

Community Newsletter



Auburn

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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2026 Christian Men's Retreat



**Marty
Miller**

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The 2026 Christian Men's Retreat on May 1-3 was a repeat of 2025 Speaker-wise. But Auburn's attendance increased significantly (see photo on page 4). The theme was also new –*All In With God*. Marty Miller and Tom Pyke of Blueprint for Men, led a recent record attendance in delving into what is required to be -

All in for Christ (Total Surrender) - Men must surrender pride, control, and self-reliance. Key verse-Galatians 2:20

All in for Brotherhood (Authentic Community) - Men must build real accountable relationships, encourage and challenge one another, Rejecting isolation, embracing vulnerability. Key verse-Proverbs 27:17

All in for Purpose (Kingdom Mission) - Men must discover and live God's calling for them; Align their carriers, personal gifts, and goals with that calling; and serve with intentionality at home, work, and church. Key verse-Matthew 6:33.

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INSPIRATION CORNER

There is Light

The darkness is brightened by a light,
Making day from the darkest night.

Your journey may seem long and hard,
Your attempt to live sinless may be marred,

But remember there is always a light,
That will turn a wrong into a right,
That will fill the emptiness in your heart,
The waves on a troubled sea will part,

When no one is willing to call you friend,
There is someone with a hand to lend,
That can lift you up when you're down,
That can make a smile out of your frown.

Life's trials often seem like a tunnel,
With darkness closing in like a funnel,
But every tunnel has another exit,
Keeping this in mind might fix it.

Your safe harbor holds the light,
If you can just keep that in sight,
The light that shines to free us,
That light in the night is Jesus.

*Michael, 7-26-05, Inspired by a
Concert by Gavin Chatelier*

Upcoming Events

May 9 - PHAA Alumni/
Teacher Appreciation &
Mothers Sabbath/Potluck

May 30 - Celebrating Au-
burn Graduates

June 6 - Baccalaureate
Sabbath

June 20 - Religious Liberty
Summit/Potluck

July 4 - Communion Sab-
bath

Church Birthdays

Erik Fanselau.....May 01
Kendall Porco.....May 03
Chelsea Mensink.....May 05
Scott Wallace.....May 05
Heather Cicle.....May 08
Dylan Van Zant.....May 10
Heidi Ketcherside.....May 13
Benjamin Toppel.....May 15
Jonathan Jewkes.....May 15
Alanna Hollister.....May 17
Jesse Hollister.....May 17
Jordan Toppel.....May 18
Pamela Mamouelis.....May 19
David Ferolino.....May 20
Lucas Bende.....May 20
Susie Hall.....May 21
Cedric Galicia.....May 22
Jacob Jackson.....May 23
Merrick Stokes.....May 23
Asher Thomlinson.....May 24
Heidi Hollister.....May 24
Sally Christensen.....May 25
Adam Weeks.....May 27
Roger Haddad.....May 28

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**Sermon
Agenda** 

May 2: Pastor Mel
May 9: PHAA Alumni
May 16: Pastor Mel
May 23: Dave Krussow
May 30: JeAhn Ahl



Identifying Prolonged Grief Disorder: This is a formal clinical diagnosis for intense, persistent grief lasting at least 12 months for adults (6 months for children) that significantly impairs daily life. Evidence-based treatments are available for those struggling with this condition.

Meet Your New

Name: JeAnn Ahl

What is your official title? Intern Pastor for Discipleship

When did you join the Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church? Official Start Date: April 1st, Introduced March 21st

What are your hobbies or special interests? Singing, Songwriting & Producing Music, Piano Playing, Creating Delicious Gourmet Vegan Food, Missionary Work in Mexico, American Eskimo Dogs, Traveling, Snowboarding, Bike Riding, Sunset Chasing, Horseback Riding, Boating, Jet Skiing, Photography, writing poems, and spending time with God and family.

