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### Coming Events at FUMC

Feb 8	Worship Comm. Mtg. 4:30 pm WNL-Cheeseburgers
Feb 9	MOPS 9:15-11:30 am
Feb 10-12	CCYM
Feb 12	Children's Council Mtg. 12 pm Church Council Mtg. 12 pm No Youth Solar
Feb 13	Drive Group 7 pm @ Church
Feb 14	Senior Coffee 9-10:30 am SWP Drive Group 10 am CWT @ Ranchers 11:30 am
Feb 15	Klint Bratcher visit (Prospective Youth Pastor)
Feb 20	President's Day
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday Jake Andrews visit (Prospective Youth Pastor) WNL
Feb 23	MOPS 9:15-11:30 am
Feb 26	Nehemiah Too 4-8 pm Darren's Office

Sunday's  
Statistics  
February 5,  
2012

Attendance:

8:45	111
11:00	81

**Don't you just love the lil'(or big) darlin's?**  
**GRAND & GREAT GRANDKIDS that is!**  
Bring pictures and stories and share your love.

**SENIORS COFFEE**

SUSANA WESLEY PARLOR - FIRST UMC  
Tuesday, February 14 - 9:00 til 10:30

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!**

# Darren's Thoughts

By Darren Skinner



Momentum is very important in our world. Without it we are at a standstill. We are then stuck, frozen, immobile, paralyzed by the friction of the status quo. Yet when we are moving, developing, progressing change happen easily. God is always working in our lives moving us toward him. He never expects us to be the same. For a relationship to stay the same is to find that relationship dying. Nowhere in scripture are we encouraged to stay the same, it just isn't in there. Biblical Christians are moving, growing, changing individuals who have a momentum God-ward.

Last Sunday, I introduced the "Momentum for Life" series. This week I'm challenging us to overcome the forces of friction by pushing ourselves beyond our excuses. Rationalizations, procrastinations and other general reasons are harming our ability to present an honorable, excellent offering to God. Just as I said Sunday, everything we do in our life is some form of worship. It may or may not be worshipping God. Money, children, spouse, job, political power, fame all can be objects of our worship. We may find ourselves in the position of honoring those "idols" and neglecting the God who made them all. Thus our life is cheapened. We become something less than human, less than all that God intended.

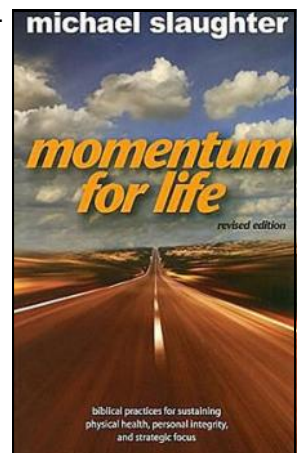
Do you want to live below your means? Do you want to experience life on a higher level? Have you settled for less than God intended? In most of our lives, mine included, we have lived below our own expectations, much less God's. I desire to be more like what God intends, but there is so much that gets in my way. Frankly, my life is busy. I have so many commitments, expectations and appointments. Time is not my friend, it never stops. So I settle for what I can

fit into my schedule. And when the day is over, I sit on the couch exhausted and become numb watching the inane, insignificant reality TV shows. I have settled for less, but I don't want that. I desire to have my life count for something, something significant. I am challenged by Michael Slaughter in the "momentum" book to present my life as an honorable, excellent offering to God. Remember, I am struggling in many of the areas he addresses in the book.

As part of this series, we have several Sunday School classes reading and discussing the sermons and the book. If you are not part of a Sunday School class and would like to be involved here is a list of classes participating: Friendly Crusaders (Bride's Room), Balcony (Chapel), Genesis (Rm. #131). There will also be three groups meeting during the week. Monday, 7 p.m. (Parlor – Lorna Jackson, leading); Tuesday, 10 a.m. (Parlor – Pastor Darren, leading); Wednesday, 5:45 p.m. (Pastor's Office – Pastor Darren, leading)

I am looking forward to the discussions and your personal reflections on the book. I'm praying for each of us to present our lives as honorable, excellent offerings to God.

Blessings,  
Darren



# WANTED



## JELLY JARS FOR UMCOR

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING CHANGE TO HELP SUPPORT OTHERS IN NEED. TURN THEM IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR CALL SHERRY OR BRENDA FOR QUESTIONS ANSWERED.**

### Mission Possible Opportunity

Isaiah's kitchen needs four servers on Sunday, February 19th from 2:30—3:30 at 304 West Harden. If you can help. Please contact Brenda Crowe at 492-9446 or Sherry Campbell at 392-7609.

*Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took me in."*

## Thank You Very Much!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Global Health Initiative of the United Methodist Church, thank you for your generous contribution to Imagine N Malaria during 2011. Your support of this ministry allows the United Methodist Church to continue working with our partners to help end preventable deaths caused by malaria in Africa, especially the deaths of children and mothers.

Peace and Blessings for a Happy New Year,  
 Gary Henderson  
 Executive Director, Global Health Initiative



Pastor Skinner,

I wanted to thank you for feeding our team while our cafeteria was closed. Your help & generosity are greatly appreciated...and I know our kids enjoyed it. Thanks again,

Chris Tifft  
 Head Coach, Men's Basketball

*Dear Members of FUMC,*

*Thank you so much for your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

*Sincerely,  
 Isaiah's Kitchen*

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your faithfulness to us here at Manna.

We appreciate you,  
 Ruth Hansard

# YOUTH and CHILDREN NEWS

**Prospective Youth  
Pastor Visits**

**Klint Bratcher-February 15th**  
**Jake Andrews-February 22nd**


In the Youth Room at FUMC:  
3:00 - 5:00 pm Open visit with Parents and Youth  
5:30 - 6:30 pm Sharing and Q&A

- March 4th Fundraiser for Summer Camp  
Anyone interested in organizing and/or participating in a camp fundraising meal for Campers, both youth and children, contact Sheila
- Parents needing to do crafts come check out the church resource room and get it done!

[Sheila@fumchobbs.org](mailto:Sheila@fumchobbs.org) or 397-7777

***Confirmation Information***


<i>March 30-31</i>	<i>Lock-In at the church</i>
<i>April 13-14</i>	<i>Confirmation Rally in Lubbock</i>
<i>April 22</i>	<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>



**Welcome To MOPS 2012**

February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:30am-11:30am



**God Lantern**  
CCYM Winter Event  
February 10-12, 2012  
9th - 12th graders  
Sacramento Methodist Assembly



**Rhythm of Christ.. Jr. High**  
March 2-4, 2012  
Sacramento Methodist Assembly  
Hosted by: Wesley NMSU



# Sacramento

## 2012 Conference Camp and Retreat Schedule

### Adult Camps and Retreats

Come to the Mountain, Let God Refresh Your Soul!

- UMW Spiritual Retreat  
March 16-18
- Young Adult Work & Spiritual  
Retreat  
April 20-22
- Rio Grande Family Camp  
July 1-6
- UMW School of  
Christian Mission  
July 20-23
- Camp Sunshine  
August 6-10
- Rio Grande UMW Retreat  
August 10-12
- NM Conf. Youth Director's  
Retreat  
Sept. 6-8
- SWIFT  
College Age Work Retreat  
Sept. 14-16
- United Methodist Men's  
Retreat  
Sept. 21-23
- Clergy Retreat  
Sept. 30-Oct. 3
- Aspen Tour  
Oct. 5-7
- Seasoned Citizens Retreat  
Oct. 15-19

### YOUTH CAMPS AND RETREATS

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|-------------------------|------------|
| CCYM Winter Event       | Feb. 10-12 |
| ROC (Mid-High)          | March 2-4  |
| Younger Children's Camp | June 8-10  |
| Music Camp              | June 10-15 |
| Youth Camp              | June 18-22 |
| Adventure Camp Weekend  | July 5-8   |
| Elementary Camp         | July 9-13  |
| CCYM Fall Event         | Nov. 16-18 |

### BACKPACKING ADVENTURES

- Women's Backpacking Adventure  
June 14-16
- Youth Backpacking Adventure  
June 24-29
- Backpacking Adventure for Beginners  
July 8-13
- Weminuche Backpacking Adventure  
September 24-28

Visit our website for additional information and registration forms:  
[www.sacramentoassembly.org](http://www.sacramentoassembly.org)



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Those interested in sending cards and letters of encouragement...



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JMEM/DTS  
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Germany

## Items Needed for Food Pantry

- 1 lb bags of rice and beans
- Meal type soup
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Powered and canned milk
- Canned tuna, chicken and meat
- Cereal regular and no sugar added
- Peanut Butter Canned fruit
- micro wave food (individual)
- Instant potato products
- Other items you think would be needed

