

# STAFWELCOME

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.  
Isaiah 1:18 (KJV)

The story is told of Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, who was out walking one day when he ran into another professor. They chatted for a few minutes, then, as they parted, Dr. Urey asked, “John, which way was I going when I met you?” “That way,” John said pointing. “Oh, good. That means I’ve already had my lunch,” he muttered as he walked away.

Hopefully you’ve found yourself here at STAF ready to reason and worship with the Lord. May His Spirit fill you and bless you as we seek Him today. **WELCOME TO STAF!** – *Pastor Ben*

# STAFSTUF

## TODAY

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5:02p Fellowship Lunch \*  
Sabbath ends

## TUESDAY, January 30

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

## WEDNESDAY, January 31

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

## THURSDAY, February 1

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

## FRIDAY, February 2

02

5:11p Sabbath begins

## SABBATH, February 3

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7p Children’s Church \*  
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

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

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**BE A PART OF MISSION WORK TODAY**

Pastor Del's Gospel trip to Gambia needs your financial support. Be ready to give to the special offering today.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY**

*In the Gymnasium*  
Enjoy some hot food and fellowship before you go and face a cold day. Visitors are our special guests at meals, so please come!

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PROPHECY SERIES**

Come and play with children ages 2-9 so their parents can hear the Gospel. We need a leader & a few helpers who can commit to 1-2 nights per week. Remember—STAF members should be "All In!"

**LIVING FAITH**

*we return our tithes & offerings*

Today's offering focus is **Religious Liberty** (annual offering)—supporting the education of local and national politicians and lawmakers on issues affecting religious freedoms.

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

**January Goal: \$9,500**

Received (MTD) \$5,301

**Annual Goal (YTD): \$9,500**

Received (YTD) \$5,301



*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)

**PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH US!**

If it's your 1st or 1,000th time at STAF, please let us know how we can meet your needs. You can also update your contact info, share a prayer request, tell us in what ministry you want to grow your Spiritual Gifts, communicate with the Pastor and more. Turn your card in with the offering.



**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SHERYL MILLER**

*Monday, February 5 @ Noon, Here at STAF*

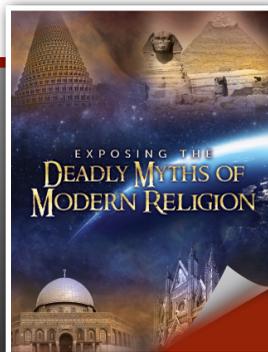
Sheryl was a STAF member until a few years ago. She passed away recently from the flu. It will be a comfort to her family if you came and supported them. A luncheon reception will follow.

**"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.* One-time, monthly and upcoming prophecy series opportunities need you.

**NOTE THE DATES**

- March 3 — A Special Fellowship Lunch — "Haystacks"
- March 3 — Youth Bowl and Dinner
- March 17 — Women's Fellowship Lunch
- March 31 — Easter Service



**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>



**PREACHING SCHEDULE**

<b>03</b>	Pastor Orian	<i>Desire</i>
<b>10</b>	Pastor Orian	<i>Depth</i>
<b>17</b>	Pastor Orian	<i>Design</i>
<b>24</b>	Pastor Orian	<i>Descendant</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.