

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 18th - ACS Open
Tuesday 19th - ACS & ARC Open
Sabbath 23rd - All Church Breakfast at 9:30am & Worship Service/Christmas Pageant at 10:45am

Looking Ahead

Dec. 16 - Church Christmas Social 6pm
Dec. 21-Jan. 7 - PHAA Christmas Break
Dec. 23 - Church Christmas Pageant
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Social

Preaching Schedule

Dec. 23 - Christmas Pageant
Dec. 30 - Darrel Crane
Jan. 6 - Pastor Adam Weeks

Scripture Focus for Today

"Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people."

Luke 2:9-10

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
Youth Pastor
Treasurer
Administrative Assistant

Mel Baga, DMin
Adam Weeks, MA
Jim Brewster
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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 16, 2023

Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

Prelude • Richard Price

Welcome

Praises • Edwije Joseph Family and Friends

Prayer • Lisa Allington

Giving • Church Family Budget

Children's Story • Kendall Porco

Special Music • Katherine & Richard Price

"See, Amid the Winter's Snow"

Message • Pastor Mel Baga "An Unhurried Christmas" (Luke 2:8-20)

Closing Song

Prayer • Pastor Mel Baga

Postlude • Richard Price

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

Sermon archive available at aubstda.org/audio or as a CD in the Resource Center

Hearing assistance available at sound booth • Sunset today 4:43pm

Announcements

This Week's Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Edwige Joseph Dec 09, Beckett Reese Dec 17, Jett Whitson Dec 18, Viviana Weeks Dec 19 & Sophie Jewkes Dec 21. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

The Meaning of Christmas Series.

Pastor Mel concludes his three-part Christmas sermon series today.

Church Christmas Social.

Tonight Dec. 16 from 6-9pm, we'll be having a fun all church Christmas Social. We'll have snacks, smore's, games, a Christmas movie, donuts and a great time together as a church family. Please contact Pastor Adam Weeks for more info and feel free to bring any snacks to share.

Church Christmas Breakfast Potluck.

Next week, in place of Sabbath School, we are having our all church Christmas Breakfast potluck at 9:30am. Please bring various breakfast themed food, fruit, eggs, veggie/vegan protein dishes, juice and potatoes. Susan Excell is also needing some volunteers to help clean up after the program. Afterwards, we'll go in the Sanctuary to watch the Christmas Pageant.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals.

We are having our Church Christmas Pageant, next Sabbath 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! We will be having a rehearsal on Dec. 16 & 23 during Sabbath School.

Volunteer Live Scan & Training.

As we provide a safe space for our children, all regular volunteers, especially Children's Sabbath School teachers and leaders, need to have a live scan completed by Dec. 31 as well as online training. Forms are available in the lobby.

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 or fill out the insert in the bulletin.

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.

New Year's Eve Social & Game Night.

On Sunday, Dec. 31 from 6:30-9:30ish, all are welcome for a fun New Year's Eve social together. We'll have various board games, "Yumm Bowls" and any leftover Christmas treats. Please contact Susan or Tim Excell for more info and what you can bring for the "Yumm Bowls" at (530) 368-2994. Feel free to bring a board game/puzzle to share with others.

Total Member Involvement: Share.

Writing about your positive experiences with Pine Hills Adventist Academy makes a powerful trustworthy statement. What you have to say is meaningful and your experience can help to shape the experience of others. Please take a few minutes to write or record a few words on how Pine Hills has made a difference in your life and the life of your child. Please have them contact the PHAA school office at (530) 885-9447 for more info.

Singin' in the Rain Tickets.

Pine Hills Adventist Academy Performing Arts presents, "Singin' in the Rain" on February 17, 18, 24 & 25. Tickets are now available to purchase at phaaonline.com, and the best seats go quickly.

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 Adult Classroom 5, across from the kitchen due to the pageant rehearsal in the Sanctuary. This week's topic, "The Prophetic 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, winter 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—gpmmy82@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 December 9, 2023. Week 48. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$181,714.62	\$169,703.98
Student Assistance	\$10,307.71	\$10,503.64
Youth Ministries	\$36,304.48	\$32,834.00

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: \$465,103.56
(As of 11/31/23 - Updated Monthly)