

STAFWELCOME

"Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth. Sing praises to the Lord. Sing to the one who rides across the ancient heavens, his mighty voice thundering from the sky. Tell everyone about God's power His majesty shines down on Israel, his strength is mighty in the heavens. God is awesome in his sanctuary. The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!"

Psalm 68:32-35 (New Living Translation)

WELCOME TO STAF! Imagine this: spending \$38.6 million on a project—that would never be completed! Actually, 38.6 is the figure if we were building in 1886. Today, the same project is estimated to cost closer to \$250 million. But—it doesn't get finished! I can't imagine it, but that's where we will start today in part 3 of our series, "Here We Stand." *We're glad you're here.*

STAFSTUF

TODAY/TONIGHT

11

- Fellowship Lunch
- 1p Play Practice
- 4p Youth Lock-In — *in the Gymnasium*
- 4:37p Sabbath ends

TUESDAY, November 14

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- 10a Bulletin Announcements & Information Due
- 10a Food Store open
- 10a Church Office open until 2p
- 6p Finance Committee meeting until 8p

WEDNESDAY, November 15

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- 5:30p Community Dinner
- 7p Reunite Small Groups

THURSDAY, November 16

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- 10a Church Office open until 2p
- 6:30p Community Gym Night
- 7p Gamblers' 12-Step Group — *in Multipurpose room*

FRIDAY, November 17

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- 4:30p Sabbath begins

SABBATH, November 18

18

- Thanksgiving Baskets distributed
- 1p Play Practice
- 6p Youth Game Night

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Summary of our outreach goals for the next 5 years. Join us!

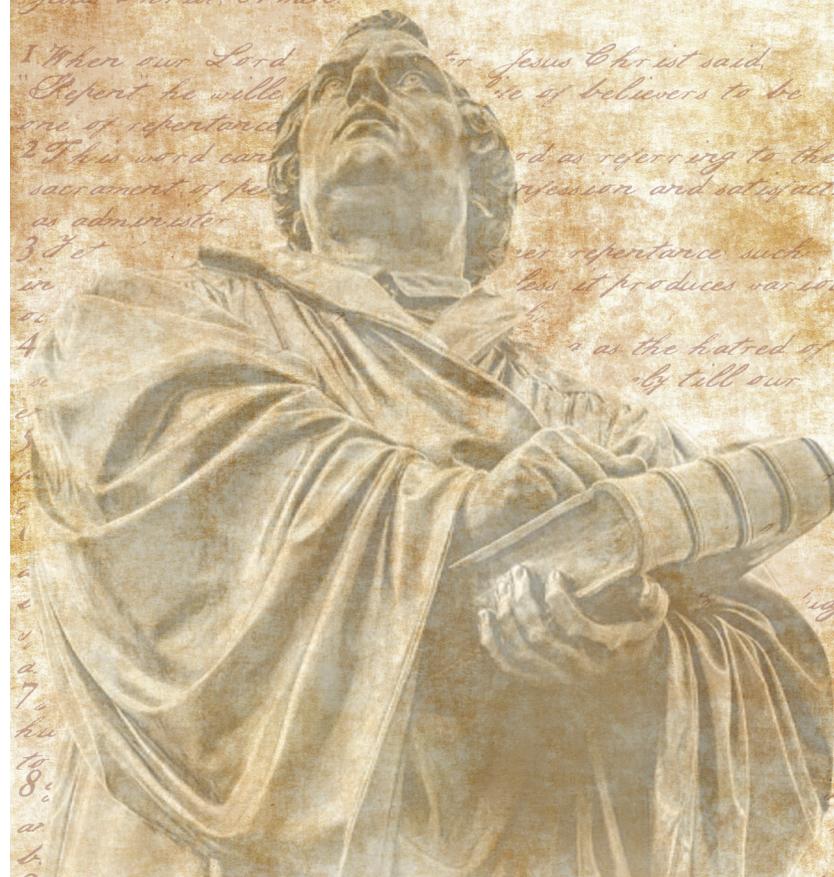
Kids	Missions	Attendance	Community
To provide outstanding children's and youth ministries that teach, mentor, and prepare kids for Jesus' soon return.	To sponsor 2 international mission trips to build up, edify, and expand God's kingdom on Earth.	Grow to 500+ attending and involved in soul-winning and 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: Tuesday and Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

STAF MESSENGER

REFORMATION COMMEMORATIVE EDITION

November 11, 2017



Here We Stand

500 YEARS | OCTOBER 31 | 1517 - 2017

Today: *Sola Fide*

SOUTH TACOMA
ADVENTIST
 FELLOWSHIP

*A Place of Hope,
 Second Chances,
 and New Beginnings*

1

YOUTH LOCK-IN STARTS TONIGHT @ 4p

Games, Worship, Supper and more!
If you are a teen or 20-something, you're going to have fun! Plan to come back tonight & stay thru morning. Bring a friend! In the Gymnasium.

