

Welcome!

Happy Sabbath and Merry Christmas! Thank you for joining us for worship this Sabbath. Feel free to use this bulletin to help you find your way around, for a great Sabbath experience. If you need anything, please feel free to ask a greeter or church volunteer.

This Week

Monday 26th - ACS Open
Tuesday 27th - ACS Open
Wednesday 28th - Prayer Meeting 7pm
Sabbath 31st - Worship Services/High School New Year's Eve Party in Evening

Looking Ahead

Dec 19 - Jan 3 - PHAA Christmas Break
Jan 7 - Communion Sabbath

Preaching Schedule

Dec 31 - Pastor Adam Weeks
Jan 7 - Pastor Mel Baga
Jan 14 - Pastor Mel Baga

Scripture Focus for Today

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Matthew 24:43-44

Our Purpose

Our church exists to sow in our community the love of Jesus inviting all to **give** our lives to him, **gather** at his feet, **grow** in community, and **glow** in witness and service.

Values

We believe that **grace** changes lives.
We believe that **community** nurtures growth
We believe that **prayer** opens doors.
We believe that **sacrifice** makes great things happen.
We believe that **teamwork** gets the job done.
We believe that **excellence** honors God.
We believe that **compassion** reveals our heart.

Objectives

We want to build a culture of **evangelism**.
We want to have a thriving **group life**.
We want to inspire a life of **worship**.
We want to encourage a life of **giving**.
We want to become a **praying** church.
We want to **equip** and empower our volunteers.
We want to **protect** our house of prayer.
We want to **serve** our community well.
We want to **administer** our church life well.

Church Staff

Lead Pastor	Mel Baga, DMin
Youth Pastor	Adam Weeks, MA
Treasurer	Jim Brewster
Administrative Assistant	Scott Wallace

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 24, 2022

Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

Prelude • Robinson Bende

Welcome

Giving • Local Conference Advance

Prayer • Ken Osborn

Message • Pastor Mel Baga "Gifts of Hope and Healing"

Auburn Church Christmas Pageant

Please see bulletin insert for program and participants

Closing Prayer • Julie Baga

Postlude • Robinson Bende

Live stream & video archive of services at facebook.com/auburnsdachurch
Sermon archive available at aubstda.org/audio or as a CD in the Resource Center
Hearing assistance available at sound booth • Sunset today 4:47pm

Announcements

This Week's Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Gil Riojas Dec 24 and Kenneth Alm Dec 26. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

This Sabbath.

During the worship service we'll be having a special Christmas pageant with participants of all ages. We'll celebrate the birth of our Savior with music and story. For the pageant program and participants, please see the bulletin insert.

Write a Christmas Card to our Home-bound Members.

In the lobby on the right side, we'll have some Christmas cards available for you to write an encouraging note to them as a reminder that they are loved by their Auburn Church family this Christmas season.

We are Sad to Announce.

That longtime member Marilyn Herron passed away on December 19. Please keep the entire extended Crane family in your prayers during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donating to church funds, ADRA or Maranatha. The memorial service will be on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023.

Church Office Closed on Monday.

Due to the Christmas holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26. It will reopen again on Tuesday. Have a wonderful Christmas!

2022 Tithe & Offering Receipt.

In order to have any tithes or offerings included in the 2022 offering receipts for your taxes or personal records it

needs to be delivered to the church office on Dec. 29 by Noon. If you use online giving or if it's being mailed it needs to be postmarked by midnight on Dec. 31. Thank you for your faithful giving.

The Legend of the Candy Cane.

A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would help us remember who Christmas is really about. So he made a Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Jesus. Hard candy to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church, and firmness of the promises of God. The candy maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus. It also represented the staff of the "Good Shepherd". The candy maker then included red stripes. He used three small stripes and a large red stripe to represent the suffering Christ endured at the end of his life. The candy became known as a Candy Cane - a decoration seen at Christmas time. The meaning has faded, but still gives joy to children young and old, whom Jesus loves and treasures. Many Christmas blessings from Pine Hills Adventist Academy! If you know of anyone who desires a quality Christian education, please contact the school office at (530) 885-9447.

High School New Year's Eve Party.

All those in grades 9-12 are welcome to join. Please contact Julie Baga for more info (760) 490-7656.

Sabbath School 9:30 AM

Lower Division. Cradle Roll (ages 0-3), Kindergarten (age 4-1st grade), Primary (2-4th grade), Juniors (5-7th grade) Located in the Courtyard area.

Youth. Led out by Pastor Adam Weeks. (8th grade and up) Meets in the Youth Room.

Adult Sabbath School

1.) **A Conversation About the Scriptures** - Led by Jeff Pierson & Brian Toppel. Exploring various chapters in 1 Corinthians. Meets in Fellowship Hall Room 1.

2) **Sanctuary Sabbath School Class** - Currently on pause until December 31.

Community Outreach

Adventist Community Services (ACS)

This week. Monday, 9am to Noon (services to the unsheltered) Tuesday, 9am to Noon (services to needy individuals and families). **Current Needs.** Bedding (king/queen sized sheets), blankets, towels, men's jeans, men's and women's winter coats and waterproof gloves. Thank you for your continued support **Services Provided.** (a) Clothing; (b) Diapers & baby wipes; (c) Kitchen items; (d) Linens; (e) Hygiene kits for unsheltered; (f) Hot showers on Mondays with towels and toiletries provided; (g) Hot lunches or sack lunches for unsheltered; (h) Food pantry, including USDA food and fresh produce from the garden/orchard during harvest season for family units with housing; (i) Access to computer for connecting with families, agencies, or making and submitting resumes/job applications. **Wish to volunteer?** Contact Pam Haddad—gpammy82@gmail.com, (530) 906-1676 or ACS (530) 823.0345.

Auburn Renewal Center (ARC)

This week. The ARC is closed until January 3. **Services Provided.** Medical, vision, dental, chiropractic and counseling. Please call to make an appointment. **Wish to volunteer?** Volunteers needed to help run the front desk. Looking for nurses, medical doctors, physicians assistants or psychiatrists (retired or still in practice) to help fill in on Tuesday or a future Thursday. We'll find a day that's a good fit for you. Contact Steve Holm at: steveholm@goldrush.com, (916) 425-6766 or the ARC (530) 887-8673.

Community Garden & Orchard

Services Provided. Harvests from our community garden and orchard are given to ACS clients. Excess harvest are shared with Interfaith Food Pantry, other families in need, and our church family. **Wish to volunteer?** If you would like to help in the garden or orchard please contact James Maddox—(916) 500-8765 or Julie Magee (916) 955-2144

Financial Update

As of December 17, 2022. Our fiscal year ends Dec. 31, 2022.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$95,192.31	\$92,951.02
Student Assistance	\$4,807.69	\$4,401.00
Youth Ministries	\$13,942.31	\$13,080.00

Church Funds

Church Building Fund: Goes towards needed infrastructure projects around the church (roofing, LED lighting, A/C, locks, etc.)

Youth Ministries Fund: Goes towards supporting Pastor Adam and the youth.

Student Assistance Fund: Goes towards helping families that need financial help to send their child to Pine Hills.

ARC & ACS Funds: Goes towards supporting the ministries of each.



Point your smartphone camera at the QR code above to give online.

Giving Options

- During the worship service
- In the lobby
- By mail
- Adventist Giving app
- Online at aubsda.org/give

Tithe Year-to-Date: \$395,712.04
(As of 11/30/22 - Updated Monthly)