



# THE STATE — OF THE — YOUTH

JANUARY 2023

## 412 LATELY

Happy New Year!!

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and that you have started the New Year off well. We had an incredible season of Advent in the 412 Student Ministry. This month was very unique compared to all of our others. We Started the month off with an entirely new kind of night of testimony and worship. We were blessed to have different members of our congregation, from different age dynamics and seasons of life, share their story with the teenagers of how God has saved them and brought them through the good and the bad of life.

Week two included bringing in a special friend of mine, Landin Norman, to speak to the teenagers. Landin is a Discipleship Pastor in Bartlett, Tennessee. He is a gifted speaker and minister, and we were very grateful for him coming to fill in to speak this week. He spoke on Pride and the different ways it manifests itself in each of our lives. Pride is the root of most sin, some may argue all sin. This was very poignant and important message for us to hear, especially this time of year. Finally, we ended the month with our annual 412 Christmas Party. Our Christmas Party is always a blast. We have a great time playing Christmas games, our famous sock exchange, and perhaps best of all, the Junk Food Buffett.

I already know God is going to do some great things in our Student Ministry in 2024. Please continue to be in prayer for our teenagers, and those of you with students who will be moving up to 412 this year, let me be the first to tell you that we are so excited for them to be here!



*-Landin Norman speaking on Pride in AXIS*



*-Merry Christmas from my family to yours*

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Because it is the holidays, I do not have a 'Culture in Review' or 'Gen Z Lingo' for you this month. I look forward to speaking to you again in February.

Because technically the 12 days of Christmas are still happening when this will be posted... A Merry Christmas to you and your family. Happy New Year and God bless.

Following His Lead,

Stephen Yates  
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## THEOLOGY 101

*Incarnate* – The personal and physical manifestation of God's presence in the world. This attribute of God finds its ultimate fulfillment in the birth of Jesus Christ.

*John 3:16; Hebrews 1:1-2; Isaiah 9:6; Galatians 4:4-5; Titus 3:4-7*

*Memory Verse: John 1:14*