



MUSLIM  
COMMUNITY  
OF KNOXVILLE

# The Communicator

SEPTEMBER 2021 TO DECEMBER 2021

## Your Quarterly Update on the Muslim Community of Knoxville

In Memoriam: Sr. Nadira Siddiqi

Executive Team Updates

Fall 2021 Calendar of Events

1st Annual Hadith Contest

Fall 2021 Qur'an Program

New Website Launched

Shama'il 1443

Umrah 1443

Fall 2021/1443

MCK  
Opening  
Ceremony

Da'wa Year  
2021-2022

IN-PERSON  
& ONLINE



Friday,  
Sept 24  
@ 7:30 pm

MASJID ANNOOR

# In Your Community

## Sister Nadira Siddiqi 1951-2021

On Thursday, September 9, we lost Auntie Nadira Siddiqi, a pillar of the Muslim Community of Knoxville, the matriarch of the Siddiqi family, and an alumna of Tayseer Seminary.

It is not every day that Allah Ta'ala blesses you to meet a pioneer of Islam in America, a teacher of teachers, and someone whose unassuming manner and humility hid so many accomplishments. It is not every day that Allah Ta'ala sends someone into your life whose care and concern for you matches what they bestow upon their own children and grandchildren.

While Auntie Nadira has left this world, her light will never leave. Auntie Nadira brought light, life, and comfort wherever she went. She was kind and generous beyond words. May Allah Ta'ala bless her with the multiplication of her good deeds, forgive her, and grant her a station in the highest of Firdaus. May Allah be with our beloved Siddiqi family—Naseem Uncle, Nadeem, Shadab and Sadaf—and comfort them in their loss. Ameen.

—ZAYNAB ANSARI, BOARD MEMBER, MCK

IN MEMORIAM



1ST ANNUAL  
**Hadith Contest**  
MEMORIZE HADITHS + WIN PRIZES  
[MUSLIMKNOXVILLE.ORG/HADITH21](https://MUSLIMKNOXVILLE.ORG/HADITH21)

 <b>\$100 Gift Card</b> 5 WINNERS MEMORIZING 10 HADITH	 <b>iPad Air 10.2"</b> MEMORIZING 20 HADITH	 <b>Umrah Ticket</b> 2 WINNERS MEMORIZING 40 HADITH
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**SIGN UP NOW!**

**Qur'an Program**  
[MUSLIMKNOXVILLE.ORG/GETQURAN](https://MUSLIMKNOXVILLE.ORG/GETQURAN)

<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> Fall 2021/ Spring 2022 MONDAY + WEDNESDAYS 6:15 PM TO 7:30 PM \$60 PER MONTH, PER CHILD	<b>Summer Camp 2022</b> 2 COHORTS: JUNE AND JULY MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 10:30 AM TO 1:30 PM \$200 ONE-TIME, PER CHILD	<b>Adult Classes</b> SATURDAYS BETWEEN MAGHRIB AND ISHA <small>FREE FOR COMMITTED BROTHERS OR SISTERS</small>
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**MEMORIZATION AND READING**

A PORTRAIT OF  
*Prophet Muhammad*  
ASH-SHAMA'IL  
AL-MUHAMMADIYYA  
OCTOBER 18-22

*Seerah*  
CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 23

**Tayseer Seminary**  
  
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## Continually Improving Your Masjid

- ▶ Thank you for all your feedback on the Masjid. We are happy to report that we have completed the following improvements:
  - Repaired Sister's Side AC unit.
  - Repaired Sister's Side Faucet.
  - Replaced Sister's Side Projector Bulb.
  - Purchased a new commercial vacuum cleaner for better performance.
- ▶ We are continuing future upgrades in the Masjid including:
  - New sound system hardware including a mixer and microphones to limit feedback.
  - Update the Sister's side camera to show the masjid feed in color.
  - Add a TV to Sister's Lobby so that sister's who are participating in child care can watch the masjid program.
  - Repairing the wudu station faucets to prevent long term damage.