BEGIN EVERY DAY WITH JESUS

Daily short Bible readings are a great way to start your day! Teach your children this great habit as well. Ordering info for 2018 devotion books is available in foyer. A great idea for Christmas gifts!

2

THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION NOV 18

It's time for our annual food drive to assist less fortunate families. Pledge your support by completing the accompanying form. Also, Do you know a family in need? Use the other form to let us know.

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LIVING FAITH

we return our tithes & offerings

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

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

October Goal: \$9500

Received (MTD) \$3,732

Annual Goal (YTD): \$104,500

Received (YTD) \$84,266



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

NEWS & EVENTS



Be sure to check weekly for updates, news, and changes at our website: www.stafonline.org

THANK YOU VETERANS!

With humble hearts, we thank you for having served our country.

MINISTRY BUDGETS FOR 2018 DUE SOON

Ministry leaders: Please submit your 2018 budget requests to the Pastor by November 16, *by email only please.* **Elders:** Please contact the leaders of the ministries you are mentoring, to assist with planning and to answer questions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Don't forget this Tuesday is a 2-hour meeting starting at 6p.

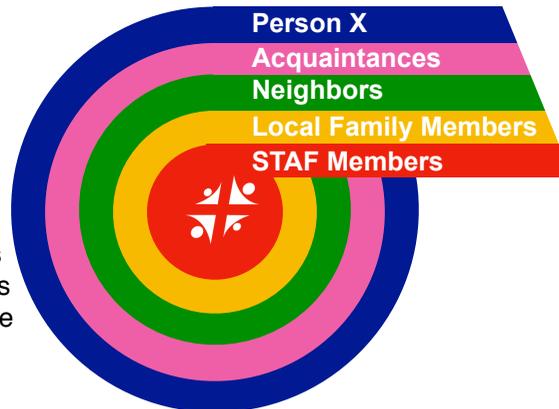
COMMUNITY DINNER THIS WEDNESDAY @ 5:30p

Bible studies not your thing? Enjoy a FREE chili 'n cornbread dinner in the Gym and talk with the guests. Witnessing can be as simple as listening and being kind, or helping the host out! *Please contact Stephanie if you can give her some help that evening. slgauntz@gmail.com.*

Concentric Circles of Concern

Ever wonder who you can invite to join us at church? We often think of "Person X" first, but what about those closer to us? Here at STAF, every week is a safe week to invite someone to church. If you enjoy STAF, why not share that experience with someone? Invite them to share in the excitement happening at STAF. Here are some things we have coming up that would be great opportunities to invite someone to:

- ✓ Pastor Ben's Reformation Series
- ✓ Christmas Breakfast (and Pastor Ben's "CinnaBen" Rolls) as well as our Christmas Program featuring the STAF Youth (Dec 9)

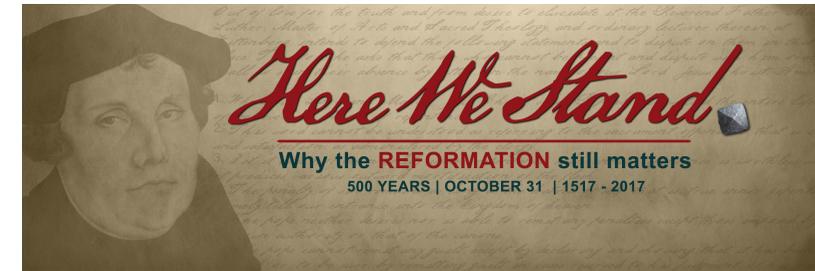


Reunite

Wednesdays, 7:00pm | Wednesday evening Bible study provides in-depth study of the books of the Bible and is geared towards engaging participants in a better understanding of God's Word, while at the same time building stronger Christian Character. We currently have two classes to choose from.

Ken Thompson's group just started an in-depth, verse-by-verse study on the book of Habakkuk. Elsa Leslie leads our other class, which just started the 40-days of Prayer Bible study. **Feel free to attend either class!**

TEACHING SERIES



Teaching Series Dates - October 28 - November 18. See Church Website for series details or past study guides.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

18	Pastor Orian	<i>Sola Gratia: Amazing Grace</i>
25	Pastor Orian	<i>Yada, Yada, Yada</i>
02	Pastor Orian	<i>The Parable of Three Servants</i>
09	<i>Christmas Breakfast & Youth-Led Christmas Program</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.