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Everyone is in need of a comeback. No matter how far they've wandered or what they've done, God is a God of calling His people to Himself. Whether we are coming to Him for the first time in His redemptive grace for salvation or realizing that as His child we have a need to come back to Him every day.

All kinds of things in our lives make us feel like the pressure and expectations are too much. Whether we feel lost in sin and shame, pressed-down by what's expected, or are just striving for righteousness, there is One who calls us back to Himself. One who offers freedom.

The One is Jesus. He is the resurrected Savior who has defeated every enemy of heaven and earth and who makes the way for our comeback story. Every day as a follower of Christ, we come back to Him. He has made the greatest comeback ever known from physical death to life through His resurrection and now that extraordinary power also lives in us, enabling a coming back to Him.



## HAVE A QUESTION? LET US KNOW!

We want to make your Momentum Youth Conference experience a great one!

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# THE COMEBACK THEME

At Momentum 2017, we want to lead students through discovering how a life lived for and with Jesus is true life. The only life worth having, and the only life with eternal reward. It is the path of Life.

## **Turning to Jesus Personally**

The first part of the week will take us through finding personal vision, healing, forgiveness and salvation in Jesus. Depression, doubt, addiction, abuse, neglect, sin - none of these can stand in the way of Jesus because all authority is His. There is no condemnation for those that are His, instead there is new life in Christ.


## **Being in Community**

Getting right with Jesus is one side of the Great Commandment; the other is our relationships. The middle part of the week will focus on turning God's power loose in our relationships. We'll talk about how to forgive others, how to develop receptive relationships, how to show the love of God in our everyday world and in His church

## **Living the Commission**

Our full life in Christ comes to fruition when we begin to bear fruit. That's the fruit of love and of sharing the Gospel in order to live on mission with Jesus. Our week will finish out with challenges, vision casting and experiences that allow the students to begin to see how God wants to use them to change their world, not just live in it.

**WE REALLY BELIEVE MOMENTUM YOUTH CONFERENCE IS THE #BESTWEEKOFSUMMER AND WE WANT YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS TO BE A PART OF IT!! JOIN US JULY 18-23 AT INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IN MARION, IN.**



Are you new to Momentum and ready to sign up your church for the #bestweekofsummer?

Contact our office so we can get you started with the registration system. We put your church in and assign you as the lead contact so your students can start registering when it's time!

# PLAN YOUR CALENDAR

You can never communicate with your students and students' parents enough on important dates for registration. Consider posting these in your youth room somewhere so people know what's coming up. Set yourself a reminder and pay attention to the emails Momentum sends out so you are current on what's going on.

## Dates to Save (Student Costs):

FEB 1

**\$439**

Registration opens! If your group has attended Momentum before, your students can log onto [buildmomentum.org](http://buildmomentum.org) and register for Momentum. Just click any of the registration buttons. Our registration system does EVERYTHING online including registration, payment, and forms!

If your group is new to Momentum, please contact our Registrar, Carly, at [registrar@cenational.org](mailto:registrar@cenational.org) to get set up in the system. This allows your students to register under your church as well as for your lead contact/youth pastor to know who has registered, their payments, and more.

If the \$75 deposit is paid Feb 1-March 31 and the balance is paid by June 15 the cost for Momentum is \$439. If full balance is paid after June 15, the adjusted total cost will be \$489.

APRIL 1

**\$464**

If the initial \$75 deposit is paid April 1-April 30 and the balance is paid by June 15, the cost of Momentum is \$464. If the full balance is paid after June 15, the adjusted total cost will be \$514.

MAY 1

**\$489**

If the initial \$75 deposit is paid May 1-June 15 and the remaining balance is paid by June 15, the cost of Momentum is \$489. If full balance is paid after June 15, the adjusted total cost will be \$514.

