

## Welcome!

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

## This Week

Sunday 16th - Bethlehem Workshop  
Monday 17th - ACS Open  
Tuesday 18th - ACS & ARC Open/  
Bethlehem Workshop  
Sabbath 22nd - Sabbath School &  
Worship Service

## Looking Ahead

Nov 16 - Bethlehem Workshop  
Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Sabbath  
Nov 24-28 - PHAA Thanksgiving Break  
Dec 13 - December Potluck Lunch  
Dec 20 - Christmas Sabbath & Church  
Breakfast Potluck  
Dec 21 - Bethlehem Market

## Preaching Schedule

Nov 22 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Nov 29 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Dec 6 - Pastor Mel Baga

## Scripture Focus for Today

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

## 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

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

November 15, 2025

## Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

**Prelude** · Richard Price

**Welcome**

**Praises** · Raina Jackson, Jr. High & Friends

**Prayer** · Grace Ferolino

**Giving** · Church Family Budget

**Children's Story** · Jonah Jewkes

**Grateful Hearts** · Quintanar Family, Jewkes Family & Raina and Jr. High

**Special Music** · PHAA Jr. High Choir

**Message** · Pastor Mel Baga "Give Thanks in All Things"

1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Closing Song** · Praise Team

**Postlude** · PHAA Jr. High Band

**Closing Prayer** · Pastor Mel Baga

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 4:51 pm

## Announcements

### Upcoming Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Rhonda Rajaofera Nov 16, Jim Ferolino Nov 17, Jonathan Crane Nov 17, Deborah Price Nov 20 & Ava Brown Nov 21. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

### Small Group Devotional and Study Guide.

Today's sermon comes with a companion devotional and study guide in your bulletin! 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 all our guests, Jr. High families and members to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service for delicious vegetarian food and fellowship.

### Next Bethlehem Market Workshop.

The next workshop is on Sunday, Nov. 16 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 will also be having a mini clay workshop on Tuesday, Nov 18 from 1-3:30pm. We expect a larger crowd this year and planning a bigger market. Contact Susan Excell at (530) 368-2994 if able to help. 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.

We're also looking for various items and props to borrow for the Market, please see the bulletin insert for the full list. Thank you!

### Bethlehem Market Event.

Our Christmas event for the year is coming up on December 21 from 12:30-4:30pm. 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.

### 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.

### Total Member Involvement = Pray.

Prayer is powerful! Please pray for our staff, faculty, and administrators. Please pray for our students and their families. Please pray for families that are seeking a Christian education. Do you know of someone you can share our school with? Come visit or contact the PHAA school office at (530) 885-9447 or visit their website at phaaonline.com.

**Women's Christmas Dinner Potluck.** Rhonda Rajaofera is hosting a special potluck dinner for all the women on Tuesday, December 2 at 5:30pm. Please bring an entrée, dessert or salad. Contact and RSVP to Rhonda at (530) 277-4416 for more info.

Rhonda is also celebrating her 60th birthday and inviting anyone interested in attending to the Church Fellowship Hall tonight, Nov 15th at 5pm. We'll be having a haystacks potluck and games. Please RSVP to Sandee Crane if planning on attending and what item for the haystacks that you plan on bringing so we can plan accordingly.

### 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. Students are also able to earn community service hours during breaks.

## 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: 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, jackets/coats, 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, counseling & now acupuncture/natural healing with Western and Eastern Medicine. Please call to make an appointment. **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 Nov 8, 2025. Week 45. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$184,162.50	\$163,776.24
Student Assistance	\$24,700.00	\$20,653.50
Youth Ministries	\$38,942.31	\$35,492.56

### 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: \$417,048.32  
(As of 10/31/25 - Updated Monthly)