

STAFWELCOME

“What if some do not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not!”
Romans 3:3-4 (Paraphrased)

I read an article this week in which a study from the early 1990s was cited showing that when people hear a train whistle, their minds tell them to accelerate. I guess people are in too big a hurry.

But did you know that just under half of the accidents involving trains and cars happen at crossings with flashing lights, bells, and or gates? But so many drivers ignore the flashing lights, sometimes even driving under or around the gates.

What is it in humanity that makes us think warning signs don't apply to us. What if we were that cavalier with God's warning signs?
Welcome to STAF!— Pastor Ben

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TODAY
 Fellowship Lunch *
 3p ALIVE seminar *
 7:55p **Sabbath ends**

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TUESDAY, April 17
 10a **Bulletin Announcements Due**
 10a Food Store open until 12p
 1p Office open until 5p

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WEDNESDAY, April 18
 10a Office open until 2p
 5:30p Community Dinner — **may be cancelled ***
 7p *Reunite* small group studies

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THURSDAY, April 19
 10a Office open until 2p
 6:30p Community Gym Night

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FRIDAY, April 20
 8:04p **Sabbath begins**

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SABBATH, April 21
 10a Bible Study (don't miss this blessing!)
 11a Worship Service
 8:30p Youth Game Night

* 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 TODAY

Everyone is invited to come over to the Gym after the Worship Service to enjoy food and fellowship. Guests are especially welcome — no need to feel that you need to bring food, as STAF members have provided for you.

ALTERNATE COMMUNICATION MEANS

When our website goes down or your app doesn't work, please always check our Facebook page for news and updates, instead of calling the Pastor. Please note also that the Office Admin can't send/receive email at those times.

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CANCELLING COMMUNITY DINNER THIS WEEK??

It will be sad to cancel the dinner for the first time. Won't you step forward today and volunteer to host? It's just a 1-time commitment. Or volunteer you and your family/friends today to host another one coming soon.

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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) \$8,432

Annual Goal (YTD): \$44,000

Received (YTD) \$31,060



It's Okay to Share...

Connect and continue the conversation with us socially!

- SouthTacomaAdventist — check in and give us a like!
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- @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 | TODAY!

This workshop is actually for everyone, since much of the presentation will benefit anyone wanting to get more out of their personal Bible Study. **Today @ 3-6pm, with refreshments served.**

APRIL 28 FELLOWSHIP LUNCH IS SPECIAL

Several STAF ladies will be gone on this day, so we need your help for a successful fellowship. **1) We thought haystacks would be easier for the men whose wives will be gone. 2) Please bring food according to the 1st letter of your last name, pre-chopped, shredded and/or heated:** Does your last name start with **A-D? bring tortilla chips; E-H? bring chili beans; I-N? bring cheddar cheese; O-R? bring lettuce; S-Z? bring toppings (tomatoes, onions, salsa, sour cream, guacamole, olives, jalapeños, etc.) 3) Please volunteer** to help set up, serve or clean up.

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.

PASTOR'S VACATION

Pastor Ben will be out of state April 16 - May 2. His next Wed night class will be May 9—Israel in Prophecy. Contact Ken for any health/family/spiritual needs, or the Office Admin. for other questions/needs. (Their contact info is on back of every bulletin.)

SECOND READINGS

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

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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

21	Del Harrison
28	Nemaiah Faletogo
05	Pastor Orian "The Ark and the Cross"
12	Elder Doug Bing Mother's Day Sabbath



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.