

## Welcome!

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

Sunday 12th - Bethlehem Workshop  
Monday 13th - ACS Open  
Tuesday 14th - ACS & ARC Open  
Sabbath 18th - Sabbath School & Worship Service

## Looking Ahead

Oct 12, 19 - Bethlehem Market Mini Workshops  
Oct 23 - PHAA Constituency Mtg.  
Oct 25 - Broadside of a Barn Social at the Porco's  
Oct 26 - PHAA Fall Festival

## Preaching Schedule

Oct 18 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Oct 25 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Nov 1 - Pastor Adam Weeks

## Scripture Focus for Today

"Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses. Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. There the LORD will display his glory, the splendor of our God." **Isaiah 35:1-2**

## 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 Pastor	Mel Baga, DMin
Youth Pastor	Adam Weeks, MA
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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

October 11, 2025

## Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

**Prelude** · Robinson Bende

**Welcome**

**Praises** · Deborah Price & Raina Jackson

**Prayer** · Steve Nicola

**Giving** · Impact Pacific Union

**Children's Story**

**Special Music** · Maimon Pony

**Message** · Pastor Mel Baga "Flowers, Wadis, and a highway in the Desert"  
Isaiah 35:1-2, 6-8

**Closing Song** · Praise Team

**Closing 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 6:33 pm

## Announcements

### Upcoming Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Jenell Wareham Oct 16 & Bethany Riojas Oct 17. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

### Sermon Series Continues.

Pastor Mel's fall series, River Flow, continues this Sabbath. Discover how living in God's river leads us into worship, deep connection, and joyful service-so His life can flow through us to bless the world.

### Small Group Devotional and Study Guide.

Today's sermon comes with a companion devotional and study guide! Use it in your family time or small group to dive deeper into God's Word and grow together. Grab your copy today-let's grow in Christ as one church family!

### Fellowship Potluck 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.

### Next Bethlehem Market Mini Workshop.

Our 2nd Annual Bethlehem Market is coming up on December 21 and we'll be having various fun workshops leading up to it. The next workshop is tomorrow, October 12 from 10am - 1pm. We'll be working on an assortment of things to help prepare for the Bethlehem Market in December. All are welcome to come and join the fun. We are also looking for about \$20 worth of pennies if you have any to donate. We expect a larger crowd this year and planning a bigger market. Contact Susan Excell at (530) 368-2994 if able to help.

If you are interested in helping plan and prepare for the Bethlehem Market, please join us in the Youth Room with your lunch after the potluck on Oct. 11.

Chelsea Mensink is also looking for people interested in learning a traditional Jewish circle dance for the Bethlehem Market this year. Please contact Chelsea if interested.

### 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!

### 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.

### Christian Character is #1.

Did you know that parents tell us that Christian Character is their number one reason for enrolling their student in a Christian school. Parents share their number two reason is safety! At Pine Hills Adventist Academy, we take the safety of students seriously and are committed to facilitating a safe learning environment for our students by continuously improving behavior expectations (emotional safety), security procedures (physical safety), and creating a safe haven (spiritual safety). To find out more for your child or grandchild come visit or contact the PHAA school office at (530) 885-9447 or visit their website at phaaonline.com.

### PHAA Constituency Session.

All church members are invited to the annual Pine Hills Constituency Session on Thursday, October 23 from 6:30-7:30pm.

### October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Let's remember to thank and appreciate both Pastor Mel and Pastor Adam for all the many things they do for the Auburn Church. If you would like to help contribute towards the gifts we've been giving them and their families throughout the month, please designate "Pastoral Gift Fund" in a tithe envelope or through online giving. Supporting and keeping them in your prayers is always appreciated throughout the year.

## 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 Steve Nicola this week. 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: Lessons of Faith From Joshua. 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 sheet sets, towels, men's jeans and shoes, backpacks and blankets of all sizes. 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 Oct 4, 2025. Week 41. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$163,700.00	\$147,036.52
Student Assistance	\$21,700.00	\$18,053.50
Youth Ministries	\$34,615.38	\$30,382.56

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

Tithe Year-to-Date: \$357,872.53  
(As of 9/30/25 - Updated Monthly)