

Happy Sabbath! A special welcome to all our guests. We're so glad you're here. Be sure to check our upcoming church events listed below.

## This Week

Monday 22nd - ACS Open Tuesday 23rd - ACS & ARC Open Sabbath 27th - Sabbath School & Worship Service

# **Looking Ahead**

Sept 27 - PHAA K-6 Choir at Auburn Sept 28 - Bethlehem Market Workshop (Tassels, Pouches, Swords) Oct 3-5 & Oct 10-12 - NCC Christian Women's Retreat at Leoni Meadows Oct 25 - Broadside of a Barn Social at the Porco's Oct 26 - PHAA Fall Festival

# **Preaching Schedule**

Sept 27 - Pastor Mel Baga Oct 4 - Pastor Mel Baga Oct 11 - Pastor Mel Baga

# Scripture Focus for Today

"If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success." **Ecclesiastes 10:10** 

# **Our Mission**

Our reason for existence

To connect people to abundant life in Jesus Christ and prepare them for His Second Coming.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

"Look, I am coming soon! Blessed are those who obey the words of prophecy written in this book. Then he instructed me, "Do not seal up the prophetic words in this book, for the time is near." (Revelation 22:7 & 10)

# **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 PastorMel Baga, DMinYouth PastorAdam Weeks, MATreasurerJim BrewsterAdministrative AssistantScott Wallace

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
September 20, 2025

# Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

**Prelude** · Sharon Kharns

Welcome

Praises · Raina Jackson & Jr. High

**Prayer** · Dave Ermshar

**Giving** · Church Family Budget

Children's Story · Jacob & Raina Jackson

Message · Pastor Mel Baga "Regaining the Cutting Edge (Part 1)" Ecclesiastes 10:10

**Closing Song** · Praise Team

**Closing Prayer** · Pastor Mel Baga

**Postlude** · Sharon Kharns

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

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

Hearing assistance available at sound booth • Sunset today 7:06pm

# **Announcements**

## **Upcoming Birthdays.**

Happy birthday to the following: Grant Lockwood Sep 21, MeeRa Chong Sep 22, Lloyd Teff Sep 23, Ivanette Osborn Sep 24 & Michael Lockwood Sep 25. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

### Be Part of the River Movement.

Join us for an informal luncheon today in the Fellowship Hall, right after church. If you're part of a small group—or interested in one—come brainstorm with us about how we can support the upcoming River Flow sermon series and grow mission focused ministry together.

### New Sermon Series Begins Oct 4.

Join us for Pastor Mel's fall sermon series titled, "River Flow" starting on October 4. In this series, we'll celebrate how living in God's river flow moves us into worship, connection, and service, letting His life pour through us to bless the world.

# First Bethlehem Market Workshop.

Our 2nd Annual Bethlehem Market is coming up in December and we'll be having various fun workshops leading up to it. The first workshop is on Sunday, September 28 from 10am - 12pm. We'll be working on making tassels, money pouches and swords. All are welcome to come and join the fun. Contact Susan Excell at (530) 368-2994 if able to help.

### Christian Women's Retreat.

All women, save the date for the upcoming women's retreat at Leoni Meadows on October 3-5 & 10-12. Registration is now open. Joanne Pierson will also be having a mini breakout session there titled, "A Sabbath Special Tea" that the ladies don't want to miss. Please see the bulletin board/insert or Rhonda Rajaofera for more info. There is a late fee if you don't register before September 25.

# Small Group Devotional and Study Guide.

A devotional and study guide is available for today's sermon. We encourage you to use it in your family devotions and small group discussions as a way to go deeper together in God's Word. Pick up your copy today and let's grow in Christ as one church family!

## **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.

### Broadside of a Barn Church Social.

Our annual fall church social will be a fun outdoor movie night at the Porco Home in Lincoln on Saturday Night, October 25 at 6pm. Please mark your calendars and bring a chair and a jacket/blanket for a fun evening together watching a family movie. Snacks and Mrs. Porco's famous cinnamon rolls will be provided.

## Value Series: Hope.

At Pine Hills we encourage students to trust our Savior and intentionally share hope when circumstances are difficult. Beyond the trials that surround us, we point to the hope we have in Jesus as our trustworthy ally. To find out more for your child, grandchild, friend, or neighbor come visit or contact the PHAA school office at (530) 885-9447 to learn more or visit their website at phaaonline.com.

## Be a Blessing Where You Are!

Pick up your BLESS brochure and bookmark in the lobby today on the credenza table. They're simple tools to help you love your neighbors through prayer, connection, and everyday kindness. Let's keep being a blessing right where we are!

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

#### **Adult Sabbath School**

- 1.) A Conversation About the Scriptures Led by Jeff Pierson & Brian Toppel. Currently going through the Book of Mark. Meets in Fellowship Hall Room 1.
- 2.) **Adult Sabbath School Quarterly** Led by Rob Bende. This quarter's topic: Exodus. Meets in the Sanctuary, right side. Quarterlies available in the lobby or online through the "Sabbath School & PM" app on Android and iPhone.
- 3.) **Theology for Life** Led out by Pastor Mel Baga. Informative discussions on what and why we believe in Christianity. Meets in the Pastor's Office by the lobby area.

# **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), king and queen sized bedding sets, 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. We are currently looking for a leader to help.

### **Auburn Renewal Center (ARC)**

This week. Tuesday, 9am-1pm. Services Provided. Medical, vision, dental, chiropractic, counseling & now acupuncture/ natural healing with Western and Eastern Medicine. 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 Sept 15, 2025. Week 38. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$151,422.50	\$139,467.85
Student Assistance	\$20,700.00	\$17,952.50
Youth Ministries	\$32,019.23	\$29,231.56

### Other Church Funds

Church Building Fund: Goes towards needed infrastructure projects around the church (New A/C Units, new Youth roof, plugs and light switches, 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: \$334,683.72 (As of 8/31/25 - Updated Monthly)