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*Happy
Mother's Day*

Mother's Day

May 13, 2012

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

--Author Unknown

Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to **go and bear fruit** that will last" (John 15:16).

In Matthew 25:31-46 He very clearly stated that at the end of the age, when we stand before Him, He will measure our love for Him by what we have done for others, not by what we *say* we believe. He wants us to do more than sit in church on Sunday morning or attend a Bible study group once a week. He wants us to invest ourselves in making a difference in people's lives through our lives, our words, and our actions. I don't care how old or young you are, I don't care how well off or financially strapped you are. Each of you has one thing in common that you can invest – your time and your heart.

There are two major events this year that El Camino is joining in because of the size of their impact. The first is the **Sacramento Festival with Luis Palau**, and the second is **Convoy of Hope**. Both have hundreds of churches involved and will impact the lives of thousands.



The Sacramento Festival now has over 360 churches involved with the purpose of presenting the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to the tens of thousands of people in Sacramento who don't know Jesus as their personal Savior. There are two very important events in relation to the Sacramento Festival in which you can participate:

our **Season of Service** project and the **Sacramento Festival**.

The **Season of Service** project will be on **Saturday, May 26 at** Starr King Elementary School (4848 Cottage Way) **from 8 AM to noon**. We will be joining five other churches in our community to plant flowers and shrubs, and repair or install sprinklers. El Camino has also taken the lead in providing a cook-out lunch for the workers and will have the bounce house available for kids.

The **Festival** will take place on **Saturday, June 16** from 1:30-10:00 PM and Sunday, June 17 from 3:00-10:00 PM at Cal Expo. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, tear down, security, parking control, merchandise sales, volunteer check-in, counseling, kids fun-zone, and follow-up.

We've tried to make this easy for you. Look for one of our volunteer coordinators before and after worship. They will be wearing name badges with the Luis Palau logo (above).



Community Season of Service



Elementary School

4848 Cottage Way
Carmichael
95608



We are putting in landscaping and installing a sprinkler system. We need volunteer laborers and cooks.

8-Noon

Followed by a cookout



Sacramento Convoy of Hope September 15, 2012, from 10 AM to 3PM @ Cal Expo

The Sacramento Convoy of Hope is a collaborative effort between over 100 local churches, businesses, social service organizations, local government and Convoy of Hope, Inc a non-profit humanitarian organization, serving in the United States and around the world, providing food for the hungry and relief for people in crisis.

The outreach will provide an estimated ten thousand people with a tangible message of hope through free groceries, health screenings, job fairs, haircuts, games and activities for children, prayer, and much more. More information is coming, as we get closer to the date.

YOU can make a difference in someone's life through your sacrificial service as a volunteer.

Pastor Bill



Church Mouse Sez





Luis Palau
Counselor Training

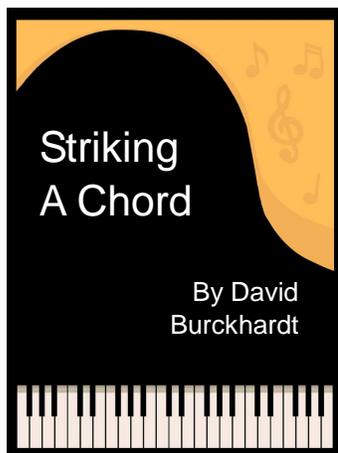
May 8th May 19th
7:00 pm 10:00 am

El Camino Baptist Church—Suite E




Plug Me In

Be A Volunteer



...connections, connections! It still seems to be a problem in today's highly social network atmosphere. Today I received an e-mail from a colleague in the travel biz side of my life...she was asking for a head count of spouses for an upcoming event. Nothing wrong with that...except her e-mail had the salutation, "Ladies:". So how did I respond? Very carefully! I wasn't offended, but I could have easily offended her with a sarcastic reply...she only knows me through our common agency connection. And our connections at El Camino can also be complicated. That's why it's so important to meet new folks, find out a little about them, and get them plugged into [connected] to our small groups!

