

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 23rd - Bethlehem Workshop

Monday 24th - ACS Open

Tuesday 25th - ACS & ARC Open/
Bethlehem Workshop

Thursday 27th - Church Office Closed/
Happy Thanksgiving!

Sabbath 29th - Sabbath School &
Worship Service

Looking Ahead

Nov 23 - Bethlehem Workshop

Nov 24-28 - PHAA Thanksgiving Break

Dec 12 - PHAA 7-12 Christmas Concert

Dec 13 - December Potluck Lunch

Dec 20 - Christmas Sabbath & Church
Breakfast Potluck

Dec 21 - Bethlehem Market

Preaching Schedule

Nov 29 - Pastor Mel Baga

Dec 6 - Pastor Mel Baga

Dec 13 - Pastor Mel Baga

Scripture Focus for Today

"Yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as sure-footed as a deer, able to tread upon the heights." **Habakkuk 3:18-19**

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

Treasurer

Jim Brewster

Administrative Assistant

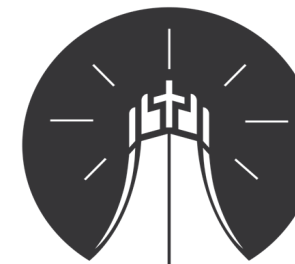
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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

November 22, 2025

Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

Prelude · Sharon Kharns

Welcome

Praises · Art Kharns & Friends

Prayer · Karen Nicola

Giving · Local Conference Advance

Children's Story · Chelsea Mensink

Grateful Hearts · Rhonda Rajaofera & Fanselau Family

Message · Pastor Mel Baga "Still I Will Rejoice"

Habakkuk 3:17-19

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 aubstda.org/audio or as a CD in the Resource Center
Hearing assistance available at sound booth • Sunset today 4:47 pm

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.

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!

No One Left Alone this Thanksgiving.

If you find yourself wondering about being alone or apart from family at Thanksgiving, we want you to join us for an afternoon of grateful fellowship and fabulous food. Steve and Karen invite you to share Thanksgiving dinner with them at their home on Thanksgiving Day at 2pm. Please text Karen at (530) 260-3618 to confirm a place at the Nicola's table by Wed. Nov 26. Then plan to bring your favorite part of the traditional Thanksgiving meal. It will be a Potluck! Not sure what to bring? Simply ask when you text to make your reservation. Please be sure to leave your name in your text.

Next Bethlehem Market Workshop.

The next workshop is on Sunday, Nov. 23 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 25 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.

Bethlehem Market Choral Reading.

If you would like to participate in a unique Choral Reading of Jesus' birth story for Bethlehem Market, please see Karen Nicola (530) 260-3618 to volunteer for this very powerful rendition of the Christmas story that will be performed in the sanctuary during Bethlehem Market. Male voices are needed. Upcoming practices: Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 for 30 minutes after church and Dec. 7 (10-11am) and 17 (6:30-7:30pm)

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 = 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. 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 in Applegate. Please bring an entrée, dessert or salad. Contact and RSVP to Rhonda at (530) 277- 4416 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. 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 15, 2025. Week 46. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$188,255.00	\$171,244.24
Student Assistance	\$25,200.00	\$21,609.50
Youth Ministries	\$39,807.69	\$37,733.56

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)