

## 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 7th - ACS Open  
Tuesday 8th - ACS & ARC Open  
Thursday 10th-Church Board Mtg.  
Sabbath 12th - Sabbath School & Worship Service/Potluck

## Looking Ahead

Oct 2-4 & 9-11\* - Christian Women's Retreat at Leoni Meadows  
Oct 3 - Communion Sabbath  
Oct 24 - PHAA Jr High Band and Choir Performing at Auburn Church

## Preaching Schedule

Sept 12 - Pastor Mel Baga  
Sept 19 - Pastor JeAnn Ahl  
Sept 26 - Pastor Mel Baga

## Scripture Focus for Today

"I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

**Matthew 18:19-20**

## 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  
Intern Pastor for Discipleship  
Treasurer  
Administrative Assistant

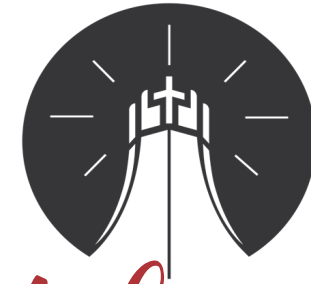
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# Auburn

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

September 5, 2026

## Worship Gathering

10:45 AM

**Prelude** · Sandee Crane

**Opening Song**

**Welcome**

**Praises** · Raina Jackson & Friends

**Prayer** · Rhonda Rajaofera

**Giving** · Church Family Budget

**Children's Story** · Gil Riojas

**Message** · Pastor Mel Baga "Escalating Love" Matthew 18:15-20

**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  
Hearing assistance available at sound booth • Sunset today 7:30pm

Announcements

Upcoming Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Emerson Spieth Sep 07, Annmaree Gipson Sep 08, John Kaster Sep 08, Keith Murillo Sep 08, Mace Stokes Sep 10 & Nathan Riojas Sep 10. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

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 8 of “The Other Half of Church” by Jim Wilder and Michel Hendricks, titled “A Full-Brained Christianity” As this is the last chapter in the book, this will be the last class, until further notice. 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.

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.

Upcoming Kindergarten Sabbath School Class Pool Vespers.

All parents and children that are part of the Kindergarten Sabbath School Class are invited to a fun end of summer vespers and pool party. It will be on Friday, Sept. 18th beginning with swimming at 5pm, dinner at 6:30pm with a vespers to follow. Please bring any swim gear and a side dish, drink or dessert to share. For more info and to RSVP, please contact Kendrick Mensink at (253) 376-9061.

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.

Do As I Do: Modeling Good Behavior.

Children learn more from what they see than what they are told, which makes modeling good behaviors and attitudes one of the most powerful tools for parents and caregivers. At Pine Hills Adventist Academy, we encourage families to lead by example and demonstrate a clear sense of right and wrong, as guided by Biblical principles. By obeying laws, making thoughtful decisions, and showing integrity in everyday actions, parents teach children how to live lives of purpose and character. Modeling care for others is equally important. Demonstrate friendship, kindness, and compassion by helping neighbors, engaging in your church or school community, or volunteering for charitable organizations. These actions show children how to positively impact the world and develop empathy and responsibility. 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. ACS is needing people to help pick vegetables from the abundant garden this year throughout the week.

Youth Ministries Meeting Today.

Pastor Mel invites all youth and their families/young families to stay after church for a provided lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We’ll spend about an hour in conversation about our youth ministries and the ongoing search for a new youth pastor. Your voice and children matters and we hope you can attend.

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 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.

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 August 31, 2026. Week 36. Thank you for your faithful giving.

|                    | Budgeted     | Received     |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Church Budget      | \$152,519.23 | \$122,862.33 |
| Student Assistance | \$15,076.92  | \$12,824.67  |
| Youth Ministries   | \$22,828.00  | \$24,914.00  |

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 Youth Pastor 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)