

# STAFWELCOME

“Some boast of their motor cars and some of their mansions, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. Those who do will fall down and collapse but we will rise up and stand firm. Give victory to our king, O Lord, Answer our cry for help.  
Psalm 20:7-8 (paraphrase)

I remember being at the park one time with Dominic and some friends. As usual, I was talking. At some point, Dominic climbed up on the playground structure directly behind me and yelled, “Hey Daddy, catch me!” I turned around as he was leaping off the top toward me. I did catch him. We both tumbled backwards and he landed on my chest laughing. Why? Because he trusted me completely—just like we need to learn to trust God... Completely. **WELCOME TO STAF!**— *Pastor Ben*

# STAFSTUF

## TODAY

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Fellowship Lunch \*  
5:45p **Sabbath ends**  
6:59p “How to Spot a Fake”

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**SUNDAY, February 25**  
6:59p “Spiritual Mulligans”

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**TUESDAY, February 27**  
10a Food Store open/**Bulletin Announcements Due**  
1p Church Office open until 5p

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**WEDNESDAY, February 28**  
6:30p Community Gym Night  
7p Reunite small groups

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**THURSDAY, March 1**  
1p Church Office open until 5p  
6:59p “Left Behind: Revelation’s Glorious Rapture”

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**FRIDAY, March 2**  
5:54p **Sabbath begins**  
6:59p “Crossing Over: What Happens at Death”

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**SABBATH, March 3**  
Fellowship Lunch \*  
6:30p Deadly Myths (see Announcements)

\*See Announcements or News pages for details

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Summary of our outreach goals for the next 5 years. Join us!

Kids	Missions	Attendance	Community
To provide outstanding children’s and youth ministries that teach, mentor, and prepare kids for Jesus’ soon return.	To sponsor 2 international mission trips to build up, edify, and expand God’s kingdom on Earth.	Grow to 500+ attending and involved in soul-winning and discipleship ministries.	To embrace diversity, reject racism, fight for the powerless, and break the cycle of poverty in our neighborhood.

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# STAFMESSENGER

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A Place of Hope, Second Chances, and New Beginnings

HE GAVE  
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON  
SO THAT  
WE COULD LIVE  
JOHN 3:16

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**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY**

Bring your favorite vegetarian lasagna or polenta casseroles, or fun Italian salads, breads. Please bring enough for your family & another of similar size.

**THIS WEEKEND'S DEADLY MYTHS EXPOSED**

Tonight's topic looks at how to identify cults and fake religious leaders. Tomorrow night we look at the most important event in your life.

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**YOUTH DAY NEXT SABBATH!**

STAF's youth are leading out the Worship Service. Come to support and enjoy their ministry!

**LIVING FAITH**

*we return our tithes & offerings*

Today's offering focus is **Washington Youth** — supports ONLY youth and children's ministries in Washington Conference, including Christian education, Pathfinders, summer camps and much more.

**Ways to give:**  tithe envelope in the pew  
 online at [www.stafonline.org](http://www.stafonline.org)

**February Goal: \$11,000**

Received (MTD) \$4,786

**Annual Goal (YTD): \$22,000**

Received (YTD) \$10,828



*It's Okay to Share...*

**Connect and continue the conversation with us socially!**

- SouthTacomaAdventist — check in and give us a like!
- @STAFonline — mention us with a picture post & feedback
- @stafonline — share your pics with us
- /stafonline — subscribe and share the Gospel to a growing world-wide audience



Be sure to check weekly for updates, news, and changes at our website: [www.stafonline.org](http://www.stafonline.org)

**FIRST READINGS FOR MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER**

**Barbara Conley** to Tacoma Central Adventist Church  
**Mauricio** and **Maria Solarzano** to Tacoma Hispanic Adventist Church.

**NEXT SABBATH WILL BE VERY SPECIAL**

**Special Guests, Special Program, Special Lunch**

In addition to a special Youth-centered Worship Service, our "Deadly Myths" guests will be invited to enjoy their first Saturday Sabbath at STAF. As part of our welcome, we will be having a taco salad ("haystacks") lunch. Please bring plenty of food according to the first letter of your last name: **A-D** tortilla chips, **E-H** chili beans, **I-M** shredded cheese, **N-Q** prepared lettuce, **R-Z** toppings (tomatoes, onions, salsa, sour cream, guacamole, olives, jalapeños, etc.)

**"ALL IN" EVERY MEMBER INVOLVEMENT**

If you aren't involved with a STAF ministry, you aren't using your Spiritual Gifts. Note on a Connect Card where you'd like to be involved and turn it in with the offering today. One-time, monthly and upcoming prophecy series opportunities need you.

**SERVING TRAYS FOR FAMILIES**



Cafeteria type trays are available for adults with small children or who assist elderly people at Fellowship Lunches. Please ask for one as you start in line.

**PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH US!**

How can we meet your needs or pray for you? What STAF ministry do you want to be involved in? Did your phone #/address change? Communicate with the Pastor or Office Admin. by turning in your card with the offering.



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEXT SABBATH**

Bring your little ones for their special service next week. (See bulletin insert for special info.)

**OFFICE HOURS UNTIL MARCH 8**

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 - 5p.

**JOHN 3:16**

John 3:16. Twenty-five words to create the most remarkable summary of the Gospel. This most loved verse is the church's mission, its hope, and its reason for existence. If there were one verse Satan could blot out of the Bible, you can be sure it's this one. If ever there was one verse that could show the way to heaven and God—it's this one. So let's break it down and study it, word by word.

**Series' Upcoming Dates / Title / Topics**

Mar 03 "Duty" *What It Means to Truly Believe*  
 Mar 10 "Destiny" *Everlasting Life*

**"SAFE CHILD CHECK-IN" STARTS NEXT SABBATH**

STAF is dedicated to assisting you in keeping your children safe. See your Bulletin insert for details.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

March 17 — Women's Fellowship Lunch  
 March 20 — Finance Committee, Church Board  
 March 21 — Free Community Dinner **We need a host!**  
 March 31 — Easter Service and Lunch  
 June 15-23 — Campmeeting in Auburn



**PREACHING SCHEDULE**

03	Pastor Orian	Duty
10	Pastor Orian	Destiny
17	Pastor Orian	
24	To Be Announced	



Today's message will be made available on DVD following the worship service. Find it in the literature rack in the Foyer. If you can't be with us in person, you can always join the live stream at our website.