...last month I mentioned that there was an uptick in our Sunday morning corporate worship. It continues! I really feel the dynamic of filled seats is helping...we reduced the number of our seats in the congregation, and we are up in attendance, so it seems like it is full every Sunday! Thank you for your singing and participation in worship. Our guest are noticing! Family Day yesterday was terrific in all ways! And, every Sunday since Easter you have connected with me to say how much you enjoyed that worship service.

...and speaking of Family Day, we will move the Family Day in July to July 1st so we can have a special celebration of the 4th. Our Celebration Singers and KingsKidz will present the musical, **Our Flag Was Still There** that morning and we plan a barbecue afterwards. Come sing with us...it's not too late to join. Rehearsals are at 6:30 on Wednesday evening in Suite E./djb



Does anyone know what this is? The first person to email me the answer at office@elcaminobaptist.org and explains it's purpose to me will win a \$5 gift card to Panera's.

I will post the answer in the next Trumpet publication.

Acquire the Fire was a 27 hour life changing event for the 10 girls and 2 boys that went from our Church. In addition to the 6 thousand other students and adults that were at Power Balance Pavilion.

The conference discussed the importance of living your life like Jesus who was not normal. It did this through live worship, dramas and speakers. The conference focused on the idea

Being Normal is not enough for God and should not be enough for us

And encouraged our students to pick three things in there life that they want to change to be above the Normal.

For some students this may mean not giving in to sin and accepting the challenge to not smoke, drink and have sex. Others it was a opportunity for them to renew there commitment to God and live by his commands.

" I think it was amazing: you could really

feel the spirit of God dwelling in the room.

I was spoken to through a song and was told that I need to make my heart the throne of God and give him complete and utter control.

I need to give him my life and let him control my every action and thought. Every day, every hour, and every minute, I need him to sit on the throne of my heart and help me be who he wants me to be."

Claudette B.



" I know I have been falling away from God and there was a song that made me cry cause it felt like it was meant just for me, like God was saying, " My beautiful daughter let me back in. " The lyrics were ' Not just giving you my sin, but everything within'" I hit my knees and Said, " God forgive me, come back into my life I need you and I stupid for thinking I didn't. I want to be your child again Lord, I give everything I am , the good and the bad. Please make me the woman you would have me to be. "

And it felt like he put his hand on my shoulder and whispered in my ear "I love you". I am so thankful for this weekend I really needed it . My eyes have finally been opened. "

Jessica R.

We would like to again thank the El Camino Baptist church body for the amazing support for Pulse youth ministry. That without your support our students would not have been able to attend this event and receive the opportunity connect with God in this special way. Your diligence and faithful prayer and financial support are a testimony in and of its self to the Love you have for the Lord and our youth. **Pulse Youth Ministry Team**

The fruit of Easter

Now that we've gone through the Easter season we can relax a little. No more hype on the resurrection, no more hype about the cross, the grave, the suffering or brutal beatings. Let's just get on with life. You know, life. Taking the kids to school, doing the Monday through Friday job thing, fill up the gas tank, running to the store, watching a little television, you know, life.

Hold on a second, what type of a life are we talking about here? A "normal" life?

Well, not exactly. Life is rarely "normal" when you are serving Jesus with a fully committed heart. There always seems to be a bump in the road somewhere. Why does it have to be that way? Why can't I have a "normal" life? Why? Because Jesus called us to be set apart from normal living and the worldly ways our first nature so desperately craves.

Our carnal nature craves a pattern in life that brings security and predictability, when on the other hand, God's Word calls us to resist the worldly norm and transform our "normalcy" through Jesus (see Romans 12:2).

Security and predictability makes us feel good on the inside. It's much easier to rest and be at ease when everything fits into place. The transformation the Holy Spirit brings often goes against the grain because it battles against our carnal nature. We struggle with change because our selfish desires and ambitions get in the way (James 3:16). This often causes confusion, but remember, we have a God of order and peace (1 Cor 14:33).

