

## 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 Open  
Tuesday 26th - ACS & ARC Open  
Thursday 28th - Happy Thanksgiving/  
Church Office Closed  
Sabbath 30th - Sabbath School &  
Worship Service

## Looking Ahead

Nov 25-29 - PHAA Thanksgiving Break  
Dec 14 - PHAA Music at Auburn &  
Potluck Sabbath  
Dec 1 - Bethlehem Market Workshop  
Dec 21 - Christmas Sabbath  
Dec 22 - Bethlehem Market

## Preaching Schedule

Nov 30 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Dec 7 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Dec 14 - PHAA Christmas Music

## Scripture Focus for Today

“Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

## Our Mission

*Our reason for existence*

We are a church that makes disciples who make disciples 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)

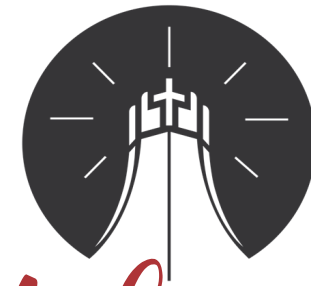
## Church Staff

Lead Pastor  
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Mel Baga, DMin  
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# Auburn

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

November 23, 2024

## Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

**Prelude** · Andrew Ermshar

**Welcome**

**Praises** · Chelsea Mensink & Youth

**Prayer** · Ken Osborn

**Giving** · Local Conference Advance

**Children’s Story** · Gil Riojas

**Grateful Hearts** · Mensink Family

**Special Music** · Jordan Fode

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**Message** · Pastor Mel Baga “Everything is a Gift”  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

**Closing Song**

**Prayer** · Pastor Mel Baga

**Postlude** Andrew Ermshar

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 4:46pm

## Announcements

### Upcoming Birthdays.

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

### Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

What if the true measure of our thankfulness is not what we say about our blessings, but what we do with them? If you have been blessed and you are available this Thanksgiving day, Nov 28 to participate in an Auburn Church Family potluck Thanksgiving meal that would be open to those eating alone this year, please call Steve or Karen Nicola. Steve and Karen are looking for a couple of families who want to join them to create a lovely Thanksgiving feast at the church on Thanksgiving Day that is open to lonely people. Please call for more details: Karen: (530) 260-3618 or Steve (530) 249-8409.

### Happy Thanksgiving.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be closed on Thursday, November 28.

### Bethlehem Market Workshops.

In preparation for the Bethlehem Market on Dec 22, we have one more fun workshop to help make things. It will be on Sunday, Dec 1 from 10am-1pm. It'll be fun for all ages. The December workshop will be getting the food items ready and wrapping them. Please see the bulletin insert or Susan Excell for more info about the workshops and this year's interactive church Christmas program in December. Muffins and snacks will be available.

### Bethlehem Market.

Our Christmas event for the year is coming up on December 22 from 1-4pm. This is a free event, open to the community. Feel free to invite your friends, neighbors and coworkers to experience a living Bethlehem Market during the

time of Jesus' birth. We'll have food, shops, crafts, music and live animals! Flyers are available in the lobby to give away. If you are available to help in any way, please contact Susan Excell.

### Total Member Involvement: Connect.

The best referrals come from people just like you! Please connect any families interested in enrolling their child at Pine Hills Adventist Academy directly with our principal. We would be happy to sit down and discuss educational opportunities. Please contact Dave Carreon at the PHAA school office at (530) 885-9447 for more info.

### ACS & ARC Are Looking for Volunteers.

If you have a passion for helping out the community on Monday or Tuesday mornings, please contact ACS at (530) 823-0345 or the ARC at (530) 887-8693. The ARC is also looking for volunteers to help with their landscaping and various building improvements throughout the week. Free baby cacti are also available in front of the newly landscaped ARC building. Please pick whichever one you'd prefer. A donation to the ARC is appreciated.

### Women's Christmas Dinner Potluck.

Rhonda Rajaofera is hosting a special potluck dinner for all the women on Tuesday, December 3 at 5:30pm in Aplegate. Please bring an entrée, dessert or salad. Contact and RSVP to Rhonda at (530) 277-4416 for more info.

### Sunday Morning Prayer Meetings.

Grace Ferolino is leading out in a virtual prayer meeting over Zoom on Sunday mornings, from 7-8am. Meeting ID: 815 6793 7235 Passcode: 420290. All are welcome to begin the start of a new week in prayer together.

### 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 aubstda.org/audio.

## 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. Currently going through Esther. Meets in Fellowship Hall Room 1.

2.) **Adult Sabbath School Quarterly** - Led by Robinson Bende. This quarter's topic: Themes in the Gospel of John. Meets in the Sanctuary, right side. Quarterly available online through the "Sabbath School & PM" app on Android and iPhone.

## Community Outreach

### Adventist Community Services (ACS)

**This week.** Monday, 9am to Noon (hot showers and lunch for the unsheltered) Tuesday, 9am to Noon (services to needy individuals and families with food and clothing). **Current Needs.** Egg cartons of all kinds, diapers (size 2,3,4 & newborn), baby wipes, all sizes of bed liners, towels, men's jeans and shoes, backpacks, blankets and summer clothing. Thank you for your continued support. **Services Provided.** Hot showers on Mondays with towels and toiletries provided; Hot lunches or sack lunches for unsheltered; Clothing closet, 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.

### 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. Contact ACS to help volunteer.

### 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.

### Auburn Care Team (ACT)

The Auburn Care Team is here to support you or people you know who are living through loss. We make connections through gift baskets, cards, invitations for meals, and phone calls. We also organize additional resources to help with house cleaning, yard work, and meals. There are many more ways to support a grieving friend or member. Therefore our resource list needs to expand as we learn that you are interested in helping. If you would like to be on our resource list to come alongside someone who needs assistance, please call Steve Nicola at (530) 249-8409.

## Financial Update

As of November 15, 2024. Week 46. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$180,426.15	\$151,926.42
Student Assistance	\$15,972.36	\$10,247.00
Youth Ministries	\$38,038.46	\$32,678.00

### Church Funds

*Church Building Fund:* Goes towards needed infrastructure projects around the church (Roofing, gutters, doors, 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 aubstda.org/give

Tithe Year-to-Date: \$390,072.65  
(As of 10/31/24 - Updated Monthly)