

## Welcome!

Happy Sabbath! Thank you for joining us for worship today. 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 27th - ACS Open  
Tuesday 28th - ACS & ARC Open  
Sabbath 2nd - Prayer Mtg 9am/  
Sabbath School & Worship Service

## Looking Ahead

Dec. 8 - PHAA 7-12 Christmas Concert  
Dec. 9 - Philippine Meistersingers  
Concert at 2pm  
Dec. 16 - Church Christmas Social  
Dec. 21-Jan. 7 - PHAA Christmas Break  
Dec. 23 - Church Christmas Pageant

## Preaching Schedule

Dec. 2 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Dec. 9 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Dec. 16 - Pastor Mel Baga

## Scripture Focus for Today

“Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord’s followers. So he went to the high priest. He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.”

**Acts 9:1-2**

## Our Mission

*Our reason for existence*

We are here to make disciples of everyone including ourselves until Jesus returns.

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

## Our Discipleship Process

*Our roadmap for transformation*

### We Worship

“You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.” (Mark 12:30)

“Fear God... Give glory to him... Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water.” (Revelation 14:9)

### We Connect

“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.” (Romans 12:10)

“The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.” (Mark 12:31)

### We Serve

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” (1 Peter 4:10)

“We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us.” (2 Corinthians 6:8)

## Church Staff

Lead Pastor	Mel Baga, DMin
Youth Pastor	Adam Weeks, MA
Treasurer	Jim Brewster
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# Auburn

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

November 25, 2023

## Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

**Prelude** • Robinson Bende

**Welcome**

**Praises** • Pastor Mel & Friends

**Prayer** • Dave Krussow

**Giving** • Local Conference Advance

**Children’s Story** • Delaina Jewkes

**Grateful Hearts** • ACS/Judy Crum

**Message** • Pastor Mel Baga “Your Damascus Road” (Acts 9)

**Closing Song**

**Prayer** • Pastor Mel Baga

**Postlude** • Robinson Bende

Live stream & video archive of services on our church Facebook and YouTube pages

Sermon archive available at [aubstda.org/audio](http://aubstda.org/audio) or as a CD in the Resource Center

Hearing assistance available at sound booth • Sunset today 4:45pm

## Announcements

### This Week's Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Phil Evazkhani Nov 25, Sydney Fanselau Nov 26 & Raymond Fanselau Dec 01. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

### ACTS to the Future: The 1923 Project Sermon Series.

Pastor Mel preaches on Acts 9 today.

### Christmas Pageant Rehearsals.

We are planning to have our Church Christmas Pageant on Dec. 23 during the worship service and we are needing many kids of all ages, as well as some youth to help out. All those interested in being part of the play are invited to attend! Future practices will be on Dec. 2 & Dec. 16.

### Total Member Involvement: Pray.

Giving Tuesday is this upcoming Tuesday, November 28. This is a national day of giving. Please remember Pine Hills Adventist Academy, and how you can give a financial gift that can impact the next generation of leaders! It can truly change a life. This contribution is tax deductible for the 2023 calendar year. If you are so willing, make a donation towards "Student Assistance" and place in the offering plate today. Pine Hills is not only about academic preparation for a life of worthy work, but one of a spiritual preparation for a life-long walk with Jesus Christ and our destination of heaven. If you are ready to invest in a child's future, please have them contact the PHAA school office at (530) 885-9447 for more info.

### Prayer Meeting on Sabbath Morning.

All are welcome to join for a time of prayer on Sabbath mornings together in the courtyard from 9-9:20am. For more info, please contact Grace Ferolino.

### Volunteer Live Scan & Training.

As we provide a safe space for our children, all regular volunteers need to

have a live scan completed by Nov. 30 as well as online training. Forms are available in the lobby and bulletin board.

### Baked Goods Available to Order.

Freshly baked bread, muffins and cinnamon rolls are able to be pre-ordered. These are perfect to give away to friends and neighbors during the holiday season. Please contact Julie Baga to place an order. Some baked goods are also available in the lobby today.

### Help Out One Another This Season.

Many church members are needing help right now and this is how you can help: Visitation, meals, cards, texts, phone calls and hands on help. Please contact Steve and Karen Nicola if interested at 530.260.3618. Let's also remember the Fralick family with cards, texts and our prayers.

### Ladies Christmas Potluck Dinner.

Rhonda Rajaofera is hosting a Christmas themed potluck dinner on Dec. 5 at 5:30pm in Applegate. Please bring a dish to share and RSVP Rhonda at 530.277.4416 if you are planning on attending this fun event.

### Do You Enjoy Telling Stories?

If you would like to tell a children story once or twice a quarter, please contact the church office or Kendall Porco and we would love to add you to our list.

### Church Sermon Podcast Available.

Missed a sermon or want to hear it again? Simply search "Auburn SDA Church" on your favorite podcast service or online at aubsda.org/audio.

### Save the Dates.

Dec. 8 - PHAA 7-12 Christmas Concert

Dec. 9 - Philippine Meistersingers

Dec. 16 - Church Christmas Social

Dec. 23 - Church Christmas Breakfast and Pageant

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Social

## 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 Youth Pastor Adam Weeks. (8th grade and up) Meets in the Youth Room across the Sanctuary.

### Adult Sabbath School

1.) **A Conversation About the Scriptures** - Led by Jeff Pierson & Brian Toppel. Exploring Genesis 1-11. Meets in Fellowship Hall Room 1.

2) **The World Jesus Was Born Into** - Join a five-week Christmas Sabbath School Adventure. Led out by Pastor Mel Baga. Meets in the Sanctuary. This week's topic, "The Political Milieu."

Note: Virgil's Revelation and the Video Sabbath School class are currently on pause.

## Community Outreach

### Adventist Community Services (ACS)

**This week.** Monday, 9am to Noon (services to the unsheltered). Tuesday, 9am to Noon (services to individuals and families). **Current Needs.** Egg cartons of all kinds, Bedding (queen sized sheets and comforters), blankets, towels, men's jeans, backpacks, jackets/coats, fall clothes and men's shoes. Thank you for your continued support **Services Provided.** Clothing; Diapers & baby wipes; Kitchen items; Linens; Hygiene kits for unsheltered; Hot showers on Mondays with towels and toiletries provided; Hot lunches or sack lunches for unsheltered; Food pantry, including USDA food and fresh produce from the garden/orchard during harvest season for family units with housing; Access to computer for connecting with families, agencies, or making and submitting resumes/job applications. **Wish to volunteer?** Please contact ACS (530) 823.0345 or Pam Haddad—gpammy82@gmail.com, (530) 906-1676.

### Auburn Renewal Center (ARC)

**This week.** Tuesday, 9am-1pm. **Services Provided.** Medical, vision, dental, chiropractic and counseling. Please call to make an appointment. Free flu shots available; walk-ins welcome. **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 Pam Haddad.

## Financial Update

As of November 15, 2023. Week 44. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$166,880.77	\$158,364.13
Student Assistance	\$9,384.63	\$10,482.64
Youth Ministries	\$33,340.85	\$30,399.00

### Church Funds

*Church Building Fund:* Goes towards needed infrastructure projects around the church (roofing, gutters, 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 Academy.

*ARC & ACS Funds:* Goes towards supporting the vital 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 or church office hours
- Adventist Giving app
- Online at aubsda.org/give

Tithe Year-to-Date: \$424,272.73  
(As of 10/31/23 - Updated Monthly)