

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY 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: TODAY in Quench & 8/F.

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 with Lisa Anderson

Dinner, Fellowship, Friends, Worship, Word from God, Transformed Lives. This is for you: 20-60 years old, single or married, old or new to church. Come and hear about the challenges and benefits of impacting another life. Dinner at 7pm. Register and pay \$100 TODAY at the Connect Counter.

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.

NOV 3 CORE Meeting

A time for the church leaders to bring you up to speed on what is happening in the church and where we are going. Attendance is open for all and expected of those who function in any leadership role in the church. 1.15-3.00pm on 2/F. A light lunch will be provided.

FUSE Singles Conference Check-In

The FUSE Singles Conference is almost here! 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!

Bethlehem Bound — Family Christmas Outreach

Call for volunteers, for our church-wide Family Christmas Outreach Play — Bethlehem Bound — on December 7 starring families! From rehearsal to cast party, all in one event! We are looking for Rehearsal Leaders, Ushers, Stage Crew and Bakers. Sounds fun...then help us launch the Christmas season for all our Island families. Contact serve@islandecc.hk for more information.

www.islandecc.hk



New On The City

MAX Volunteers

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

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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Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:38-42

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name ...'"

Luke 11:1-2

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at table. ³ Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me."

John 12:1-8

How to become more Mary-like:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Our pleasure and our duty, though opposite before;
 Since we have seen His beauty, are joined to part no more:
 It is our highest pleasure, no less than duty's call;
 To love Him beyond measure, and serve Him with our all.

Lyrics of a hymn by John Newton