

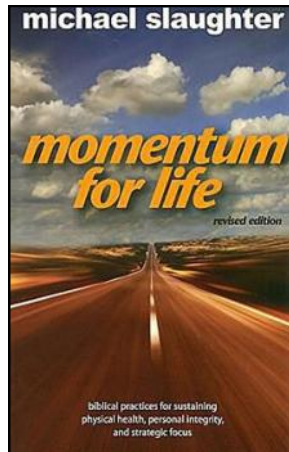
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Sunday's
Statistics
 January 22,
 2012
 Attendance:
 8:45 91
 11:00 77

Momentum for Life

Visionary pastor Michael Slaughter calls all aspiring leaders to a life of faith, balance, and purpose. Operating on the principle that all leadership begins with self-leadership, the book outlines five crucial disciplines:



- * **D**evotion to God
- * **R**eadiness for lifelong learning
- * **I**nvesting in key relationships
- * **V**isioning for the future
- * **E**ating and **E**xercise for life.

Readers will gain insights and advice for enriching the spiritual, intellectual, interpersonal, missional, and physical areas of their lives, all of which are integral to effectiveness as a leader. Book for sale in church office. The cost is \$16.00.

Sermon Series Starts February 5th

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



Darren's Thoughts

By Darren Skinner



Every year I change several of my usual things. For instance, I changed my daily Bible reading to the E100 reading plan. I'm posting my progress through this reading plan on my Facebook page, to keep me accountable. I am using a new version of the Bible. Last year I read using "The Message" paraphrase by Peterson. This year I'm using the English Standard Version. My daily devotional is called the Transformation Journal and is emailed to me daily. This devotional has a different perspective and has proven in the past three weeks to be challenging for my personal life.

These changes have been good for me. What about you? How is your personal devotional life going? Has it become staid or boring? Have you wanted to change but don't know what to do? Alvin Toffler who wrote "Megatrends" has said: "Those who are the literate of the future will not be those who can read and write. It will be those who can learn, un-learn, and re-learn."

I grew up with pen and paper, books and manuals. TV was there to entertain during the evenings. As a teenager I remember at midnight the broadcast of the three channels (yes there were only three stations we could pick up on the antenna on the top of the house) ended with the national anthem and the screen when to a test pattern. Today that is not the case. My satellite service carries many hundred channels, movies on demand, interactive network programming, all 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. My son has grown up watching multiple Disney channels, Cartoon Networks, Nickelodeons, and other kid friendly networks. Computers and the internet are part of his daily life. He regularly plays video games with other kids his age from around the country and some around the world right in the game room. While I struggle with some of these changes, they are simply part of his life.

Wayne Cordeiro a pastor in Honolulu has said, "There are many habits we must un-learn, and then re-learn new ways of delivering the timeless message of Jesus Christ. It's not about technology. It's about gearing our delivery to the ways

people learn best. I remember an adage from my old Youth for Christ days: 'Anchored to the Rock; geared to the times.'" (Wayne Cordeiro, "The New Normal of Preaching" Sermon Central: Better Preaching Update)

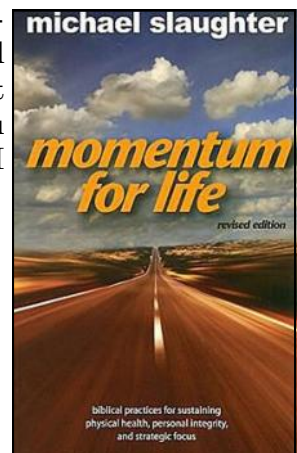
One of the new ways I am learning is through my email devotional and my daily Bible reading through a Bible app on my phone called YouVersion. Each morning I scroll through my email and read the Transformation Journal message for the day. I read one of the 100 essential Bible passages through my Bible app. I am learning new ways of engaging Jesus Christ and his message to me.

I want to help this congregation to grow spiritually. During the month of February and March, I will be teach/preaching on "Momentum for Life." This series will help us understand what DRIVES our life. Do we have a Devotional practice that helps us grow to be more like Jesus? Are we Reading and learning new things? Are we Investing in the important relationship in our life? What is our outlook in life, do we have a Vision that propels what we are doing? And are we Eating and Exercising for a healthy body to carry out the aspects God is leading us in? I will be challenged during this series as I know you will.

There will be groups to help us discuss each momentum maker and breaker. The *Momentum for Life* book will be available to read, as well as other material to help us explore, learn, un-learn and propel us to fulfill all that God has for us. Are you ready for an adventure? I am!