We look forward to your suggestions and comments. Please text us at 865-888-0466 or email at [admin@muslimknoxville.org](mailto:admin@muslimknoxville.org).

## Improving the Funeral Experience

- ▶ We have purchased a cooler so that we can store our deceased overnight at Shifa Medical Clinic.
- ▶ Due to challenges beyond our control, we are searching actively for new cemetery property to expand on our current property (which currently has 300 spaces only).

## Survey on Masjid Expansion & Renovations

[MUSLIMKNOXVILLE.ORG/MASJIDSURVEY](https://muslimknoxville.org/masjidsurvey)

We are looking to our community to provide their suggestions on how to create the future of our masjid. What do you want to see?

**Please provide your feedback by September 30.**

## New Administrator and Team Changes

- ▶ To better serve the masjid, Imam Khalid Shahu created an Executive Team known as Seeds of Knoxville with leaders specializing in different departments. May it sprout beautifully for our community, inshaAllah.
- ▶ Please welcome our newest team members:
  - Brother Cameron Neary as Masjid Administrator.
  - Fuad Hamdan as Cemetery and Funeral Director.
  - Hoda Noureldin as Family Programming Coordinator.
- ▶ We are seeking a new Social Service Coordinator. We are thankful for Charles Amir Al-Bawi's service in the role in the prior year and wish him the best in his future endeavors, inshaAllah.

# UMRAH

Shaykh Hassan Lachheb  
Imam Khalid Shahu  
Ustadh Nadeem Siddiqi  
Br. Abdalla Husain

LIMITED SEATS. **RESERVE NOW.**

[tayseerseminary.org/umrah](https://tayseerseminary.org/umrah)

ABOUT THE

# Muslim Community of Knoxville

## Vision

With the hereafter as the focal point of life and pleasing God as the ultimate goal, **MCK strives to raise and establish a Prophetic Community** that can help every American, in Knoxville or elsewhere, become an excellent servant of God and a great productive citizen.

## Mission

**We provide religious, social, and educational services that enables the Muslim community** to fulfill its responsibilities and contribute to the betterment of the American society in general, and Greater Knoxville in particular.

### Address

**Masjid Annoor**  
100 13th Street  
Knoxville, TN 37916

### Call or Text

**865-637-8172**  
You can text us at  
865-888-0466.

### Online


**muslimknoxville.org**


### Newsletter

 [bit.ly/mckemail](mailto:bit.ly/mckemail)

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New Website



[muslimknoxville.org](https://muslimknoxville.org)

## Shura Board



Maha Ayesh  
President



Daniel Robinson  
Board Member



Zanne Soliz  
Vice President



Kamal Sabi  
Board Member



Nadeem Siddiqi  
Secretary



Zaynab Ansari  
Board Member



Adnan Alkhuwaiter  
Treasurer



Marouane Salhi  
Board Member



Dr. Aqueel Kouser  
Board Member



## Executive Team



Dr. Khalid Shahu  
Imam



Hoda Noureldin  
Family  
Programming



Abdalla Husain  
Youth Director



Zanne Soliz  
Da'wa and  
Outreach



Cameron Neary  
Administrator



Ashraf Ali  
Media and Tech  
Director



Fuad Hamdan  
Cemetery and  
Funeral Director



# Programs and Activities

## Calendar

### September 2021

SEP 3	Youth Social Night
SEP 4	Community Tahajjud
SEP 4	Sisters Halaqah With Imam
SEP 9	Youth Social Project
SEP 11	Monthly Qur'an Khatm
SEP 11	Youth Hiking
SEP 13	First Day Of Quran Classes
SEP 18	Community Tahajjud
SEP 23	Da'wa Open House
SEP 24	2021-2022 Opening Ceremony
SEP 28	Christian-Muslim Dialogue

