

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Get Involved in Missions

Interested in being involved in Island ECC's mission endeavours? Join us from 2-4pm in one of our sessions below to find out how you can be involved in 2013!

Egypt Sharing	— 2/F
Philippines Sharing	— 10/F Worship Hall
Japan Tsunami Disaster Relief Report	— 8/F Classroom A
Xiamen Info Session	— 8/F Classroom B
Vietnam Info Session	— 8/F Classroom C
Uganda Info Session	— 9/F Lime Room
Yunnan Info Session	— 9/F Kid's Worship Hall

TODAY Chinese New Year Lai See Packet

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

TODAY Journey — Lent Devotional Book

This great daily devotional guide, produced by the pastors of the international churches in Hong Kong is available in the lift lobby, G/F. Suggested donation: HK\$20. The devotionals are based on Luke's gospel and commence on Ash Wednesday, February 13, and run through to Easter.

TODAY 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 on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Fee is HK\$1,500. Sign up at the Connect Counter after services today and on February 3, or contact ark@islandecc.hk for further information.

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.

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.

FEB 4 Super Bowl Monday

The biggest American Football game of the year is next week! We will be showing the Super Bowl on Monday at 7.30am on the 2/F. Join us for a great time of fun and fellowship. Breakfast will be provided along with coffee and Nespresso.

FEB 10 Family Service

Want to feel true excitement during Chinese New Year? We're welcoming in the new year as a whole church family. So come worship with us on February 10 as the youth join our main services to experience and serve God together. (Please note The Studio will be closed.)



WATCH FOR... ON THE CITY

Weekly Devotional Thoughts from the Pastors

Check out The City for weekly devotional thoughts from the Pastors. This week, Pastor Brett offers insights on how to combat spiritual warfare based on scripture.

Weekly Prayer Thoughts from the Elders

Check out The City for weekly insights on prayer and specific prayer needs.

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."

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Discovering A Life of Passion in God's Purpose

³² But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

³³ So the disciples were saying to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?"

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work."

³⁵ "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'?" Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

³⁶ "Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together."

³⁷ "For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.'"

³⁸ "I sent you to reap that for which you have not laboured; others have laboured and you have entered into their labour."

John 4:32-38

photos: Cambodia Mission Trip

