

## 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 11th - ACS Open

Tuesday 12th - ACS & ARC Open

Sabbath 16th - Sabbath School & Worship Service/Church Christmas Social at 6pm

## Looking Ahead

Dec. 9 - Philippine Meistersingers Concert Today at 2pm

Dec. 16 - Church Christmas Social

Dec. 21-Jan. 7 - PHAA Christmas Break

Dec. 23 - Church Christmas Pageant

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Social

## Preaching Schedule

Dec. 16 - Pastor Mel Baga

Dec. 23 - Christmas Pageant

Dec. 30 - Darrel Crane

## Scripture Focus for Today

“And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

**Matthew 1:21**

## 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

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# Auburn

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 9, 2023

## Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

**Prelude** • Robinson Bende

**Welcome**

**Praises** • Pastor Mel & Friends

**Prayer** • Grace Ferolino

**Giving** • Adventist Community Services (NAD)

**Children's Story** • Dave Krussow

**Special Music** • Havilah Baga

**Message** • Pastor Mel Baga “Redeeming Christmas” (Matthew 1:21)

**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 4:43pm

## Announcements

### This Week's Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Barbara Bende Dec 09, Milton Kindrick Dec 09, Tim Excell Dec 09 & Jeff Pierson Dec 15. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

### The Meaning of Christmas Series.

Pastor Mel continues a three-part Christmas sermon series today.

### Membership Transfers. Second Reading.

Transfer In: Trevor and Kellie Spieth from the Carmichael SDA Church.

Transfer Out: Patsy Cooke to the Cloverdale SDA Church in Boise, Idaho. Abel & Dalila Vargas to Sacramento Central SDA Church.

### Fellowship Lunch Today.

We invite our guests and members to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service for delicious vegetarian food and fellowship.

### Philippine Meistersingers in Concert.

We are so excited to have them perform a concert here today at 2pm after the Fellowship Lunch. Named 2011 Choir of the World, they have toured across the Philippines and internationally. Under its director, Ramon M. Lijauco, Jr., the Meistersingers continue to stay true to its dedication to ministry, its legacy of service, and its commitment to excellence, all to the glory of God! All are welcome to attend, bring a friend and hear wonderful music from this talented group.

### Christmas Pageant Rehearsals.

We are having 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! We will be having a practice on Dec. 16 & 23 during Sabbath School.

### Total Member Involvement: Share.

Please share our school with others!

Your thoughts, your advocacy is the best advertising! When it comes from you, people value your independent voice. Follow Pine Hills Adventist Academy on social media, like our content and share our posts within your circles of influence. We always appreciate a positive review. If you know of anyone who desires a quality Christian education, please have them contact the PHAA school office at (530) 885-9447 for more info.

### Volunteer Live Scan & Training.

As we provide a safe space for our children, all regular volunteers need to have a live scan completed as soon as possible, 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.

### PHAA Christmas Concert.

All are welcome to attend the upcoming Pine Hills K-6 Christmas Concert. It will be at the PHAA Gym on Thursday, Dec. 14th at 6:30pm. The 7-12 concert last night was wonderful!

### Church Christmas Social.

On Saturday night, 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.

## 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 Religious 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 December 2, 2023. Week 47. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$178,006.15	\$169,387.98
Student Assistance	\$10,076.94	\$10,503.64
Youth Ministries	\$35,563.57	\$32,709.00

### 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](https://aubsda.org/give)

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