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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

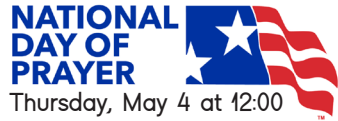


Emmanuel Preschool is seeking a preschool teacher who is passionate about working with young children. This is an M-F, year-round position. Responsibilities will be to create and adapt curriculum, to help nurture our students and prepare them for the next steps in their educational journey.

For more information please contact [Karrie.Garcia@erc.la](mailto:Karrie.Garcia@erc.la) or 562-531-8762.

Our Christian sympathy to Gil and Denise Alvarez and family on the unexpected passing of Denise's brother, Duane Costa, on Tuesday, April 11th, in Idaho, at the age of 55.

**Summer Day Camp!** A fun and safe place for kids entering 1st-6th grade in the fall. Campers will play games, do crafts, water days, and more! Learn more at [www.pcf.la/summerdaycamp](http://www.pcf.la/summerdaycamp) or email Mayte at [Mayte.Hernandez@erc.la](mailto:Mayte.Hernandez@erc.la)



**SUNDAY, May 7th**

**@10am-2pm**

**ON THE LAWN IN FRONT OF CHURCH** (15941 Virginia Ave. Paramount, CA)

**PREORDER ONLINE**  
or in person in April

**FOOD BY Dave Hogan**

All proceeds help send High Schoolers to Church camp where they will encounter the Lord and experience new adventures! You can preorder a half roast (\$20) or a full roast (\$40) or donate now at [erc.la/tritip](http://erc.la/tritip) or by scanning the QR code!



English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am  
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

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Additional Giving Opportunities  
Deacon's Fund offering May 7

**Weekly Offering**

YTD Offering: \$1,086,655.44

YTD Budget: \$1,033,192.00

Last Week's Offering: \$137,953.79

2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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# GRACE AND CONSEQUENCES

Biblical examples of people experiencing hardship as a **direct result of sin in their life**

- John 5; Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor. 11:30; 1 John 5:16

Biblical examples of people experiencing hardship simply because **we live in a sinful world**:

- John 9:3, 11:4; Luke 13:1-15

How can we tell which one we're experiencing?

- Make repentance a part of your daily walk with God and you'll be just fine. God is gentle and gracious especially to those who earnestly repent and want to grow (Psalm 86:5)

**"Do you want to get well?"**

- Scripture Reading: John 5:1-15

**Do we know, or remember, what it's like to be well? (John 5:5)**

- Some of us have normalized sin, repent and walk in wholeness!

- At times we NEED someone from the outside to call out our sin and invite us back to the way of Jesus

- It might be awkward but the least loving thing we can do is stay silent

- The call to repentance should be done out of humility and love (2 Tim. 2:24-26)

**No matter what's been done - no matter the amount of sin in your life - Jesus asks you the same question he asked the lame man "Do you want to get well?" (John 5:6)**

- This is the key question "do you want to get well?" God can do whatever he wants but more than anything he invites us to join him in his work. Often the first step towards wholeness is wanting change

**Many of us are looking for well-being in all the wrong places (John 5:7)**

- When we're living in the consequences of our sin the best thing to do is turn to Jesus!

- Just as the 38 years of not being able to walk showed the severity of the man's sickness so picking up his mat and walking showed the completeness of the healing Jesus offered (John 5:8-9)

**God extends grace in the midst of our consequences (John 5:14-15)**

- The Gospel of Jesus Christ offers us forgiveness and grace in the midst of the mess we make.

It's while we are in our sin God comes and invites us to repent and follow him

- We don't take advantage of God's grace by continuing to sin. We respond by accepting responsibility and embrace the new life that God has given us

**Responding and submitting to God's Word (John 5:21,24)**

- Notice Jesus didn't touch this man. The man obeyed and responded to the Word of Jesus. He obeyed, acted and received.

- Many of us will find wellness if we respond to God's Word. Many of our pains and problems are because we have not been obedient to God's Word

**Time of Reflection**

Like the man in John 5, we can look for wellbeing in the wrong places. Turn to Jesus, he wants to make you well!

What do you need to repent of? Confess your sins to God and commit to following Jesus