JUNE 1

Lead Contacts will receive an email explaining afternoon options we call "Your Day, Your Way" as this date gets closer. You can sign your students up ahead of time for on and off campus options at Momentum from your Lead Contact login on the registration system. This makes it so you can shape your week based on what your students want to do. Customize your week to what best suits your group!

JUNE 15

**\$514**

The full balance for Momentum is due by June 15. For any deposits/balances paid **AFTER** June 15 through check in on July 18, the cost of Momentum is \$514. We also base t-shirt sizes, breakfast numbers, and other orders on this date. After June 15 however, students can come even if they register right up to walking in the doors of conference.

JULY 26

Check in at Momentum is July 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ALL your youth staff (including you) must be at a mandatory orientation meeting at 5:00 p.m. on July 18 while your students are at dinner. It is best to arrive a few hours before dinner to have time to settle in and get your bearings before opening session.



## Mission Trip or Conference?

At Momentum we encourage hands-on ministry by sending out groups into the community to serve each day. We want students to be able to put into immediate action the challenges they are learning in the Sessions and to put into practice sharing their faith with others.

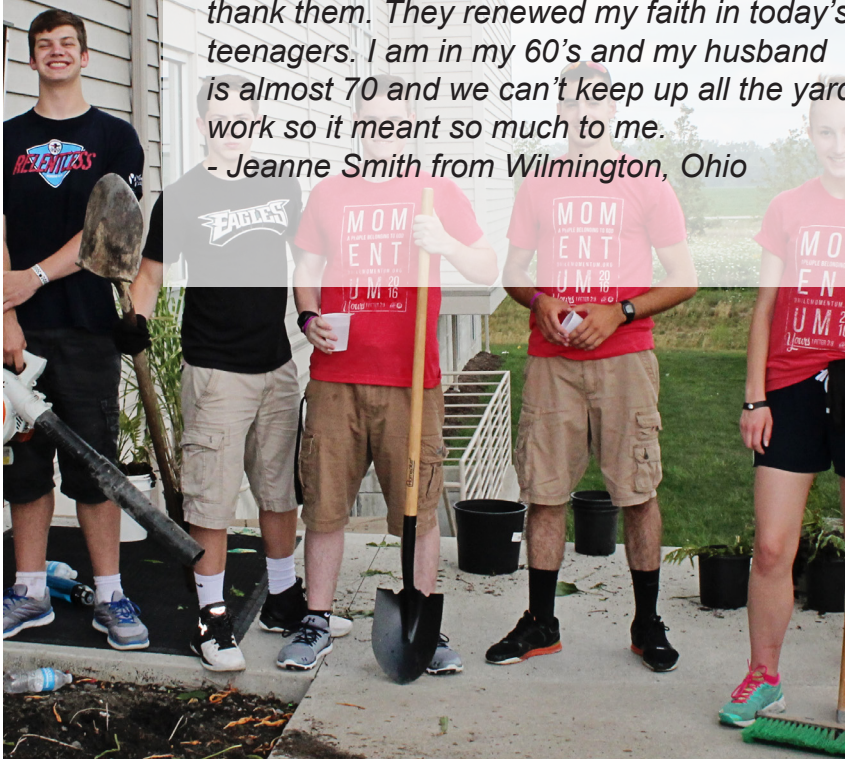
We desire Momentum to be a catalyst for your ministry at home and as such, drive everything towards what is transferrable to your students' home context.

When groups go out into the community we ask leaders to be encouraging students to keep their eyes open to whomever they can be sharing with. Ministry opportunities range from helping a church put on a block party for their community to working at a local rescue mission to task oriented projects canvassing neighborhoods. Whatever the project, we want it to be used as the door to start conversation with homeowners, block party attendees, and anybody students rub shoulders with.

