

# STAFWELCOME

“ Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Luke 6:37

G.K. Chesterton wrote, “To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.”

We all want to be given a second chance when we "blow it," to always be loved unfathomably. God is all about second (chances). How willing are you to forgive the unpardonable? When you do, there is such freedom and healing!

Welcome to STAF – A Place of Second Chances!

# STAFSTUF

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**TODAY**  
8:15p Fellowship Lunch \*  
Sabbath ends

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

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**WEDNESDAY, May 2**  
Office CLOSED  
7p Reunite small group studies

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**THURSDAY, May 3**  
10a Office open until 2p  
6:30p Community Gym Night

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**FRIDAY, May 4**  
8:23p Sabbath begins

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**SABBATH, May 5**  
10a Bible Study (don't miss this blessing!)  
11a Worship Service/ Children's Church  
Deacon/Deaconess meeting \*  
9:00p All-Church Game Night in the Gym

\* 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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A Place of Hope, Second Chances, and New Beginnings

the GOSPEL in  
GENESIS

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**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.

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**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 ConnectCard today.

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**LIVING FAITH** *we return our tithes & offerings*

Today's offering focus is **Washington Youth**. This supports ministries for children throughout Western Washington, including summer camps for disadvantaged children and much more.

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

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

Received (March) \$10,391

**Annual Goal (YTD): \$44,000**

Received (YTD) \$33,020



*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)

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY**

Everyone is invited to the Gym after the Worship Service to enjoy a haystacks (taco salad) lunch.

**DEACON, DEACONESS MEETING NEXT SABBATH**

Come to the Seminar (Overflow) Room 10 minutes after the Worship Service.

**CAR WASH FUNDRAISER MAY 6 @ 3P**

Support STAF Youth/Young Adult ministry by bringing your dirty cars to STAF 3-5p. Invite your family & neighbors to come too. All donations will be used for retreats and other events which enrich the spiritual/social growth of this age group. Including vacuuming, they're requesting donations of \$10 or more.

**STAF MOTHERS' DAY — MAY 12**

Printed and e-invitations are now available. Give or mail a printed invite — or you can invite someone with a nice e-invitation, complete with the same graphic that's on the printed ones. **In the App:** go to "Invite a Friend." **On the website,** go to "Connect," then choose "Invite a Friend."

**PASTOR'S VACATION/OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Ben is out of state until Thursday, May 2. 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.**

**IMPORTANT INFO**

**May 9**—Pastor Ben's next Wed. meeting —"Israel in Prophecy"  
**May 15**—Finance Committee; Church Board meetings

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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**

05	Pastor Orian	"The Ark and the Cross"
12	Elder Doug Bing	Mother's Day Sabbath
19	Pastor Orian	"Go For Yourself"
26	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.