

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY Baby Dedications

We are delighted today to join with 2 families in the dedication of their children to the Lord:  
— Abigail Maggie TSE, born 21 January, 2011, to parents Sam & Maggie (9.30am, 10/F)  
— Sisters Inés Gabriella & Anaïs Alexis HUANG, born 11 Apr 2012 and 21 Dec 2013 respectively, to parents Cliff and Estella (9.30am, 2/F). Welcome to all family and friends visiting.

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

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. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

## FEB 15 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). There will be FOOD, teaching, discussion and time to hang out. See you there!

## FEB 16 New Class: Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills

One of the most significant challenges we face constantly is living, working, and dealing with others. Join Dr. Rick Bates in this 4 week class, starting February 16, 11.30am to enhance your knowledge 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, Romans is a thorough guide for believers of Jesus Christ. It helps us to understand the basics of our faith and how to live practically as Christians. Join Pastor Tim LaTour for a 6-week class, starting February 16, 9.30am to study this great book and learn how we can grow deeper in our faith. Visit [www.islandecc.hk/classes/](http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/) for registration.

## FEB 21 Night of Prayer

Join us for A Night of Prayer on the 2/F 7.30pm. We will experience and put to practice what we have learned from our OMG sermon series. Come with an expectant heart to connect with God in meaningful ways, captured in four words – THANKS, HELP, WOW, and WHY.

## FEB 27 to MAR 1 Pure Desire Training Bootcamp

Dr. Ted & Diane Roberts will be training men and women who'd like to learn how to help others trapped in sexual addiction, or in marriages that encounter impurity. It is also for people who want to live a life of purity in a biblical, systematic and practical way! Thurs & Fri 7.30 pm; Sat 9.30 am; \$280 per person or \$500 for a team of two! (includes lunch). For details and registration visit [www.islandecc.hk/men/](http://www.islandecc.hk/men/) or The City.

## ReNEW Conference — Early Bird Tickets

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

## Event Scholarships

As a church, we do not want finances to preclude anyone from attending Island ECC events. Please contact [events@islandecc.hk](mailto:events@islandecc.hk)



## New On The City

### Uganda Mission Trip Info Session

Check out The City to learn more about our upcoming trip to Uganda, a beautiful country marred with war atrocities, poverty, and HIV/AIDs.

### Women's New Bible Study Classes

Check out The City for information on several women's Bible Study classes this Spring.

### Ark Dragon Boat

Learn more about the Ark Dragon Boat team on The City, or sign up today at Island ECC.

### Dance Ministry

Send in an audition tape to [creativesunite@islandecc.hk](mailto:creativesunite@islandecc.hk), or check out details on The City.

## 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](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."

Cambodia Mission Trip



February 9, 2014

## The Courage of David

*<sup>32</sup> And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup> And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." <sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup> And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"*

*... <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. ...*

*<sup>42</sup> And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup> And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." <sup>45</sup> Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand ... that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."*

*<sup>48</sup> When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.*

1 Samuel 17:32-49

## Saul: Courage that has vanished

*When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.*

1 Samuel 17:11

## Goliath: Courage that is manufactured

## David: Courage that is imputed