

STAF WELCOME

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.’
Luke 2:13-14 (NKJV)

WELCOME TO STAF! Chuck Swindoll gives some good ideas for finding peace on earth: Mend a quarrel; dismiss suspicion; tell someone you love them; give something away—anonously. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Give a soft answer, visit a shut in, apologize when wrong... Give as God gave you in Christ, without obligation, announcement, reservation, or hypocrisy. This would bring “peace, goodwill toward man.”
(Adopted from Charles Swindoll, Growing Strong, pages 400-401)

STAFSTUF

30 TODAY
4:28p Sabbath ends
 6p New Year’s Eve party *in the Gym*

02 TUESDAY, January 2
 10a Food Store open until noon
10a Bulletin Announcements & Information Due
Church Office CLOSED

03 WEDNESDAY, January 3
 7p *Reunite* small groups

04 THURSDAY, January 4
 10a Church Office open until 1p
 6:30p Community Gym Night resumes

05 FRIDAY, January 5
4:33p Sabbath begins

06 SATURDAY, January 6
 6p All-Church Game Night



OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS/DAYS

The Office will be open 1 day/week for the next 2 weeks.
 Jan 4th 10a-1p and Jan 11th 10a-1p

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
December 30, 2017

A Place of Hope, Second Chances, and New Beginnings

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Happy New Year!

The God of love will give STAF more blessings if you are praying He—1) will show you where to be involved at STAF, & 2) will give us 1 baptism a week.

LEADERSHIP MEETINGS THIS MONTH

Communion practice is Jan. 12 @ 6:30p. Finance Committee and Church Board meet January 16 @ 6p & 7p. Be ready with your comments about the reading assignment.

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THE YEAR STAF WALKED ON WATER

Don't miss Pastor Ben's explosive and provocative New Year's message and appeal on January 6. We've been in the boat for too long! Now it's our turn to do what Jesus did—Walk on Water!

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, and Christian education.

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

November Goal: \$9500

Received (MTD) \$8,670

Annual Goal (YTD): \$114,000

Received (YTD) \$101,338

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!

- 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

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER SECOND READINGS

Novari and Tavita Feau to STAF from Patterson Discover Life SDA Church in Patterson, CA

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

Nancy Campbell to STAF from Yakima Adventist Church in Yakima, WA

New Year's Party 2018

December 30 @ 6:00pm — Games, laughs and fellowship. Bring your favorite holiday treats, dips, finger sandwiches, or snacks. Drinks and popcorn will be provided. **Win a gift card 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.

THE HOLIDAYS & OUR MID-WEEK MINISTRIES

Wednesday and Thursday evening ministries will resume as usual this week.

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Orian will be taking vacation December 25—January 4. Also, January 8-10 he will be at Sunset Lake for Pastor's Meetings. If an emergency should arise during these times, please contact Ken Thompson or one of the other elders.

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

06	Pastor Orian	<i>The Year STAF Walked on Water</i>
13	Pastor Orian	<i>Divinity</i>
20	Pastor Orian	<i>Danger</i>
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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.