

This Week at AGCC

SUNDAY
Worship Services & Bread & Cup: 8:30 & 10:15 am Preparing for Baptism Class: 8:30 am, Room 204 MTM Meeting: 12:00-1:30 pm, Room 209 Leesa Albrecht Celebration of Life: 1:00 pm, Auditorium
TUESDAY
Twice a Month Men's Bible Study-Ephesians: 9:00-10:15 am, Room 200 Sewers & Rippers Christmas Luncheon: 11:00 am-2:00 pm, Auditorium
WEDNESDAY
Grief Share Appreciation Lunch: 10:00 am-12:00 pm, The Café Hosting The Gathering Inn Jr. High Youth Group: 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 204 HSM Youth Group: 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 205 Worship Practice: 6:30 pm, Auditorium
THURSDAY
Young Adults Life Group: 7:00 pm, text AGYOUNG to 97000 Men of Intention—Conquer Series: A Christ-centered quest for sexual purity, 7:00 pm, Room 207
FRIDAY
MOPS: 9:00-11:00 am, The Café A Family Christmas Experience: 5:00-8:00 pm, Courtyard
SATURDAY
Takin' it to the Streets: Meet in Auburn Greens on Park Drive in the parking lot at the park at 10:00 am to go door-to-door inviting people to church and sharing the gospel Christmas Concert by Sanctus Real: 6:00 pm, doors open, Desserts in Courtyard, 6:00-7:00 pm, Concert 7:00-9:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY
Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:15 am Preparing for Baptism Class: 8:30 am, Room 204 Takin' it to the Streets: Meet at Sierra Ridge Memory Care, 3265 Blue Oaks Drive, at 10:30 am to share music and words of encouragement with the residents Christmas Concert by Sanctus Real: 2:00 pm, doors open, Concert, 2:30-4:30 pm

- ◆ **HSM Christmas Game Night:** December 11
- ◆ **Jr. High Christmas Dinner:** December 18
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Services:** December 24
- ◆ **MOPS:** January 3
- ◆ **Sewers & Rippers resumes:** January 7
- ◆ **Women's Winter Bible Study:** January 8
- ◆ **Wednesday Night Live-Winter Session:** January 8
- ◆ **Hosting the Gathering Inn:** January 9
- ◆ **HSM Thrive Unleashed Conference:** January 17-18

Upcoming Events

Who Goes Where?

8:30 am Service	
Nursery: Birth-Age 4	Room 104
Discovering God Class	RESUMES in January
Intersections Class	Room 209
10:15 am Service	
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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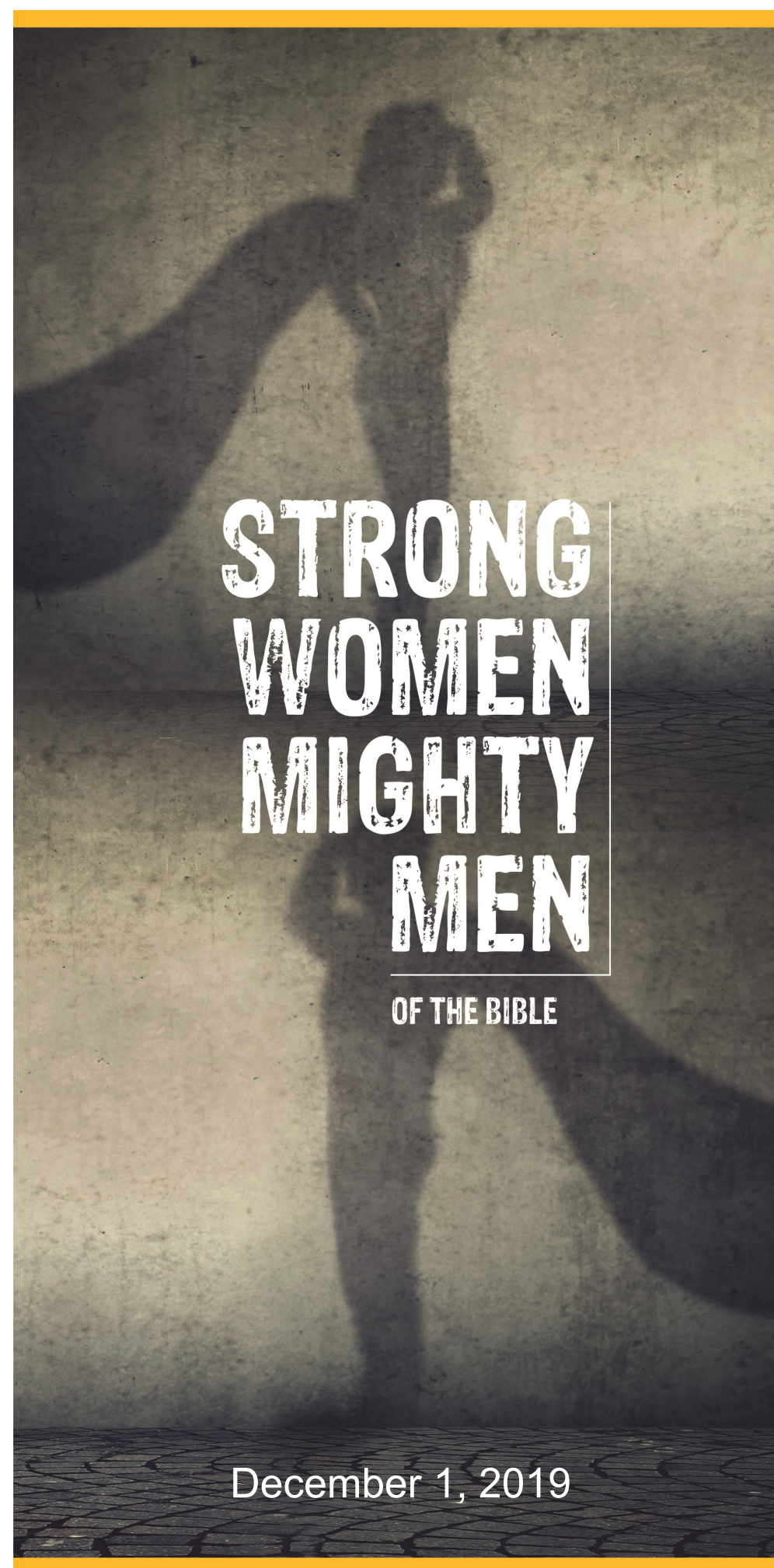
OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9 AM - 4 PM

