

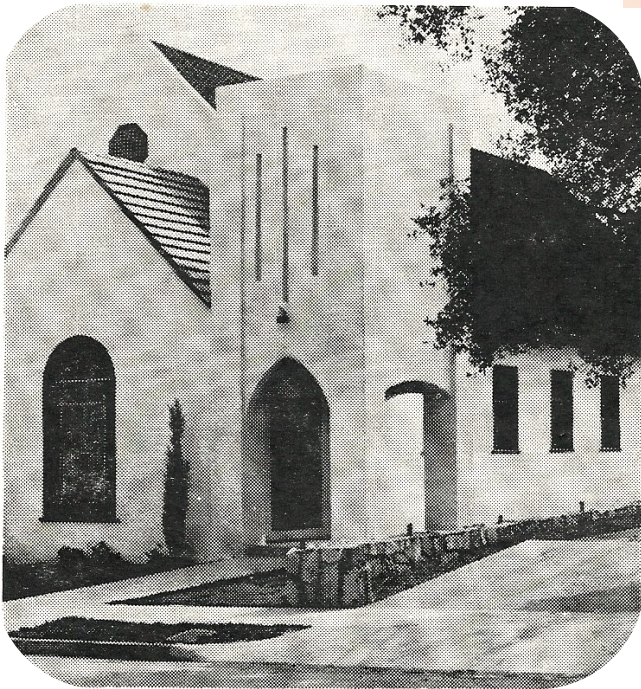
# Auburn SDA Church 1923-2023

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Issue



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The first Auburn SDA Church, which was located on Center Street, and which has since been demolished, was dedicated on March 18, 1944. Before that, way back in 1923 Auburn Adventists met in a member's home to hold services.



The Auburn Church as it exists today in 2023. It was first ready for occupation in what is now the Youth Chapel in 1969. It wasn't until November 2, 1972 that the custom made beams made for the main church sanctuary were delivered. And it was November 10, 1973 before the sanctuary we worship in today was completed and was occupied.

# Origin of the SDA Church's Name

How did the Seventh-day Adventist Church get its name?

After the Great Disappointment of 1844 the Millerites, as they were then known, named after William Miller, went back to the drawing board, so to speak. They wanted to find out why Christ hadn't returned on the predicted day of October 22.

Over the next 15 years, many former Millerites continued their studies of prophecy and Christ's Second Coming to see what more they could learn. They established multiple "Bible conferences," or formal groups and events focused on studying Scripture, and identified a series of Bible truths that were forgotten or neglected since the days of the early Church. These truths are:

- Christ's second coming is imminent, will be seen by all the world, and it will be literal, not metaphorical.
- The seventh day, Saturday, is God's Sabbath. The Fourth Commandment's instruction to celebrate and keep it remains literal to this day (along with the rest of the Ten Commandments).
- God does not eternally torment sinners, but rather the dead "sleep" until the second coming and last judgment.

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## CHURCH BIRTHDAYS

Sandie Dyer.....Oct 02  
 Judy Doyle.....Oct 03  
 Lee Gipson.....Oct 08  
 Joshua Allington.....Oct 09  
 Horst Mehner.....Oct 10  
 Jenell Wareham.....Oct 16  
 Bethany Riojas.....Oct 17  
 Cami Reese.....Oct 20  
 Holly Graham.....Oct 21  
 Norman Henderson.Oct 22  
 Isabella Toppel.....Oct 24  
 Cambria Sim.....Oct 26  
 Deanna Kindrick.....Oct 28  
 Jeannette Fanselau..Oct 29

## COMING EVENTS

**Oct. 6-8 & 13-15:** "Brave Women, Brave Hearts" Christian Women's Retreat at Leoni Meadows. Please contact Rhonda for more info.

