

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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- Senior Pastor: Marcus Batesmbates@gccsda.com
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- Church Wi-Fi Info..... Sanctuary Guest, Password: guest2020
- Church Websitewww.knoxvillefirstsda.com
- Facebook Pages..... Knoxville 1st Seventh-day Adventist Church
Knoxville 1st SDA Women’s Ministry

Ministry Staff Serving Today:

- Platform ElderJohn Geli
- Deacon on Duty Bruce Bankhead
- Pianist Tatiana Arvat
- Organist Ronda Mostella
- Chorister.....Esther Spinolo
- Visual Aids Larry Doran
- Sound Board Troy Hollenbeck
- Live Streaming Caleb Geli
- Greeters Rosalie Peters,
Beverly Duckett & 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

Sabbath School – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

- Cradle Roll** (Ages 0-3, Beginners’ Room)..... Kaley Hinson
- Kindergarten** (Ages 4-7, Kindergarten Room)..... Cassia Owen
- Primary** (Ages 8-12, Primary Room).....Jussara Horton
- Youth** (Ages 13-18, Annex)..... Pastor Matthew Durante
- Young Adult** (Ages 18+, Annex) Esther Spinolo
- Women’s Bible Study** (KAS Music Room)Janet Rowe
- Adult Class** (Main Sanctuary)Ronda Mostella
- Adult Class** (Downstairs Board Room)..... Dan Peters

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Divine Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

- Welcome & Announcements.....John Geli
- InvocationJohn Geli
- Songs of Praise..... Esther Spinolo
- Opening Song #469
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
- Morning Offering.....John Geli
- Children’s OfferingLittle Lambs for Jesus!
- Kids’ Corner..... Mickey Bankhead
- Morning Prayer..... Derrick Gillett
- Musical Selection.....Anneliese, Callie, Georgia,
Juliet, Kinley & Natalie
- Scripture Reading Derrick Gillett
John 6:33-35
- Sermon..... Pastor Matthew Durante
The Jesus of John: The Abundant Life with the Great I AM
The Bread of Life
- Closing Song #248
O, How I Love Jesus
- Benediction Pastor Matthew Durante



January 21, 2023



Devotional Thought for Today:

"What food is to the body, Christ must be to the soul. Food cannot benefit us unless we eat it, unless it becomes a part of our being. So Christ is of no value to us if we do not know Him as a personal Savior. A theoretical knowledge will do us no good. We must feed upon Him, receive Him into the heart, so that His life becomes our life. His love, His grace, must be assimilated."

Desire of Ages, page 389

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Members and Honored Guests!

Happy New Year! 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, Joe Ellison, Dan Belic, people with health issues, healthcare workers, first responders, missionaries, educators, elected officials, and those serving in the military and law enforcement. Please also pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

CHURCH OFFERING SCHEDULE

Please Mark Your Tithes Envelope!

Today’s Offering Focus: Operating Budget

Next Week’s Offering: Georgia-Cumberland Ministries

Loose Offering: Operating Budget

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 January 14, 2023				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$3,674	\$4,795	\$4,065	\$9,590
Worthy Student	\$952	\$1,538	\$1,167	\$3,076

Mid-Week In-Person Bible Study, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.: Our in-person mid-week Bible study is back for 2023! We will use a Bible study format, not the traditional prayer meeting format. It will be held every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the downstairs church board room.

Weekly Prayer Meeting Option on Zoom, Wednesday at 7p.m.: For those who are not able to attend our mid-week Bible study in person, we will continue to provide a weekly prayer meeting option on Zoom at 7pm. To participate in this weekly prayer meeting, please use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/8987439349>.

GCA Academy Days: Held on Feb. 10-11, this special event is open to all students from grades 7-11. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet teachers, tour the campus, experience the spiritual programming and musical groups, and get a taste of campus life. Meals will also be provided! To learn more, call (706) 625-7178 or register at www.gcasda.org.

Membership Transfers: (First Reading)

Alex Osei-Kojo from Legon SDA (Ghana) to Knoxville First SDA
Ricky and Marina Bridgman from Knoxville First SDA to Loma Linda Filipino SDA (CA)

KAS “Night at the Museum” Program: Our very own KAS students are hosting a special “Night at the Museum” program on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Come see live presentations from the students as they take you through a historical tour. Food will be sold by our Home & School ministry. Homeschoolers are also welcome to participate! Please contact Heather Ruffner at (707) 972-4920 for more details.

Come Join Us to Welcome the Sabbath: 7 p.m. every Friday evening for vespers through the winter months at the Little Creek Chapel, 9020 Leland Straw Way, on the Little Creek campus in Knoxville.

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

“Partnering for Eternity” Mentors: We have KAS students who are in need of mentors for our “Partnering for Eternity” program. If you would like more info on being a student mentor, please see Dan Peters.

Church Text Message Alert: The church office has added a new text messaging service, which will provide special notifications to our church family about inclement weather, church closures and cancellations, and other important announcements. 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. To receive this service, you must be listed in the Instant Church Directory. If you would like to be included in the directory, email the church office at knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com. Your email must come from your email address in the church directory.

2023 Devotional Books: Special ABC pricing for devotional books are good through Jan. 31, 2023. Orders must be placed through the church office, so please call the church secretary with any questions.

Volunteer Assisted Transportation (VAT): Do you know a family member, loved one, friend, or client who might need a ride to the grocery store or medical appointments? Give Volunteer Assisted Transportation a call at (865) 673-5001, or go to nancy.welch@cactrans.org to request a rider application.

ABC Bookmobile: The ABC bookmobile will be at the church parking lot on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE): Jan. 29th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Church Street United Methodist Church, 900 Henley Street. COPE is an empathy-building, bias-breaking, poverty simulation, which provides an understanding of what it is like to live in poverty, enabling participants to have empathy and understanding. Training is free, and registration is limited, offered only on a first come, first served basis. If interested, please contact Charmin@compassioncoalition.org.

Love Your Neighbor, Feb. 4–19, 2023: In a world of divisiveness, the purpose of the Love Your Neighbor (LYN) initiative is to help our community realize there are far more common core values that unite us rather than divide us. Our church, along with other neighboring churches, have come together to profess a unified message of love, respect, and kindness for each other from our diverse neighborhood religious bodies. This is our third year of emphasizing this initiative during the Valentine season, as a reminder to practice this loving attitude throughout the year.

Birthday Cards for Doris Denney: Doris will turn 89 years young on Jan. 31! Receiving birthday cards and hearing from her church family would be a great blessing to her! If you are able to send her a thoughtful, kind birthday wish, her mailing address is: Joyful Senior Living, 16627 Ranger Trail, Huntersville, NC 28078.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sabbath 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:51 p.m.	January 21, 2023 Sabbath School Classes Worship Service – Pastor Matthew Durante Sunset
Tuesday 3:30 p.m.	January 24, 2021 Good Samaritan Center Open
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	January 25, 2023 Mid-Week Bible Study (In-Person) Weekly Prayer Meeting on Zoom
Thursday 5:00 p.m.	January 26, 2023 KAS “Night at the Museum”
Friday 5:57 p.m.	January 27, 2023 Sunset
Saturday 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:58 p.m.	January 28, 2023 Sabbath School Classes Worship Service – Marty Miller Sunset
Sunday 5:30 p.m.	January 29, 2023 ABC Bookmobile