Blessings,

Darren



Coming Events

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| Jan 25 | Finance Committee Mtg. 4 pm WNL |
| Jan 26 | MOPS 9:30-11:30 |
| Jan 28-29 | Nehemiah Team |
| Jan 29 | Stewardship Sunday |
| Feb 1 | WNL |
| Feb 8 | Worship committee Mtg 4:30 pm |
| Feb 9 | MOPS |

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!

Franklin Graham

P. O. Box 3000, Boone, N.C. 28607

Dear Reverend Skinner,

I am writing to thank you for the generous gift you recently sent to Samaritan's Purse designated for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). We are truly grateful for your support in making a difference in the lives of children around the world.

This year our goal is to collect and distribute 8.5 million gift-filled shoe boxes to children in 111 countries through OCC, and we would be grateful for your prayers. Each box is an opportunity to share God's love and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:9).

Again, thank you for your partnership

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham

Darren,

My name is Lisa Martinez. My brother was Charles Jones. I wanted to thank you for allowing us to have his funeral at your church. PDAP is my home group, and when they told us you said yes to our request, I knew it was God. His hand is in all we do and right now He is holding me and my family!

I'm grateful to you, grateful to God for people like you!

*Thank you again,
The Martinez Family and
The Woodward Family*

First United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and the many encouraging e-mails I received after my knee surgery. You are all very special to us.

Jim & Marie Ritchie

YOUTH and CHILDREN NEWS

- Today-Wednesday, January 25th is the deadline for paperwork for attending CCYM this winter.
- 1 Male sponsor and 1 Female Sponsor are needed to accompany kids to ROC March 2-4th
- Out of 20-30 resumes received, 2 candidates for Youth Pastor have been interviewed. Next step is on-site interviews. Keep praying!!!

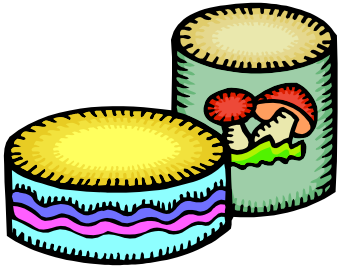
**March 4th Fundraiser
for Summer Camp**

Anyone interested in organizing and/or participating in a camp fundraising meal for Campers, both youth and children, contact Sheila at Sheila@fumchobbs.org or 397-7777

| 2012 MOPS Spring Schedule | |
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| Thurs, Jan. 12 th | 9:15-11:30 MOPS Meeting |
| Thurs, Jan. 26 th | 9:15-11:30 MOPS Meeting |
| Thurs, Feb. 9 th | 9:15-11:30 MOPS Meeting |
| Thurs, Feb. 23 rd | 9:15-11:30 MOPS Meeting |
| Thurs, March 8 th | 9:15-11:30 MOPS Meeting |
| Thurs, March 22 nd | 9:15-11:30 MOPS Meeting |
| Thurs, April 12 th | 9:15-11:30 MOPS Meeting |
| Thurs, April 26 th | 9:15-11:30 MOPS Meeting |
| Thurs, May 10 th | 9:15-11:30 MOPS Meeting |
| Thurs, May 24 th | 9:15-11:30 MOPS Meeting |

Food Drive for Food Pantry

February 5th, the Confirmands will be giving out bags for the food drive before 1st and 2nd service



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



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



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United Methodism 101 online course registration open through Tuesday, Jan. 31

Lifelong United Methodist? New to United Methodism?

Whether you've been a United Methodist for five decades or five weeks, you may be surprised at all there is to discover about our denomination.

[United Methodism 101](#) is designed for new church members and anyone else wanting to know more about the denomination and its history, teachings and structure.

In this course, you will learn more about United Methodist:

- History**
- Structure**
- Beliefs**
- Ministries**

About the Course

The course includes four modules, each with many interactive features. Each module takes about one hour to complete. Move through the modules at your own pace. [Course preview](#).

Pre-register

No participants will be admitted once the course begins, so please [pre-register](#) before Wednesday, Feb. 1.

**Pre-register
Today!**



Course Details:

Cost: \$9.99

Dates: Feb. 1 – March 14

Credit: Upon successful completion, learners are awarded 1 [SACEM](#) CEU.

Offline Option

Instead of taking the online course, you may purchase the [United Methodism 101 CD \(KIT\)](#). The same interactive course blends audio, video and written materials into a fast-moving learning experience.

This kit is ideal for groups or individuals wanting to increase their understanding of United Methodism. Each kit includes five identical CDs and one leader's guide. Additional CDs may be purchased separately.



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