

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## FEB 3 Super Bowl Monday

The NFL (American Football) Championship game, Super Bowl XLVIII, will be shown LIVE (with U.S. commercials!) on the 10/F, 7.30am. Join us for some fellowship, food and fun! We will have breakfast for everyone, so please respond on THE CITY if you plan on coming. And don't worry about work that day - it's a public holiday!

## FEB 9 New Class: The Rise of Islam: What Everyone Must Know

The global expansion of Islam is a serious challenge to everyone - particularly followers of Jesus Christ. The goal of this class is two-fold: to help you understand Islam and equip you to respond "with gentleness and reverence," 1 Peter 3:15. Please visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

## FEB 12 New Class: Managing Money God's Way

What is the safest and best place to invest money? How do I get free from worrying about money? Starting February 12 (Wednesday), join Gary Morris in this 10 week class to learn both biblical principles and practical wisdom on managing money. It aims at creating a long term transformation of the heart and addressing one's financial questions. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

## FEB 16 New Class: Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills

One of the most significant challenges we face constantly is living, working, and dealing with others. Sometimes learning to love with Jesus' love is tough! Join Dr. Rick Bates in this 4 week class, starting February 16, to enhance your knowledge, attitudes and skills in how you can relate to your family, friends, co-workers, as well as those within your church families. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

## FEB 16 New Class: The Book Of Romans

Written by the Apostle Paul, the book of Romans is an extremely thorough guide for believers of Jesus Christ. It helps us to understand the basics of our faith and also how to live practically as Christians. Join Pastor Tim LaTour for a 6-week class, starting February 16, to study this great book and learn how we can grow deeper in our faith. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

## Pure Desire Training Bootcamp

Dr. Ted and Diane Roberts will be coming to conduct a Pure Desire Training Bootcamp on February 27-28 (Thursday & Friday evening) and March 1 (Saturday - full day). Save the dates! More details will follow! [www.puredesire.org](http://www.puredesire.org).

## ReNEW Conference — Early Bird Tickets

Island ECC's first ever ReNEW Conference is coming March 21-22! This conference for worshippers features dynamic teaching from Biju Thampy and Brett Hilliard, music with Carlos Whittaker and band, and other special guests to be announced soon. Tickets are \$500 at the door, but just \$300 when you buy today at the Connect Counter. Live a life of worship!

## Ark Dragon Boat

Paddles up! The ARK Dragon Boat Team is recruiting on February 2 and 9 at the 1/F Connect Counter after all three services. Registration costs \$1600 per person and includes 14 weeks of training on Sunday afternoons, starting on February 16, and two race days on May 10 and June 2. Cash and cheques are accepted, with cheques payable to Island ECC Ltd.



## New On The City

Stay connected to other families, friends and the larger Island ECC community on The City, a social network tailored specifically to our church. You'll have the opportunity to read weekly devotionals from our pastors, prayer thoughts from our leadership team, event information and even a marketplace to sell items or find a rental property. Sign up on our website by clicking The City link.

### 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.

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#### 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."

Bethlehem Bound Christmas Musical



January 26, 2014

## Wow

*God's glory is on tour in the skies,  
God-craft on exhibit across the horizon;  
The revelation of God is whole,  
and pulls our lives together.*

Psalm 19:1-9 [The Message]

*Immediately [the paralysed man] rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."*

Luke 5:25-26

*"We hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"*

Acts 2:11-12

*Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.*

Habakkuk 1:5