

STAFWELCOME

“ I have a serious concern to bring up with you, my friends, using the authority of Jesus, our Master. I'll put it as urgently as I can: You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common. *1 Corinthians 1:10 (The Message Paraphrase)* ”

Concerned about the rise of denominations in the church, Reformer John Wesley tells of a dream he had in which he was ushered to the gates of Hell. There he asked, "Are there any Presbyterians here?" "Yes!", came the answer. Then he asked, "Are there any Baptists? Any Episcopalians? Any Methodists?" The answer was Yes! each time. Much distressed, Wesley was then ushered to the gates of Heaven. There he asked the same question, and the answer was No! "No?" To this, Wesley asked, "Who then is inside?" The answer came back, "There are only Christians here."

Welcome to STAF – A Place of Second Chances!

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TODAY
Fellowship Lunch *
8:50p Sabbath ends

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TUESDAY, May 29
10a Bulletin Announcements Due
10a Food Store open until 12p
1p Office open until 5p

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WEDNESDAY, May 30
10a Office open until 2p
7p Reunite small group studies

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THURSDAY, May 31
10a Office open until 2p
6:30p Community Gym Night

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FRIDAY, June 1
8:56p Sabbath begins

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SABBATH, June 2
10a Bible Study (don't miss this blessing!)
11a Worship Service *
Children's Church
9p Game Night

* See Announcements or News pages for details

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Benjamin Orian, pastor	360.310.6822
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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

STAF MESSENGER

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A Place of Hope, Second Chances, and New Beginnings

the GOSPEL in
GENESIS

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FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON TODAY

All are invited, guests especially! Eat, share, stay. Please come to the Gym after the Worship Service and enjoy refreshment of body and relationship-building.

MEDIA UPDATE

Some have been asking for recent sermons on DVD or on the live stream. Some of the presentations did not record completely perfect. Dominic is working to resolve and will have them available a.s.a.p.

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WASHINGTON CAMP MEETING — JUNE 15-23

Did you know that Camp Meetings trace their start in Western Washington all the way back to 1886? Camp Meetings hold a lot of tradition in the Adventist Church. See this year's event brochure at www.washingtonconference.org.

LIVING FAITH

we return our tithes & offerings

Today's offering focus is **Washington Youth**. This supports ministries for children and teens in our local Conference, including summer camps, Pathfinders, education and more.

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

Monthly Goal: \$11,000

Received MTD \$7,086

Annual Goal (YTD): \$55,000

Received (YTD) \$41,458



It's Okay to Share...

Connect and continue the conversation with us socially!

- SouthTacomaAdventist — check in and give us a like!
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Be sure to check weekly for updates, news, and changes at our website: www.stafonline.org

GET INVOLVED

At STAF, we believe every member is a minister. We all have spiritual gifts that have been granted to us by God to be used to share with others about Jesus. We have serving opportunities available. We just need you. Use your Connect Card or our Website to let us know where you would like to volunteer.

COMMUNION SERVICES NEXT SABBATH

Remember that the foot washing service will take place at 10:40 in classrooms down the back hall. The Lord's Supper will take place during the Worship Service. **Gluten free bread will be available**



THE ORIAN'S FINAL SABBATH

Pastor Ben and Silvia's last Sabbath with us here at STAF will be June 30. Pastor Ben has accepted the position of Lead Pastor of the Springdale, AR, Adventist church and will be moving this summer.

FIRST READING FOR MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

Tim McElroy joining STAF from AAA Church, Auburn, WA

IMPORTANT DATES:

- June 11-23 — Pastor Ben at Camp Meeting, Set Up
- June 15-23 — Camp Meeting @ Auburn Adventist Academy
- June 30 — Celebration for Father's Day & Independence Day
 Pastor Ben and Family last Sabbath at STAF
- July 12 — Outdoor Church at Spanaway Park

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the GOSPEL in
GENESIS

Pastor Ben's Current 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

02	Pastor Ben	"Costly, Messy, Beautiful Obedience"
09	Pastor Ben	"Stairway to Heaven"
16	Del Harrison @ STAF or go to Campmeeting	
23	Del Harrison @ STAF or go to Campmeeting	



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.