



Find Your Talent

By Kevin McCauley

In 1644, a boy was born in Cremona, Italy. Antonio grew up in a moderately wealthy family and enjoyed a good life and education. He was a social young man who enjoyed the company of many in his community. Often, Antonio would attend parties and celebrations with his friends where others would entertain by singing or playing musical instruments. Antonio, however, was not gifted musically, so usually would listen as his friends performed.

Antonio was skilled at carving and would often whittle small items as gifts for family and friends. Wanting to contribute to the festivities of his friends, Antonio decided he would attempt to make a musical instrument as a gift. He carefully selected pieces of wood and went to work. He spent hours carving, sanding, gluing and making pieces fit perfectly. Finally he finished and gave the instrument to his best friend. Upon playing, his friend was amazed at the tone and beauty of the instrument. The friend took the instrument to his music teacher to inspect, and he too was amazed.

Young Antonio Stradivari made the first of 1,116 musical instruments which are considered by many to be the finest ever made. One Stradivarius violin sold in April 2012 for \$2.6 million!

What if young Antonio would have been content in letting his friends perform and never sought an outlet for his talents? The world would have missed some of the finest music and instruments of the past three centuries!



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You too have a talent! Some have talents that are on display and receive the recognition of others. Others have talents that are just as important (if not more so) but often go unnoticed. The question is: "Are you using your talent, or letting it flounder?"

You are gifted by God. His gift is to be used in service to His kingdom. I want to encourage you to discover your gift - and then use it fully in service to the King!

*"But to each one is given the manifestation (gift) of the Spirit for the common good."
1 Corinthians 12:7 (NASB)*

Who is Eva?

Who is Eva Apolinar?

I was born and raised in San Jose. I was a miracle baby. I weighed 2 lbs 13 oz at birth. My parents were told to prepare for my death. My father started a prayer chain at church. The doctor told him not to give my mom false hope. My parents and church continued to pray. That's how I got my name. Eva means Breath and Life.



What is your church background?

I attended Iglesia de Cristo in San Jose from infancy until young adulthood. I accepted Christ as a child.

What initially brought you to Hope?

A friend and I were taking a walk and we passed Hope and Legacy Church. We visited both churches. She ended up at Legacy and I at Hope.

What was your first impression of Hope?

Accepting. I arrived during a difficult time: recently divorced and family and friends were moving out of the area.

What do you like most about Hope?

The sermons / true biblical teaching.

What groups are you involved with at Hope?

I attend Tuesday night study on occasion.

Do you have any message for people who are striving for a closer walk with Him?

Pray. Be in his word. Seek relationships that encourage each other's walk.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will."

