

# STAFWELCOME

“ These people were more receptive than those in Thessalonica. They were very willing to receive the message, and every day they carefully examined the Scriptures to see if those things were so.

Acts 17:11

A couple of church signs said recently, “Get off your Facebook and into My book.”...God. And “There are some questions that can't be answered by Google.”...God. Are you a person of The Book – or do you rely on current media, televangelists, or even your local minister to tell you what God’s character really is? Or what His Book says? Immerse yourself in The Word!

Welcome to STAF – A Place of Second Chances

# STAFSTUF

**23** TODAY  
9:09p Sabbath ends

**24** TOMORROW, June 24  
4p June Thorsen’s Memorial Service \*

**TUESDAY, June 26**

**10a Bulletin Announcements Due**

**26**  
10a Food Store open until 12p  
1p Church Office open until 4p  
6p Elders meet  
7p Church Board meets

**27** WEDNESDAY, June 27  
7p Reunite small group studies

**28** THURSDAY, June 28  
10a Church Office open until 1p  
6:30p Community Gym Night

**29** FRIDAY, June 29  
9:09p Sabbath begins

**30** SABBATH, June 30  
**Fathers & Freedom Celebration \***  
10a Bible Study at STAF  
11a Worship Service at STAF

\* See Announcements or News pages for details

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Summary of our outreach goals for the next 4 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

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**WASHINGTON CAMPMEETING — JUNE 15 - 23**  
Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend all of this event or at least on Sabbaths. Campmeeting brochure with all of the schedules, classes & services is at WA Conference website.

**CAMPMEETING SABBATH LUNCHES FOR STAF**

You are invited to bring food to share & serving utensils at these picnic potluck/covered dish meals. About 30 minutes after the Worship Services, in the Junior tent.

2

**ORIAN'S FINAL SABBATH NEXT WEEK**

We said goodbye to the Orians' children last week, but Pastor Ben and Silvia will return from Campmeeting for a final Sabbath to celebrate Dads and our great Country. Let's plan to celebrate the time we've been blessed by them.

3

**LIVING FAITH** we return our tithes & offerings

Today's offering focus is **Washington Youth**. Supports events, ministries and education of children and youth throughout the Washington Conference.

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

Monthly Goal: \$11,000

Received MTD \$5,602

Annual Goal (YTD): \$66,000

Received (YTD) \$51,288



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Be sure to check weekly for updates, news, and changes at our website: [www.stafonline.org](http://www.stafonline.org)

**JUNE THORSEN MEMORIAL TOMORROW @ 4**

Come to honor and celebrate the life and family of one of our "shining lights." Please bring beverages, salads or finger sandwiches for the reception. Contact Ann (# on back) if you have questions re: food.

**CAMPMEETING EFFECTS @ STAF**

**Pastor Ben**—at Campmeeting through tomorrow.  
**Sabbaths**—no children's Sabbath School classes, limited adult classes, no fellowship lunches

**CELEBRATE DAD & COUNTRY NEXT SABBATH**

- Invite all of the Dads in your life**, including men who have been like-a-father to you. After the INDOOR worship service, we'll have lunch served to us by the STAF youth. (Online viewers requested that Pastor Ben's last service be live-streamed so we've moved it back into the sanctuary.) **Printed invitations are now available. Or send an e-vite in the app or website.**
- Lunch following service.** BBQ and roasted corn will be served. **STAF members are requested to bring folding chairs and side dishes like salads, melon, chips, etc.**
- Farewell program.** After lunch, our STAF youth will be giving a program in honor of the Orians. Plan to stay through late afternoon.

**OUTDOOR CHURCH & POTLUCK LUNCH— JULY 12**

**STAF will have no services at the church this day.** Instead, we're at Spanaway Lake Park 10:30 - 12 for worship, followed by a picnic potluck/covered dish lunch. Pre-paid parking will be available first-come-first-served—more info to come on this.

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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**

30	Pastor Ben
07	Del Harrison
14	<b>Outdoor Church -- STAF at Spanaway Lk. Park</b>
21	Del Harrison



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.