### Broadside-of-a-Barn

**Oct. 28, 6:30 PM**



**Oct. 29:** PHAA Food Festival from 12-3pm. All are welcome to attend for good food, fun and supporting each class

## Sermon Notes



**Oct 7:** Pastor Mel  
**Oct 14:** Pastor Mel  
**Oct 21:** Pastor Kevin  
**Oct 28:** Pastor Mel

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## Where SDA Got it's Name, Continued

- In the last days of this earth, Christians will be tempted by apostasy but be called back to divine truth—the “third angel’s message” of Revelation 14—and a relatively small “remnant” of faithful believers will answer this call.
- This remnant would be marked by a recurrence of the prophetic ministry, and many people will display the prophetic gift and proclaim the good news (see Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17).
- It is important to note that while these biblical concepts were still being studied, those leading this movement were guided by a young woman, **Ellen G. White**. Her profound insight from God on these rediscovered truths astounded Bible scholars and clergy alike. They were also impressed by her humility and insistence for only God to receive the glory.
- White was recognized as a modern-day recipient of the spiritual gift of prophecy, as described in 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4:10, 11. She played an integral role in keeping things focused on the Bible, always bringing up new ways to apply these new concepts to daily life.

As time progressed and the aforementioned beliefs were outlined, this movement still only consisted of small groups scattered across the northern United States. They all had these beliefs in common but didn’t make a separate name for themselves. However, since the established denominations did not acknowledge or practice these truths, it became clear that this movement would be come something of its own. Ellen White’s husband, James, also a prominent figure in early Adventism, began referring to “the

Great Second Advent Movement.”

Others used the term “Sabbatarian Adventist.” Bible study continued on the central topics in this movement, so these groups kept in touch with the progress through James White’s periodical *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* which eventually spurred the denomination’s emphasis on publishing an effective way to spread the gospel. (This periodical still circulates today, now called the *The Adventist Review*.)

Eventually, however, inspired by Christ’s great commission to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19, 20), the Sabbatarian Adventists recognized the need to organize. This would enable them to more effectively share these enlightening biblical truths, showing more people how they can find freedom, healing and hope in Jesus Christ. The first vital step toward organization involved a gathering of delegates from across the northern United States on October 1, 1860. These delegates, representing their respective groups and areas of influence, agreed upon the name “Seventh-day Adventists.”

And that name stuck.



### Be present and accepting.

Many people wish they had comforting words to reduce a person’s sadness—but death is not fixable. Simply staying present with a griever and accepting their pace and process is a supportive action.