After Momentum 2016 where students went door to door asking homeowners how they could serve them, we received this note:

*A group of kids from Momentum stopped in my town on their way home and worked in my yard. I am sending a photo of them and I would like help getting the name of the church to thank them. They renewed my faith in today's teenagers. I am in my 60's and my husband is almost 70 and we can't keep up all the yard work so it meant so much to me.*

*- Jeanne Smith from Wilmington, Ohio*







# YOUTH PASTORS SAY...

## What do you look forward to at Momentum?

Every year I look forward to Momentum because of what the week offers for the students we bring. The week is loaded with a variety of things that meet each student individually right where they are. We find that every year at Momentum students are moved to make first time decisions, move deeper into a more personal relationship with Christ and feel the call into full-time vocational ministry.

- Eric Miller, Grace Community Church, Frederick, MD

I am looking forward to what the Lord has for us through the speakers. Each year the speakers do an excellent job bringing God's Word to the entire audience at Momentum, not just the youth. It is always a blessing the challenges that they leave us with and the encouragement that they give us to go out into the world and be courageous for God in every aspect of our lives. Not only are the main services amazing, but the power trax as well. Having that extra hour of lessons that focus on specific issues that leaders and students face is just amazing. It allows for smaller groups to focus together on a specific topic and get personal with the teacher.

- Peter Littrell, Iglesia la Esperanza, Valrico FL



I look forward to the focused time I get to have with my students and adult leaders. I get to spend a lot of time with them throughout the year, but when we have the opportunity to be together for an entire week and not have a lot of the distractions we have at home we have been able to have very good conversations and take our relationship with them to the next level. I also look forward to being with some of my youth pastor friends who I don't get to see a whole lot otherwise.

- Cody Ray, Connection Christian Church, York, PA



### **How has Momentum impacted your student ministry at home?**

Momentum 2015 has impacted our ministry significantly especially with the energy it brought to our high school ministry. Our students since coming home from Momentum have been more intentional about bringing their friends to our weekly programming, then they ever have before. They have grasped what it means to live On Mission and putting it into practice.

- Eric Miller, Grace Community Church, Frederick, MD

Momentum has impacted the lives of my students by giving them something to look forward to each summer, and by giving them the knowledge to work for God on a regular basis in their school and home. It encouraged them to step up in the church in ways that they didn't think they could. Most importantly, Momentum showed my youth group that they do not know everything there is. It taught them humility and with that gave them the thirst to want to learn more.

- Peter Littrell, Iglesia la Esperanza, Valrico FL

### **The most important part of Momentum is...**

...being able to watch our students catch what God is doing in their lives, where they can see the potential they have and understand who God has created them to be. I think for the students they love being challenged and how they can go home and apply what they have learned. Also, doing that in community with their peers with them for a week is a game changer. Living life with others while running after Jesus is so vital and a week at Momentum gives them that chance.

- Eric Miller, Grace Community Church, Frederick, MD

...the amount of Bible that is involved in the Conference. I don't believe that I have ever been to a conference that has had so much Scripture involved every day in the schedule. It is just awesome how much they push God's Word and love on the students.

- Peter Littrell, Iglesia la Esperanza, Valrico FL

...spending intentional time with my students and adult leaders. Something that we have made very important within our team and I know others have done as well is praying for our students and leaders. Another very important part of Momentum for us and the students is the time together each night after the main session. Continuing the discussion from the sermons is so crucial and everyone in our group looks forward to that time so much each night.

- Cody Ray, Connection Christian Church, York, PA

### **Why would you encourage others to come to Momentum?**

It is a week that will move students closer to Jesus. That will look different for every individual who attends, but they will be a step closer to Jesus after attending Momentum. Another thing that I would inform parents and youth workers is the practicality the conference offers; it gives hands on experience while at the conference but they leave the week equipped to do the work at home, which is awesome!!!

- Eric Miller, Grace Community Church, Frederick, MD

I would encourage anyone to go to Momentum because of what the Lord does in the lives of those who attend. Momentum allows for a week of life away from life's business and allows for a week of time closer with God. It is refreshing, fun, and all around exciting to go to Momentum. It's the best week of summer and one could make an amazing argument that it is the best week of the year.

