

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 2, 2022  
10:45a.m.

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| Announcements/Invocation | David Hinson                                  |
| Songs of Praise          | Goodge Family                                 |
| Opening Hymn             | "Draw Me Nearer" #306                         |
| Morning Offering         | David Hinson                                  |
| Kid's Korner             | Cassia Owen                                   |
| Child Dedications        | Griffin Lee Gillett<br>Owen Gene King         |
| Elders Ordination        | Derrick Gillett                               |
| Morning Prayer           | Mike Lopez                                    |
| Special Music            | Lauren Gimbel                                 |
| Scripture Reading        | 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 Mike Lopez                |
| Sermon                   | Pastor Marcus Bates<br>"Absent From the Body" |
| Song of Response         | "Nearer, Still Nearer" #301                   |
| Benediction              | Pastor Marcus Bates                           |

### SERVING TODAY

Elder in Charge: David Hinson  
Deacon on Duty: Bryan Dove  
Piano: Eddie Benedict  
Organ: Ronda Mostella  
Choristers: Goodge Family  
A/V: Brian Arner  
Sound: Bill Mitchell  
Live Stream: Jessica Collier  
Greeters: Rosalie Peters, Monica Peeke, and  
Pastor Matt & Kat Durante

The Worship Service will be live-streamed and available on Facebook, YouTube, and Roku. The Adult Sabbath School Class held in the Sanctuary on Sabbath mornings will no longer be live-streamed.

## THE CHURCH AT STUDY THIS SABBATH

9:30a.m. – 10:30a.m. SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

**Cradle Roll:** Imara Runne (Ages 0-3 Beginner's Room)  
**Kindergarten:** Cassia Owen (Ages 4-7 Kindergarten Rm)  
**Primary:** Danielle Velez (Ages 8-12 Primary Rm)  
**Youth:** Jeff Peeke (Ages 13-18 Annex)  
**Women's Bible Study:** Janet Rowe (KAS Music Room)  
**Adult:** Randy Moller (Church Sanctuary)  
Dan Peters (Conference Classroom)

**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!  
**2:00 p.m.** Young Adult/Collegiate Bible Study in the Annex

### KNOXVILLE FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**Women's Ministry Facebook page:** Knoxville 1<sup>st</sup> SDA Women's Ministry

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Seventh-day Adventist church

April 2, 2022



"So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." **2 Corinthians 5:6-8**

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Members and Honored Guests!

### LET'S REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today! We hope that you feel welcome and want to call this church "home"! Please continue to pray for those who have health or personal issues; those in need of spiritual victories; people affected by recent events, including all healthcare workers, first responders, and volunteers, missionaries, elected officials, those serving in law enforcement and the military, and educators. Please remember our upcoming evangelistic series, and the people and families affected by the Ukraine crisis. Let's also remember our children, grand-children, and great grandchildren, as well as Joe Ellison, Dan Belic, and Sande' Korp (health); Trisha Grimsley and Samantha Moss (loss of spouses); Isaac Jeldes (loss of his father); and Janie Holmes (her daughter Oliva's pregnancy).

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Please Mark Your Tithe Envelope!**

**Today:** Local Church Budget

**Next Week:** Hope Channel Int., Inc-WB GC

**Today's 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

As of March 26, 2022

|                        | Last Week | Weekly Goal | YTD Received | YTD Needed |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Combined Budget</b> | \$1,142   | \$4,590     | \$49,817     | \$55,080   |
| <b>Worthy Student</b>  | \$182     | \$1,000     | \$8,811      | \$13,000   |

**Membership Transfer:** (First Reading)

Angela Boggs from Knoxville First SDA to Kingsport SDA (TN)

**Church Officer Update:** (First Reading)

Mark Jones – Youth Sabbath School Teacher

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** – We are continuing our study in the Gospel of John. Login at <https://zoom.us/j/8987439349> to participate. This weekly event is live-streamed.

**Remembering Steve** – On Sabbath, April 23 at 3:00, there will be a special memorial service in the sanctuary to honor Steve Grimsley's life. We hope you can join us. Trisha would like to thank all of you who prayed for him during his 2+ year struggle with cancer, and visited him during his last 6-week stay in the hospital. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, meals, flowers and support for Trisha after Steve's passing. God bless and keep you all in His care.

**Sanctuary Adult Sabbath Class and Easter Program on April 9** – On Sabbath, April 9, 2022 we are going to be blessed with an Easter Program during our church worship service. To give our Easter Program leaders sufficient time to set up and do sound checks, etc. they will need access to the sanctuary during the Sabbath School time. For this reason, the adult Sabbath School class normally held in the sanctuary will be moved to the KAS gym on April 9. If you attend this class, please plan on meeting in the school gym.