What is your favorite childhood memory? Going on special camping trips to the Colorado Rockies, Montana, & Wyoming with my parents in their motor home.

Where did you go on your last out-of-town vacation? Cabo San Lucas and Loreto, Mexico doing missionary work.

Tell us about your family. My parents and brother live in Lodi. Matt and I live in Rocklin. Matt is the Head Deacon, & soon to be an Elder at the Sac Central Church. We have 4 American Eskimo fur babies; 2 boys & 2 girls

What was the most unusual job you ever held? I was a server in a restaurant,



and it taught me how to serve people. There I served physical bread, now I serve the Daily Bread!

What other church ministries have you been involved in? Bible Work, Small Group Leader, Women's Ministries, Sabbath School Leader, both to Adults and Children, Outreach Director. Music Ministry & Discipleship Team Leader.

What is your favorite Bible verse(s)? I don't just have one. I have many 1 Matthew 28:12-20; 1 John 1:9; Jeremiah 31:3; Romans 8:28;38-39; John 3:16&17 Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 41:10; Jeremiah 29:11-13; Psalm 46:1; Ephesians 2:8-9; Joshua 1:9; and many more.

What is your vision for the Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church? The church is a disciple-making, mission-driven church where every member embraces their role in the royal priesthood

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What is your vision for the Auburn church?
and sees themselves as disciple-makers in their daily lives, using their spiritual gifts and friendship evangelism to win souls for Jesus.

How do you see your roll in helping the church achieve its vision?

To inspire each member to grow in their walk with Jesus. To help create a disciple-making culture where every member sees themselves as a disciple.

Anything else that might be of interest? I love sharing Jesus with the world through music and inspirational speaking. I love making friends for Jesus! Sharing Jesus is in my blood! My grandfather was an Evangelist who was mentored by H.M.S. Richards, and my other grandparents were church planters and church builders. I have also had the blessing of building a church and giving Evangelistic Meetings in Mexico and Sacramento. So, evangelism, disciple-making, missionary work, sharing the everlasting gospel, and empowering and inspiring the church with the love of Jesus are what make my heart happy! I am very excited about co-laboring with the Auburn Church and watching what God does through the power of the Holy Spirit to turn us into a disciple-making, mission-driven church. We are at a defining moment in the church's history, and Jesus is calling each member to be His disciple who makes disciples!



Auburn Church Men's Retreat Attendees
(L to R) Michael, Jeff, Steve, Kendrick & Loren

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All in for Legacy (Faithful Living) - Men must live a life worth imitating; modeling faith, integrity, and love for the next generation; and invest in others through discipleship and fatherhood. Key verse - Proverbs 20:7

Other key verses-Corinthians 2:20 & Phillipians 3:14

Key Takeaways:

One of the most important things men must do is to **let God love you.**

When teaching use **object lessons**, like Jesus did with His parables.

Quite Time Bible Studies: 1) pick a verse or small group of verses, 2) be consistent with time, and place, 3) identify key words in the verse, 4) identify what God is telling you, 4) identify what God is telling you to do (by turning key words into commands) 5) identify what application God is asking you to make 6) identify what it tells you about God's character 7) rewrite the verse in your own words 8) thank God with a little prayer.

The Iron Works—is a video available on You Tube. It tell how to build accountable relationships by encouraging Whole-minded men, Whole-hearted men, & Whole-handed men.

Men supporting each other grow stronger, taller, straighter men, like trees in a forest, unlike trees growing in an open field which spread out and not up.

Men's Strength is in their focus on one objective—unlike women who can more easily multi-task.

You can either disciple children or let the world do it.

Definition of Success—someone who gets back up one more time than they fall down.

Look for opportunities to mentor and coach teen-age boys and girls, like a **Right-of-Passage outings** (Similar to Native Americans where they celebrate naming, attaining puberty, or other culturally significant events.)

The **speaker for next year's** Christian Men's Retreat Will be Johnathan Henderson.