Romans 12:2

June 2018 Reading Plan

□ June 1	Proverbs 14:1-15:33
□ June 2	Proverbs 16:1-18:24
□ June 3 Pr	Proverbs 19:1-21:31
□ June 4	Proverbs 22:1-24:22
□ June 5	Proverbs 24:23-27:27
□ June 6	Proverbs 28:1-30:33
□ June 7	Prov. 31:1-31; 1 Kings 4:20-28; 1 Kings 10:14-29; 2 Chron. 9:13-24; 2 Chron. 1:14-17; 2 Chron. 9:25-28
□ June 8	1 Kings 11:1-40; Eccl. 3:1-7:29
□ June 9	Eccl. 8:1--12:14
□ June 10	Ps. 73:1-28; Ps. 88:1-18; 1 Kings 11:41-43; 2 Chron. 12:13-14
□ June 11	1 Kings 12:1-13:34; 2 Chron. 10:1-19; 2 Chron. 10:1-11:17
□ June 12	1 Kings 14:1-28; 2 Chron. 11:5-12:12; Psalm 89:1-52
□ June 13	1 Kings 14:29-15:15; 2 Chron. 12:15-15:19
□ June 14	1 Kings 15:17-16:34; 2 Chron. 16:1-18:1; 1 Kings 22:41-46
□ June 15	1 Kings 17:1-19:21
□ June 16	Ps. 104:1-35; Ps. 114: 1-8; Ps. 115:1-18
□ June 17	1 Kings 21:1-29; 1 Kings 22:51-53; 1 Kings 22:1-35; 2Chron. 18:2-34
□ June 18	1 Kings 22:36-40; @ Chron. 19:1-4; 2 Kings 1:1; 2 Chron. 19:11-20:30; Ps. 46:1-11; Ps. 47:1-9; Ps. 48:1-14
□ June 19	Ps. 49:1-20; Ps. 83:1-18; Ps. 91:1-16; 1 Kings 22:47-49; 2 Chron. 20:35-37; 2 Kings 1:2-18; 2Kings 3:1-3
□ June 20	2 Kings 2:1-25; 2 Kings 3:4-27; 1 Kings 22:50; 2 Chron. 21:1-22:6; 2 Kings 8:26-29
□ June 21	2 Kings 9:1-11:3; 2 Chron. 22:7-12
□ June 22	2 Kings 11:4-12:16; 2 Chron. 23:1-24:16; 2 Kings 10:28-36; 2 Kings 13:1-3, 22-23
□ June 23	2 Chron. 24:17-25:10; 2 Kings 12:17-18; 2 Kings 4:1-44; 2 Kings 13:4-8; 2Kings 8:1-6; 2 Kings 13:9-11, 12:19-21
□ June 24	2 Kings 14:7-14; 2 Chron. 25:11-24; 2 Kings 5:1-7:2
□ June 25	2 Kings 7:3-8:15; 2 Kings 13:14-21, 24-25,13:12-13,14:15-16,14:23,14:17-20,15:1-5; 2 Chron. 25:25-26:21
□ June 26	Amos 1:1-15; 2:1-6:14
□ June 27	Amos 7:1-9:15; Hosea 1:1-3:5
□ June 28	Hosea 4:1-5:7; 2 Kings 14:24-28; Jonah 1:1-4:11; 2 Kings 14:29, 15:8-12,15:13-16
□ June 29	2 Kings 15:17-17-20; 1 Chron. 5:23-26; 1 Kings 15:6-7; 2 Chron. 26:22-23; 2 Kings 15:21-29; Isaiah 6:1-13
□ June 30	2 Kings 15:32-38; 2 Chron. 27:1-9; 1 Chron. 5:11-17; 2 Kings 16:1-9; 2 Chron. 28:1-21; Is. 7:1-10:4,17:1-14

Some Upcoming Events at Hope Christian Church

Women's Breakfast - Saturday, June 2, 9am-11am

Gather with other ladies for a wonderful time of fellowship, breakfast and fun. Judy Tykol will bring a message to challenge and bless your heart! Invite other ladies for this special event!

Hope Work Day - Saturday, June 9, 8am-noon

Join us for the monthly work day at Hope! Gather with others as we clean, repair and beautify our campus. It's always great working together with friends (and making new ones) as we care for the facility the Lord has given us. Stay for part of the time or the whole time. As always, there will be coffee and bagels to keep you going!

Father's Day BBQ - Sunday, June 17, immediately after Service

Let's celebrate Dad and all he does for us! We'll meet after church and have Hot Dogs and Root Beer Floats to honor the Dads in our church! It's going to be fun!!

VBS - Monday-Friday, June 18-22, 9am-noon.

This is a week of fun, excitement and learning as we reach out to our community and the children of Hope. Our theme this year is: "Shipwrecked!" Discover life in Christ in this week full of fun! Registration is still open. It's FREE! Invite family and friends! It's for kids kindergarten to 5th grade (including entering K or leaving 5th grade). Register on-line at vbspro.events/p/events/de1e28.

Truth Talks - Thursday, June 28, 7pm-8:15pm

Meet in the auditorium as Pastor Kevin presents a practical lesson from Scripture. These lessons are designed to give you help in facing the day-to-day issues of life, with in-depth teaching and Q & A on topics that will help you in your spiritual life.

A look ahead at the Sunday Messages

Jun 3	Luke 12:1-12
Jun 10	Luke 12:13-21
Jun 17	Luke 12:22-34
Jun 24	Luke 12:35-48

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Please submit all articles/news for the next Hope Notes by **Monday, June 18th, 5pm.**

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