

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY Prayer After Service

Prayer intercessors are available on all floors after every service and would be happy to pray with you.

## SEP 4 FUSE: Young Adults Fellowship

FUSE is a fellowship for young adults/young professionals in Hong Kong who would like to connect with God and other young adults. We will meet this **Wednesday** at 7.30pm in **The Studio** (321 Java Rd, 1/F - across the street from the church). See you there!

## SEP 8 Taiwan STO Sharing Session

Let's praise God for His miracles in Taitung, Taiwan. 24 baptisms and many more personal experiences with Christ. Come and share the joy from our team! **2-4pm, 8/F, Room A.**

## SEP 8 Baptism Class

Our next baptism will be held on 17 November 2013. If you would like to participate in this ceremony, please plan to attend the 3-Sunday baptism class starting on Sunday, September 8, at **9.30am, 8/F.** You can register by emailing [baptism@islandecc.hk](mailto:baptism@islandecc.hk).

## SEP 10 Men's Fraternity Fall Launch

We are launching our new Men's Fraternity semester on September 10, **Tuesday, 7.30-9.30pm.** This year there will be five relevant tracks for men to choose from, and as always a brotherhood of men to strive together with. See you there!

## SEP 13 Eye On China

An evening focused on praying for China. Hear about trends in China and how you can be part of what God is doing in and through Hong Kong for China. Featuring the iGlee choir. Post-event care group discussion guide will also be available. Doors open at **7pm, 9/F.**

## SEP 14 Teaching Lab — Connecting Kids to Christ

Come join us for a special day of fun and learning on September 14 from **9.30am-4.30pm** on **2/F.** To RSVP, please email [jacquie@jacqueline@islandecc.hk](mailto:jacquie@jacqueline@islandecc.hk).

## SEP 15 November Cambodia Mission Trip Info Session

This July, 32 people went to Phnom Penh and Siem Reap to learn about the anti-human trafficking issue. Come and listen to the stories about God turning ashes to beauty, and despair to hope. **2pm, 9/F.**

## SEP 15 Membership Class

Find out how you can BELONG to Island ECC by joining us for the Membership Classes. It will run for 2 Sundays (September 15 & 22) at **3.30pm, 8/F.** Registration is required. Please email [membership@islandecc.hk](mailto:membership@islandecc.hk) to register.

## SEP 16 Fall Alpha Course Launch 2013

Looking for answers to life? The Alpha Course is a ten-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a laid-back environment. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and small group discussion. **Mondays, 7pm, 2/F.** Visit [www.islandecc.hk/alpha](http://www.islandecc.hk/alpha) for details and to sign up.

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## New On The City

### Island Youth Volunteers

We are seeking new, energetic volunteers to help share the love of God with students in middle school and high school.

### FUSE Singles Conference — Early Bird Registration

This will be a diverse conference, October 25 & 26, featuring international and local guest speakers.

### NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

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#### 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!

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#### CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting [www.islandecc.hk](http://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: Medical Mission trip to Xiamen



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## Life Amplified: Opportunities

*"So be careful of how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days."*

Ephesians 5:15-16, NLT

1. Embracing missed opportunities

*"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him ..."*

Romans 8:28

2. Opportunities for soul searching: Character and spiritual development

*Before God can use you to do great things, He must prepare you to be a great person. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time."*

1 Peter 5:6

3. Opportunities for impact: Making a difference in the world

*"And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph ..."*

Genesis 41:57

From the pursuit of success to the pursuit of significance.

4. The ultimate divine opportunity: Seeing the world from God's perspective

*"It was not you who sent me here, but God."*

Genesis 45:8

*"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done ..."*

Genesis 50:20