

## 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 13th - ACS Open/Book Club  
Tuesday 14th - ACS/ARC Open  
Sabbath 18th - Sabbath School & Worship Service

## Looking Ahead

May 1-3 - Christian Men's Retreat  
May 3 - ACS Garden Planting Day  
May 9 - PHAA Alumni/Teachers/  
Mothers Sabbath at Auburn  
Church/Potluck  
May 13 - Church Board Meeting  
June 6 - Baccalaureate Sabbath  
June 20 - Religious Liberty Summit/  
Potluck  
Aug 28-30 -Fallen Leaf Campout

## Preaching Schedule

April 25 - Pastor Mel Baga  
May 2 - Pastor Mel Baga  
May 9 - Andrea Uyeyama

## Scripture Focus for Today

"The time is fulfilled," He said, "and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe in the gospel!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen." **Mark 1:15-16**

## 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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Administrative Assistant	Scott Wallace

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

April 18, 2026

## Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

**Prelude** · Sandee Crane

**Welcome**

**Praises** · Darran Sim & Kids

**Prayer** · Dave Ermshar

**Giving** · Church Family Budget

**Children's Story** · Dennis Amoroso

**Special Music** · JeAnn Ahl

**Message** · Pastor Mel Baga "The Grand Announcement"

Mark 1:15-16

(Part 2 of the *Fluent in the Gospel* Sermon Series)

**Closing Song** · Praise Team

**Closing Prayer** · Pastor Mel Baga

**Postlude** · Sandee Crane

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 7:43pm

## Announcements

### Upcoming Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Michael O'Haver Apr 21 & Micah Baga Apr 24. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

### Sermon Series Continues Today.

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 us as we seek to become more fluent in the gospel of Jesus Christ together.

### Sabbath Flow Guide.

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

### Sabbath Flow Discussion Group.

Beginning today at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary by the piano, you are invited to join Pastor Mel for the new Sabbath Flow Discussion Group. Each week, this group will use the Sabbath Flow Guide to revisit the previous Sabbath's sermon, go deeper into its message and application, and explore how to live it out in the week ahead.

### 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.

### Excellence in Adventist Education.

Every Adventist school is accredited by national accrediting organizations, the highest symbol of quality for private education. It ensures that schools meet strong academic, spiritual, and operational standards, providing families with confidence that their children are receiving a top-tier education. Cognitive Genesis research confirms what many parents already know: Adventist schools, provide a better learning environment than any other option. These schools not only emphasize academics, but also faith, character, and service in ways that prepare students for success in both life and eternity. If interested in learning more, please contact the school at (530) 885-9447 or visit their website for more info at [phaaonline.com](http://phaaonline.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)

### ACS Garden Plant Day.

Save the date for Sunday, May 3 as we plant seedlings for another wonderful harvest in our church garden.

### Ladies Spring Potluck Dinner.

Rhonda Rajaofera is hosting a fun dinner potluck on May 5 from 5:30-8:30pm in Applegate. It'll be a fun evening of socialization, games, prizes, sing-along and more! Please bring a dish to share and RSVP to Rhonda if able to attend or if you would like to learn more.

## 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. Quarterlylies available in the lobby or online through the "Sabbath School & PM" app on Android and iPhone.

3) **Sabbath Flow Discussion Group** - Led out by Pastor Mel Baga. All are invited to revisit and go deeper into the previous Sabbath's sermon using the Sabbath Flow guide and explore how to live it out. Meets in the Sanctuary, left side by the piano.

## 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), baby diapers all sizes, 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 Had-dad—[gpammy82@gmail.com](mailto: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'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: [steveholm@goldrush.com](mailto: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 April 15, 2026. Week 16. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$65,365.38	\$47,764.39
Student Assistance	\$7,500.00	\$4,560.00
Youth Ministries	\$13,170.00	\$11,352.00

### 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: \$106,963.56  
(As of 3/31/26 - Updated Monthly)