

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

July 5, 2025

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)	Erin Howells
Youth (Ages 13-17, Hospitality House)	Jeff Peeke
Young Adult (Ages 18+, Hosp. House Basement)	Esther Bankhead
Women's Bible Study (KAS Music Room)	Janet Rowe
Adult Disciple Class (Ages 18+ Hospitality House)	Brandon Cathey
Adult Class (KAS Library)	Goldean Robinson
Adult Class (Downstairs Board Room)	Al Matthewson

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Divine Worship Service: 10:45a.m.

In the Knoxville Adventist School Gym

Welcome & Announcements	Bryan Bankhead
Invocation	Bryan Bankhead
Songs of Praise	Theresa Doran and Group
Opening Song	<i>Give Me the Bible</i> #272
Morning Offering	Bryan Bankhead
Kid's Corner	Gemylne Owen
Morning Prayer	Bryan Bankhead
Musical Selection	Chris Kemink
Scripture Reading	Psalms 119:103-105 Bryan Bankhead
Sermon	Pastor Matthew Durante <i>"The Word That Holds Us Steady"</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i> #286
Benediction	Pastor Matthew Durante

For those serving on the platform,
please meet in the Music 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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Church Office Hour: Tuesday – Thursday from 8:30am – 2:30pm. Due to construction, times in which the office staff are present may vary. Please schedule an appointment by calling or emailing the church office.

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Facebook Pages Knoxville 1st Seventh-day Adventist Church
Knoxville 1st SDA Women's Ministry

Ministry Servants Today

Elder in Charge	Bryan Bankhead
Deacon on Duty	Bruce Bankhead
Choristers	Theresa Doran and Group
Pianist	Jussara Horton
Live Streaming	Jason Scott
Slides	Larry Doran
Sound	Caitlin Lopez
Greeters	David Hinson and Connor Peeke



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A Devotional Thought for Today!

"The grass withers and
the flowers fall, but the
word of our God endures
forever."

Isaiah 40:8

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: GC Session Offering: Digital Strategy for Mission
Loose Offering Today: Church Operating Budget

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 June 28, 2025				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$5,278	\$5,154	\$105,260	\$133,901
Worthy Student	\$670	\$673	\$18,093	\$17,498
	Collect Last Week	Collected to Date	Goal	
Building Project	\$4,390	\$323,595	\$3,000,000	

Worship Service in KAS Gym – Please join us for worship service in the KAS gym starting at 10:45am every Sabbath.
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Summer Evangelistic Series – Join us for our upcoming evangelistic series, “Foundations: Unshakable Truths for Uncertain Times” taking place Sabbath mornings at 10:45am from July 5 – August 16 in the KAS Gym. In a world filled with uncertainty and shifting values, this 7-week series will explore the core truths of Scripture that offer lasting hope, clarity, and peace. We encourage you to bring a friend, family member, or neighbor as we discover together what it means to build our lives on the unshakable foundation of God’s Word!

Reach Your Neighbor Retreat - taking place August 22–24 at Cohutta Springs. If you’re interested in learning practical skills to help you better share the Gospel, this is an opportunity you won’t want to miss! For more information, visit www.gccsda.com/evangelism/11888please or speak with Dennis Benedict.

Celebration of Life - The family of Virl Hartless have planned a Celebration of Life and Potluck on Saturday, July 19 at 12:00 PM at Bethel Baptist Church (6517 Pine Grove Rd, Knoxville, TN 37914). Virl passed away on June 17, 2025, just shy of her 82nd birthday. Please bring a dish to share and come prepared with memories and stories as we honor her life and legacy together. Thank you for keeping the Hartless family in your prayers. May the hope of the resurrection encourage us until Christ comes again!

Attention Finance Committee and Church Board Members: Meetings will be held on July 10th. The Finance Committee to meet at 6:00pm and Church Board at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.

Women’s Ministry - is inviting all the ladies to join in the fun Saturday, July 12th from 5:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 8914 Northshore Dr SW, Knoxville, TN 37922. We are having a light meal, vespers and fellowship. Please bring a summer salad or hors d’oeuvre. Ice cream and toppings will be provided. Pack a swimsuit and towel if you would like to swim. No lifeguard on duty, adults only please. Please RSVP to Lisa Pfeister.

Churchwide Pool Party - Come out to Alice Bell Swimming Pool located at 3535 Alice Bell Rd in Knoxville, on Sunday, August 17 from 6:30-8:30pm for some fun and fellowship! The Social Committee will provide hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish to contribute (potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, cookies, etc.). We look forward to seeing you there!

Adventist Young Professionals (AYP) - 5th annual convention in Houston, Texas on July 17-20, 2025, the convention will feature a diverse network of speakers - including keynote presenters Dr. Eric Walsh and Dr. Calvin Kim, powerful worship by Contagious Faith, a resource-filled exhibit hall, and a spirit-filled prayer room. If you have any questions or need further details about the AYP Convention, please email Timothy.Waters@AYP.me. You can also call or text 877-297-1844.

GCC WM One-Day Retreat - Ladies Leading is a special one-day retreat on Saturday, August 23, 2025, in Rogersville, TN. This event is for women (ages 16+) with a heart for serving the Lord. The registration deadline is Thursday, August 7, 2025. For more info and to register please visit: <https://events.gccsda.com/ladiesleading2025>

Church Newsletter - Did you know we publish a monthly church newsletter? Each issue features spotlights on church members and ministries, available rental spaces, and items or services for sale within our church community. You’ll also find highlights from recent events, reminders for upcoming activities, birthday celebrations, and a convenient calendar summarizing what’s ahead. To subscribe, email Knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com or speak with Sharena Cathey.

Church Office Summer Schedule: Tuesday – Thursday 8:30a.m. - 2:30p.m Due to construction, please call office for appointment if possible.

Welcome Baby Peeke! - We are excited to announce that Bryce and Emily Peeke welcomed Julian Wilder Peeke on July 1. A meal train has been organized for Bryce and Emily as we support them with the welcome of their newest family member. You can sign up to provide a meal at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/rlnmdod>. For questions or more information, please contact Kat Durante or Monica Peeke.

Health Ministry Newsletter -The Health & Wellness Ministry releases a monthly digital newsletter, The Health Nuggette, offering evidence-based insights on nutrition, physical fitness, and mental wellness—all backed by peer-reviewed sources. Each issue also includes a spiritual reflection, upcoming health awareness events, and delicious plant-based recipes. Subscribers are invited to submit health-related questions or topic ideas for future editions. To receive The Health Nuggette, email Knoxfirstthehealthministry@gmail.com or connect with Sharena Cathey.

2025 WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sabbath 10:45 a.m. 8:58 p.m.	July 5 Service – Pastor Matthew Durante Sunset
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	July 6 InStep Walking Group
Thursday 6:00p.m. 7:00 p.m.	July 10 Finance Committee Church Board
Friday 8:56 p.m.	July 11 Sunset
Sabbath 10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 8:56 p.m.	July 12 Service – Pastor Matthew Durante Women’s Ministry Event Sunset

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