

# This Week at AGCC

SUNDAY
<b>Worship Services:</b> 8:30 & 10:15 am <b>Preparing for Baptism Class:</b> 8:30 am, Room 204 <b>MTM Prayer Meeting:</b> 12:00 pm, Auditorium
TUESDAY
<b>Twice a Month Men's Bible Study-Ephesians:</b> 9:00-10:15 am, Room 200
WEDNESDAY
<b>Women's Bible Study-God of Covenant:</b> 9:30-11:30 am, Auditorium <b>Jr. High Youth Group:</b> NO MEETING TONIGHT, resumes 11/13 <b>HSM Youth Group:</b> 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 205 <b>AGCC Hosting The Gathering Inn</b> <b>Worship Practice:</b> 6:30 pm, Auditorium
THURSDAY
<b>Women's Grief Share:</b> 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Room 209 <b>Jr. High Tauren Wells Concert:</b> 4:30 pm, Auburn Grace <b>Young Adults Life Group:</b> 7:00 pm, Café <b>Men of Intention—Conquer Series:</b> A Christ-centered quest for sexual purity, 7:00 pm, Room 207
FRIDAY
<b>MOPS, Mom's Night Out:</b> 6:30 pm, The Café
SATURDAY
<b>Takin' it to the Streets:</b> Meet at Auburn Oaks Care Center, 3400 Bell Road, at 10:15 AM– 12:00 across the street from AGCC to share music and words of encouragement with the residents <b>HSM Apple Hill Trip:</b> 11:00 am, Auburn Grace
NEXT SUNDAY
<b>Worship Services:</b> 8:30 & 10:15 am <b>Preparing for Baptism Class:</b> 8:30 am, Room 204 <b>Takin' it to the Streets:</b> Meet at Sierra Ridge Memory Care, 3265 Blue Oaks Drive, at 10:30 am to share music and words of encouragement with the residents <b>Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner:</b> 6:00 pm, Auditorium

- ◆ **Grief Share-Surviving the Holidays:** November 14
- ◆ **Tim & The Glory Boys Concert—SOLD OUT:** November 14
- ◆ **456 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party:** November 15
- ◆ **Jr. High Sock & Shampoo Drive:** November 17-24
- ◆ **HSM Enchilada Sale:** November 24
- ◆ **Operation Christmas Child boxes due:** November 24
- ◆ **Sewers & Rippers Christmas Luncheon:** December 3
- ◆ **Hosting the Gathering Inn:** December 5
- ◆ **MOPS:** December 6
- ◆ **A Family Christmas Experience:** December 6
- ◆ **Christmas Concert by Sanctus Real:** December 7 & 8
- ◆ **HSM Christmas Game Night:** December 11
- ◆ **Jr. High Christmas Dinner:** December 18
- ◆ **456 Christmas Party:** December 18

## Upcoming Events

<b>Who Goes Where?</b>	<b>8:30 am Service</b>	
	Nursery: Birth-Age 4	Room 104
	Discovering God Class	RESUMES in January
	Intersections Class	Room 209
	<b>10:15 am Service</b>	
	Nursery: Birth-Age 1	Room 104
	Nursery: 1 - 2 (with diaper)	Room 101
	Young Preschool: 2—3 Yr. Olds	Room 102
	Older Preschool: 4 Yr. Olds	Room 203
	Kindergarten	Room 201
	1st Grade	Room 207
	2nd-3rd Grade	Room 202
	4th-6th Grade	Room 204
	7th-8th Grade	Room 204 - B
	9th-12th Grade	Room 205
	Ambassadors Class	Room 200
Generations Class	Room 209	

**Pastoral Staff**

Lead Pastor ~ Phil Sparling  
 Executive Pastor ~ Dave Wickstrom  
 Body Life Pastor ~ Greg Hummel  
 Grandparent Ministry Pastor ~ John McIntosh  
 Student Ministries Pastor ~ Steve West  
 Children's Director ~ Terese Coburn  
 Worship Leader ~ Brian Altizer



