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## STEVEN IS LEAVIN' (THE WOMB)

**"Your life is going to change."**

I can't tell you how many times I've heard this over the last 9 months. I also can't tell you that this statement, uttered by many a well-meaning loved ones of Eliza and me, comes as much of a revelation to either of us. In fact, at times I have to combat the urge to remark sarcastically, "Really? I thought a kid was just like a pet, only better, because nobody throws you parties when you get a new pet."

No, Eliza and I are well aware that our life together is about to look completely different than it ever has before, and that change will follow us through the remainder of our marriage. Goodbye, weeknights and weekends filled with what we want to do. See ya later, money that could buy things on *our* wish lists. Hasta la vista, staircase without a cumbersome baby gate, trash-can without dirty diapers, and electrical outlets without those stupid plastic safety plugs that people with short fingernails can *never* get out. And as for you, Mr. Sleep—nice knowing ya.

Upon reflection, it might seem crazy—two happy, unburdened people willingly giving up all the comforts of their relatively care-free life to dedicate themselves to guarding and guiding the life of another.

*BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO DO IT.*

I haven't thought twice about it. Eliza and I knew from day one that we wanted to have a family together, no matter what the cost.

And in that, I think we've seen a glimpse of just one of the ways that we've been created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26). Because to grow His family, God also chose to make some changes. In Jesus, God took on flesh, lived as a servant among the dirty and sinful, died despite his innocence, and rose triumphant over death so the world might know that all of His children are welcome in His arms.

In light of a sacrifice like that, changing diapers and enduring a few sleepless nights is nothing. Eliza and I are happy to do it. After all, we've been made in the image of a God who was happy to offer up a whole lot more for us.

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**STANLEY: I DO NOT LIKE PREGNANT WOMEN IN MY WORKSPACE. THEY ARE ALWAYS COMPLAINING. I HAVE VARICOSE VEINS, TOO. I HAVE SWOLLEN ANKLES. I'M CONSTANTLY HUNGRY... YOU THINK I DON'T NEED TO KNOW THE FASTEST WAY TO THE HOSPITAL?**

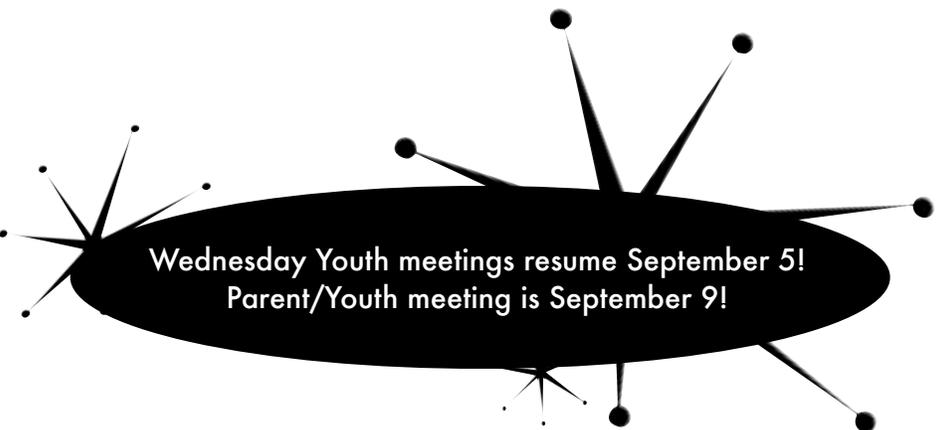
**Michael: Babies are drawn to me, and I think it's because they see me as one of them, but cooler, and with my life put together a little bit.**

**DWIGHT: IN MY FAMILY, THE YOUNGEST CHILD ALWAYS RAISES THE OTHERS. I'VE BEEN RAISING CHILDREN SINCE I WAS A BABY.**



**Michael: If a baby were president, there would be no taxes, there would be no war. There would be no government, and...things could get terrible. Actually, um, it would probably be a better screenplay idea than a serious suggestion.**

**Dwight: Spartans would leave a weak baby by the side of the road. My parents left me beside the road. I crawled home. Not so weak, huh, Mom?**



Wednesday Youth meetings resume September 5!  
 Parent/Youth meeting is September 9!



## Fall Rush is October 12-14!

Early registration is \$60 and ends 9/16.

Regular registration is \$75 and ends 10/3.

See Paul for a brochure!

Did you know we're on

# You Tube ?

WE ARE!

Our channel name is

**fbcclaytonyouthgroup**

Just type it into the search browser on the YouTube home page and click on it when it pops up!

On our channel, you can see any of the videos we make, including Ally Ian and her dad from Elevation 2012, the Back to the Future Senior Adult Banquet film and blooper reel, the 2012 Summer Slideshow, and the upcoming Fall Rush commercial!

## Oh, Leg Hair; My Leg Hair

*by Paul Burgess*

*For twenty-seven years you'd been my friend.*

*You were so full, so thick, not thin.  
But now in your place there's only skin.*

*Oh, Leg Hair  
My Leg Hair*

*You know I wish you could have stayed.  
But for a foolish vow my debt you paid.  
And died by wax and razor blade.*

*Oh, Leg Hair  
My Leg Hair*

*But fear not! For in Christ you soul's protected.  
And just like our Lord who'd been rejected.  
You'll grow back--rise up--RESURRECTED!*

*Oh, Leg Hair  
My Leg Hair*



# Let your parents see what's up.

Parent/Youth Meeting: Sunday, September 9 at 7:00pm

Come get a breakdown of the fall calendar,  
sign up for events and ministries, win a door prize,  
and see the reveal of the 2012 Fall Rush commercial!