- Peter Littrell, Iglesia la Esperanza, Valrico FL

Momentum is the kind of week that will thrust you, your ministry, and your students into a faith filled year. Whether your students are in middle school, high school, or about to leave for college, Momentum is the kind of experience that will stick with you for the rest of your life.

- Cody Ray, Connection Christian Church, York, PA

# MOMENTUM REWIND

## RELIVING MOMENTUM 2016

Momentum Rewind is the opportunity to “rewind” the week for your students who experienced the Momentum first hand and for students who were not able to attend the conference. Use these engaging, high-level youth group lessons direct from Momentum Youth Conference’s nationally recognized speakers. Dig into the heart of the message with the provided easy-to-follow discussion guides based on individual sessions and seminars. Each of the below listed resources includes a link to the video online, a direct download of the video, and a discussion guide for your group.

### What’s in the Momentum Rewind Guides?

**Prompt:** Each lesson begins with a question or illustration to peak interest.

**Play:** Each lesson has a link to a recording of the main speaker’s lesson.

**Process:** Each lesson provides follow up Bible passages and reflection questions.

**Pray:** Each lesson closes with an opportunity for accountability and prayer.

### Main Sessions from Momentum 2016

*I Am Chosen* by Clayton King  
*I Am Forgiven* by Clayton King  
*I Am Devoted* by Afshin Ziafat  
*I Am Set Apart* by Afshin Ziafat  
*I Am Sent* by Jeff Bogue  
*I am Changed* by Rick Cartagena