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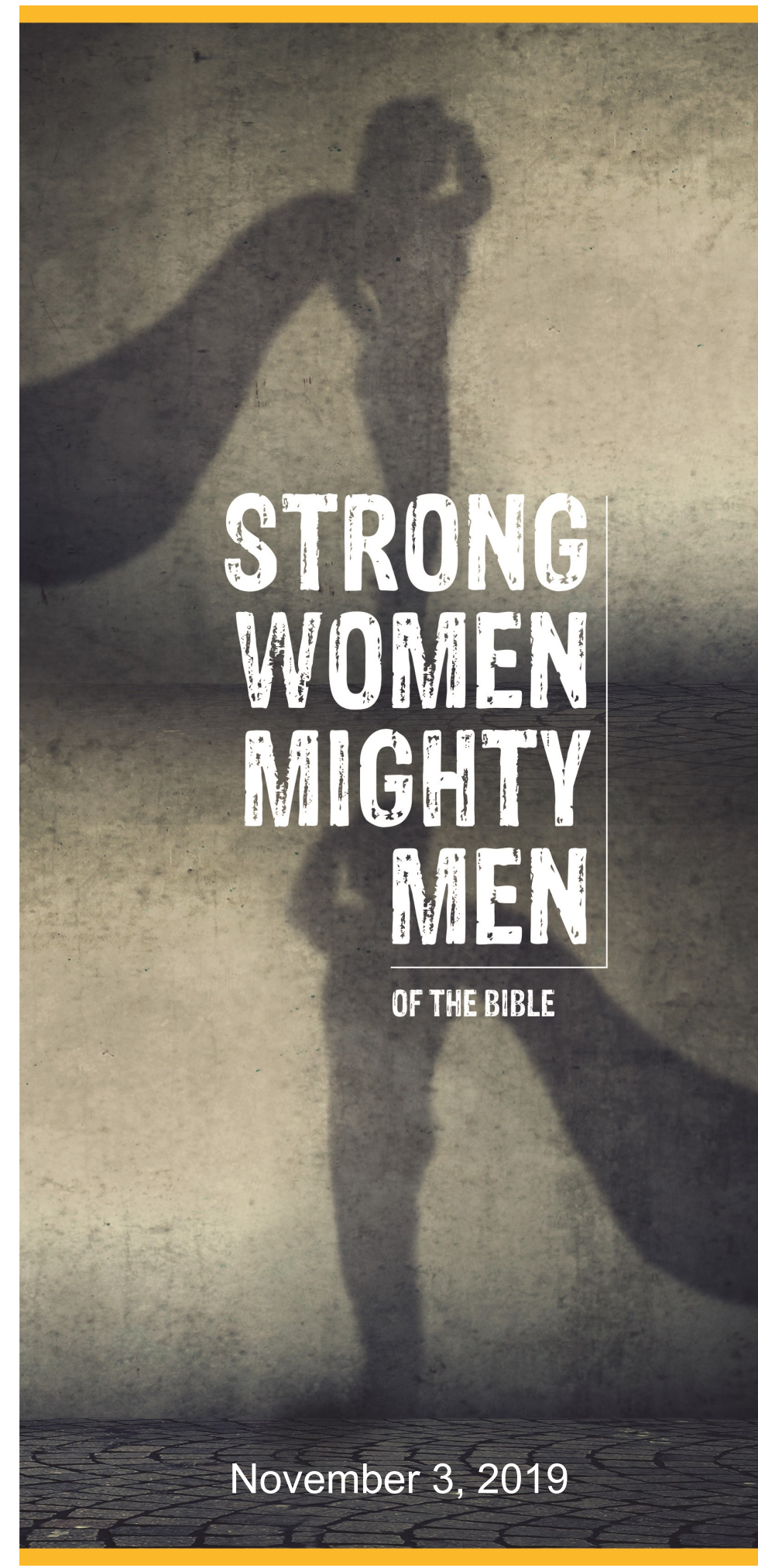
**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Thursday  
9 AM - 4 PM

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WOMEN  
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OF THE BIBLE

November 3, 2019





# WELCOME

We are glad  
you're here

## VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Make sure you pick up a Welcome Packet in the Lobby!

If you have a question about becoming a Christian, baptism, baby dedications, a prayer request, or would like to receive our email notices, **please fill out the Response Form** located in your bulletin and place it in the offering or a Response Box located in the Lobby and someone will respond to your request. Should you have a prayer request need during the week, please call or email the Church Office.

Please join us for refreshments  
following the service in the courtyard.

Wifi: Choose **AGCCguest** ; password **agcc8330**

Nurse care, children, youth and adult class schedules are listed on the back of the bulletin.

Private **Family Room** upstairs in Room 208 for nursing moms and those with infants. Please feel free to use this room should you need to take care of your baby outside the main service.

Hearing assistance devices available at the Welcome Center.

**AGCC Resource Center** is located in Room 206, upstairs. If you would like a CD of today's message (or prior messages), please stop by and place your order. Cost per CD is \$1.00.

For more information about our **Gracetown Preschool**, offered Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, go to [gracetownpreschool.com](http://gracetownpreschool.com)

## HOW TO GET CONNECTED

### DOWNLOAD THE AUBURN GRACE APP!

Download our app on your phones to have easy access to our website, the Bible, online giving, audio sermons, pastor's blogs, our calendar, and more!

