

STAFWELCOME

“The Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations!”

Psalm 100:5 (NKJV)

What would you be willing to do for \$10,000,000? In his book *The Day America Told the Truth*, Pastor R. Kent Hughes writes about some disturbing responses from people who were asked that very question. About 25% would abandon their family. Another 25% would abandon their church and God. 23% said they would become prostitutes for a week or more. 16% would leave their spouse, and 7% would commit murder. [GULP!]

Thankfully, when asked what the value of a person was, God said, “Everything.” What’s He worth to you?

WELCOME TO STAF!— *Pastor Ben*

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TODAY

- 5:34p Sabbath ends
- 6:59p “The Rise of Antichrist” & a bonus topic Youth Game Night (starts after meeting)

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TUESDAY, February 20

- 10a Food Store open/Bulletin Announcements Due
- 1p Church Office open until 5p

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WEDNESDAY, February 21

- 5:30p Free Community Dinner *
- 6:30p Community Gym Night
- 7p Reunite small groups

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THURSDAY, February 22

- 1p Church Office open until 5p
- 6:59p “Caught in the Midst of Religious Conflict”

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FRIDAY, February 23

- 5:44p Sabbath begins
- 6:59p “Antichrist Revealed”

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SABBATH, February 24

- Fellowship Lunch *
- 6:59p “How to Spot a Fake”

*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 WE COULD LIVE
JOHN 3:16

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FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SABBATH: Italian
Bring your favorite vegetarian lasagna or polenta casseroles, or fun Italian salads, breads. Please bring enough for your family & another of similar size.

SABBATH SCHOOL SERIES JUST STARTED

What does the Bible say about fallen angels? fathering giants? feast days? a Bible code? For answers & why it's important for you to know the truth, come to the Sanctuary class. Bring your questions for future topics to be discussed.

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THIS WEEKEND'S DEADLY MYTHS EXPOSED

Tonight's topic gets the excitement building with "The Rise of Antichrist" and "Christianity Under Attack." There is no Sunday meeting this weekend. Come back Thursday for "Caught in the Midst of Religious Conflict."

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LIVING FAITH

we return our tithes & offerings

Today's offering focus is **STAF Ministries** — supports Christian education for our children, evangelism, outreach, Sabbath Schools, and much more.

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

February Goal: \$11,000

Received (MTD) \$1,137

Annual Goal (YTD): \$22,000

Received (YTD) \$7,179



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

"VEGGIE TALES" DVDS FOR KINDERGARTEN

If you have DVDs or cleaned toys from this series that you would be willing to donate to this children's Sabbath School class, please bring them by before or after class time.

PASTOR AT OUT-OF-STATE CONFERENCE

Pastor Ben will be gone Sunday through Wednesday this week and will be unavailable by phone. Please call First Elder, Ken Thompson, regarding any needs or emergencies which arise this week. Pastor Ben will be back for Thursday evening's meeting.

COMMUNITY DINNER THIS WEDNESDAY @ 5:30p

Come at 5:30 to enjoy food and fellowship with people from our church neighborhood. Pam Woods hosts this month's meal with hot soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. Note on your Connect Card which month you and a friend would like to host.

"ALL IN" EVERY MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

If you aren't involved with a STAF ministry, you aren't using your Spiritual Gifts. 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.

SERVING TRAYS FOR FAMILIES



Cafeteria type trays are now available for adults with small children or who assist elderly people at Fellowship Lunches. Please ask for one as you start in line.

PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH US!

How can we meet your needs or pray for you? What STAF ministry do you want to be involved in? Did your phone #/address change? Communicate with the Pastor or Office Admin. by turning in your card with the offering.



OFFICE HOURS UNTIL MARCH 8

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 - 5p.

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.

Series' Upcoming Dates / Title / Topics

- Feb 24 "Descendant" *The Only Begotten*
- Mar 03 "Duty" *What It Means to Truly Believe*
- Mar 10 "Destiny" *Everlasting Life*

SAVE THE DATE!

- March 3 — Youth Day at STAF
- March 3 — A Special Fellowship Lunch — "Haystacks"
- March 17 — Women's Fellowship Lunch
- March 21 — Free Community Dinner
- March 31 — Easter Service and Lunch



PREACHING SCHEDULE

24	Pastor Orian	<i>Descendant</i>
03	Pastor Orian	<i>Duty</i>
10	Pastor Orian	<i>Destiny</i>
17	Pastor Orian	



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.