

## 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

Monday 6th - ACS Open/Book Club  
Tuesday 7th - ACS/ARC Open  
Sabbath 11th - Sabbath School & Worship Service/Fellowship Lunch

## Looking Ahead

April 11 - Fellowship Potluck Lunch  
May 1-3 - Christian Men's Retreat  
May 3 - ACS Garden Planting Day  
May 9 - PHAA Alumni Sabbath at Auburn Church  
June 6 - Baccalaureate Sabbath  
June 20 - Religious Liberty Summit  
Aug 28-30 - Fallen Leaf Campout

## Preaching Schedule

April 11 - Pastor Mel Baga  
April 18 - Pastor Mel Baga  
April 25 - Pastor Mel Baga

## Scripture Focus for Today

"So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin." **1 John 1:6-7**

## 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
Intern Pastor	JeAnn Ahl
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Church Office is open Monday-Thursday from 10:30am-2:30pm.

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

April 4, 2026

## Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

**Prelude** · Sharon Kharns

**Welcome**

**Praises** · Sharon, Chelsea & Friends

**Prayer** · Grace Ferolino

**Giving** · Church Family Budget

**Children's Story** · Dave Krussow

**Special Music** · Art & Sharon Kharns

**Message** · Pastor Mel Baga "No Shortcuts in the Light"  
1 John 1:6-10

**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](http://aubstda.org/audio) or as a CD in the Resource Center  
Hearing assistance available at sound booth • Sunset today 7:30pm

## Announcements

### Upcoming Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Grace Ferolino Apr 04, Jerome Murillo Apr 07, Micah Brown Apr 07, Brodi Wetherbee Apr 08 & Nathan Krussow Apr 09. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

### Sabbath Flow.

Pastor Mel has prepared Sabbath Flow, a group study guide and daily devotional to help carry Sabbath into the week ahead through worship, group study, and daily time with family, friends, and neighbors. It is included in today's bulletin, with extra copies in the lobby, and is also available at [aubsda.org/studyguides](http://aubsda.org/studyguides).

### Easter Sabbath.

Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and to reflect together on the hope and assurance we have in Him.

### Membership Transfers. Second Reading.

Transfer In: Joleen Flores from the Penn Valley SDA Church. Transfer Out: Cheryl King to the NCC SDA Church.

### Fellowship Lunch Next Sabbath.

Please bring your favorite vegetarian dish to share for the potluck next Sabbath. All members and guests are welcome to join.

### New Sermon Series Begins Next Week.

Fluent in the Gospel—Know It. Live It. Share It. Gospel fluency means more than speaking; it means internalizing the gospel so deeply that it becomes your default way of seeing, your instinctive way of speaking, and your embodied way of living. Join me as we seek to become more fluent in the gospel of Jesus Christ together.

### Upcoming Pastor's Sabbath School Class.

Starting April 18 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary (by the piano), all are welcome to join as we gather to revisit and go deeper into the previous Sabbath's sermon using the Sabbath Flow guide.

### 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.

### Weekly Book Club on Monday Evenings.

Join us Monday nights from January 19 to April 27, 6:30–8:00pm. We'll meet in-person and on Zoom each week here at the church. We'll be reading, "The Screwtape Letters" by CS Lewis. Each letter in the book stands on its own, so you're welcome to attend as your schedule allows. Together, we'll explore how "Our Father Below" works in opposition to "Our Father in Heaven," and reflect on the spiritual insights Lewis offers. All are invited to participate and journey deeper into this classic work. For more information, please contact Jeff Pierson. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 1646 7008 Passcode: 021942.

### Concerned About Child's Education.

In today's world, many parents are understandably concerned about the educational experience their children receive in public schools. Questions about values, character development, and academics are top of mind for families. At Pine Hills Adventist Academy, we provide an alternative: a Christ-centered education where Christian values are woven into every subject and interaction. Our curriculum not only challenges students academically but also nurtures their faith, character, and leadership skills, equipping them to thrive in life while walking with Jesus Christ. If interested in learning more, please contact the school at (530) 885-9447 or visit their website for more info at [phaonline.com](http://phaonline.com).

### Christian Men's Retreat.

Join men of faith from all over California and beyond for a weekend of fellowship and renewal at beautiful Leoni Meadows on May 1-3. For more info and to register, please see the bulletin board poster, contact Steve Nicola or visit [leonimeadows.org](http://leonimeadows.org)

## 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 an Adult. 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 studying Psalm 119. Meets in Fellowship Hall Room 1.

2.) **Adult Sabbath School Quarterly** - Led by Rob Bende. This quarter's topic: Growing a Relationship With God. Meets in the Sanctuary, right side. Quarterly lies available in the lobby or online through the "Sabbath School & PM" app on Android and iPhone.

## 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-dozen size, blankets (all sizes, except no throws), queen and king sized sheet sets, towels, jackets/coats, men's jeans and shoes and backpacks. Thank you for bringing cleaned clothing without holes or stains. **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—[gpmamy82@gmail.com](mailto:gpmamy82@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's from 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: [stevholm@goldrush.com](mailto:stevholm@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 March 21, 2026. Week 12. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$52,292.31	\$36,362.39
Student Assistance	\$6,000.00	\$3,584.00
Youth Ministries	\$10,536.00	\$9,479.00

### Other Church Funds

*Church Building Fund:* Goes towards needed infrastructure projects around the church (New A/C units, roofing, plugs and light switches, lighting, 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](http://aubsda.org/give)

Tithe Year-to-Date: \$53,164.16  
(As of 2/28/26 - Updated Monthly)