# Fallen Leaf Lake Campout 2023

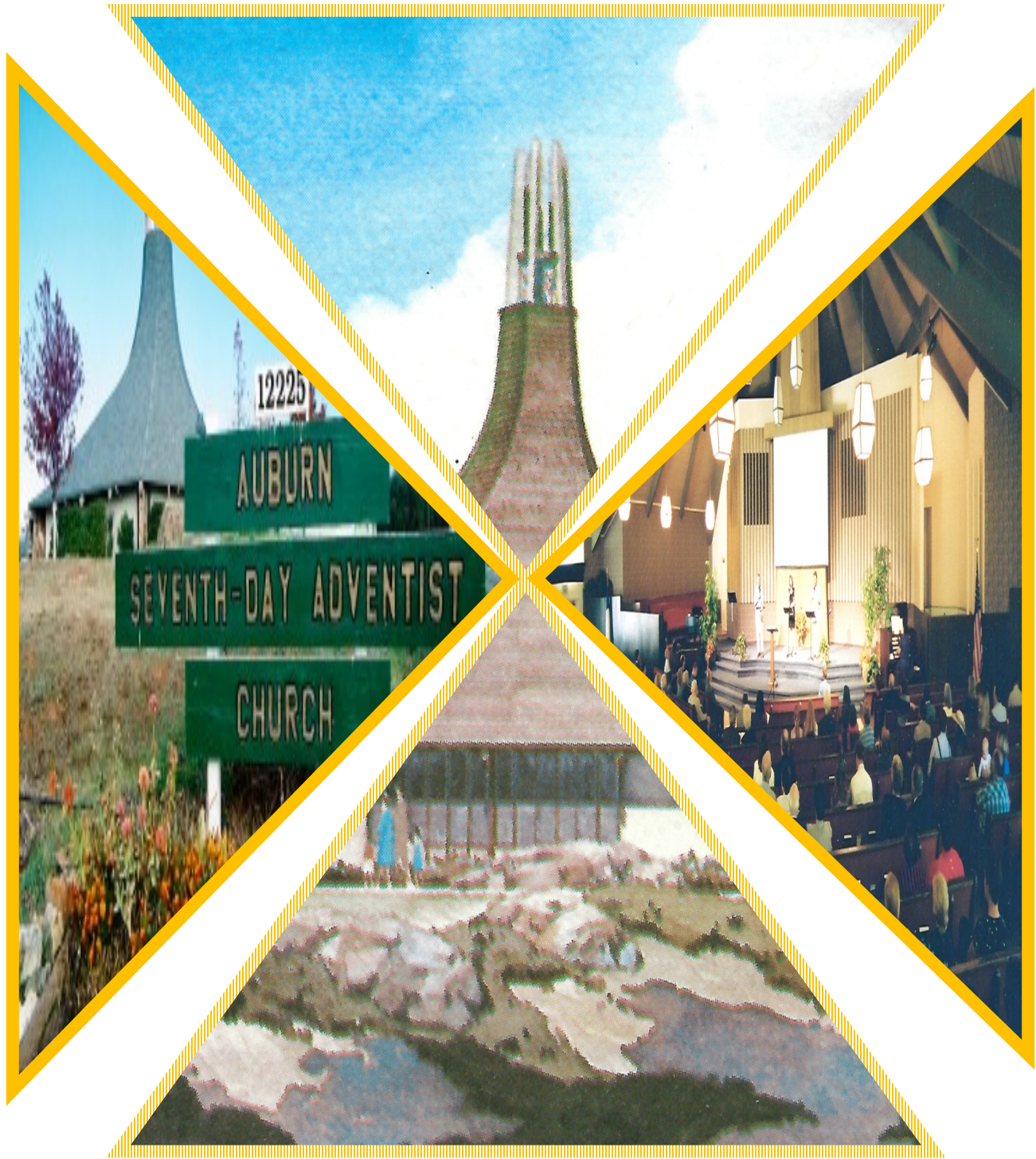


Photos from a fun weekend together on Sep. 8-10



We can't wait for next summer's campout!

# Historic Photos of Auburn SDA Church



**What is a Microchurch?** Microchurch is a planting model of church that focuses on relationships, intimacy, and discipleship-making. It is a model of church that enables small groups of believers to come together and learn how to become disciples and how to be disciple-makers. It is intentionally kept small, informal, organic, and voluntary-led. It is often made up of between five and thirty-five people that meet in a home, share a meal pray, worship, and read the Word together.

**Why is this model of church important?** This model of church is important because it is patterned after the New Testament church. It is faithful to the great Commission. (Matt.28:19) of making disciples. It is the most organic way of growing the church inwardly and outwardly officially launch in Spring 2024.

**What does the process look like?** The process begins with the creation of a pilot group. Before this pilot group is created, the pastor will recruit and train a volunteer core team. This core team will become the nucleus of the pilot group.

## Microchurch Project

Training will start in October in the pastor's home. During training, the pastor will share the vision and the various components of the microchurch. The pilot group will

**Will the pilot-and all the other groups to be formed in the future-become separate from Auburn Church?** No. Every group that will be created will share the DNA of Auburn Church-its mission, discipleship process, values and leadership structure. Everyone will still come and worship together during Sabbath and be part of the larger church body.

**How does the church fund it?** Creating the Marilyn Herron discipleship-evangelism fund is a good place to start. The Northern California Conference Evangelism Department is also promising to give \$15,000 over three years towards it.

## In Loving Memory

With both of their celebration of life services happening soon, we just want to share our love and appreciation to both, Justin Fralick, who passed away much too soon and Peter Van Auken, who lived an abundant life filled with joy and compassion and service to others as our ARC Psychiatrist for many years.

