

ACF @ UTK exists to facilitate an atmosphere of belonging, believing, and becoming for all students. We desire to see each student maturing in their faith, ministering to the needs of others, being involved in mission and exploring leadership opportunities.

## Past Events

### Advent House Celebrates 30 Years



Anniversary cake by Janet Rowe

Advent House celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service for the students at the University of Tennessee Knoxville (UTK) campus on Sabbath, October 30. A large number of people attended including current and past students, assistant chaplains, and directors.

The weekend program started Friday evening with vespers and continued through to Sabbath with Sabbath School and Church Service in the morning and ending with an Open house and vespers in the evening.

The Church service provided an opportunity for those attending to learn of the history of Advent House, hear student's personal testimonies, and get the current status of the Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) from a former Advent House chaplain, Ron Pickell. Pickell is pastor for the Berkley and Alameda Seventh-day Adventist

Churches as well as coordinator for ACF in the North American Division (NAD).

Advent House started in 1980 when it was purchased from the Estate of Dr. Ira Childs. Originally called the Terrace House, its purchase was made affordable due to the desire of Dr. Childs that it be used to serve students. The house provides low cost housing for students. In return, the students are asked to participate in the house's events and maintenance.

Students appreciate Advent House for many reasons. "I was psyching myself up, because I thought I would be very lonely," says Liesl Grady who also shared a testimony during the church service, "Advent house has become very important to me...its a very active community and I am happy to be a part of it."

Devin Neubrander who just started at UTK said, "The big thing about Advent House is it is a collection of Adventist young people and it is a place for them to socialize and get to know each other outside of church."

Current Advent House Chaplain and ACF Director Michaela Lawrence Jeffery states the future of Advent House "is one of continued connection to the students at UTK, the Knoxville Seventh-day Adventist Church and the larger community."

Article written by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Communication Department.  
For more pictures of the weekend, find Advent House @ UTK on Facebook.



Meet & greet @ Tyson Alumni House



Several of the weekend guests gathered for a picture after church @ the Knoxville First SDA Church

## Thanksgiving Dinner

November was a quieter month and we wrapped it up with 50 guests at our annual Thanksgiving dinner.



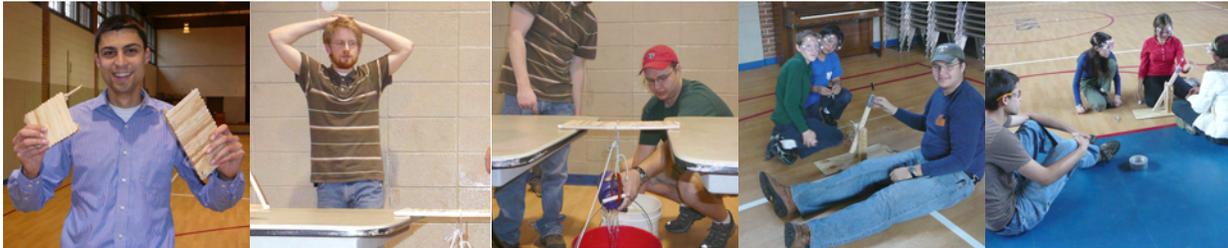
## Christmas Party

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, Advent House held its annual Christmas party. Guests enjoyed a beautiful feast of Asian cuisine along with our two big Christmas traditions: the talent show and the dirty Santa gift exchange.



## Science Club

Knoxville Adventist School (KAS) Science Club began in Oct/Nov of 2010. It is led by UT Engineering students: Nathan Rowe, Scott Hansen and Tyler Eller. The club meets every other Thursday for about an hour after school. It is optional for students and five 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended regularly during this past school year. AH News talked with Nathan Rowe about the club.



*-Nathan, how did you get involved with this?*

I saw an ad by KAS in the church bulletin asking for volunteers to begin a science club. I figured we could do that and talked to Scott about it. Tyler has joined us for several meetings and the rest is history.

*-What have you particularly enjoyed about this experience?*

It has been fun working with the kids, getting to know them better, and doing experiments. The kids especially enjoyed extracting DNA and making popsicle stick bridges.