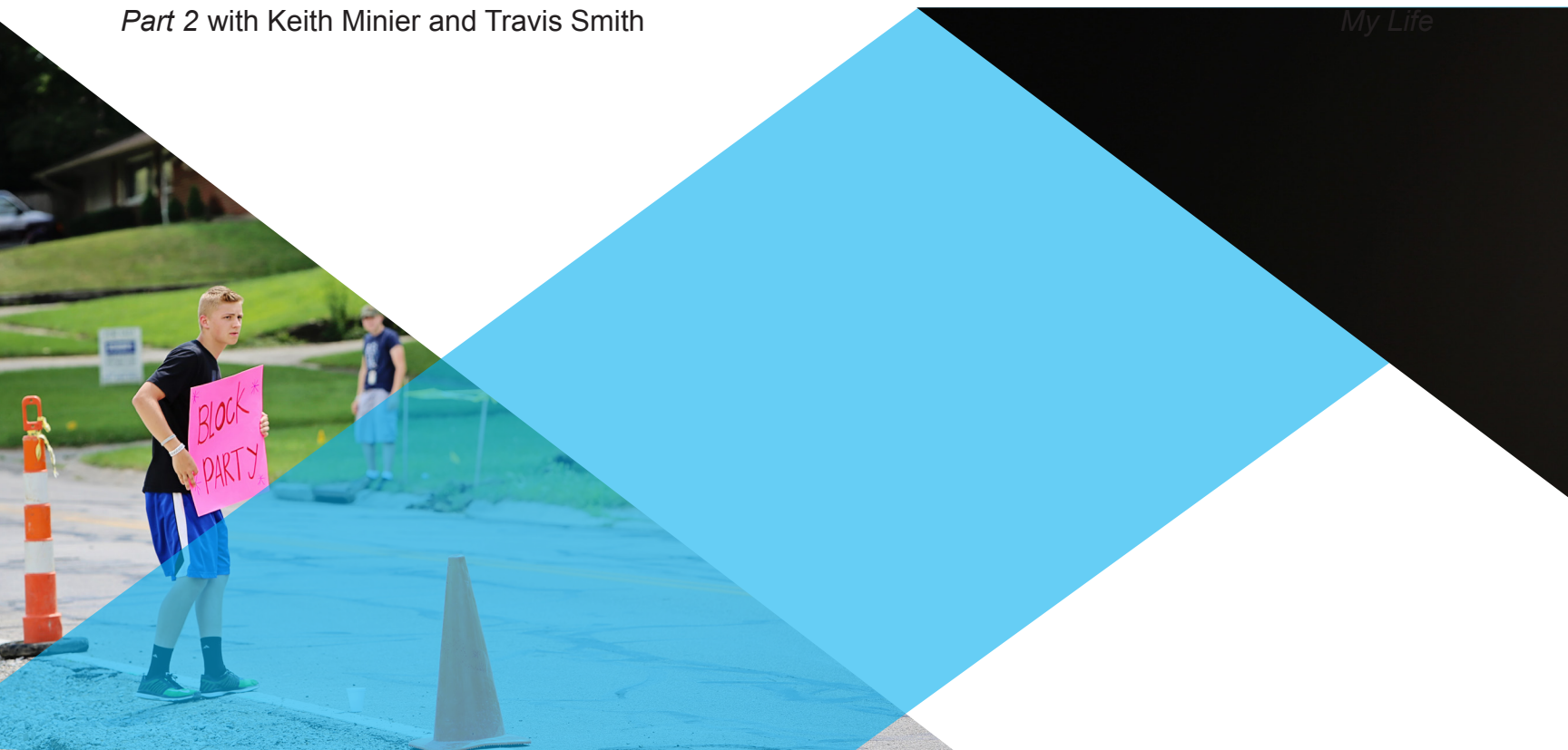
### The Bridge Sessions

*(Training for Senior/Lead Pastors and Youth Pastors on closing the gap between youth ministry and the church)*  
*Part 1* with Keith Minier and Travis Smith  
*Part 2* with Keith Minier and Travis Smith

### Selected Seminars from Momentum 2016

*Rock Solid Faith in the Bible* by Dr. Randall Smith  
*Five Points of Connection* by Dr. Randall Smith  
*Broken America* by Dayne Carraway  
*How to Start a Bible Club* by Carlos Baez  
*My Parents are the Worst!* by Tim Wright  
*How to Punch Fear in the Face* by Travis Smith  
*Oops, I Did it Again: Spiritual Warfare* by Scott Feather  
*You’re Never Too Young* by Todd Shoemaker  
*How to Share Your Faith* by Jason Holt  
*The Conversation* by Brad Deetscreek  
*Feels Out of Control* by Esther Pacheco

*My Life*





# TAKE A VACATION ON MOMENTUM

Are you a returning group to Momentum? We want to encourage you to bring more students to experience the conference! Each year we offer a Timeshare giveaway, one to a small church group and one to a large church group. The winner is the lead youth worker in each of those categories with the greatest percentage increase of attendees from the year before.

The winners can spend a week away wherever they would like within the RCI Timeshare network. They also receive up to \$500 towards travel expenses.

Could you be the 2017 Timeshare winner? The winners are announced at a youth pastor celebration held at Momentum and you must be present to win.

We really appreciate all you are doing to invest in students and how you encourage them to participate in Momentum. You are our greatest champion and we hope you'll continue to use Momentum as a big part of your youth ministry!

“Thank you, Momentum for an amazing vacation opportunity. We feel so blessed to have received this trip. We could not have had a better time.”  
- Past winner, Travis Smith



Travis and Lauren Smith in Cancun, Mexico



# THE ARMOR OF GOD

BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ED LEWIS

I see spiritual warfare first-hand in Philadelphia and I use a “Spiritual Warfare Prayer.” Based on Ephesians 5, I want to share this in hopes that it will help you in the spiritual battles you’re facing.

Good morning, Lord, thank You for assuring me victory today if I will but follow your battle plan. So, by faith I claim victory over \_\_\_\_\_ (list things I know I will be faced with today).

To prepare myself for the battle ahead, by faith I put on the Belt of Truth. The truth about You, Lord, is that you are a sovereign God who knows everything about me, both my strengths and my weaknesses. You know my breaking point and have promised not to allow me to be tempted beyond what I am able to bear. The truth about me is that I am a new creature in Christ and have been set free from the power of sin. I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit who will guide me and who warns me when danger is near. I am your child and nothing can separate me from your love. The truth is that you have a purpose for me this day—someone to encourage, someone to share with and someone to love.

