

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Global Outreach Prayer Focus

Island ECC partners with Nathan and Priscilla Chan in Cambodia to support the survivors of human rights abuse, reaching out to the vulnerable and sharing God's love and the gospel with them. They walk alongside Cambodians to empower and train them to lift themselves to the full potential that God created them to be.

TODAY Christmas Orphanage Stockings Project - Collection

Share the joy and love of Christmas by taking a Christmas stocking home to fill for orphanage children and for Filipino workers! Stockings and bags can be picked up from 1/F, 2/F and 10/F and need to be returned by December 1. Please contact localoutreach@islandecc.hk if you can give or lend your suitcase to be used to bring the gifts to China.

TODAY Beauty For Ashes

Beauty For Ashes is a Christian band based in Kigali, Rwanda. Equipped with incredible songs and powerful testimonies, they are in Hong Kong and part of our services today (1/F) and on 24th (2/F). Be sure to stick around next Sunday evening for a special night of music and worship. Invite your friends! Admission is free and doors open at 6.30pm.

NOV 20 FUSE 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). There will be FOOD, teaching, discussion and time to hang out. See you there!

NOV 22 A Time of Prayer

The prayer team is hosting a time dedicated to prayer at 7.30pm, 10/F. Join us for this time when we will focus on three areas: (1) Prayers for our church; (2) The persecuted church; and (3) Personal prayers for one another.

DEC 1 R. Paul Stevens Seminar: Integrating Work and Faith

Have you ever wondered how your faith relates to your work, and how you can serve God even in your workplace? Prof. Stevens, known internationally as the "Marketplace Theologian," will share his insight with us. He has taught classes and seminars worldwide. Seminar runs from 2.30-4.30pm, 8/F. Check out <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for detail and registration.

DEC 1 Philippines Outreach Info-Session

What is it like to live on US\$0.50 a day? Let's help share God's love to the destitute through building projects, feeding programmes, testimonies and encouragements. Come find out more, 2-4pm, 8/F, Room C. Email go@islandecc.hk for additional information.

DEC 7 Bethlehem Bound - Tickets on Sale NOW!

Bring your kids and families to our musical Christmas outreach play starring your kids! Tickets available at the Connect Counter for 3 shows. \$100/child with accompanying adult and \$50/audience. Play is followed by Cast Party and Craft Sales for Global Outreach. Buy now as space is limited (see flier for show times and details). For more information contact kidclub@islandecc.hk.

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New On The City

Job Vacancy

Hope of the City is seeking to hire a Local Outreach Programme Administrator. Visit The Marketplace for details.

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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Christ In The Wilderness

¹ And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry.

³ The devil said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to Him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

⁹ And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

¹² And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee.

Luke 4:1-14

The nature of temptation

1. Temptation is _____

2. Temptation occurs _____

3. Temptation is a _____ of good things

Overcoming temptation

1. Use Christ's _____

2. Use Christ's _____