**2022 Area-Wide Evangelistic Campaign** – Local SDA Churches in the Knoxville area are gearing up for an upcoming evangelistic series in conjunction with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, Southern Adventist University, and the Southern Union. This series will run from May 7-14, 2022 for our church, and involve a total of eight nightly meetings by Southern Union evangelist Roger Hernandez.

**KAS Registration is Open** – If you are interested in enrolling your child in KAS, online registration is now open. Please visit our website [www.knoxvilleadventistschool.net](http://www.knoxvilleadventistschool.net) to begin. Because space is limited in the lower grades, please register as soon as possible. Our Forest School program for those grades has been well received. There are registration discounts available if you register by April 14. Call (865) 522-9929 or email [knoxvilleadventistschool@gmail.com](mailto:knoxvilleadventistschool@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Immune System Boosting Seminar** – Wellness consultant Heather Neal will be presenting "Our Creator's Way to a Fantastic Immune System" at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference office on Sunday, April 24 from 8:30am to 5:30pm. Cost for attending is \$15, and will include lunch. Register by April 11 at [www.gccsda.com/health-ministries/11467](http://www.gccsda.com/health-ministries/11467) or call 706-602-7348 for more information.

**Fletcher Academy Days** – This event will take place on April 10-11, 2022. Register online at [FletcherAcademy.org](http://FletcherAcademy.org).

**Knoxville First Church Newsletter** – If you'd like to subscribe to our monthly newsletter, email [knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com). Please include your email and your first and last name. You can also sign-up at <https://bit.ly/3JOeIFE>.

**ABC Bookmobile Van** – The ABC van will be in the church parking lot from 5:30-6:00p.m. on Sunday, April 17. To place your food and/or book order for delivery, please call (423) 396-2814.

**Vegan/Plant-Based Festival** – The Healthy Taste Vegfest will take place tomorrow from 11am-6pm at The Commons, located at 4950 Swinyar Drive in Collegedale. Rick Teepen of the Creation Museum will be presenting a reptile show at noon and 3pm for the children. Visit <https://www.healthytaste.net/chattanooga> for more info about this event. Contact Gabriel McClover at [gabriel@healthytaste.net](mailto:gabriel@healthytaste.net) or (423) 397-6805 with any questions.

**Fellowship Meal April 9, 2022, After Service:** Coordinator Liliane Robertson and Team 4 will serve as "hosts/ hostesses"—organizing, setting up and cleaning up. A big THANK YOU to Team 4. Church members please bring food enough for you and to share.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| <b>Sabbath</b><br>9:30am<br>10:45am<br>2:00pm<br>7:58pm            | <b>April 2, 2022</b><br>Sabbath School Classes<br>Worship Service – Pastor Marcus Bates<br>Adult/Collegiate Sabbath School Class<br>Sunset                        |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:00pm   | <b>April 6, 2022</b><br>Prayer Meeting  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>8:03pm  | <b>April 8, 2022</b><br>Sunset  |
| <b>Sabbath</b><br>9:30am<br>10:45am<br>12:30pm<br>2:00pm<br>8:04pm | <b>April 9, 2022</b><br>Sabbath School Classes<br>Worship Service – Easter Program<br>Fellowship Meal – Team 4<br>Adult/Collegiate Sabbath School Class<br>Sunset |

## Bible Texts that Equate Death with a Sleep

Pastor Marcus Bates - April 2, 2022

### OT Texts (47)

Deut. 31:16  
2 Sam. 7:12  
1 Ki. 1:21; 2:10; 11:21; 11:43; 14:20; 14:31; 15:8; 15:24; 16:6;  
16:28; 22:40; 22:50  
2 Ki. 8:24; 10:35; 13:9; 13:13; 14:16; 14:22; 14:29; 15:7;  
15:22; 15:38; 16:20; 20:21; 21:18; 24:6  
2 Chr. 9:31; 12:16; 14:1; 16:13; 21:1; 26:2; 26:23; 27:9; 28:27;  
32:33; 33:20  
Job 7:21; 14:12  
Psa. 13:3; 90:5  
Isa. 26:19  
Jer. 51:39; 51:57  
Dan. 12:2

### NT Texts (19)

Matt. 9:24; 27:52  
Mark 5:39  
Luke 8:52-53  
John 11:11; 11:13-14  
Acts 7:60; 13:36  
1 Cor. 11:30; 15:6; 15:18; 15:20; 15:51-52  
Eph. 5:14  
1 Thess. 4:13; 4:14; 4:15-16; 5:10  
2 Pet. 3:4

### Other Related Passages (19)

Gen. 3:19  
Job 14:13-15  
Psa. 6:5; 17:15; 76:5-6; 115:17; 146:4  
Eccl. 9:5-6; 9:10  
John 5:28-29; 6:39; 6:40; 6:44; 6:54; 11:23-24  
Acts 2:29; 2:34  
Rev. 6:11; 14:13