

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 21st - Bethlehem Market
Monday 22nd - ACS Open
Tuesday 23rd - ACS Open
Thursday 25th - Merry Christmas/
Church Office Closed
Sabbath 27th - Sabbath School &
Worship Service

Looking Ahead

Dec 21 - Bethlehem Market
Dec 25 - Merry Christmas
Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Social &
Youth Movie Marathon
Jan 3 - Communion Sabbath
Jan 15 - Church Board Meeting

Preaching Schedule

Dec 27 - Pastor Mel Baga
Jan 3 - Pastor Adam Weeks
Jan 10 - Pastor Mel Baga

Scripture Focus for Today

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephra-
thah, are only a small village
among all the people of Judah.
Yet a ruler of Israel, whose ori-
gins are in the distant past, will
come from you on my behalf."

Micah 5:2

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

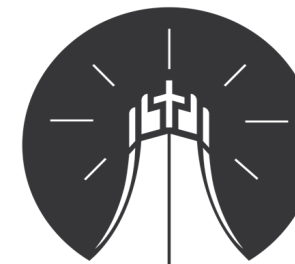
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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 20, 2025

Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

Prelude · Richard Price

Welcome

Prayer · Grace Ferolino

Giving · Church Family Budget

Children's Story · Pastor Adam Weeks

"Emmanuel, God With Us" Christmas Program

(Please see insert for more details)

Homily · Pastor Mel Baga "The Bethlehem Surprise"

Micah 5:2

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

Postlude · Richard Price

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 4:45 pm

Announcements

Upcoming Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Sophie Jewkes Dec 21 & Gil Riojas Dec 24. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

All Church Breakfast Potluck Today.

In place of Sabbath School today, 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. Then at 10:45am, we'll begin our Christmas Sabbath worship service with wonderful music and the story of our Savior's birth.

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!

Bethlehem Market Tomorrow.

Our Christmas event for the year is tomorrow, December 21 from 12:30-4:30pm. This is a free event, open to the community, rain or shine! 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, live animals, the nativity story and more. Flyers are available in the lobby to give away. If you are available to help in any way, please contact Susan Excell.

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.

On Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 6-9pm we are having our all church New Year's Eve Social. We'll be having delicious Yumm/Rice Bowls and playing board games. Bring your favorite board game and we'll celebrate the new year at 9pm! Contact Susan Excell if able to bring any toppings.

New Year's Eve Youth Movie Marathon.

The Youth will be having an all-night movie and games marathon starting at 6pm and 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. Friday evening meetings will have a light supper. Contact Grace Ferolino for more info.

Total Member Involvement: Thank You.

We are so humbled. We asked and so many of you responded by praying; encouraging our staff and students; connecting new families with us; sharing the value of our school with others online; and your gifts of time and money. A heartfelt thank you! Your generosity has a tremendous impact. If you have yet to contribute, you can still help us! Please contact the PHAA school office at (530) 885-9447 or visit their website at phaaonline.com.

Church Office Closed.

Due to the Christmas holiday, the church office will be closed on Thursday, December 25th. We will have normal office hours from Monday-Wednesday. Have a wonderful Christmas!

PHAA Performing Arts Presents: The Sound of Music.

Tickets are now available on the school website, phaaonline.com under the Events tab. You don't want to miss the wonderful performances! Dates: February 21 & 22 and February 28 & March 1.

Be a Blessing Where You Are!

You can find BLESS bookmarks in some cards this Sabbath or in the lobby.

Sabbath School 9:30 AM

Join us for a special breakfast potluck this morning in lieu of our regular Sabbath School classes. One more extra time to connect and celebrate the Christmas season together. Sabbath School classes will resume next week as usual.

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, warm blankets, 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. Currently on break until Tuesday, Jan 6. **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 15, 2025. Week 49. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$204,625.00	\$184,775.24
Student Assistance	\$27,200.00	\$22,400.50
Youth Ministries	\$43,269.23	\$39,784.56

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



Christmas Sabbath Program

Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church - December 20, 2025

Prelude	<i>"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"</i>	Keyboard- Richard Price
Welcome & Announcements	Jenell Wareham and Rhonda Rojaofera	
Prayer	<i>"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"</i>	Grace Ferolino
Giving & Offertory	Rodney Wetje	
Children's Story	<i>"O'er the Fields We Go"</i>	Adam Weeks

Emmanuel, God With Us

Readings and Carols	Narrators: Lorelie Krussow, Cary & Lisa Allington	
Special Music	<i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"</i>	Violin-Tyler Mulligan Cello-Danny Kwon Keyboard-Richard Price
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Pastor Mel Baga
Scripture Reading	Zechariah 9:9-10	Pastor Mel Baga
Congregational Song	<i>"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"</i>	Brass Group & Praise Team
Readings	Narrators	
Vocal Solo	<i>"Wexford Carol"</i>	Vocals-Chelsea Mensink Keyboard-Richard Price
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:1, 3-7	Narrators
Congregational Song	<i>"Silent Night"</i>	Cello-Danny Kwon Violin-Tyler Mulligan Keyboard-Richard Price
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-16	Narrators
Violin Solo	<i>"The First Noel"</i>	Violin-Tyler Mulligan Keyboard-Richard Price





Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1–12 (with Micah 5:2)	Narrators
Cello Solo	<i>“What Child Is This?”</i>	Cello-Danny Kwon Keyboard-Richard Price
Readings		Narrators
Vocal Solo	<i>“What Can I Give Him”</i>	Vocal-Macey Galicia Piano-Lori Hanson
Readings		Narrators
Brass Group	<i>“Joy to the World”</i>	Brass Group Piano-Sharon Kharns
Homily	“The Bethlehem Surprise” (Micah 5:2)	Pastor Mel Baga
Congregational Song	<i>“Angels We Have Heard on High”</i>	Brass Group & Praise Team Piano-Sharon Kearns
Closing Prayer		Pastor Mel Baga
Postlude	<i>“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”</i>	Keyboard-Richard Price



Special Thanks & Music Arrangements

Program Creation/Layout: Lorelie Krussow and Deborah Price

Audio/Visuals: Mark Porco & Scott Wallace

Keyboard and Piano: Richard Price, Sharon Kharns, Lori Hanson

*Praise Team: Hunter Cicle, Delaina Jewkes, Chelsea Mensink, Katherine Price, Stephen Price,
and Deborah Price*

Brass Group: Art Kharns, Jim Kepfer, Darryl Moxley, Loren Quintanar, Jim West, Gary Wareham

Musical Arrangements by:

Solo Piano arrangements by PENNY RODRIGUEZ

Violin and Cello arrangements by KURT BESTOR & JENNY OAKS BAKER

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” Arranged by DAN FORREST

“Wexford Carol” Arranged by HOWARD HELVEY

“Silent Night” Arranged by MOLLY JAMES

“What Can I Give Him” Arranged by CRAIG COURTNEY

Joy to the World” Arranged by LLOYD LARSON

“Angels We Have Heard On High” Arranged by JOAN J. PINKSTON

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