

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY **Baby Dedication**

We join today with Terry and Faith to celebrate the dedication of their son, Trusten Chuen Chi Li, to the Lord. Trusten was born 20 April 2012. We warmly welcome family and friends visiting for this special occasion. (9.30am, 10/F).

OCT 20 **Donation Drive for Christian Action**

Please consider donating new or gently used clothing and electrical appliances (rice cookers, DVD players, computers) to support Christian Action. Drop-off time: October 20 in Quench & 8/F, Room C.

OCT 22 **Guy's Night**

We are having a Guy's Night at Men's Fraternity as part of the Fuse Singles Conference on the Tuesday, 7.30-9.30pm, 10/F. You might think MF is just for a bunch of old married guys but we have guys across the age spectrum, and we believe that is the best thing about it! We will explore "5 Things Younger Men Need from Older Men and 5 things Older Men Need from Younger Men."

OCT 23 **Ladies' Night**

Looking for a fun evening with women of all ages and stages in their lives? Come and hear about the benefits of mentoring and intentionally investing in someone else's spiritual life. Join us with Lisa Anderson from 7.30-9.30pm. Note that dinner is at 7pm. Register and pay \$100 at the Connect Counter or at <http://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women/>.

OCT 27 **Yunnan STO Sharing**

One year since our first Island ECC trip in 2012, 3 childrens' and 1 youth project work has started. The first batch of bursaries were also disbursed to needy students. Come, hear and be part of this exciting work God is doing in Yunnan on October 27, 2pm, 10/F Sanctuary.

OCT 27 **The Art of Dating Class**

Dating is a tricky thing. Don't let the media and society tell you how to do it. This four week class starting Sunday 27th at 3.30pm is open to singles and dating couples wanting to explore a Biblical foundation for dating and relationships. There will be teaching and time for open discussion. Please go to www.islandecc.hk/classes/for registration.

Nov 2 **Sports Fellowship Beach Games & BBQ**

Join the Sports Fellowship Beach Games on Saturday at 3pm at Shek O Beach. There will be team competitions, so come as a caregroup or we'll form teams for individual participants. Admission: \$150 (BBQ food plus 2 drinks). Tickets available on 1/F Connect Counter. Contact us for any inquiries: sportsfellowship@islandecc.hk. Minimum age for this event is 18 yrs old.

FUSE Singles Conference Check-In

We're only 2 weeks away from FUSE Singles Conference! If you've received a ticket, be sure to check yourself in at <http://www.islandecc.hk/fuse/>. It is important as we will be confirming your information, workshop choices and any dietary needs. If you have bought tickets for your friends, please make sure they check in too! Looking forward to a great conference weekend!

Men Needed For Prison Ministry

Calling for men who are willing to serve in prison ministry reaching out to international inmates. A commitment to be on rotation at least once a month at Tung Tau prison is required. Please contact flo@islandecc.hk if you are interested or wish to know more.

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New On The City

MAX Volunteers

See the many opportunities for volunteers to serve at our Sunday services.

FUSE Young Adults Fellowship Night

Meeting this Wednesday at 7.30pm in The Studio (321 Java Rd, 1/F) for FOOD, teaching, discussion and time to hang out.

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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The Good Samaritan

About the artist and his work: Vincent Van Gogh (30 March 1853 – 29 July 1890) was a post-Impressionist painter of Dutch origin whose work, notable for its rough beauty, emotional honesty and bold colour, had a far-reaching influence on 20th-century art. Before becoming a professional artist, Van Gogh served a brief stint as a missionary in Belgium, and vacillated for years with a sense of call into vocational ministry. After years of painful anxiety and frequent bouts of mental illness, he died at age 37 from a gunshot wound, generally accepted to be self-inflicted. His most famous works include *Starry Night*, *Sunflowers*, and *Self Portrait*.

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." ²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Luke 10:25-37

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