

STAFWELCOME

"But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way."
John 4:23 (New Living Translation)

WELCOME TO STAF! When Martin Luther received his doctoral decree in 1512, he also received a woolen beret, a silver ring, two Bibles—one closed, the other open, and a commission to be a "sworn doctor of Holy Scripture." It was a commission he took seriously. In fact, it was this commissioning that would spark his "95 Theses" for he viewed that the pope was trying to hinder him from fulfilling his vocation of expounding the Bible—and the Bible only. Five hundred years later, we still proclaim that important doctrine of *Sola Scriptura*.

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TODAY/TONIGHT

Children's Church
 12:30p Youth Extreme Lunch
 1p Play Practice
5:47p Sabbath ends
 6p All-Church Games—in the Gymnasium

TUESDAY, November 7

10a Bulletin Announcements & Information Due 10a
 10a Food Store open
 10a Church Office open until 2p
 6:30p Elders' meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 8

7p Reunite Small Groups

THURSDAY, November 9

10a Church Office open until 2p
 6:30p Community Gym Night
 7p Gamblers' 12-Step Group —in Multipurpose room

FRIDAY, November 10 (Veteran's Day observed)

4:38p Sabbath begins

SABBATH, November 11 / Veteran's Day

Thanksgiving Theme Fellowship Lunch
 1p Play Practice

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

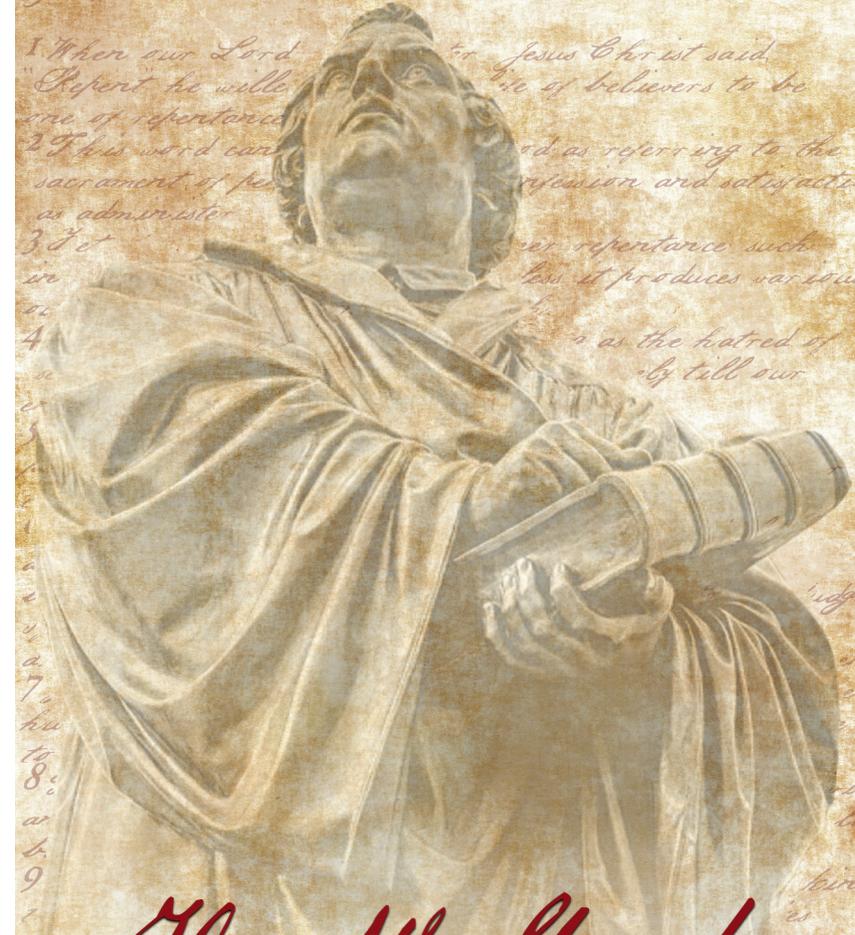
Kids	Missions	Attendance	Community
To provide outstanding children's and youth ministries that teach, mentor, and prepare kids for Jesus' soon return.	To sponsor 2 international mission trips to build up, edify, and expand God's kingdom on Earth.	Grow to 500+ attending and involved in soul-winning and 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: Tuesday and Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

STAF MESSENGER

REFORMATION COMMEMORATIVE EDITION

November 4, 2017



Here We Stand

500 YEARS | OCTOBER 31 | 1517 - 2017

Today: *Sola Scriptura*

SOUTH TACOMA
ADVENTIST
 FELLOWSHIP

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

1

GAME NIGHT TONIGHT @ 6p
 Open to Everyone — Invite Your Friends!
 Bring your favorite snacks, beverages and table games to share. Fun for all ages!