### October 2021

OCT 1	AAK Fall Carnival/Youth Social Night
OCT 2	Community Tahajjud
OCT 2	Sisters Halaqah With Imam
OCT 8	Friday Panel Discussion
OCT 9	Monthly Qur'an Khatm
OCT 9	Youth Hiking
OCT 10	Hadith Contest Test
OCT 14	Youth Social Project
OCT 16	Community Tahajjud
OCT 18-23	Tayseer Shama'il Week
OCT 21	Open House
OCT 23	Shamail's Khatm
OCT 23	Seerah Conference
OCT 26	Christian-Muslim Dialogue
OCT 30	MCK Fall Fundraiser

### November 2021

NOV 5	Youth Social Night
NOV 6	Community Tahajjud
NOV 6	Sisters Halaqa With Imam
NOV 6	Cemetery Visit
NOV 11	Youth Social Project
NOV 12	MCK History: Episode 1
NOV 13	Youth Hiking
NOV 13	Monthly Qur'an Khatm
NOV 18	Da'wa Open House
NOV 20	Community Tahajjud
NOV 20	Parenting Workshop
NOV 23	Christian-Muslim Dialogue
NOV 27	Winter Clothing Drive

### December 2021

DEC 3	Youth Social Night
DEC 4	Community Tahajjud
DEC 4	Sisters Halaqah With Imam
DEC 9	Da'wa Open House
DEC 9	Youth Social Project
DEC 10	MCK History: Episode 2
DEC 11	Monthly Qur'an Khatm
DEC 11	Youth Hiking
DEC 14-16	Winter Ribat for Tayseer Students
DEC 18	Khatm of 40 Hadith
DEC 18	Community Tahajjud
DEC 21	Christian-Muslim Dialogue

## Programs

**Tafsir Halaqa with Imam Rafiq Mahdi**  
Mondays / 15 minutes after Isha

**40 Hadith Series with Imam Khalid Shahu**  
Wednesdays / 15 minutes after Isha

**Companions Around the Prophet (S) with Imam Khalid Shahu**—Fridays / 1 hr before Isha

## Classes

**New Muslim Halaqa**  
Tuesdays / 1 hour before Isha

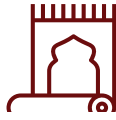
**After School Children's Qur'an Classes**  
Mondays and Wednesdays / 6:15-7:30 pm

**Adult Qur'an Classes**  
Saturdays / 1 hour before Isha

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# Masjid Services

## Prayers



- ▶ Masjid Annoor is generally open for Fajr, Isha, and Jumu'ah prayers.
- ▶ Visit additional musallahs in the greater Knoxville area that offer salat as well.
  - **Annoor Academy of Knoxville (AAK):** 724 FOXVUE ROAD / 865-525-3399 / ANNOORACADEMY.NET
  - **Quran Center of Knoxville (QCK):** 1645 DOWNTOWN WEST BLVD, SUITE 1, KNOXVILLE, TN 37919
  - **Muslim Community of Maryville (MCM):** 131 HOUSTON TOWN STREET, MARYVILLE, TN 37801 / MUSLIMMARYVILLE.ORG
- ▶ Need to access the masjid?  
Text 865-888-0466.

## Counseling



- ▶ Premarital & Family Conflicts
  - Contact **Imam Khalid Shahu** at [imam@muslimknoxville.org](mailto:imam@muslimknoxville.org). Available Mondays & Wednesdays / Between Maghrib & Isha with other appointments available.
- ▶ Social Services
  - Contact **Zanne Soliz** at [socialservices@muslimknoxville.org](mailto:socialservices@muslimknoxville.org).
- ▶ Youth and Parenting
  - Contact **Abdalla Husain** at [youth@muslimknoxville.org](mailto:youth@muslimknoxville.org). Available Tuesdays / Between Maghrib & Isha.



## Marriage



- ▶ Congratulations! All marriage ceremonies are performed at Masjid Annoor or as arranged with the engaged parties.
- ▶ Email at [imam@muslimknoxville.org](mailto:imam@muslimknoxville.org) to schedule an appointment for your ceremony or for premarital counseling.