By faith I want to put on the Breastplate of Righteousness. Through this I guard my heart and my emotions. I will not allow my heart to attach itself to anything impure. I will not allow my emotions to rule my decisions. I will set them on what is good and just. I will live today by what is true, not by what I feel.

Lord, this morning I put on the Sandals of the Gospel of Peace. Let Your Holy Spirit guide me to those who need encouragement or physical help of some kind. Use me to solve conflicts wherever they might arise. Make me a calming presence in every circumstance in which you place me. I will not get hurried or rushed for my schedule is in your hands. I will not leave a trail of tension and apprehension. I will leave tracks of peace and stability everywhere I go.

I now take up the Shield of Faith. My faith is in You, Lord, and You alone. Apart from You I can do nothing. With You I can do all things; no temptation that comes my way can penetrate your protecting hand. I will not be afraid, for you are going with me throughout this day. When I am tempted I will claim my victory out loud, ahead of time, for you have promised victory to those who walk in obedience to Your Word. I know there are fiery darts heading my way, even as I pray. Lord, you already know what they are and already have provided the way of escape.

By faith I am putting on the Helmet of Salvation. You know how Satan bombards my mind day and night with evil thoughts, doubts and fears. I put on this helmet that will protect my mind so I may not feel the impact of his attacks. Nothing can penetrate this helmet. I choose to stop every impure and negative thought at the door of my mind and with the helmet of salvation those thoughts will get no further. I elect to take every thought captive; I will let my mind dwell on nothing but what is good and right and pleasing to you.

Lastly, Lord, I take up the Sword of the Spirit, which is Your Word. Thank You for the precious gift of Your Word. It is strong and powerful and able to defeat even the strongest of Satan’s onslaughts. Your Word says that I am not under any obligation to the flesh to obey its lusts. Your Word says that I am free from the power of sin. Your Word says that he that is in me is greater than he that is in the world. So by faith, I take up the strong and powerful sword of the Spirit which is able to defend me in the time of attack, comfort me in the time of sorrow, and teach me in the time of meditation. Use Your Word to help me prevail against the power of the enemy on behalf of others who need truth to set them free.

So, Lord, I go now rejoicing that you have chosen me to represent You in this lost and dying world. May others see Jesus in me, and may Satan and his host shudder as Your power is manifest in me. In Jesus name I pray...

Amen.





# WHAT ELSE DOES CE NATIONAL OFFER?

Momentum is a ministry of CE National - a church effectiveness ministry with the mission to be a catalyst for all believers to be trained and mobilized to be ON MISSION. These other CE National ministries are awesome opportunities for you and your students and they work hand in hand with Momentum. Consider coming to CELS or the Bridge and encourage your students to attend Operation Barnabas as a precursor to Momentum! Your local youth ministry will benefit from the equipping of CE National ministries.

**Operation Barnabas** teams are developed to give Christ-following high-school youth such a thirst for ministry, that upon their return, they will have a greater desire to serve Jesus in their lives. On Operation Barnabas, students tour different states, stopping at partnering churches and ministering to those churches as well as serving in the community. Students are taught to share their faith and are challenged to be student leaders in your ministry.

[operationbarnabas.net](http://operationbarnabas.net)

**Urban Hope** is a ministry of CE National in the Kensington community of north Philadelphia. Our mission is to reach the urban family through children and youth and to train believers to be ON MISSION.

Groups come to Urban Hope Training Center for training in evangelism and cross cultural ministry.

[urbanhope.net](http://urbanhope.net)

**(CELS) CE National Leadership Summit** is a two day training and retreat for youth workers.

[celsyouth.cenational.org](http://celsyouth.cenational.org)

[Check out cenational.org for more CE National ministries!](http://cenational.org)





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