*-How have you grown as a result of this experience?*

We've gained a lot more patience and have increased our organizational skills as we work with the kids. And we've learned more about the need for effective communication between us, the students and the school.

*-Who determines the content of each lesson?*

We do. It's whatever we can think of--creative experiments that apply a science, engineering or mathematics principle. In addition to experiments, we've done field trips to the star gazing night at UT and the American Museum of Science & Industry (Oak Ridge).

*Thank you Nathan, Scott and Tyler for positively impacting the lives of younger students!*

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Social Activities Coordinator

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### Alumni Spotlight



**Name:** Katie Rowinski

**Current Pursuits:**

I am currently teaching several psychology courses at the University of Tennessee, including Abnormal Psychology, Childhood Psychopathologies, and Development. The Development course is a new course for me and is for the graduate students in the counseling and clinical psychology doctoral programs. I am also working on getting licensed as a Clinical Psychologist, which includes doing therapy at Dogwood Elementary school, Pond Gap Elementary school, and the UT Psychological Clinic. I plan to start my own private practice in the fall and continue teaching at the University of Tennessee.

**Hometown:**

South Kingstown, RI

**Why did you choose UTK?**

To get my PhD in Clinical Psychology

**What did you like about Advent House?**

The friends and the food! It is nice to feel like you have a home away from home and to have friends that share similar spiritual beliefs.

**Random facts:**

In my spare time, I enjoy going rock climbing, mountain biking, and playing volleyball.



### 2011 Graduates

We're excited about these students and the successful completion of their degrees this spring and summer.

**Lawong Balun**

Ph. D. in Ecophysiology

**Rachel Day**

Doctor of Pharmacy

**Tiffany Ipes**

Master of Social Work

**Eliza Scott**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

**Nathan Rowe**

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

**Nick Vence**

Ph. D. in Computational Atomic Physics

### Student Spotlight



**Name:** Shekaina Domingo

**Year & Degree Focus:**

Senior in English (Creative Writing)

**Hometown:** Knoxville, TN

**Why did you choose UTK?**

I chose UTK because it was close to home. Also, UTK offers a lot of academic, cultural, and athletic diversity at a price that's considerably lower than many schools in the area.

**What do you like about Advent House?**

I love how AH allows you to question spiritual matters and continually search for answers. It's great because I know I'm not the only person with those kinds of questions. Also, I really appreciate how people are intentional about building community.

**Random facts:**

It's safe to say that I am a bonafide dog lover. Even since I got my "first" dog last summer, I've spent a lot of time learning about the different dog breeds and personality types. No joke, I spend every weekend watching Animal Planet with my terrier-mix mutt, Sam. I plan to have at least two other dogs when I'm out of school.

# Advent House

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## We've Been Fixing Things

The year has been filled with repairs/upgrades/surprise fixes. Here's a look at the progress...

### Unexpected Expenses—\$1775

- AC coils cleaned & new motor / AC compressor replaced for Apt A

### Updates—\$7,941

- New kitchen faucet
- AC units raised and installed on new blocks and new pads / Dryer vent extended to block dirt from the upcoming swale (curb) / Basement checked for adequate air flow with addition of one supply outlet in room to the right of the laundry area
- Clean, repair & replace gutters
- Outer drainage pipes attached to divert water
- Breezeway stucco/patching / lighting / awning
- Mold remediation in basement
- Added attic insulation
- New back entrance ceiling
- Electrician disconnected the power to lamp in the breezeway with cap offs / Breezeway ceiling and awning taken down and materials removed from site; rubber membrane cleaned and the openings patched / Tar and ivy cleanup / Tightened parking lot handrails / Dig a trench and bury existing drain pipe—Free

### Still to do

- Tear down and rebuild east deck/porch area
- Upgrade outer steps
- Build door over outer steps leading to basement
- Complete landscaping

Thank you to all who have given of your time, advice and finances to further the ministry at the Advent House. We want to continue nurturing our partnership with you and many others as we aim to glorify God through service to His students!

Are you  
interested in  
supporting  
our ministry?

To find out more about how you can help improve our community, please contact:

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