

STAFWELCOME

“ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. *Isaiah 40: 28* ”

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. He gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all!

As we see Spring rousing up nature about us, remember to thank our Creator!

Welcome to STAF!

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- 21** **TODAY**
8:30p Youth Game Night *in the Gym*
8:05p **Sabbath ends**
- 22** **SUNDAY, April 22**
3:00p Youth Car Wash *
- 24** **TUESDAY, April 24**
10a **Bulletin Announcements Due**
10a Food Store open until 12p
1p Office open until 5p
- 25** **WEDNESDAY, April 25**
Office CLOSED
7p *Reunite* small group studies
- 26** **THURSDAY, April 26**
10a Office open until 2p
6:30p Community Gym Night
- 27** **FRIDAY, April 27**
8:13p **Sabbath begins**
- 28** **SABBATH, April 28**
10a Bible Study (don't miss this blessing!)
11a Worship Service
Fellowship Lunch *

* 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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 Church Office Hours: Tues 1 - 5 pm; Wed/Thurs 10 am - 2 pm

STAFMESSENGER

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1

HOW WILL THE CHURCH APP HELP YOU?

It's an almost instant communicator from the Church. If you miss a Sabbath, you'll still know what's happening. You can easily invite someone to worship or a special event at STAF —with nice graphics.

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.

2

USE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS & EXPERIENCE

How can you serve at STAF? Opportunities are 1) once in awhile—be a Community Dinner host; 2) 1-3x/month — train to be a Greeter or help with Social Hour/Fellowship Lunch; 3) weekly—many opportunities. Turn in a Connect Card today.

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) \$9,468

Annual Goal (YTD): \$44,000

Received (YTD) \$32,097



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

APRIL 28 FELLOWSHIP LUNCH IS SPECIAL

Next Sabbath several STAF ladies will be gone to a ministry event in Auburn, 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.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Support STAF Youth/Young Adult ministry by bringing your dirty, pollinated cars to STAF tomorrow 3-5p. All donations will be used for retreats and other events which enrich the spiritual/social growth of this age group.

2018 STAF MOTHERS' DAY — MAY 12

Printed invitations will soon be available, but you can invite a special Mom in your life NOW! How, you ask? **On the App** go to "Invite a Friend" or **on the website** go to "Connect," then choose "invite a Friend." The Mother's Day graphic makes it a nice invitation.

PASTOR'S VACATION/OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ben is 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.) **The Office will be open only Tuesday & Thursday this week.**

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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

28	Nemaiah Faletogo
05	Pastor Orian "The Ark and the Cross"
12	Elder Doug Bing Mother's Day Sabbath
19	Pastor Orian "Go For Yourself"



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.