

## 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 14th - Bethlehem Workshop  
Monday 15th - ACS Open  
Tuesday 16th - ACS & ARC Open/  
Bethlehem Workshop  
Sabbath 20th - Breakfast Potluck &  
Christmas Worship Service

## Looking Ahead

Dec 14 & 16 - Bethlehem Workshop  
Dec 20 - Christmas Sabbath & Church  
Breakfast Potluck  
Dec 21 - Bethlehem Market  
Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Social &  
Youth Movie Marathon  
Jan 3 - Communion Sabbath

## Preaching Schedule

Dec 20 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Dec 27 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Jan 3 - Pastor Adam Weeks

## Scripture Focus for Today

"But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes." **Malachi 3:2**

## 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
Treasurer	Jim Brewster
Administrative Assistant	Scott Wallace

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 13, 2025

## Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

**Prelude** · Raina Jackson

**Welcome**

**Praises** · Jenell Wareham & Friends

**Prayer** · Ken Osborn

**Giving** · Christian Record Services for the Blind

**Children's Story** · Darran Sim

**Message** · Pastor Mel Baga "The Last Shadow Before Bethlehem"

Malachi 3:1-3

*(Silhouettes of Hope: Christmas through the Eyes of the Minor Prophets Series)*

**Closing Song** · Praise Team

**Closing Prayer** · Pastor Mel Baga

**Postlude** · Raina Jackson

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 4:42 pm

## Announcements

### Upcoming Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Jeff Pierson Dec 15, Beckett Reese Dec 17, Jett Whitson Dec 18 & Viviana Weeks Dec 19. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

### Current Sermon Series. Silhouettes of Hope: Christmas through the Eyes of the Minor Prophets

Some truths of Christmas come not in full light but in outline—shadows cast long before Bethlehem, shaping hope in a darkened world. This Advent, we'll explore how the Minor Prophets first saw Christmas in silhouette. Come see how these ancient shadows still point us to the Light—and lead us again into the wonder of Christmas.

### 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 our guests and members to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service for delicious vegetarian food and fellowship.

### Church Breakfast Potluck Next Sabbath.

In place of Sabbath School next week, we are having an all church breakfast potluck from 9:30-10:30am and everyone's invited. Please bring your favorite vegetarian breakfast dish, fruit, etc. Afterwards, we'll be having our special Christmas Worship Service at 10:45am.

### Next Bethlehem Market Workshop.

The next workshop is on Sunday, Dec. 14th from 10am-1pm and Tuesday, Dec. 16th starting at 1pm. We'll be working on an assortment of things to help prepare for the Bethlehem Market on December 21. All are welcome to come and join the fun. We expect a larger crowd this year and planning a bigger market. Contact Susan Excell at (530) 368-2994 if able to help. 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 com-

ing 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: Dec. 17 (6:30-7:30pm)

### Membership Transfers Out. Second Reading.

Brian & Elizabeth McBride to the Paradise SDA Church. Wanda Culp to Foresthill SDA Company. Jan Kahler to Carmichael SDA Church. Victor Ibarra to Sunnyvale SDA Church. Jamie Nelson to Loma Linda University SDA Church.

### 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.

### New Year's Eve Social & Youth Movie Marathon.

On Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 6-9pm we are having our church New Year's Eve Social. We'll be having delicious Yumm/Rice Bowls and playing board games. Contact Susan Excell if able to bring any toppings. The Youth will be having an all-night movie marathon ending with breakfast at 9am the next morning.

### Save the Date-Ten Days of Prayer Event.

When we come together and pray, amazing things can happen. From Wednesday, Jan. 7 to Friday, Jan. 17, join us in prayer for 10 days uplifting our church and one another in prayer together. We'll be meeting from 6-7pm in the Youth Room each Wednesday and Friday evening and over Zoom the other evenings. Contact Grace Ferolino for more info.

## 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, winter clothes, 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 Dec 6, 2025. Week 48. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$200,532.50	\$177,198.24
Student Assistance	\$26,700.00	\$21,859.50
Youth Ministries	\$42,403.85	\$38,963.56

### 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: \$455,851.30  
(As of 11/30/25 - Updated Monthly)