

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Communion

Please join us today for our monthly time of communion, when we conclude our service with a special time to pause and remember Christ's love and sacrifice for us.

TODAY Biblical Finance: Managing Money God's Way

Have you ever asked: What is the safest and best place to invest money? How do I stop worrying about money? Come learn how to experience more contentment and joy in making an eternal difference with possessions. Taught by Ramon Maronilla and Jeff Ryan, this 10 week course starts today, **9.30am, 8/F**. Sign up at www.islandecc.hk/spring-classes/.

TODAY Baptism Class

Our next baptism will be held on April 14. If you would like to participate in this ceremony, please attend the 3-week baptism class starting today at **11.30am** on the **8/F**. Registration is required at www.islandecc.hk/connect-grow/baptism/.

TODAY Youth Parents Meeting

Come join us in **The Studio** at **1.30pm** to meet the new youth leaders: Cynthia, Kyle and Eric. Find out important dates, connect with other parents, and let us know how we can serve your family! Light lunch provided.

TODAY FUSE Dinner after 5pm service

Young Adults! Want to meet and/or hang out with some other young adults? Join us for a dinner immediately after the 5pm service. We will meet in Quench by the Connect Counter and then go from there.

JAN 26 Night Hike To The Peak

Join Sports Fellowship for a Night Hike to the Peak! We will meet at **7pm** at Admiralty Taxi Stand and hike up for a late night snack. It is a relatively easy hike but since it is at night, please consider your fitness before signing up. Email sportsfellowship@islandecc.hk to register.

JAN 27-FEB 24 The Art of Parenting Class

Are you worn out as a parent? Would you like some practical assistance based on biblical truth and proven experience? This 4 week class will help equip you to be a functional family, handling misbehaviour and discipline, living with strong willed children, and helping them grow spiritually. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/spring-classes/> for detail and registration.

JAN 27 Chinese New Year Lai See Packet

Chinese New Year Lai See packets will be available. Each Lai See envelope comes with a bilingual gospel tract. A pack of 20 costs HK\$20.

FEB 3 Cambodia Mission Trip Sharing

Come and listen to the stories of a group of city slickers from HK who spent 9 days in rural Cambodia painting a mural, running a mobile medical clinic, playing with kids, digging wells and building toilets. 39 university students accepted Christ during an outreach concert. All this and more! **2pm** on **2/F**.

ARK Dragon Boat

If you are interested in fellowship, fitness and fun, join Island ECC's dragonboat team, THE ARK, for the 2013 season! Trainings are Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Fee is HK\$1,500. Sign up at the Connect Counter after services on January 27 and February 3, or contact ark@islandecc.hk for further information.



WATCH FOR... ON THE CITY

"First Things First" Global Outreach Conference – Join Island ECC for our Global Outreach conference with keynote speaker Steven C. Hawthorne. Details and registration information can be found on The City.

Get Involved in Missions - If you're interested in being involved in any Island ECC mission endeavours, please join us on January 27 where several different info sessions will be offered. Details on The City.

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: Elderly Outing at Lai Chi Kok Park



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Alpha and Omega

⁶This is what the Lord says — Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: *I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.*

⁷Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come — yes, let them foretell what will come.

⁸Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.

Isaiah 44:6-8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8