As we allow the Lord to guide our ways through His principles and teachings, we will find peace and understanding through years of prosperity (Prov 3:1-2).

Don't misunderstand me. There's nothing wrong with getting the kids to school on time, going to work as you're required, and filling up the gas tank. But it's **how** we do those things that set us apart from the normal patterns of the world. Do you have a prayer in your heart

as you go about your "normal" lifestyle? (1 Thes 5:17) What's your attitude throughout the day? How do you include God in your choices? Is there any choice too small for God to be included? Do you ever think about praying before making a small purchase? Don't we have a God of details? Indeed, we do! He even numbers the hair on our head (Luke 12:7). Isn't He worthy of our prayers, petitions and concerns? Yes, every one of them (Phil 4:6).

So then, we are never finished with the resurrection, the cross, the grave, or His suffering. Life, as normal as it can be for a Christian, is ALL about Jesus. Every day is to be celebrated as Easter. Christ rose from the grave and conquered death so that we may live for Him and bear fruit (Rom 7:4).

The question then is this: How does your life reflect the resurrection of Christ? Is there fruit from your Easter? Is it shown in your actions? Is it shown in your speech? Is it shown in your thoughts? Is it shown in **how** you drive your kids to school? Or **how** you complete your duties at work? Could you be convicted of being a Christian by a jury of your peers? Where's the fruit from your Easter?

"...for a tree is recognized by its fruit"

Matthew 12:33

Scott McCann

Gifts given to the
Ministry of
El Camino Baptist
Church

April
Receipts
\$32,030.19

5th Week	\$4,570.99
4th Week	\$5,180.73
3rd Week	\$5,133.97
2nd Week	\$9,112.50
1st Week	\$8,032.00



Weekly Needs: \$7,114.63

Monthly Needs: \$30,830.06

Peace

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Peace will come when people live
In friendship, side by side,
And cherish understanding
More than hatred, greed and pride.

Peace will come when people see
All people as the same,
And no one has to live in fear,
In ignorance, or shame.

Peace will come when people
Who are needy can reach out
For shelter, food, or love,
And no has to do without.

Peace will come when people
Learn to listen and to care
About the rights and dignity
Of people everywhere.

Peace will come when love and trust
And kindness know rebirth,
And on that day all people
Will rejoice in peace on earth.

- Amanda Bradley



Remember those who have given their life that we may enjoy the liberty of Life and Freedom.

Being God's Man



Yes! I want to learn and grow as a man of God.
Men's Group forming Now.



Ladies Luncheon - Luis Palau Festival

June 12
11:30 am

Sheraton Grand Hotel
1230 J Street
Sacramento 95814

In conjunction with the Luis Palau Festival, invite your friends to join you for lunch at this Grand Hotel \$35 ea or host a table for 10 for \$350.

Hispanic Day—Luis Palau Festival

June 15
6:00 pm

Capitol Christian Center. Luis Palau will speak to the Hispanic community. No interpreter will be present.

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May 7	6:30 pm	Finance & Personnel Team Meeting— Conference room
May 14	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting Deacon's Wives Meeting Senior Center
May 17	6:30 pm	Missions Meeting Conference Room
May 19		Luis Palau Counselor Training
May 26	8:00 am	Community Season of Service Starr Elementary School
May 29	6:30 pm	Children's Leadership Team Meeting
June 2	10:00 am	Church-Wide Family Picnic Seely Park
June 3	2:00 pm	Church Council Meeting Suite E
June 6	6:30 pm	KingsKidz Community Bible Study kick-off
June 12	11:30 am	Sacramento Festival Ladies Luncheon
June 15	6:00 pm	Sacramento Festival Hispanic Day
June 16-17		Luis Palau Festival- Cal Expo
June 29	6:30 pm	Spaghetti Fundraiser for Heart of Ukraine

For More Information

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