

STAFWELCOME

“ He [God] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. *2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB)* ”

Beginnings. Did you know the first electric light was so dim that a candle was needed to see its socket? One of the first steamboats took 32 hours to chug its way from New York to Albany, a distance of about 150 miles. Wilbur and Orville Wright's first powered flight lasted 12 seconds. And the first automobiles traveled between 2 and 4 miles per hour, and broke down often. Carriages would pass them in the early days with passengers shouting, "Get a horse!" We have come a long way since then.

Beginnings. In the beginning, Adam and Eve saw salvation with fig leaves. By the grace of God, we've come a long way.

Welcome to STAF! – Pastor Ben

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TODAY

Children's church

7:45p **Sabbath ends**

8p All-Church Game Night *in the Gym*

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TUESDAY, April 10

10a **Bulletin Announcements Due**

10a Food Store open until 12p

1p Office open until 5p

6p/7p Finance Committee/Church Board

11

WEDNESDAY, April 11

10a Office open until 2p

7p *Reunite* small groups

7p Pastor Ben teaches on "Islam in Prophecy"

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THURSDAY, April 12

10a Office open until 2p

6:30p Community Gym Night

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FRIDAY, April 13

7:54p **Sabbath begins**

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SABBATH, April 14

10/11a Bible Study; Worship Service
Fellowship Lunch *

3p ALIVE children's ministry seminar

* See Announcements or News pages for details

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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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FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SABBATH

Bring your covered dish/potluck favorites to the kitchen next week—a standing warming oven or 2 baking ovens available. Bring plenty to share!

PASTOR BEN'S PROPHECY CLASS APRIL 11 @ 7p

His teaching series continues with several the topic of **Islam in Prophecy**. Note on a Connect Card that you want to receive a reminder call and to stay informed on continuing topics.

2

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER 3rd WEDNESDAYS

WE NEED HOSTS! Hosting is a 1-time commitment so please email the Office Admin about which month you and your family/friends will host. Average attendance is around 15. (Email info on back page, bottom of Bulletin.)

3

LIVING FAITH we return our tithes & offerings

Today's offering focus is **STAF Ministries**. This supports Christian education for our children, evangelism, outreach, Sabbath Schools, and much more at STAF.

Ways to give: tithe envelope in the pew
 online at www.stafonline.org

Monthly Goal: \$11,000

Received (March) \$9,710

Annual Goal (YTD): \$33,000

Received (YTD) \$22,628



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



a.l.i.v.e. Children's Ministries Workshop | April 14

Even though it says "children's ministries workshop," it's not just for teachers or those involved in children's ministries. Much of the presentation will also benefit anyone wanting to get more out of their personal Bible Study. More information is available at the STAF website or by contacting Silvia Orian. **Seminar is 3-6pm, with refreshments served.**

SPRING REVIVAL SERIES CANCELLED

Due to Elder Doug Bing's schedule, our May prophecy meetings have been cancelled. We will look to reschedule for this fall.

WOMEN'S SPRING EVENT APRIL 28

This exciting and inspirational annual event is for women from all over Western Washington. It includes lunch & materials, so pre-registration is required and there is a fee. Please contact Teri Churchill for questions or scholarship info.

FIRST READINGS

Brit Locklier, for STAF Elder; Brent Michel membership transfer to Tacoma Central SDA Church



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Pastor Ben's New Sermon Series

The term "gospel" is very familiar to us. It means "good news" and we attribute it to the story of Jesus and His plan of salvation. But where does the term first occur in the Bible? The Bible is not simply 66 books penned by about 40 authors over the course of 1,600 years. It is a complete work that gives continual evidence of supernatural engineering in its every detail. The Jewish rabbis demonstrated this by teaching that the Messiah, when He came, would not only interpret the Scriptures for us, He would also interpret the very words, the very letters, and even the spaces between! Look behind every detail. There's a discovery waiting to be made. This is God's Book. And we'll start at the beginning!

THE STAF PROMISE

Have you considered the benefits of Christian Education? Did you know that kids in church school excel academically beyond their public school counterparts? STAF has made a way to make Church school more affordable for our members. Details and Applications for Fall semester are now available at our website. Or, contact the Office Admin by either email or ConnectCard.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

14	Pastor Orian	"Portraits of the Saved & Lost"
21	Del Harrison	
28	Nemaiah Faletogo	
05	Pastor Orian	"The Ark and the Cross"



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.