

This Week at AGCC

SUNDAY
Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:15 am Preparing for Baptism Class: 8:30 am, Room 204 Oakwood Village Service: 1:45 pm
TUESDAY
Twice a Month Men's Bible Study-Ephesians: 9:00-10:15 am, Room 200
WEDNESDAY
Jr. High Christmas Dinner: 5:00-8:00 pm, The Café HSM Youth Group: NO MEETING TONIGHT 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
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
NEXT SUNDAY
Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:15 am Oakwood Village Service: 1:45 pm

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

Upcoming Events

- ♦ **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
- ♦ **456 Rockin' Jump:** January 17
- ♦ **HSM Thrive Unleashed Conference:** January 17-18
- ♦ **Connection Sunday:** January 19
- ♦ **GriefShare-Loss of a Spouse Seminar:** January 23
- ♦ **Men's Breakfast:** January 25
- ♦ **Hosting The Gathering Inn:** January 30
- ♦ **Grief Share Group 13-week session begins:** February 6
- ♦ **MOPS:** February 7
- ♦ **MOPS-Story Time:** February 21
- ♦ **Comedy Night with Andrew Stanley:** February 21
- ♦ **My Best Friend's Closet:** February 27-29
- ♦ **MOPS:** March 6



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OFFICE HOURS Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM	MAILING ADDRESS PO BOX 6446 Auburn, CA 95604	LOCATION 3126 Olympic Way Auburn, CA 95603	CONTACT US (530) 823-8330 agcc@auburngrace.com
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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 Eve

Advent

Jr. High

456 Kids

Bible Study

Connections

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

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

ADVENT CANDLE

Week 3: Candle of Love—God sent His only Son to earth to save us, because He loves us. (John 3:16-17)

JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Junior High, wear your ugly sweater or t-shirt and come to our Christmas Party this Wednesday, December 18th! From 5:00 to 8:00 pm we 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.

456 KIDS "ROCKIN JUMP"

Our 456 kids are going to "Rockin Jump" in Roseville, Friday, January 17th. \$20.00 includes 2 hours of free jump, 2 games of laser tag and dinner! We will leave the church at 4:30 pm and return by 8:30 pm. Please RSVP by January 12th because space is limited on the bus. Sign-up in the classroom or the Response Form today. Questions, email Terese at tcoburn@auburngrace.com

WOMEN'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY

January 8 - March 11 - Wednesdays, 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. sign up on the Response Form or online. For questions, contact Claire at cmalarae@auburngrace.com

CULINARY CONNECTIONS

Culinary Connections is an opportunity to get better acquainted with others in our church body and experience fellowship by sharing a meal together. You will be assigned to a group of 6 to 8 people who are willing to take turns hosting a meal. The host home supplies the main dish and designates side dishes to others in the group. Gourmet cooking is not required! Just a desire to meet others and enjoy time together.

GAME CONNECTIONS

Game Connections is another way to get to know others in our church body. Get together to play board or card games. You will be assigned to a group of 6 people who are willing to take turns hosting a Game Night. The hosts will supply the dessert and the other participants will bring snacks.

Join us! We are forming new groups for the next rotation beginning in February. To sign up for either group, you can do so on the Response Form. For any questions, contact Jo Kennedy at jkennedy@auburngrace.com or 530-887-8256.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE (A FAMILY AFFAIR!)

BEGINS JANUARY 8

Our winter session of WNL promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship and equipping as our church family reconnects after the holidays. A compelling variety of courses, something for all ages!

Dinner and Fellowship 5:30 – 6:30 pm Classes 6:45 – 8:00 pm

Please let us know which adult class you would like to attend by registering on the Response Form.

Children's Program "Gracetown Kids Club"

Our K - 6th grade kids will begin a Kids in Discipleship study called "All In." They will be active in Bible memory games, Bible lessons with application of Bible truths, engaging mission videos and activities, all developed to help your kids grow to be more like Jesus!

Our **Junior High Students** will continue to go through a Bible video series and have small group discipleship. All lessons are pointing them to study and apply God's word to their lives and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Our **HSM Students** will continue to meet each week for worship and small group discussion.

Adult Classes:

In the Footsteps of Paul

This 6-week class will cover the second missionary journey of Paul from European landfall to all the places he visited along the way before he left Corinth to return to Jerusalem. Includes Biblical, historical, and cultural insights. Led by Steve Kellar. (No cost)

Financial Peace University

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University (FPU)! This 9-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership (\$129.99) or pay for just the class for \$99. Led by Courtney Copland.