## Funeral



- ▶ In case of death, contact the MCK Cemetery Committee in order to perform the Islamic rites of washing the body and burial at our cemetery in Lenoir City, TN.
- ▶ Choose only one family member or friend to coordinate with the Cemetery Committee. Please, do not let multiple family members coordinate with the Cemetery Committee.
- ▶ **Do not call any funeral homes.**
- ▶ Call the Masjid at 865-637-8172

## Financial Aid (Zakat)



- ▶ Zakat is available for those who qualify (both Muslim and non-Muslim families).
- ▶ Form: [muslimknoxville.org/zakat](http://muslimknoxville.org/zakat)
- ▶ Questions? Email [socialservices@muslimknoxville.org](mailto:socialservices@muslimknoxville.org).

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# Community Services

## Annoor Academy



- ▶ Private Islamic school providing excellent education to toddlers through 8th grade.
- ▶ Located at 724 Foxvue Road. Contact the school at 865-525-3399 or visit [annooracademy.net](http://annooracademy.net).

## Tayseer Seminary



- ▶ Full-time Islamic theological seminary.
- ▶ Located at 706 Mabry Hood Rd. Contact at 865-392-6006 or visit [tayseerseminary.org](http://tayseerseminary.org).

## Shifa Medical Clinic



- ▶ Open Saturdays, 10 am to 1 pm. Located at 1801 Ailor Ave. Call 865-851-9979
- ▶ Free check-ups and tests including physical exam, follow-ups, strep & flu tests, EKG, and pregnancy test.
- ▶ Free lab tests and results for blood (CBC, PSA), CMP (metabolism), lipid panels (cholesterol), and TSH (thyroid function).

## Pearls of Knoxville



- ▶ Serving young women ages 12 and up, fostering love of activism, Islamic education, and life skills.
- ▶ Contact Sister Nada at 865-246-9840 or email [pearlsofknnox@gmail.com](mailto:pearlsofknnox@gmail.com).

## Seeds of Abraham



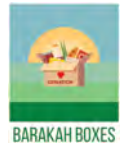
- ▶ Interfaith youth group for the purposes of fellowship and mission projects.
- ▶ Contact Sister Amira at 865-287-4708 or [seedsofabrahamknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:seedsofabrahamknoxville@gmail.com).

## Annoor Kitchen



- ▶ Serving our community's neediest populations including the houseless.
- ▶ Contact Sister Amira at 865-287-4708 or [annoorkitchenknox@gmail.com](mailto:annoorkitchenknox@gmail.com). You can also call Brother Yusuf at 865-443-5848.

## Barakah Boxes



- ▶ Delivery-based food pantry serving greater Knox County area.
- ▶ Contact Sister Christina via email at [barakahboxes@gmail.com](mailto:barakahboxes@gmail.com).

## Martha's Tent



- ▶ Women lifting up the most vulnerable women in Knoxville through donations and deliveries.
- ▶ Contact Sister Fatima at 865-386-3483 or Sister Yasmeen at 865-283-1633.

## Nina's Network

- ▶ Virtual care service for those in the community who live independently, have health issues, or are elderly and would like to participate.
- ▶ Contact Sister Rebecca at 865-919-0950.

# Donate & Volunteer

“And whatever you spend in the path of Allah shall be repaid to you in full, and in no way you will be in loss.”

SURAH AL-ANFAL, 8:60

## Give Generously

Support your Knoxville masjid's community including classes, youth, family programming, and expenditures with your contribution.

[muslimknoxville.org/donate](http://muslimknoxville.org/donate)

## Volunteer Your Time

You can make a difference with just a few hours a week. We need help with security, funerals, logistics, social services, da'wah and more. Make the time for your community.

[muslimknoxville.org/volunteer](http://muslimknoxville.org/volunteer)



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