

# STAFWELCOME

“ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **John 3:16 (NKJV)** ”

Comedian Jeff Foxworthy says it is “The promise that bears hope for the hopeless.” Musician Mac Powell says “It is the Gospel in a nutshell.” Author Max Lucado describes it as the “Hope diamond of the Bible.” And Protestant Reformer Martin Luther called it the “Gospel in miniature.”

What is IT? IT is John 3:16. Perhaps the most widely quoted, most recognizable, and famous Bible passage of all. It is certainly the central theme of Christianity. So let’s study it together. Word by word. **WELCOME TO STAF!** – *Pastor Ben*

## STAFSTUF

### TODAY

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Fellowship lunch \*  
Deacon and Deaconess meeting \*  
4:42p Sabbath ends

### TUESDAY, January 16

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10a Food Store open  
**10a Bulletin Announcements & Information Due**  
1p Church Office open until 5p  
6p/7p Finance Committee, Church Board meet

### WEDNESDAY, January 17

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10a Church Office open until 2p  
**5:30p Community Dinner**  
7p Reunite small groups

### THURSDAY, January 18

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

### FRIDAY, January 19

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4:50p Sabbath begins

### SABBATH, January 20

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Youth Extreme  
7p Youth Gym Night

\*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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**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY**

*In the Gymnasium, Following Worship Service*  
Come and enjoy yummy Mexican food, while meeting new people.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS START TUESDAY**

The Office Administrator will be working 3 days a week. Tuesdays 1p - 5p; Wednesdays and Thursdays 10a - 2p. Pastor will continue to be in on Tuesdays & Thursdays with occasional Wednesdays.

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**DEACON, DEACONESS MEETING TODAY**

Everyone in these ministries is urged to attend this meeting right after lunch in the Gym. Please come to the stage end of the room.

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**LIVING FAITH**

*we return our tithes & offerings*

Today's offering focus is **WASHINGTON YOUTH** — supporting ONLY youth and children's ministries in Washington Conference, including Christian education, Pathfinders and much more.

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

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

Received (MTD) \$1,174

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

Received (YTD) \$1,174



*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)*

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER —SECOND READING**

**Heidi Backell-Patton** to STAF from N. Hill Adventist Fellowship in Edgewood, WA

**GAMBIA MISSION TRIP**

Pastor Del is invited to again bring the Gospel to a country where he first brought the message decades ago. Support his spring trip by marking a tithe envelope "Gambia." Remember mission trips is one of our goals (see back panel.) He needs full funding by the end of this month.

**COMMUNION SERVICES TODAY**

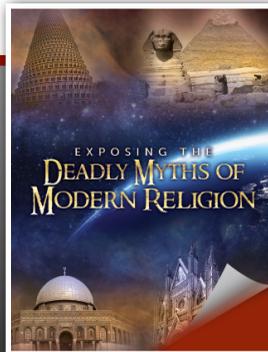
Foot washing service takes place 10:35-10:50 in classrooms on back hallway (signs are posted.) The Lord's Supper takes place during Worship Service. Questions? Special needs? Ask a greeter, elder or deacon.

**"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.*

**YOUTH EVENT CANCELLED**

The Mirror Conference in Renton scheduled for January 19/20 has been cancelled.



**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.

**Series Dates / Title / Topics**

Jan 13	"Divinity"	<i>It all Starts with God</i>
Jan 20	"Danger"	<i>The Second Death</i>
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>

**STAF BUSINESS MEETING**

*January 21st @ 10a For Brunch*  
STAF members and regular attendees are encouraged to come. Progress on our 5-year Goals and new budget are among the items to be discussed. Be informed! (Only members may vote.)



PREACHING SCHEDULE

<b>13</b>	Pastor Orian	<i>Divinity</i>
<b>20</b>	Pastor Orian	<i>Danger</i>
<b>27</b>	Del Harrison	
<b>03</b>	Pastor Orian	<i>Desire</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.