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STRONG WOMEN MIGHTY MEN

OF THE BIBLE

December 1, 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

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.

Christmas is Here

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Baptism

Bible Study

CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

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 with our Christmas Choir, Grace Theater featuring your favorite Christmas movie clips, photo booth, lots of goodies to eat and much more! Open house style. Please sign up on the Response Form or online at 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 on sale ONLINE.** (For assistance, 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Bring your family and friends, 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

SEWERS & RIPPERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All women interested in joining Sewers & Rippers in 2020 are cordially invited to join us at our Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 3, 11:00 am—2:00 pm in the Auditorium. Please sign up on the Response Form or call Rita Browning, 530-823-2163.

Weekly meetings will resume next year on Tuesday, January 7.

NEXT BAPTISM— Sunday, December 29

If you would like to participate in baptism, please indicate your interest on the Response Form. A staff member will call to set up a time for you to meet with Pastor Greg **before December 15.**

WOMEN'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY

January 8 – March 11

Wednesday Mornings from 9:30-11:15 am

God will never give up on you. Explore how David's life proves this promise to be true in this updated edition of the best-selling bible study 'A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David' by Beth Moore. In this examination of the "man after God's own heart," David will delight and disappoint you. You'll want to be just like him at times and nothing like him at others. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you! Cost \$20. Childcare provided at no cost. Books will be sold in the courtyard today and December 8. You may also sign up on the Response Form or online. For questions, contact Claire at cmalarae@auburngrace.com

Advent

Opportunities

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Jr. High

HSM

Resources

ADVENT CANDLE

Week 1: Candle of Hope. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

PLACER COUNTY CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE "WINTER HOLIDAY MIRACLE PROGRAM"

Placer County Children's System of Care invites you to be a part of their Holiday Program to young adults who were in the foster care system and are now receiving support from the child welfare system until their 21st birthday. A tree is located in the lobby TODAY displaying 30 tags with ideas and gift requests for the individual. The young adult's name and specific instructions will be included on the back of the tag. Please consider bringing a smile to the face of a young person during a time in their life when smiles are hard to come by! Last day to receive your gifts will be Monday, December 16 in the morning.



MISSION MOMENT

2019 has been a year of transitioning our Missions Committee over to The Mobilization Team. We just want to take a few moments to praise God for the things He is doing in and through AGCC, from mission trips and working on local projects to sending long term Missionaries around the world! Thank you for being a part of that. We can't wait to see all the ways He is going to work in 2020.

JUNIOR HIGH KIDS HELP THE COMMUNITY!

Jr. High youth are participating in a "Socks and Shampoo" Drive and need your help! 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.

JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Junior High, wear your ugly sweater or t-shirt and come to our Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 18th! From 5:00 to 8:00 pm you will have dinner, games, and enjoy a shopping experience for a white elephant game too. There is no cost but bring a dessert to share. Please RSVP on the Response Form or in the classroom by Sunday December 15th so we make sure to have enough goodies.

HSM CHRISTMAS GAME NIGHT

December 11, 6:30-9:00 pm

Calling all High School Youth! Come join us in the Cafe as we gather together over goodies and games. Bring a snack or dessert to share and a gift for a game of White Elephant! Please sign-up online. For questions email Steve West, swest@auburngrace.com.

VISIT THE RESOURCE CENTER FOR THAT SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT

The Resource Center is ready with lots of great gifts for Christmas, new Bible covers and a great selection of books, Bibles, children's gifts and jewelry for sale to help with your holiday shopping needs. The **Resource Center is located upstairs, room 206.** Did you know that the Resource Center is a not-for-profit ministry here, run completely by volunteers? All proceeds are forwarded to the Auburn Grace Deacon's Fund to help those in need in our church family.

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 _____

Sewers & Rippers Christmas Luncheon: 12/3

Attending _____

Family Christmas Experience: 12/6

Attending _____ Ages of Children _____

Jr. High Christmas Party: 12/18

Attending _____

◆ **Baptism:** 12/29

8:30 service 10:15 service

Full name of person to be baptized:

Women's Winter Bible Study: 1/8

If needing childcare, what are ages of children? _____

STRONG WOMEN, MIGHTY MEN

Part 7.0 Joseph, the husband of Mary Matthew 1

- Joseph exhibited GRACE, KINDNESS in response to perceived wrongs vs. 18-19
 - ‘*Mary had been betrothed to Joseph*’ – she betrayed their CERTIFICATE of marriage
 - ‘*send her away*’ – he decided to let her go, to DISMISS her
 - ‘*not disgrace her*’ – to make a show of her, to publically MOCK her, to openly expose
 - ‘*secretly*’ – DISCREETLY, a stealth maneuver
- Joseph exhibited TEMPERANCE in the midst of personal crises vs. 20
 - ‘*considered*’ – He PONDERED, he reflected, he slept on it
 - Opposite of Rash – hasty, impulsive, IMPETUOUS
- Joseph exhibited COMPLIANCE to the point of personal risk vs. 24
 - ‘*took Mary as his wife*’ – Completed the wedding CEREMONY
 - A PATTERN of quick obedience – *immediately, while it was still night, same day*
- Joseph exhibited SELF-CONTROL instead of pushing personal privileges vs. 25
 - ‘*kept her a virgin*’ – for PURITY purposes
 - Personal SELF-DISCIPLINE and RESTRAINT for the greater good

Auburn Grace Community Church – December 1st, 2019

Life Group Discussion Questions – December 1, 2019

Matthew 1:24-25 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

QUICK REVIEW

1. How available are you to being used by the Holy Spirit? Availability has to do with time and priorities. Compare and contrast these two areas. What adjustments can you make to be more available to the Holy Spirit?
2. Are you changeable enough to be used by the Holy Spirit? Agreeability has to do with courage and changeability. What is the relationship between these two qualities? What can you do to be more compliant to the promptings of the Holy Spirit?

MY STORY

1. Describe a time when you were faced with a crisis and had to make a difficult decision. Did “sleeping on it” change your outlook? What do you think would’ve happened if you reacted rashly?
2. Did someone ever share with you a story that was difficult for you to believe? How did you view the character of the news-bearer? What did you learn about yourself after finding out the story was true?
3. Share about a situation where you had to make a tough decision. You didn’t have all the facts and instead your decision was based on the trust you had in someone else’s character.

GOING DEEP (read Matthew 1:18-25)

1. The virgin birth is still discredited to this day. What would the implications have been if Mary had become pregnant with Jesus by someone other than the Holy Spirit? (see Romans 3:23)
2. In reading the above passage, list the references to Joseph’s righteousness. What can you say about his temperance? Why would he go against Mosaic Law and risk his reputation (the stigma of illegitimacy) for the rest of his life? (see Leviticus 20:10)
3. Did Mary tell Joseph of the miraculous conception? Did Joseph find Mary’s story hard to believe? Or did he accept it readily? Was his decision to break the engagement because he doubted her word, or was it because he considered himself unworthy to marry the mother of the Messiah?
4. At what point in the account of Jesus’ birth, do you think Joseph came to terms with the fact that he would be responsible for being the “step-father” to God’s child? Explain.

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?