

STAF WELCOME

“ And she will bring forth a son, and you will call His name
 ” ‘Jesus,’ for He will save His people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)

WELCOME TO STAF! It’s already the third Sabbath of this 2017 Christmas season. Did you know: Pope Julius, in 353AD first authorized December 25 to be Christmas? Did you know: it as a college professor, Charles Follen, who first put lights on a tree in celebration of Christmas? That was in 1832. Who knew our decorations would become as elaborate as they have today – with not just our trees, but our houses all aglow too. It’s been a long time since 1832, and longer still since 353, but hopefully the Light of the World Who was born in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago still lights your world and gives you peace. — *Pastor Ben*

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TODAY

16

Reception for Hanna Family
 Men’s/Women’s Fellowship Lunches
4:22p Sabbath ends
 6p Youth Game Night

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TUESDAY, December 19
 10a Food Store open
10a Bulletin Announcements & Information Due
12p Church Office open until 4p

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WEDNESDAY, December 20
 5:30p Community Dinner
 7p *Reunite* small groups

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THURSDAY, December 21
 6:30p Community Gym Night

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SABBATH, December 22/23
4:27p Sabbath begins (Friday)
 Fellowship Lunch (Saturday)



OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS/DAYS

The Office will be open 1 day/week for the next 3 weeks.
 Dec 19th 12-4p; Dec 28th 10a-2p; and Jan 4th 10a-2p.

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: Tuesday and Thursday 10 am - 2 pm



STAF MESSENGER

December 16, 2017

A Place of Hope, Second Chances, and New Beginnings

1

YOUTH GAME TONIGHT @ 6p

In the Gymnasium

Join the fun with others your age. Open to teens and 20-somethings.

2

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LUNCHES TODAY

All adults are welcome to attend the appropriate group for food, worship and fellowship. Women meet in the gym and men meet in the multipurpose room down the hall in the gym building.

3

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER THIS WEDNESDAY

Come at 5:30 to enjoy the food and fellowship. This month's hostess is Ann Graham. Menu includes a great casserole, mashed potatoes and dessert.

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.

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

November Goal: \$9500

Received (MTD) \$3,122

Annual Goal (YTD): \$114,000

Received (YTD) \$95,790

Dec. online giving won't be reflected in STAF's tax deductible report for 2017. You may choose to give in a tithe envelope instead.



It's Okay to Share...

Connect and continue the conversation with us socially!

f 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

TODAY IS ISAAC & HEBA'S LAST SABBATH

They have accepted a call to the Potomac Conference in Virginia. Isaac will be serving 4 congregations! STAF has been so blessed to have had them here for the past year. Please let them know how they have blessed you personally. A reception for them in the foyer immediately follows today's Worship Service.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

Second Reading—**Liselott Cairus** to STAF from the Azure Hills SDA Church in Grand Terrace, CA.

New Year's Party

2018

December 30 @ 6:00pm— Games, laughs and fellowship. Bring your treats, dips sandwiches, or snacks. Drinks and popcorn will be provided. Win a prize for the craziest outfit: **Men**— Ugly Tie; **Women**— Ugly Christmas Sweater; **Teens/20s**— Ugly Shirt; **Kids**— Crazy socks. To Participate, adults contribute \$2, and kids \$1 for the new media system, wear the item, and be judged!

"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.* We have 1-time, occasional, monthly and weekly opportunities.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SABBATH

Bring 2 favorite potluck items to share. There may be more guests than usual, so please bring plenty.

THE HOLIDAYS & OUR MID-WEEK MINISTRIES

All Wednesday and Thursday evening ministries will continue as usual throughout the next few weeks. Keep checking the bulletin for possible changes.

HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON SO THAT WE COULD LIVE
JOHN 3:16

BEGINS 01 | 13 | 18 } Pastor Benjamin Orian

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>

PREACHING SCHEDULE

23	Pastor Orian	<i>World Peace</i>
30	David McLauchlan	<i>New Year, New Way</i>
06	Pastor Orian	<i>The Year STAF Walked on Water</i>
13	Pastor Orian	<i>Divinity</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.