

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 25th - ACS Closed/Merry Christmas
Tuesday 26th - ACS & ARC Closed
Sabbath 30th - Sabbath School
9:30am/Worship Service 10:45am

Looking Ahead

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Social
Dec. 21-Jan. 7 - PHAA Christmas Break
Jan. 6 - Communion

Preaching Schedule

Dec. 30 - Darrel Crane
Jan. 6 - Pastor Adam Weeks
Jan. 13 - Pastor Mel Baga

Scripture Focus for Today

“So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.”

John 1:14

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

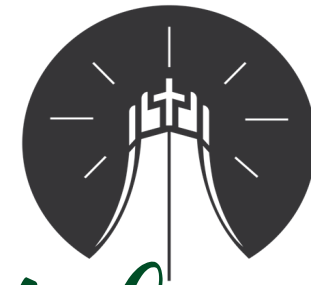
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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 23, 2023

Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

Prelude • Robinson Bende

Welcome

Giving • Local Conference Advance

Prayer • Dave Krussow

Auburn Church Christmas Pageant

Please see bulletin insert for program, prologue and participants

Homily • Pastor Mel Baga

Closing Prayer • Julie Baga

Postlude • Robinson Bende

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 4:46pm

Announcements

This Week's Birthday.

Happy birthday to the following: Gil Riojas on Dec 24. 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, prologue and participants, please see the bulletin insert.

Church Office Closed Monday & Wednesday.

Due to the Christmas holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday Dec. 25 as well as on Wednesday, Dec. 27. Have a wonderful Christmas!

New Year's Eve Social & Game Night.

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

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.

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.

2023 Tithe & Offering Receipt.

In order to have any tithes or offerings included in your 2023 offering receipt for your taxes or personal records, it needs to be placed in the offering by next Sabbath, Dec. 30. 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.

Bible Memory Challenge.

Let's memorize scripture in 2024! The first seven people to contact Pastor Mel will be gifted a free pro account to biblememory.com. Each pro account also includes 3 individual sub-accounts to share with your children, relatives, etc. to memorize scripture together. This is a great way to learn and memorize scripture with proven useful tools. Please see the bulletin for more info.

End-of-the-Year Opportunity.

Funding for Christian education comes from a variety of sources. First, some funding comes from tuition paid by parents. Secondly, some funding comes from donors (like you!) who wish to support the vision and mission of Christian education. Finally, some money comes from outside sources such as grants and scholarships and church subsidies. The need is greater than the funds can support each year. Every member of the community can make Christian education a priority by enrolling their students and/or by donating generously. Please consider making a financial gift today to Pine Hills, it can be placed in the offering plate marked with the school name. For more info, please contact the PHAA school office at (530) 885-9447.

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.

Church Breakfast Potluck 9:30 AM

In place of Sabbath School today, we are having an all church breakfast potluck in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend! Pageant practice will be happening in the Sanctuary.

The regular Sabbath School classes resume next Sabbath at 9:30am.

A Sabbath School Quarterly class is also beginning on January 6 in the Sanctuary.

Community Outreach

Adventist Community Services (ACS)

This week. ACS is closed on Monday and Tuesday due to the Christmas holiday. They reopen Monday, Jan. 1 for unsheltered services and Jan. 9 for individuals and families. *Donations are currently on pause until Jan. 8.* **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. The ARC is closed until January 9th. Please call to make an appointment and they will get back to you when they can. **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 16, 2023. Week 49. Our fiscal year ends on December 31.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$185,423.08	\$172,800.51
Student Assistance	\$10,538.48	\$10,763.64
Youth Ministries	\$37,045.38	\$33,254.00

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)