: GCC Ministries – GCA

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 November 1, 2025				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$5,479	\$5,154	\$180,393	\$226,776
Worthy Student	\$873	\$673	\$28,087	\$29,612
	Collected Last Week	Collected to Date	Goal	
Building Project	\$5,326	\$490,049	\$3,000,000	

Join us for our Fellowship Meal in the gym after service today!

Prayer Meetings on Wednesdays – There are two ways to join: online at 11:00am or in person at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary for a dedicated time of prayer and seeking God together. There won't be a study, just hearts lifted in united prayer. For the Zoom option, use Meeting ID: 842 9624 6733 and Passcode: 654321.

Call to Church Finance Committee and Board Meetings – The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and the Church Board at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Free Healthy Taste Dinner - The Health Ministry warmly invites you to join our Healthy Taste Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Enjoy a vegan holiday-themed meal, and take the recipes with you for your next special dinner. These dinners are free and donations are welcome. Please RSVP to Bryan Dove or on our MeetUp page.

Nominating Committee - To better align our church and school leadership cycles, the Nominating Committee process will move to the spring (April) instead of this fall. This change allows our campus ministry leaders to serve on the same schedule and continue working together seamlessly. Current leaders and those serving in nominated positions will have their terms extended by six months, with the new term running from July 2026 to July 2028. If you need to step down from your role by the end of the year, please reach out to your ministry leader or one of the pastors. Thank you for your continued service and the heart you bring to our church family!

Church Business Meeting - Join us for our End-of-Year Church Business Meeting on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. as we review the proposed 2026 church budget and celebrate how God has been working through our ministries this year. We'll also hear brief reports from our leaders and look ahead together with gratitude and vision for the year to come. All members are encouraged to attend!

It's Time for Our Angel Tree – Gift tags for children will be available on the Angel Tree next Sabbath. For those who claimed gift tags, please remember that the gifts need to be new, wrapped and delivered to the church in a Christmas bag with the child's tag on it. Gifts are due back to the church by December 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Robinson.

VBS - Wants your old artificial Christmas trees! Looking to upgrade your Christmas tree this holiday season? Donate your old tree to VBS for next year's awesome adventure! Lights don't work we don't care! Or if you find an amazing deal on a tree, consider donating a new one and we will make sure the whole church benefits by using it for the church after VBS next summer. If you have any questions or need to make arrangements to give a tree, please contact Jodie Scott at 865-274-2077.

Our Annual Bonfire Chili Cook-Off - Join Us on Sabbath, Nov. 15, 2025, from 5 - 9 pm, at the White's house. Whether you're entering the cook-off or just joining the fun, you're warmly invited. Chili Contestants: Please text Amy White at 865-386-0296 if you'd like to enter the chili cook-off. Guests (non-contestants): Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Don't forget your camp chair! We look forward to seeing you for a cozy, delicious, and fun evening together!

Elder's Training - registration for our 2025 Elder's Training is now open! This year's Elder's Training is focused on sermon preparation and the speaker will be Dr. Jud Lake. This is free training for your church elders. The dates for the Elder's Training are December 5-7, 2025. There will be translation services provided for elders that request it. Registration closes November 19, 2025. To register visit events.gccsda.com/elders2025

GCC Young Adult LIFE Retreat - Join us November 21–23 at Cohutta Springs for - "Walk His Way". Register at ultracamp.com

Sundays @ Seven - Every runner needs a rest now and then. Tomorrow is your day! There will not be a group meeting at the KAS gym tomorrow. We will plan to meet again for more miles on Sunday, November 16.

Family Promise is returning! Our church will once again host unhoused families with children at the Hospitality House the week of December 7-14. Please consider helping this important ministry by volunteering to help set up or tear down, be an overnight host, provide a meal, or even pray for our guests. Thank you for your faithful service to others through this wonderful ministry. Because of the collective help of so many of you, four families are fed and sheltered each rotation. For more information, please contact Hanna Jones or Carolyn Hansen. Go to tinyurl.com/KnoxFirstFamilyPromise to sign up.

2025 WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sabbath 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:32 p.m.	November 8 Sabbath School Service – Pastor Matthew Durante Fellowship Meal Sunset
Sunday 7:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	November 9 Sundays @ Seven – Gym – No Meeting InStep Walking Group
Monday 6:00 p.m.	November 10 GriefShare Seminar
Tuesday 3:30 p.m.	November 11 Good Samaritan Center - Open
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	November 12 Prayer Meeting – Online Prayer Meeting – In Person
Thursday 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	November 13 Finance Committee Meeting Church Board Meeting
Friday 5:28 p.m.	November 14 Sunset
Sabbath 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:27 p.m.	November 15 Sabbath School Service – Pastor Thang Lian Bonfire Chili Cook-off Sunset

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
Good Samaritan Center will only be open on Nov. 11 and Dec. 9, 2025.

Church Office - Members of the office staff will each be taking time off through the first week of January, 2026. We ask that any announcements for the bulletin be submitted by email at least one week in advance. There will be weeks that the majority of a bulletin will need to be completed in advance. Thank you!