

STAF WELCOME

Happy Thanksgiving!



*"We thank you, God, we thank You!
Your Name is our favorite word;
Your mighty works are all we can talk about!"*
Psalm 75:1 (the message)

WELCOME TO STAF! It's that special time of the year again when we extend a grateful "thank you" to our Lord for the things in our lives. In fact, as I write this short paragraph, I have taken a moment to give thanks to God for each one of you who might read this. You have come and made this Sabbath special—just with your presence. It is my sincere prayer for you, that your Thanksgiving will be a most special day for you and your family.
—Pastor Ben

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TODAY/TONIGHT

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Youth Extreme Lunch
1p Play Practice
6p Youth Game Night — *in the Gymnasium*
4:29p Sabbath ends

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MONDAY, November 20

10a Bulletin Announcements & Information Due
10a Church Office open until 1p (Pastor is out)

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TUESDAY, November 21

10a Food Store open

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THURSDAY, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

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FRIDAY, November 24

4:24p Sabbath begins

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SABBATH, November 25

1p Play Practice



LEADERSHIP TEAM

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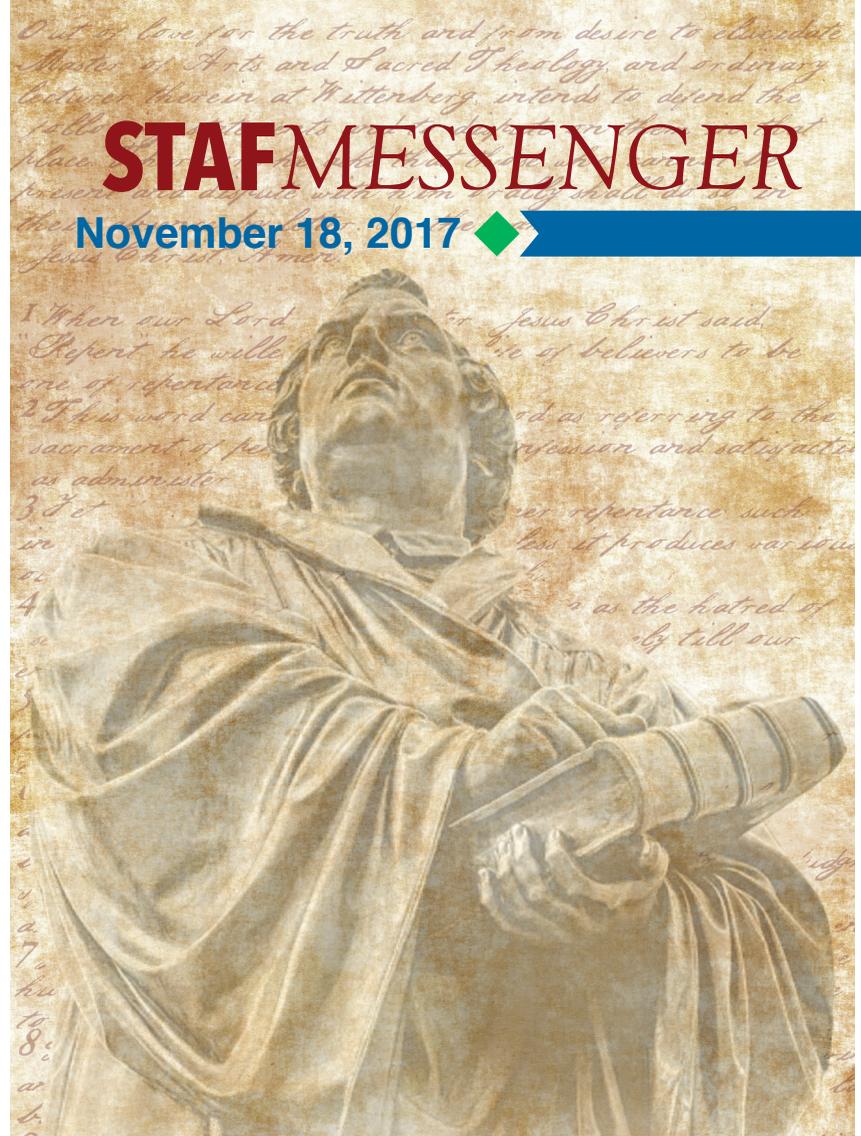
Summary of our outreach goals for the next 5 years. Join us!

