

Welcome!

Happy Sabbath! A special welcome to all our guests today. We're so glad you're here. Be sure to check our upcoming church events listed below.

This Week

Monday 24th - ACS Open

Tuesday 25th - ACS & ARC Open

Thursday 27th-Church Office Closed

Friday 28th - Church Campout at Fallen Leaf Begins

Sabbath 29th - NO Services at Auburn/Church at Fallen Leaf

Looking Ahead

Aug 22 - Missions Sabbath

Aug 28-30 - Fallen Leaf Campout (No Services at Auburn on Aug 29)

Oct 2-4 & 9-11* - Christian Women's Retreat at Leoni Meadows

Oct 3 - Communion Sabbath

Preaching Schedule

Aug 29 - NO Services at Auburn/
Pastor Mel & Pastor JeAnn preaches at Fallen Leaf

Sept 5 - Pastor Mel Baga

Sept 12 - Pastor Mel Baga

Scripture Focus for Today

"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives." **John 12:24**

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

Intern Pastor for Discipleship

JeAnn Ahl

Treasurer

Jim Brewster

Administrative Assistant

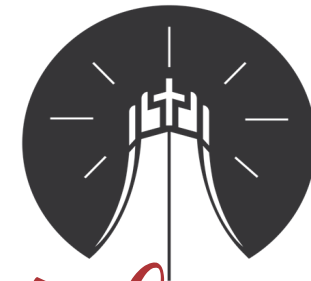
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Church Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 10:30am-2:30pm.

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

August 22, 2026

Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

Prelude · Stephen Price

Welcome

Praises · Todd Reese & Friends

Prayer · Pastor JeAnn Ahl

Giving · Local Conference Advance

Children's Story · Jonah Cicle

Mission Trips Spotlight · Nathan Krussow, Andrew Ermshar & Katherine Price

Message · Pastor Mel Baga "Death by Dying" John 12:24
(Part 5 of the *Abiding in Jesus* Sermon Series)

Closing Song · Praise Team

Closing Prayer · Pastor Mel Baga

Postlude · Stephen Price

Live stream & video archive of services on our church Facebook and YouTube pages
Hearing assistance available at sound booth • Sunset today 7:51pm

Announcements

Upcoming Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Abigail Miller Aug 24, Frances Benedict Aug 25, Rianna Krussow Aug 27, Pheobe Maciel Aug 30 & Wanda Rasche Sep 04. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

Missions Sabbath Today.

During the worship service, we'll be taking a moment to hear stories from several of our youth and their mission work over the summer. We'll also be praying over Katherine Price who will be a student missionary to Malawi for the next year.

Current Sermon Series.

Pastor Mel continues the summer sermon series today titled, "Abiding in Jesus" and let us prepare our hearts and invite a friend to church with you. The companion River Flow devotional is included in your bulletin and online.

River Flow Sabbath School Class.

The River Flow Sabbath School Class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, by the piano, taking up chapter 7 of "The Other Half of Church" by Jim Wilder and Michel Hendricks, titled "Narcissim: The Relational Infection" The class runs alongside our "Abiding in Jesus" sermon series, taking up before worship what we only have time to open during it. You don't need to have read the chapter, or the book, or last week's. Everyone is welcome — Pastor Mel Baga, D.Min., facilitating.

NO Services Next Sabbath at Auburn.

Due to the majority of church members attending the Fallen Leaf Church Campout, there will be no services here at Auburn next Sabbath, August 29. You are welcome to drive up and join us for the day, visit another church in the area or enjoy the day out in God's beautiful nature.

Fallen Leaf Church Campout.

From August 28-30, we are having our annual church campout at Fallen Leaf Lake Campground in South Lake Tahoe. All campsites are full and there will be NO services at Auburn on Aug. 29. You are welcome to join us for the day in the beautiful nature. More info and tentative

schedule available in the bulletin insert. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Excell. We're looking forward to a great weekend together!

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.

Beware of Scammer Messages

Messages sometimes go around claiming to be Pastor Mel, asking for money, gift cards, Zelle transfers, sharing of the directory, etc. Please know that he will never ask you for funds for this way. The only ways to give are through the offering plate and the official Adventist Giving online page. Please contact the church office if ever uncertain. A little caution protects us all.

Forest Kindergarten at Pine Hills.

They are still enrolling for Kindergarten where kids can experience a unique nature based learning environment where curiosity grows, faith takes root and learning comes alive outdoors. They offer hands on learning, strong foundations in reading, math and science, joy filled outdoor play every day in a Christ-centered environment. If interested, please call the school office at (530) 885-9447 or see the bulletin board for more info.

Please Pray for our Students.

At Pine Hills, we believe that prayer is essential for ensuring a successful and blessed school year for our children. We invite our entire community, parents, friends, and supporters, to join us in praying by name for each child you know, whether or not they are currently enrolled at Pine Hills. Please include our school in your prayers, asking the Lord to guide our students, teachers, staff, and families throughout the year. To learn more about the school, please contact the school office at (530) 885-9447.

ACS & ARC Are Looking for Volunteers.

If you have a passion for helping out the community on Monday or Tuesday mornings, please contact ACS at (530) 823-0345 or the ARC at (530) 887-8693.

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: First and Second Corinthians. Meets in the Sanctuary, right side. New quarterlies are available in the lobby or online through the "Sabbath School & PM" app on Android and iPhone.

3.) **River Flow Sabbath School Class** - Led by Dr. Mel Baga, in the Sanctuary left, by the piano. Discussing the book The Other Half of the Church (in conjunction with the Abiding in Jesus sermon series). Books will be provided.

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 individuals and families in need with food and clothing). **Current Needs.** Egg cartons -dozen size, blankets (all sizes, except no throws), baby wipes and diapers all sizes, queen/king sized sheet sets, girls clothing (size 2-16), men's jeans and shoes and backpacks. No pillows please. 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—gpmmy82@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.

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, (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 July 31, 2026. Week 30. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$135,088.46	\$106,986.56
Student Assistance	\$14,153.85	\$11,206.67
Youth Ministries	\$22,828.00	\$21,044.00

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

Tithe Year-to-Date: \$267,468.81
(As of 7/31/26 - Updated Monthly)