33 The Series/A Man and His Design (MEN'S CLASS) – This study provides an intimate look into the 33 years our Lord Jesus lived upon earth and casts a clear vision as to how God designed us to live as men. Led by Pastor Phil. (Book cost \$10)

Explore God's Heart for the Nations

Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." But what does this mean? Whether or not you physically "go" there are a lot of ways to be a part of obeying this command. Come and explore God's heart for the nations together. Led by Brooke Bye and the Mobilization Team. (No cost)

Discover Your Purpose in God's Restorative Plan

God has invited us to participate in and with Him as He restores all things. In this six-week class we will explore what God tells us in His Word about His plan and discover what He wants us to do. You will discover how to find answers for the difficult questions we ask in our search for meaning and purpose. Led by Diana Berns. (No cost)

WITH OUR SYMPATHY

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a dear member of our church family, Mary Kenneweg. Mary went home to be with the Lord on December 6. A private gravesite service was held in Rancho Cordova on Thursday, December 12. Please keep her husband Floyd and all their family in your prayers.

Wednesday Night Live Wednesday Night Live

Condolences

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 Christmas Party: 12/18

Attending _____

456 "Rockin Jump: 1/12

Attending _____

◆ **Wednesday Night Live,** Beginning 1/8

In the Footsteps of Paul

Financial Peace University

33 The Series/A Man and His Design (MEN'S CLASS)

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Children's Program

Children attending _____ Ages _____

Women's Winter Bible Study: 1/8

If needing childcare, what are ages of children? _____

Culinary Connections

Game Connections

CHRISTMAS IS HERE...

Part 2.0 ... so let's CELEBRATE Him Genesis 1:3-4

A Candle in the Dark

First recorded words of our God ... "Let there be light."

First resulting action of our God ... Creating light

Jesus is both the **LIGHT AND LIFE**. *John 8:12; John 14:6*

In that Bethlehem stable, Light re-appeared. *Matthew 2:1-6*

As a result, men no longer need to **WALK IN DARKNESS**.

That is the Christmas **MESSAGE**.

Shine the Light becomes the Christmas **MISSION**. *Eph 5:8-17*

Children of the Light are compelled to **CELEBRATE**. *Luke 2:8 -19*

Why do we celebrate?

God **LOVES US**. *John 3:16*

God is **FOR US**. *John 3:17*

God has **SAVED US**. *Matthew 1:21*

God has **FORGIVEN OUR PAST**. *Acts 2:38*

God has **SECURED OUR FUTURE**. *Romans 6:23*

Confronted with the Christmas **MANDATE**.

The **TRUTH** of who Jesus is transforms us. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

What is Truth? John 18:38

What do we do with the Truth? Matthew 2:1-6

Humankind responds in one of three ways:

- Some will actively **SEEK IT**. Remember we are the star.
- Some will **FEAR IT or HATE IT**. It changes reality.
- Some will choose to **IGNORE IT**. Even when they know it is the truth.

Challenge:

- Into what category do you fall?
- Why would you desire to stumble in the darkness?
- What will you choose to do with the light and life of the world this Christmas?

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Life Group Questions – December 15th, 2019

John 8:12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

QUICK REVIEW

1. We can all agree that light always dispels the darkness. Yet we keep areas of our lives behind closed doors, in the dark, even though we know God knows full well what's behind. What must we do to gain the courage to open our secret, dark places to the Light of Christ? (see Ephesians 5:8)

2. When we proclaim that we have "received Christ," what are we actually professing? What does it mean to "embrace the total package of Jesus"? How are you doing with the "knowing Him" part?

MY STORY

1. A non-believing associate has invited you to share what the Christmas message is. Knowing you will only have their undivided attention for a few minutes, what would you say? What scriptures come to mind? Make this a group activity, highlighting the essentials of an articulate answer.

2. What does "enlighten" mean to you? What are some of the pitfalls when we say that having knowledge by itself is illuminating? Compare and contrast this with Ephesians 1:15-19.

3. A commemoration is a celebration where a person or event is remembered. At Christmas, we commemorate the birth of Christ, God's gift to us. This Christmas, what ways can you think of to "re-gift" Jesus to a broken and hurting world?

GOING DEEP

1. Read Genesis 1:3, John 8:12 and 14:6. What is the relationship between these three verses? What distinctions can you make? What conclusion(s) can you draw?

2. We celebrate Christmas for a lot of reasons. The primary reason is that God loves us! Why else do we rejoice the Christ-child? (see John 3:16-17; Matthew 1:21; Acts 2:38; and Romans 6:23)

3. Read John 18:35-38. Why did Jesus come into the world? When looking at Jesus' life, in what ways did He actually testify to the truth? How can our lives also testify to the Truth?

4. In the passage above, Jesus revealed to Pilate the purpose of His incarnation and the nature of His Kingdom. What five things in v. 37 did Jesus offer to Pilate? Name three ways that we can choose to respond to the Truth? Into what category do you fall?

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?