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

November 18, 2017



Here We Stand

500 YEARS | OCTOBER 31 | 1517 - 2017

Today: *Sola Gratia*



A Place of Hope,
Second Chances,
and New Beginnings

1

THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION TODAY
If you signed up for food, immediately after the service leave the Sanctuary through the door near the piano, to the classroom directly across the hall.

YOUTH GAMES TONIGHT @ 6p

In the Gymnasium
If you are a teen or 20-something, come and play games and enjoy being with others your age.

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OFFICE HOURS/BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Office Administrator will be in the office only on Monday 10a - 1p this week. Announcements must be in before 10a. The Pastor is taking off a few days to be with his family and will be back next Sabbath.

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

November Goal: \$9500

Received (MTD) \$5,935

Annual Goal (YTD): \$104,500

Received (YTD) \$90,201



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



CONNECT CARD

Almost every church has one, but it can still be mysterious. Here at STAF, our connect card isn't a tax return, job application or customer survey. It's an avenue of communication between those who attend and our leadership team. Do you have a prayer request you would like us to join with you praying about? Do you have another concern and you would like the pastor to call? Or perhaps you would like to volunteer in some ministry we have here at STAF. Take a moment to fill a card out. Pastor Ben loves hearing from you.

COMMUNITY DINNERS



Each month STAF hosts a FREE community dinner—always on the third Wednesday of the month. Our dinners started as a mission to lift the less fortunate in our neighborhood. Sometimes we have as few as five or six guests, but we've had as many as 20. It's open to anyone and everyone, so come out and enjoy a totally free meal—no muss, no fuss. It's fun fellowship and always an opportunity to meet someone new.

Our community dinners are sponsored and hosted by various members or groups of members as a 1-time commitment. At present, we do not have a volunteer for any dinners from December on. If you would like to get involved with the ministry, contact Laurel in the office. We can get you started and scheduled!

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST



Year to date, STAF has been blessed with 22 baptisms or professions of faith—and more scheduled before the end of the year! For eight months in a row, we have had a least one baptism every month! Then, last week, Pastor Ben challenged us to begin praying that in 2018, God might give to us at least one baptism per week. It's a BIG request. One that only God can answer. But we believe God answers those kinds of prayers. Are you willing to go ALL IN, praying for the Holy Spirit's leading in someone's life? Who do you know that needs Jesus in their life? Pray for them. Let's see what God will do!



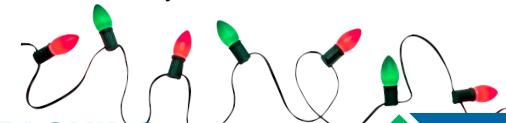
STAF Annual Christmas Breakfast & Pageant
Sabbath, December 9, 2017

Pastor Ben is making breakfast! Served hot beginning at 9:30 am
Youth Christmas Drama and Worship Service is at 10:30 am

The story of Christmas is special, full of exemplary people, amazing miracles and extraordinary events that give us our first introduction to the incarnate Creator. From those stories, now told for more than two millennia, come traditions, decorations, gift giving, family celebrations and reunions.

As another Christmas and Holiday Season overtakes us, we want to take time to reflect on the true joy that this season can bring. For it began that first Christmas, when God sent His son Jesus to free us from our past and offer us hope for the future.

Bring your whole family and invite your neighbors to once again experience the story of Jesus' birth. It's sure to rekindle your joy!



PREACHING SCHEDULE

25	Pastor Orian	<i>Yada, Yada, Yada</i>
02	Pastor Orian	<i>The Parable of Three Servants</i>
09	<i>Breakfast & Youth-Led Christmas Program</i>	
16	Pastor Orian	



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.