2

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SABBATH
 Bring your 2 most favorite Thanksgiving dishes (enough for your family and another of equal size.) This is the **only** all-church lunch this month.

3

THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION NOV 18
 It's time for our annual food drive to assist less fortunate families. Pledge your support by completing the accompanying form. Also, Do you know a family in need, use the other form to let us know.

LIVING FAITH we return our tithes & offerings

Today's offering focus is **STAF MINISTRIES** which supports our outreach and mission projects, youth and children's ministries, as well as Christian education assistance.

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

October Goal: \$9500

Received (MTD) \$

Annual Goal (YTD): 95,000

Received (YTD) \$83,080



It's Okay to Share...

Connect and continue the conversation with us socially!

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

NEWS & EVENTS



Be sure to check weekly for updates, news, and changes at our website: www.stafonline.org

MINISTRY BUDGETS FOR 2018 DUE SOON

Ministry leaders: Please submit your 2018 budget requests to the Pastor by November 16, *by email only please.* **Elders:** Please contact the leaders of the ministries you are mentoring, to assist with planning and to answer questions.

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Impact Your Health—Free Clinic November 10 & 12

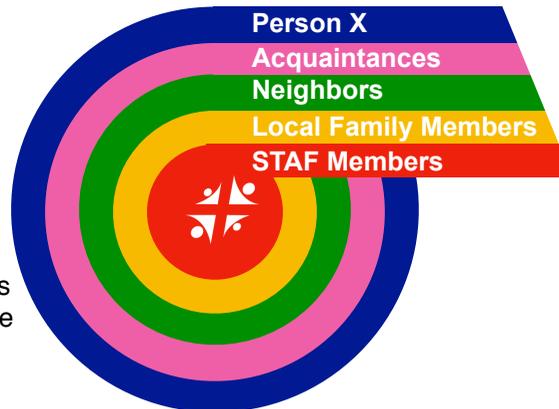
Despite the Affordable Care Act, there are still millions of American's without health insurance. STAF is proud to be a sponsor of this FREE weekend health clinic for the entire Tacoma Community. The event will be at the *Boys and Girls Club of South Puget Sound, 3875 S. 66th Street, Tacoma.* The clinic will run from 8am - 4pm on the days noted above.

Also, **THIS THURSDAY, November 9, 7:00pm**, we will need help setting up the Boys and Girls Club with the medical equipment. If you are available, many hands will make light work!

Concentric Circles of Concern

Ever wonder who you can invite to join us at church? We often think of "Person X" first, but what about those closer to us? Here at STAF, every week is a safe week to invite someone to church. If you enjoy STAF, why not share that experience with someone. Invite them to share in the excitement happening at STAF. Here are some things we have coming up that would be great opportunities to invite someone too:

- ✓ Pastor Ben's Reformation Series
- ✓ Christmas Breakfast (and Pastor Ben's "Cinnaben" Rolls) as well as our Christmas Program featuring the STAF Youth (Dec 9)

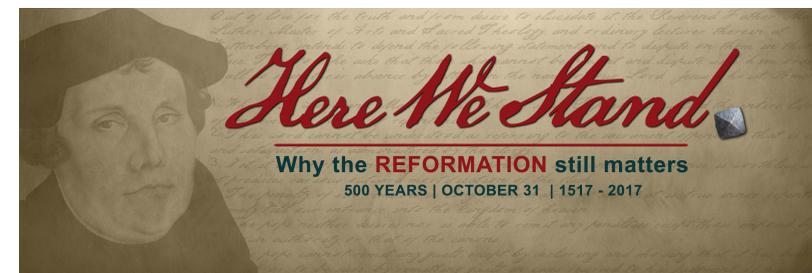


Reunite

Wednesdays, 7:00pm | Wednesday evening Bible study provides in-depth study of the books of the Bible and is geared towards engaging participants in a better understanding of God's Word, while at the same time building stronger Christian Character. We currently have two classes to choose from.

Ken Thompson's group just started an in-depth, verse-by-verse study on the book of Habakkuk. Elsa Leslie leads our other class, which just started the 40-days of Prayer Bible study. **Feel free to attend either class!**

TEACHING SERIES



Teaching Series Dates - October 28 - November 18. See Church Website for series details or past study guides.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

11	Pastor Orian	<i>Sola Fide: Righteousness by Faith</i>
18	Pastor Orian	<i>Sola Gratia: Amazing Grace</i>
25	Pastor Orian	<i>Yada, Yada, Yada</i>
02	Pastor Orian	<i>The Parable of Three Servants</i>



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.