

STAFWELCOME

“The Lord is King! He’s robed in majesty... Your throne, O Lord, has stood from time immemorial. You Yourself are from the everlasting past. Psalm 93:1-2 (NLT)”

There are no SNOBS at STAF! At least, not in the sense you might think. Let me explain: In the mid-1600s, Oxford and Cambridge Universities opened enrollment to everyone, not just nobility could now get an advanced education. However, the so-called “commoners” had their names listed on the school roll with the Latin inscription, *Sine Nobilitate*, or, Without Nobility, written next to it. Over time, this term was abbreviated to S. Nob., which as you can see, has had lasting implications on society. But here at STAF, we’re all of nobility – because of Jesus. See, no S.Nobs. here! **WELCOME TO STAF!** – *Pastor Ben*

STAFSTUF

TODAY

12:45p Deacon and Deaconess meeting *
 4:52p Sabbath ends
 6p Youth Game Night in the Gym

TOMORROW, January 21

10a Church Brunch Business Meeting *

TUESDAY, January 23

10a Food Store open
10a Bulletin Announcements & Information Due
 1p Church Office open until 5p

WEDNESDAY, January 24

10a Church Office open until 2p
 7p Reunite small groups

THURSDAY, January 25

10a Church Office open until 2p
 6:30p Community Gym Night

FRIDAY, January 26

5:00p Sabbath begins

SABBATH, January 27

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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STAFMESSENGER

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A Place of Hope, Second Chances, and New Beginnings

HE GAVE
 HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
 SO THAT
 JOHN WE COULD LIVE
 3:16

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YOUTH GAMES TONIGHT @ 6p

In the Gymnasium

Everyone who is a teen or 20-something is invited to come and play!

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The Office Administrator is now working 3 days a week. Tuesdays 1p - 5p; Wednesdays and Thursdays 10a - 2p. Pastor will continue to be in on Tuesdays & Thursdays with occasional Wednesdays.

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DEACON, DEACONESS MEETING TODAY

Everyone in these ministries is urged to attend this meeting after the Worship Service. Please come to the overflow room. *Rescheduled from last week.*

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LIVING FAITH

we return our tithes & offerings

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

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

January Goal: \$9,500

Received (MTD) \$2,144

Annual Goal (YTD): \$9,500

Received (YTD) \$2,144



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

STAF BUSINESS MEETING

Tomorrow @ 10a For Continental Breakfast

If you attend STAF, be informed! (Only members may vote.) **If your last name starts with A-J:** bring prepared fruit trays; K-R bring muffins, bagels or pastries, cut & ready to serve; S-Z bring toppings like butter, jam, cream cheese, etc. We will meet again in the multipurpose room. **Please park on far side of Gym or D Street. Leave the parking lot otherwise for Diaspora Church members who will continue to arrive after we've started.**



GAMBIA MISSION TRIP

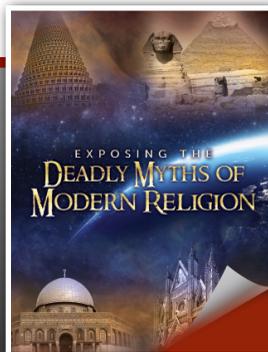
Pastor Del is invited to again bring the Gospel to a country where he first brought the message decades ago. Support his spring trip by marking a tithe envelope "Gambia." Remember mission trips is one of our goals (see back panel.) He needs full funding by the end of this month.

"ALL IN" EVERY MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

If you aren't involved with a STAF ministry, you aren't using your Spiritual Gifts. God wants you to grow spiritually and so do we! *Note on a Connect Card where you'd like to be involved and turn it in with the offering today.*

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SABBATH

Bring your favorite soups, salads and sandwiches to share.



BEGINNING FEBRUARY 9, 2018

A Bible Study Seminar that takes a look at the world's major religions, theologies, and philosophies from a Biblical perspective.

We need your help to make this seminar a success. Where would you be willing to serve? Please let Pastor Ben know how he can count on you as soon as possible.

- Child Care
- Greeters
- Hospitality
- Materials

JOHN 3:16

John 3:16. Twenty-five words to create the most remarkable summary of the Gospel. This most loved verse is the church's mission, its hope, and its reason for existence. If there were one verse Satan could blot out of the Bible, you can be sure it's this one. If ever there was one verse that could show the way to heaven and God—it's this one. So let's break it down and study it, word by word.

Upcoming Series Dates / Title / Topics

Feb 03	"Desire"	<i>Understanding God's Love</i>
Feb 10	"Depth"	<i>The World</i>
Feb 17	"Design"	<i>The Plan of Salvation</i>
Feb 24	"Descendant"	<i>The Only Begotten</i>
Mar 03	"Duty"	<i>What It Means to Truly Believe</i>
Mar 10	"Destiny"	<i>Everlasting Life</i>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven." -- A.W. Tozer

PREACHING SCHEDULE

27	Del Harrison
03	Pastor Orian <i>Desire</i>
10	Pastor Orian <i>Depth</i>
17	Pastor Orian <i>Design</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.