### JOIN US FOR LUNCH AT OUR NEXT CONNECTION SUNDAY

12:00-1:30 pm, January 19

Includes a workshop called **Connecting to Our Family** which welcomes new families into AGCC and provides a brief overview of the people, history and beliefs of Auburn Grace. Sign up online at [auburngrace.com](http://auburngrace.com).

Christmas is Here

Fundraiser

Thanksgiving

FYI Pray

## CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

December 6, 7 and 8

### A FAMILY CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

Friday, December 6, 5:00-8:00 pm

Join us this evening as we usher in the Christmas season. Bring your family to enjoy traditional Christmas festivities in the courtyard, including FREE train rides, children's activities, caroling, Grace Theater featuring your favorite Christmas movie clips, lots of goodies to eat and much more! Open house style. Please sign up on the Response Form or online at [auburngrace.com](http://auburngrace.com).

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT with SANCTUS REAL

We are excited to announce a **Christmas Concert by Sanctus Real** on Saturday and Sunday. Sanctus Real's 20 year history of creating music has garnered eight #1 singles, seventeen 'top 10' radio singles, two Grammy Award @ nominations, 1 million + singles sold, and a cumulative 750,000 albums sold. Invite your neighbors, co-workers, friends and family! **Tickets go on sale ONLINE today.** (If you need assistance with an online purchase, stop by the church office during office hours.) Two concert options are available:

**Saturday, December 7, 7:00 pm—Concert Seating (\$20)**

Enjoy delicious complimentary refreshments in the courtyard before the show. Reserved seating. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

**Sunday, December 8, 2:30 pm—Round Table Seating (\$25)**

Desserts and beverages will be served to you at your round table of 8. Doors open at 2:00 pm.

### HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY ENCHILADA SALE!

The students will be selling pans of their famous chicken enchiladas for pick-up on Sunday, November 24. **All proceeds from the sale will be used as a charity outreach in our community during the holiday season.** Cost is \$20 (feeds 4-6). Place your pre-order today in the courtyard. **Pre-pay guarantees your order.** Any UNPAID pre-orders will be sold if not picked up on November 24.

### THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION DINNER

Sunday, November 10, 6:00 pm, Auburn Grace

Doors open at 5:15 pm

If you would like to be added to a wait list to attend please contact the church office at 530-823-8330 or [agcc@auburngrace.com](mailto:agcc@auburngrace.com).

#### OPPORTUNITY TO LEND A HAND!

Sign up on the Response Form to serve in the following areas:

Beverages	Table set up / break down
Balloons	Clean up crew
Decorate tables	Launder linens after event
Parking Attendant	Packing crew on Monday 11/11

### PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED

Join us as we lift up our brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering because of their faith in Jesus. When asked how we can "help" they often ask the church in America to pray for them to have perseverance and faithfulness to Christ in the face of their persecutors. Let's spend some time in **prayer today at 12:00 in the auditorium.**

### TIM & THE GLORY BOYS CONCERT

Thursday, November 14, SOLD OUT

S & R  
Connecting Opportunities  
S & R  
GriefShare  
Jr. High  
HSM

## S & R CRAFT FAIRE—GREAT SUCCESS

This year's sales are \$16,500 so far. Thank you for your support. Funds received will keep us very busy sewing and ripping many quilts in the coming year!

## JUNIOR HIGH KIDS HELP THE COMMUNITY!

Jr. High youth are participating in a "Socks and Shampoo" Drive and need your help! On **November 17th and 24th** our Junior High youth will be in the courtyard collecting socks and travel size shampoo bottles. The collection is for the homeless community with the Gathering Inn. On **December 7th** the youth will then bring the donations collected from our church to the Gathering Inn in Roseville and serve lunch. Please help our youth in this endeavor as they serve the homeless.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebboxes available after service in the Courtyard

~ Collecting packed boxes until November 24 ~

## 456 Kids Operation Christmas Child Packing Party!

On Friday, November 15th our 456 kids are having an Operation Christmas Child packing party! From 5:00 - 8:00 pm they will fill shoebboxes with all the items collected over the past few weeks. After that the kids will watch a video on Operation Christmas Child and have a prayer time over the boxes. Dinner will be served so please sign your child up on the Response Form, in their classroom, or email Terese at [tcoburn@auburngrace.com](mailto:tcoburn@auburngrace.com)

## TURKEY DRIVE

The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet is hosting their annual Auburn area TURKEY DRIVE for low income families. You can help by purchasing a frozen turkey (10-14lbs) at a sponsoring grocery store. They will deliver it for you or you can deliver it yourself on November 23 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm to the Auburn Grocery Outlet parking lot at 414 Grass Valley Highway. For complete details, go [auburnfoodcloset.org](http://auburnfoodcloset.org).

## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Grieving? Know someone who is? When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our *GriefShare-Surviving the Holidays* seminar helps participants discover:

**How to deal with emotions — What to do about traditions — Helpful tips for surviving social events — How to find hope for the future**

Please join us for this encouraging seminar on **Thursday, November 14, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Room 209.** Men and women invited. Register online or sign up on the Response Form. No cost. Questions, contact Kathe Beadle at [kbeadle@auburngrace.com](mailto:kbeadle@auburngrace.com).

## JUNIOR HIGHERS—TAUREN WELLS CONCERT!

Let's go see Tauren Wells in concert! We will be heading down to Arcade Church in Sacramento on Thursday November 7th at 4:30 pm. We will return by 10:30 pm. Limited tickets; sign up soon! Tickets are \$15. Please sign up on the Response Form or contact Terese at [tcoburn@auburngrace.com](mailto:tcoburn@auburngrace.com).

## HSM GOES TO APPLE HILL!

High school students, meet at AG to carpool to Apple Hill for a day of fun on Saturday November 9, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Bring extra money for lunch and shopping. Limited carpool spots available. Please RSVP to Steve at youth group or online at [auburngrace.com](http://auburngrace.com). Cost \$5.

## RESPONSE FORM

Please check the events you are interested in, place in the offering, a Response Box, or contact us at 530-823-8330 or agcc@auburngrace.com.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Jr. High—Tauren Wells Concert:** 11/7

# attending \_\_\_\_\_

### ◆ **Help with the Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner**

Table set up / break down

Decorate tables

Balloons

Parking attendant

Table set up / break down

Clean up crew

Launder linens after event

Packing crew, Monday 11/11

**GriefShare—Surviving the Holidays Seminar:** 11/14

**456 Kids Operation Christmas Child Packing Party:** 11/15

# attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Christmas Experience:** 12/6

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of Children \_\_\_\_\_

### ◆ **Baptism:** 12/29

8:30 service  10:15 service

Full name of person to be baptized:

\_\_\_\_\_

# STRONG WOMEN, MIGHTY MEN

Part 5.0      John the Baptizer      Gospel books

- John's life had CONNECTION to God      Matthew 11:11
- His unique BIRTH situation      Luke 1:5-80
  - His unique LIFESTYLE      Mark 1:1-8
  - His unique PERSONALITY      Matthew 11:18

John's life had PURPOSE

- He was a 'PREPARER' for Jesus  
Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 4:5; Matthew 3:2
- He was a 'PROPHET' of God's people      John 1:6-13
- He was a 'PAIN' to the self-righteous      Matthew 3:7-12

John's life had a SERVICE to provide

- His happy chore was BAPTIZING people      Matthew 3:5-6
- His joyful heart PROMOTED Jesus      John 3:25-30
- His loyalty to God's TRUTH cost him his life      Mark 6:17-29

## Life Group Questions – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

**Matthew 11:9-11** *'But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,*

*'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.'*

*Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'*

### QUICK REVIEW

1. What areas of your life do you consider to be evidence that you are living life by bold faith? Compare when you first began to step out in this area of faith to how you look at it today.
2. Are you available to the Holy Spirit 24/7? How does a Spirit-led life create hunger in others to know Jesus as well?

### MY STORY

1. An *ambassador* is "an accredited diplomat sent by a country as its official representative to a foreign country." What are the responsibilities of this diplomat? Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. Compare and contrast the conventional classification and the biblical meaning, especially with regards to the term "reconciliation."
2. How are you an ambassador for Christ? How and where have you planted the seeds of reconciliation to God (evangelism)? Who have you been continually praying for? In what other ways have you "made straight the paths of the Lord"?
3. Discuss your personal testimony. Did it involve confession and repentance? Who prepared the way for you? Have you ever made a public profession of your faith? What happened?

### GOING DEEP

1. What was John the Baptist's message? How can we prepare our hearts to receive Christ? What does it mean to have an unassuming nature?
2. Read Matthew 11:2-6. How is it that John the Baptist was not sure that Jesus was the Messiah? (see Luke 4:16-19) How is that truth applicable in our lives? What should we then do?
3. How does God use various personality types to advance His Kingdom? (see Abigail, Deborah, Gideon and John the Baptist) How is God leading you to a place where you have not yet been with Him?
4. While we can never know with certainty, why do you think John the Baptist lived in the wilderness? How can this change your faith journey?

### PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for **you** to remember?