

## Welcome!

Happy Sabbath! Thank you for joining us for worship today. Feel free to use this bulletin to help you find your way around, for a great Sabbath experience. If you need anything, please feel free to ask a greeter or church volunteer.

## This Week

Sunday 22th - Bethlehem Market  
Monday 23rd - ACS Open  
Tuesday 24th - ACS & ARC Closed  
Wednesday 25th - Merry Christmas/  
Church Office Closed  
Sabbath 28th - Worship Service

## Looking Ahead

Dec 22 - Bethlehem Market Event  
Dec 23-Jan 5 - PHAA Christmas Break  
Dec 25 - Merry Christmas  
Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Social  
Jan 4 - Communion Sabbath

## Preaching Schedule

Dec 28 - Darrel Crane  
Jan 4 - Pastor Adam Weeks

## Scripture Focus for Today

“But the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.” **Luke 2:10**

## Our Mission

*Our reason for existence*

We are a church that makes disciples who make disciples until Jesus returns.

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

## 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  
Youth Pastor  
Treasurer  
Administrative Assistant

Mel Baga, DMin  
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Jim Brewster  
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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 21, 2024

*Worship Gathering*

10:45 AM

**Prelude** · Debbie Milne

**Welcome**

**Prayer** · Karen Nicola

**Giving** · Church Family Budget

**Children's Story** · Pastor Adam Weeks

**Scripture Reading** · Isaiah 9:2,6-7 · Julia Riojas

**Special Music** · Mary, Did You Know? · Tyler Mulligan

**Scripture Reading** · Luke 1:26-35, 38 · Jonah & Josh Jewkes, Emma Garbutt

**Special Music** · Breath of Heaven · Chelsea Mensink & Lori Hanson

**Scripture Reading** · Luke 2:1,3-7 · Hunter Cicle & Brennan Reese

**Special Music** · Away in a Manger · Alexa McBride

**Praises** · Youth Praise Team

**Scripture Reading** · Luke 2:8-16 · Lisa Ojeda & Jacquie Brown

**Special Music** · Angels We Have Heard on High · Webb Family

**Scripture Reading** · Matthew 2:1-12 · Darrel Crane & Cary Allington

**Special Music** · We Three Kings · Bethany Riojas & Debbie Milne

**Message** · Pastor Mel Baga “The Fulcrum of History”

**Closing Songs** · Praise Team

**Closing Prayer** · Pastor Mel Baga

**Postlude** · Debbie Milne

Live stream & video archive of services on our church Facebook and YouTube pages  
Sermon archive available at [aubstda.org/audio](http://aubstda.org/audio) • Sunset today 4:45pm

## Announcements

### Upcoming Birthdays.

Happy birthday to the following: Sophie Jewkes Dec 21 & Gil Riojas Dec 24. If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to let us know.

### All Church Breakfast Potluck Today.

In place of Sabbath School today, we are having an all church breakfast potluck from 9:30-10:30am. Then at 10:45am we begin our Christmas Sabbath Worship Service filled with wonderful music and the story of our Savior's birth.

### Bethlehem Market.

Our Christmas event for the year is coming up this Sunday, December 22 from 1-4pm. This is a free event, open to the community. Feel free to invite your friends, neighbors and coworkers to experience a living Bethlehem Market during the time of Jesus' birth. We'll have food, shops, crafts, music and live animals! Flyers are available in the lobby to give away. All foods need to be ready by Noon and we'll be preparing/decorating the booths starting at 10am. If helping with a booth, please arrive ahead of time to have everything ready to go by 1pm. If you are available to help in any way, please contact Susan Excell.

### New Year's Eve Game Night Social.

All are invited for a fun evening of games and fellowship with one another on Tuesday, December 31 from 6-9pm. Please bring your favorite board game or puzzle and we'll celebrate the New Year at 9pm with Martinelli's to celebrate! We're also having haystacks/burritos, please contact Susan Excell if you are able to help with any toppings.

### Upcoming Church Week of Prayer.

When we come together and pray, amazing things can happen. From Fri-

day, January 17 to Friday, January 24, join us in prayer for 7 days uplifting our church and one another in prayer together. We'll be meeting from 6-7pm in the Youth Room each day. We'll also have soup and salad/bread for the Friday evening meetings. Please save the dates and contact Grace Ferolino for more info.

### Total Member Involvement: Thank You!

We are so humbled. We asked and so many of you responded by praying; encouraging our staff and students; connecting new families with us; sharing the value of our school with others online; and your gifts of time and money. A heartfelt THANK YOU! Your generosity has a tremendous impact. If you have yet to contribute, you can still help us by contacting the PHAA school office at (530) 885-9447 to donate or online through the school website.

### 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.

### Church Sermon Podcast Available.

Missed a sermon or want to hear it again? Simply search "Auburn SDA Church" on your favorite podcast service or online at [aubsda.org/audio](http://aubsda.org/audio).

### Church Office Closed on Dec. 25

Due to the Christmas holiday, the church office will be closed on Wednesday. We resume normal office hours on Thursday, Dec. 26.

### Pastor Mel Away.

He will be on vacation from December 23-January 12. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Adam Weeks.

## Sabbath School 9:30 AM

Join us for a special breakfast potluck this morning in lieu of our regular Sabbath School classes. One more extra time to connect and celebrate the Christmas season together. Sabbath School classes will resume next week as usual.

## Community Outreach

### Adventist Community Services (ACS)

**This week.** Monday, 9am to Noon (hot showers and lunch for the unsheltered) Closed on Tuesday, Christmas Eve. Regular schedule resumes next week. **Current Needs.** Egg cartons of all kinds, diapers (size 2,3,4 & newborn), baby wipes, all sizes of bed liners, towels, men's jeans and shoes, backpacks, blankets and summer clothing. Thank you for your continued support. **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.

### Auburn Renewal Center (ARC)

**The ARC is on a break until January 8. Services Provided.** Medical, vision, dental, chiropractic and counseling. Please call to make an appointment. Free flu shots available; walk-ins welcome. **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 December 14, 2024. Week 49. Thank you for your faithful giving.

	Budgeted	Received
Church Budget	\$196,115.38	\$169,412.86
Student Assistance	\$17,910.84	\$12,558.00
Youth Ministries	\$41,346.15	\$35,839.00

### Church Funds

*Church Building Fund:* Goes towards needed infrastructure projects around the church (Roofing, gutters, doors, LED lighting, A/C, locks, 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: \$420,406.72  
(As of 11/30/24 - Updated Monthly)