

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

December 14, 2024

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 13-18, Hospitality House)	Jeff Peeke
Young Adult (Ages 18+, Hospitality House)	Ishmael Dunson
Women's Bible Study (KAS Music Room)	Janet Rowe
Adult Class (KAS Library)	Randy Barnes
Adult Class (Downstairs Board Room)	Dan Peters



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Divine Worship Service: 10:45a.m.

In the Knoxville Adventist School Gym

Welcome & Announcements	Keven Burdorf
Invocation	Keven Burdorf
Intro to Program	Tyler Irvine
Nativity	Cradle Roll Class
Reading of Luke 2	Pastor Thang Lian
Morning Offering	Ty Oyier
Christmas Reading	Kindergarten Class
"There Is A Faint Music"	Christmas Group
"Carol Of The Bells"	KAS Bell Choir
Congregational Song	Nathan Taylor & Hannah Zackrison Praise Team
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	
"All is Well"	Knoxville First Choir
"A Child Like Me"	KAS Choir
"Glory"	Shelby Bankhead, Darlen Gillett & Rachel Klein
Congregational Song	Nathan Taylor & Hannah Zackrison Praise Team
"Joy To The World"	
"O Holy Night"	Jeana Crew, Theresa Doran, Jussara Horton, Julie Lile, Ronda Mostella, & Janet Rowe
"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"	Tyler Irvine
"The First Noel"	Will, Brette & Blake Hafner
Christmas Thought	Pastor Matthew Durante
Closing Hymn	"Good Christians, Now Rejoice"
Benediction	Pastor Matthew Durante

Our Worship Service is live streamed on
Facebook, YouTube, and Roku.

KNOXVILLE FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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Ministry Servants Today

Elder in Charge	Keven Burdorf
Deacon on Duty	Bruce Bankhead
Live Streaming	Jason Scott
Video Projection	Larry Doran
Sound System	Mike Lopez
Greeters	Beverly Duckett, Allyson Carithers, and Mark Horton



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A Devotional Thought for Today!

"The story of Bethlehem is an exhaustless theme. In it is hidden "the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God." Romans 11:33. We marvel at the Savior's sacrifice in exchanging the throne of heaven for the manger, and the companionship of adoring angels for the beasts of the stall. . . . Yet this was but the beginning of His wonderful condescension."

Desire of Ages, p.48

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 families, our homebound members, those 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: Adventist Community Serv.-WB NAD

Next Week’s Offering:: Church Operating Budget

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 December 7, 2024				
	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Total	YTD Need
Church Budget	\$2,469	\$4,899	\$189,384	\$240,051
Worthy Student	\$134	\$673	\$22,848	\$32,977
	Collected to Date		Goal:	
Building Project	151,337		\$3,000,000	

Membership Transfer: (First Reading)

To Knoxville First SDA Church:

Victor Kisakov and Liudmila Kisakova from the Denver South SDA Church

Miriam Castro from the Cherokee SDA Church in Woodstock, GA

Gifts for Homebound Members - Christmas gifts will be available for delivery today, December 14th. Please consider picking up a gift and delivering it.

ABC Devotion Books – Devotional Books offered at a discount price if ordered through the church office. If you are interested in an order form, please contact the church office. Deadline is January 31, 2025.

Angel Tree - Thank You to everyone who participated and for making Christmas brighter this year 15 children.

Worship Service in KAS Gym – Please join us for worship service in the KAS gym starting at 10:45am every Sabbath..

Sabbath School classes will still meet at 9:30am in their regular classrooms. Adult Sabbath School classes will be held in the Conference Room and in the KAS Gym.

Church Service Set Up - Every Friday at 5:00pm chairs need to be set up for Sabbath morning worship in the KAS gym. All are invited to participate in this weekly endeavor. For more information or questions please contact our Head Deacon, Bruce Bankhead.

Church Office - Office times in which the staff are present to assist with any needs will be disrupted. Please schedule an appointment via telephone or email.

