

**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 Bates .....mbates@gccsda.com

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**Advent House Director:** Chris May ..... (865) 522-3193

**Good Samaritan Center**..... (865) 524-7842

**Compassion Outreach** ..... (865) 524-7842

**Church Wi-Fi Info**..... Sanctuary Guest, Password: guest2020

**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 .....Bryan Bankhead

Deacon on Duty ..... Bryan Dove

Church Pianist ..... Darby Goodge

Church Organist .....Eddie Benedict

Choristers ..... Gillette Praise Team

Sound System..... Bill Mitchell

Live Streaming..... Timothy Oyier

Video Projection.....Jeanna Crews

Greeters ..... Rosalie Peters,  
Monica Peeke and Mark Jones

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).....Danielle Velez

**Youth** (Ages 13-18, Annex)..... Jeff Peeke

**Young Adult** (Ages 18+, Annex) ..... Pastor Matt Durante

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

**Adult Class** (Main Sanctuary) .....Randy Moeller

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

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**

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

Welcome & Announcements .....Bryan Bankhead

Invocation .....Bryan Bankhead

Songs of Praise.....Gillette Praise Team

Opening Song .....#8

*"We Gather Together"*

Morning Offering .....Bryan Bankhead

Offertory Pianist.....Eli Hafner

Children’s Offering .....Little Lambs for Jesus!

Kids’ Corner..... Cassia Owen

Morning Prayer ..... Chris May

Musical Selection ..... Willa Wittekind

Scripture Reading ..... Lyla Schreiner

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Sermon..... Pastor Marcus Bates

*"Famous Last Words"*

Song of Response .....#65

*"God Be With You"*

Benediction .....Pastor Marcus Bates



May 6, 2023



**Devotional Thought for Today:**

“Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you ... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”

**2 Corinthians 13:11, 14**

## 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 Tithe Envelope!

Today’s Offering Focus: Church Operating Budget

Next Week’s Offering: Disaster & Famine Relief WB-GC&NAD

Loose Offering: Church 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 April 29, 2023				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$6,572	<b>\$4,805</b>	\$85,867	<b>\$76,880</b>
Worthy Student	\$628	<b>\$673</b>	\$6,788	<b>\$10,766</b>

**Please Join us for the Fellowship Meal and Bates Family Farewell Today, May 6:** Adrienne Robinson and Team 5 will serve, setup and cleanup. Thank you: Eddie & Dennis Benedict, Almaz Biru, Diane & David Bravo, Debbie & Tim Carithers, Lindsey & Daniel Etson, Darby & Danny Goodge, Kim Goodge, Nita & Michael Holcomb, Adrienne Robinson, Goldean Robinson, Liesl & Nathan Rowe, Becky & David Smith, Danielle & Miquel Velez. Everyone attending this luncheon, please bring enough food (vegetarian or vegan dishes only please!) for your family and to share with others. (There is no fellowship meal on May 13).

**KAS Graduations:** Please join us May 18<sup>th</sup> in the church for our KAS graduations. Kindergarten graduation will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation around 6:30 p.m. Come show your support for our eight graduates: Danny Bravo, Riley Hayden, Natalie Reece, Kinley Robinson, & Cali Ruffner from Kindergarten, and Lily Brass & Ty Oyier from eighth grade. ***Congratulations Class of 2023!***

**Mid-Week In-Person Bible Study, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.:** Our in-person mid-week Bible study is held each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the church board room. If you might be interested in leading out in our mid-week study, please speak to Pastor Matt.

**Finance Committee and Church Board Meetings:** Our next Finance Committee and Church Board meetings will be held on Thursday, May 11 in the church board room. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. and the Church Board will follow at 7:00 p.m.

**Bible Study Interests:** We need volunteers to help take and drop off Bible studies that have been requested. If you feel impressed to help with this outreach or if you have any questions about this ministry endeavor, please speak to Bible Study Coordinator Dennis Benedict or Pastor Matt.

**Cohutta Springs Youth Camp:** Register your children now for an uplifting spiritual week full of outdoor adventure! Some activities are already full, so register as soon as possible to have the most options. For information or to register, go to [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com), or call (706) 602-7346.

**Knox Men of Integrity:** A weekly accountability group will be hosted by the Knoxville First Men's Ministry for men who are working through addiction. Multiple options to participate are available, including virtual groups, through Blueprint for Men. For more info, contact Keven Burdorf at [burdorfk@gmail.com](mailto:burdorfk@gmail.com) or (320) 267-1166.

**Collegedale Camp Meeting 2023, “Expanding His Kingdom,” May 31 to June 3 at Southern Adventist University:** Guest Speakers will be Justin Kim, Editor of the *Adventist Review*, and Jim Howard, Director of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries departments at the General Conference. A Housing Reservation Form is available on our church website ([www.knoxvillefirstsda.com](http://www.knoxvillefirstsda.com)), or you can call the church office at (865) 524-7842 for a copy. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis, and all reservations must be made by May 20. For more information, go to [www.gccsda.com/collegedale-camp-meeting](http://www.gccsda.com/collegedale-camp-meeting).

**Knoxville First SDA Church Newsletter:** This is sent monthly by email to keep our members updated and informed. We love to hear from our church family, so please share any life events with us so we can celebrate with you. Ministry Leaders, please feel free to share any past or upcoming events. Please email [knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. You can sign up to receive the newsletter by emailing a request to the church office. Please note, this newsletter is best viewed on a desktop computer, or in landscape mode on your mobile device.

**Ministry Leaders:** If you would like to advertise an upcoming church ministry event, send an email with the information to the following email addresses: [knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:knoxfirstnewsletter@gmail.com) to be included in the church newsletter; [knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com](mailto:knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com) for the bulletin; and to Stan Wolcott at [s-kwolcott@juno.com](mailto:s-kwolcott@juno.com) for the church website.

**Instant Church Directory Text Messages:** The Church Office Staff will be sending emergency text messages to church members through the church directory. Only those who are included in the church directory and who email the office requesting this service will be added to text messaging. If you are a church member and would like to be included in the directory, please contact the church office.

**Requests for Use of Our Facilities:** If you would like the use of any of the church facilities, such as a room in the church, the Sanctuary, the KAS gym, the KAS Kitchen, or the Hospitality House for **any purpose**, email your request to the church office at [knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com](mailto:knoxvillefirstchurch@gccsda.com). Please include the event, date, time, and the facility you are interested in reserving. If approved, your request will be scheduled on the church calendar. Requests will be considered on a first come, first served basis. Our church calendar can be accessed on our church website and on the Church Newsletter.

**Bed Needed:** A double or single frame with or without a mattress set. Please contact Carol Dove at (865) 386-3795.

**Advent House Furniture Fundraiser:** For more information, please contact Chris May or visit [adventhouse.org/donate](http://adventhouse.org/donate).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>Sabbath</b> 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 8:29 p.m.	<b>May 6, 2023</b> Sabbath School Classes Worship Service: Pastor Marcus Bates Fellowship Meal and Bates Family Farewell Sunset
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:30 p.m.	<b>May 9, 2023</b> Good Samaritan Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>May 10, 2023</b> Mid-Week Bible Study (In-Person)
<b>Thursday</b> 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>May 11, 2023</b> Finance Committee Meeting Church Board Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 8:31 p.m.	<b>May 12, 2023</b> Sunset
<b>Sabbath</b> 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 8:32 p.m.	<b>May 13, 2023</b> Sabbath School Classes Worship Service: Pastor Matthew Durante Sunset

## SAVE THE DATE

**May 14, 2023** Mother’s Day  
**May 26 – Aug. 4** Annex: Bible Workers