

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY **Baby Dedication**

Today we have the pleasure of joining two families in the dedication of their children to the Lord:
- Emily Praise Tsang, daughter of Chris and Heather, born 22 Sept 2012 (11.30, 2/F)
- Annabel Sui Jin Tan, daughter of King and Soyoun, born 21 Sept 2012 (11.30, 10/F)
We warmly welcome relatives and friends visiting for this special occasion.

JAN 6 & 13 **Membership Class**

Find out how you can BELONG to Island ECC by joining us for the Membership Classes. It will run for 2 **Sundays (January 6 & 13)** at **11.30am** on the 8/F. Registration is required. Please email membership@islandecc.hk to register.

JAN 11 & 18 **Marriage Course - Part 2**

Join other couples on one or both **Friday** nights, **7.30pm - 9.30pm**, for dinner at a private table, then view an engaging video with easy-to-follow workbook exercises. It makes for a great Date Night! Topics: January 11 - "Parents and In-laws"; January 18 - "Good Sex". Recommended cost is \$200 per couple. Visit www.islandecc.hk/spring-classes/ to register.

JAN 13 **2:7 Discipleship Course**

This course has a long history of helping Christians strengthen their walk with God to be rooted in Him and overflowing with thankfulness. The course teaches Bible study skills, Scripture memory techniques and other skill-based topics. Join us for this life transformational journey starting on January 13, 2013. Visit www.islandecc.hk/27 for detail and registration.

JAN 20 **Baptism Classes**

Our next baptism will be held on 14 April, 2013. If you would like to participate in this ceremony, please plan to attend the 3-week baptism class starting on Sunday, January 20, at 11.30am on the 8/F. Registration is required, so please email baptism@islandecc.hk to register.

JAN 25-26 **GO Conference "First Things First"**

Priorities. To Do Lists. The Great Commission. The Great Commandment. We know that God is a God of mission, but is mission what matters most to Him? Join our Global Outreach conference with Steven C. Hawthorne. Tickets are available at 1/F Connect Counter today. Enjoy early bird discount before January 7, 2013.

Children's Ministries - New Check-in System

Children's Ministries is preparing for a new check-in system and needs the help of all parents. Prior to the launch of the new system in January, families need to pre-register and be set up with their account on The City. For more information, pick up a flyer on the 9/F. Bar code cards are now available to collect before and after services from the Green Room on the 9/F.

Deadline for Donations for Friends of Hong Kong Charities

Please take note that donation cheques for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc. to be accounted for 2012 should be dated and handed in no later than December 31, 2012. Anything received after this date will be considered as a 2013 donation. Thank you.

Lost and Found

If you have lost items on the premises, you can enquire at 1/F Connect Counter to see if they have been found. We hold items for up to two months.



WATCH FOR. . . ON THE CITY

GO Conference details coming —

Highlights, tickets, etc.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

1

MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER ON 1/F

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counter is located on the 1F and volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

2

JOIN THE CITY

The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 1,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events, the chance to connect with others and more!

3

CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting www.islandecc.hk, you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

HE LOVES

God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...

HE GAVE

He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...

WE BELIEVE

We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

WE LIVE

God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death, He gives life, now ... and for eternity.

You can tell God you accept Him now.

"Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

photos: Christmas Lunch for the Elderly at Noah's Ark



December 30, 2012

Share Your Story

The story of Marco Jorge

Marco became a Christian in this past year. Part of his journey was to realise that his otherwise "good life" actually was lacking a fulfilled soul. Now he's committed to helping others realise that same wealth in Christ.

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Matthew 16:26

The stories of Derrick and Paika Lau

After moving to Hong Kong from New York in January of 2011, Derrick and Paika felt certain of God's leading in their life. But after hitting a period of disappointment and silence from God, they were forced to wait on God for clarification.

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

Proverbs 16:9

The story of Chung Ling Chee

What could have been a tragic auto accident in 2012 proved to be a time of focus for Chung Ling. Having loved and taught God's word for years, Chung Ling has a new appreciation for the value of the Bible, and a new vision for ensuring that others catch that same vision.

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

The story of Kin Chiu

Kin and his wife Winnie had dreams of being in vocational ministry. But as Kin advanced in his engineering career, it became harder and harder to think of leaving the comfortable salary to pursue theological training. Trusting God required losing a stable income and allowing God to provide. And as Kin says, "Faith requires us to take the first step."

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19