

**CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church**

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**Church Office Hours**..... Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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**Church Bulletin**..... knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com

**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 ..... Keven Burdorf  
Deacon on Duty..... Bryan Dove  
Pianist..... Tatiana Arvat  
Organist..... Jussara Horton  
Choristers..... Liesl Rowe  
Sound System ..... Derrick Gillett  
Video Projection ..... Jeanna Crews  
Live Streaming..... Timothy Oyier  
Greeters..... Rosalie Peters,  
Monica Peeke, and Katie Miller

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.

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2023**

**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)..... Darby Goodge

**Primary** (Ages 8-12, Primary Room)..... Jussara Horton

**Youth** (Ages 13-18, Annex)..... Pastor T. Lian

**Young Adult** (Ages 18+, Annex) ..... Kennedy Agyekum

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

**Adult Class** (Main Sanctuary) ..... Pastor Matthew Durante

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

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**

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

Welcome & Announcements..... Keven Burdorf

Invocation ..... Keven Burdorf

Songs of Praise..... Liesl Rowe

Opening Song..... Hymn #499

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

Morning Offering..... Keven Burdorf

Kids’ Corner..... Cassia Owen

Morning Prayer..... Heather Ruffner

Musical Selection..... Theresa Doran, Darlene Gillett and Deanna King

Scripture Reading ..... Heather Ruffner

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

Sermon..... Pastor Matthew Durante

*“If My People Pray”*

Song of Response..... Hymn #483

*“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

Benediction ..... Pastor Matthew Durante



September 2, 2023



**Devotional Thought for Today!**

"I cried out to him with my mouth; His praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!"

Psalm 66:17-20

## 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 Tithes Envelope!

Today’s Offering Focus: Church Operating Budget

Next Week’s Offering: Radio Ministries

Loose Offering: Church Operating Budget

**Tithes & Offerings:** You can give online on our church website at mail <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANTFJL/envelope/start> or by 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 August 26, 2023				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$1,048	\$4,805	\$136,853	\$163,370
Worthy Student	\$451	\$673	\$13,175	\$22,882

**GriefShare Seminar** – Monday evenings, Aug. 14 – Nov. 13, 2023, from 6:00 -8:00pm in the Hospitality House. If you have any questions or are willing to help, please contact Mark Horton 865-824-6474 or John Geli 865-806-3728. Brochures are available in the literature room near the foyer to share with those you know that could benefit from this ministry.

**Attention Finance Committee and Church Board Members:** Our next meeting will be held on September 14, 2023, in person in the church conference room. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00pm and the Church Board at 7:00pm.

**Sabbath In The Smokies:** Join us on September 29-30, 2023 at Cades Cove in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. For information on reservations/lodging, schedule, and parking please check online at [www.gccsda.com/events/sabbathsmokies](http://www.gccsda.com/events/sabbathsmokies). Questions? Contact Alise at 706-602-7376 or [aweber@gccsda.com](mailto:aweber@gccsda.com).

**Midweek Prayer Meeting:** Our in-person Wednesday evening prayer meeting will be resuming on September 6th at 6:30pm in the church Conference Room. This will be a time of prayer, study, and discipleship as all are encouraged to attend. Our focus of study for prayer meeting during this cycle will be Matthew 5-7 (The Sermon on the Mount). In addition, we will also be reading "Thoughts From The Mount Of Blessing" as a companion book. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Matt or the Elders for more information.

**Fellowship Lunch September 9, 2023:** Team 3 will serve. Thank you: Tatiana & Denis Arvat, Kathy & Dale Burdorf, Margaret Cloud, Theresa & Larry Doran, Tami & John Geli, Kim Goodge, Lynette & Troy Hollenbeck, Jussara & Mark Horton, Katie & Paul Miller, Betty & Elvin Vence, for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Everyone attending this luncheon, there will be extra people coming in to hear Sarah Sexton so we ask that you bring extra food to share. Vegetarian or vegan dishes only please!

**Sarah Sexton:** Sarah is a previous member of the Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sarah is a midwife working in Chad, Africa long term. She is on furlough sharing stories about building relationships in the local tribes she lives with and how caring for moms and babies gives her the opportunity to share love and gives her the privilege to learn a different culture and worldview. Come hear Sarah’s story September 9th following the fellowship meal.

**Attention Men:** You are invited to attend the GCC *Men Under Construction* Men’s Retreat at Cohutta Springs Conference Center on the weekend of October 6 – 8, 2023. The weekend will be educational, inspirational, and transformational. Join with other men to become more like the Master Builder! Registration ends on September 27. Details can be found at [www.blueprintformen.org](http://www.blueprintformen.org).

**Requests for Use Of Campus Facilities:** Please email your request to the church office and include the event, date, time, and the facility/room(s) you are interested in reserving. If approved, it will be scheduled on the church calendar.

**GCC Marriage Retreat At Cohutta Springs:** This retreat will be held September 22 - 24, 2023. “Rekindle the Flame” will be presented by Pastor Nathan and Becky Renner. Registration is now open. Go to <https://www.gccsda.com/events/100795>.

**ENGAGE Leadership Convention, September 29 - 30, 2023:** Save the Date! This year, our annual Youth Leadership Convention will be held at the Warner Robins SDA Church in Warner Robins, GA. Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 20. Go to <https://www.gccsda.com/events/engage2023> for information or to register. Or contact Alyse at 706-629-7951 or at [alyse@gccsda.com](mailto:alyse@gccsda.com).

**Experience The Miracle Of The Birth Of The Seventh-Day Adventist Church.** Join us in September 2024 for a New England Adventist Heritage tour, led by Dr. Merlin Burt of the E.G. White Estate and hosted by Grateful Living of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. To be placed on an “interested in going” list, contact Grateful Living at: 706-629-7951, Ext 361 or [rhartwell@gccsda.com](mailto:rhartwell@gccsda.com).

**Instant Church Directory Text Messages and Emails:** The Church Office Staff will be sending emergency text messages to church members through the church directory. Those who are included in the church directory and who email the office requesting this service will be added to text messaging. Also, if you are in the directory and would like to receive the church bulletin and other information by email, please contact the church office. If you are a church member and would like to be included in the directory, please contact the church office by email with your information. [knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com](mailto:knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sabbath**  
9:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.  
8:02 p.m.  
**September 02, 2023**  
Sabbath School Classes  
Sermon – Pastor Matthew Durante  
Sunset

**Monday**  
6:00 p.m.  
**September 04, 2023**  
GriefShare Seminar

**Wednesday**  
6:30 p.m.  
**September 06, 2023**  
Midweek Prayer Meeting

**Friday**  
7:53 p.m.  
**September 08, 2023**  
Sunset

**Sabbath**  
9:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.  
12:30 p.m.  
2:00 p.m.  
7:52 p.m.  
**September 09, 2023**  
Sabbath School Classes  
Sermon – Pastor Matthew Durante  
Fellowship Lunch – KAS Gym  
Sarah Sexton – KAS Gym  
Sunset

## SAVE THE DATES

**September 14** Church Finance Committee and Board Meetings  
**September 29-30** Sabbath in the Smokies