

# The Youth Slate

I read a story about a boy whose father was serving in the war. He had been gone for a long time, and now it was feared that he was killed. For three years this young boy and his family kept a picture of him on their wall. It was a beautiful picture of him in full dress. Each morning the boy would walk by the picture and look at his father.

One morning when he walked by the picture he began to cry. The boy's mother came by to comfort him, but was unable to. She tried to point him to the hope that he may still be alive. She told him that if he wasn't, they would meet again in heaven. After all the attempts to comfort him, she finally asked him why he was crying. The boy responded by saying, "I have forgotten almost everything about him." The two heart broken people looked at the picture crying, and began to share memories that they had. After the stroll down memory lane ended, the boy simply said, "I wish daddy could just step down out of the picture and be here with us then I would know he was real."



Many Christians begin to feel that way about Jesus. I just wish He would step out of pictures, out of the Bible to show us He is real. This Christmas we celebrate that our God *did* step out of heaven, out of pictures, out of the Bible to show us He IS REAL! He is not some fable, or a "once-upon-a-time" story. But the Savior who has come to deliver us from sin and we will be reunited with Him just as the boy was reunited with his father.

*Pastor Steve*

**Middle School:** Be sure to join everyone upstairs for our opening and then start Grappling with the issues of faith through our Grapple Bible Study. Be sure to join the children on December 13<sup>th</sup> as you help lead them through the Christmas Program, "A Mouse's Tale".

**High School:** High School Youth Group meets on Sundays, **4:30pm**, at Starbucks (53<sup>rd</sup> & Elmore). Our Bible Study is from the Book of Revelation, so join us as we learn more about what God has in store for our futures!

**Family Feud:** Talk with Pastor Steve to fill out a survey that will be used for our youth event in December. We will get together for an evening of fun, Family Feud style, as we look at your views of Christmas and live!

+ Middle School Feud will be at the church on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

+ High School Feud will be at the church on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.



**Girls Night:** "Beautiful girls are worth more." "I need a boyfriend." "I have to perform to be loved and accepted." Do you believe any of these lies? On Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we will have a girls slumber party at Rachel Henderson's house. We will talk, laugh, paint nails, watch movies, enjoy snacks, crafts, and a bible study based upon the books "Lies Young Women Believe" and "Redefining Beautiful." Join us as we remember whose we are—dearly love children of our heavenly Father!

**Guys Night:** Not a girl? Kicked out of your house? Well come join Pastor Steve at Church for an evening of video games at the church. We will gather at 7 and call it a night at 11. If you have games you want to bring, be sure to ok them with Pastor Steve so you know we can play them.