Women’s Ministry – Please join us for our 5th annual Christmas cookie swap, Sunday, Dec. 15th from 1-3 pm. Location: 2847 Ty Drive. Louisville, TN 37777. Please bring hors d’oeuvres for sharing and 2 dozen cookies for swapping and a container to take your cookies home in. Please RSVP on the WM Facebook page or to Lisa at 865-368-0158

Knoxville Area Young Adult Movie Night! It will take place on December 28 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Maryville SDA Church. Pizza, popcorn, chips, and drinks will be served! The age group is 18 to 35. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lian.

Bridge Refugee Services - Bridge Refugee Services needs several items as they prepare for several families that are arriving in Knoxville. Let's welcome our new neighbors by helping to provide: Coat hangers (preferably plastic but will accept wire ones also) deodorant (for men and women), hygiene pads (sanitary pads) and laundry detergent. A collection bin in the gym will be there through the end of December. For questions and additional information please contact Beverly Duckett at 865-384-2154.

Carol Sing - Mark your calendars for Friday evening, Dec. 20, 2024! From 7:00-8:00pm we will be having our first ever Carol Sing to celebrate Christmas. A candlelit service of nothing but singing Christmas carols together. Hot drinks and light holiday treats will be provided.

'25 GCC WM Retreat: Registration - is now open for the GCC WM Retreat April 11-13, 2025 at Cohutta Springs. There is an early bird discount through December 31, 2024. Deadline to register is March 21. Please visit: <https://events.gccsda.com/womensretreat20252025>

Ten Days of Prayer - The annual *Ten Days of Prayer* is January 8-18, 2025. We invite all churches to participate. You can find more info at: <https://www.tendaysofprayer.org/>.

Church Directory – We have transitioned to a new church directory called Breeze. If you would like to be added please send an email and phone number to the church office. If there is certain information that you would like the Office Staff to have but not be visible to members, let us know. An invitation email will be sent to you with instructions on how to sign up. Please check your spam folder as the email may have been marked as spam. Once you sign up, you can download the app from your app store called “Breeze ChMs”. If you need assistance, please contact the church office.

KAS Christmas Program - Plan now to attend the annual KAS Christmas play, “A King is Coming to Town”, on December 19th at 6:00 PM in the KAS gym. Join us in Rumor Mill, USA, where an anonymous sign has been posted saying, “A King is Coming to Town”. Is it King Tut, King Kong, or the King of Rock and Roll? Come find out which King is coming to town as the KAS students share the real story of Christmas. We hope to see you there, it will be a Christmas event you will want to be a part of.

OASIS - High School Retreat - Jan. 24-26 at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. Join us at this Bible conference event for students (grades 9-12 only), who are not attending SDA schools. (Those attending SDA schools may attend with their church group.) Come experience nature, new friends and fun activities. Fees: \$89 (\$99 after Dec. 30) per student, \$59 per sponsor. Registration deadline is Jan. 14. For more info go to: events.gccsda.com/oasis2025 or call Alyse at 706-629-7951, ext. 346.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp- Registration opens at 12:00 pm on January 1, 2025. We offer youth camp (ages 7-18), Family Camp (all ages) and Alumni Family Camp (former CSYC staff & families). Register soon for the most options. www.cs-yc.com or 706-602-7346.

2024 WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sabbath	December 14
9:30 a.m.	Sabbath School Classes
10:45 a.m.	Service – Christmas Program
5:25 p.m.	Sunset
Sunday	December 15
1:00 p.m.	Christmas Cookie Swap
Thursday	December 19
6:00 p.m.	KAS Christmas Program
Friday	December 20
5:00 p.m.	Church Service Setup- KAS Gym
7:00 p.m.	Carol Sing
5:27 p.m.	Sunset
Sabbath	December 21
9:30 a.m.	Sabbath School Classes
10:45 a.m.	Service – Pastor Matthew Durante
5:28 p.m.	Sunset