

#### What's Your Superpower!

This is our last week to get 500 NEW volunteers signed up to serve at Island ECC. So, what's your superpower? You'll find the sign up cards on your seats with different areas where you can serve. Just fill that out and drop it into one of the boxes near the exits on your floor. We'll contact you to follow up this week! You know you want to see Brett take a super leap off of the Macau Tower!

# TODAY Baby Dedication

It is our joy today to witness the dedication to the Lord of Galilee Yi-Man Chan. Galilee was born 7 May 2014 to Nathan and Priscilla. We warmly welcome visiting family and friends. (11.30am, 2/F).

# TODAY Newcomers Lunch

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch at 1.15pm, 2/F. There is no cost for this lunch, but you do need a ticket to get in, so please pick one up today at the Connect Counter on your floor.

## JUNE 1 Taking Personal Faith Public

Is our faith related to work? Is theology related to the city? Join Dr. Ray Bakke for an afternoon exploring "Seeking the Transformation of Cities: Taking Personal Faith Public." Dr. Bakke is both a theologian and a practitioner. This FREE seminar runs 2.30-4.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Visit http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/ for details and registration.

# JUNE 4 Grief Support Group

Have you lost a spouse, family member or friend and are grieving or don't even know where to start? This 7-week support group starting June 4 is a safe place to share and learn from each other. Sign up at http://www.islandecc.hk/classes or email flo@islandecc.hk.

# JUNE 7 Worship Band Auditions

Every week, 25 musicians and vocalists on 3 floors in 8 services lead our church in musical worship. With so many people serving so frequently, our need for musicians who rock and love Jesus is greater than ever. We're going to hold auditions on June 7 and June 14 so if you play an instrument or sing, email us at worship@islandecc.hk!

# JUNE 7 China Church Forum

Featuring four speakers, including Rob Gifford, China Editor of The Economist, and Stephen Lam, former Chief Secretary of Hong Kong, will prod us to think beyond conventional paradigms in order to more effectively serve and partner with the church in modern China. 9.30am-1.00pm, 10/F Worship Hall. RSVP through the City or to go@islandecc.hk.

## JUNE 8 Volunteer Power Lunch

If you are a current volunteer or you just signed up to be a volunteer last week (or this week), please mark your calendar for a Volunteer Power Lunch. This will help new and current volunteers get excited and prepared as we enter a new season of volunteering at Island ECC. It will be at 1.30pm, 1/F and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by emailing serve@islandecc.hk.

#### Love English Camp 2014

This year, we are going to have 2 camps in Wuhan, Hubei (June 28-July 5; July 5-12), partnering with local churches to reach out to youth. Volunteers needed for teaching, relationship building and spiritual support. Training will be provided in June. If you are interested, please visit http://bit.ly/1ftfVfE on The City or email go@islandecc.hk.



# **New On The City**

#### **Job Vacancies**

We are looking to fill the following positions. Please visit The Marketplace for full

- Part-time Worship Leader An energetic and youthful worship leader with a passion for serving students!
- Office Assistant A full-time Office Assistant to support the church office staff and facility running.
- Part-time Coordinator Children's Ministries Someone to serve in Children's Ministries as a Summer intern.

#### **NEW TO ISLAND ECC?**



### 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.



## 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!



### 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 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."

Alpha Retreat at Lantau Island



May 25, 2014

# **Forgive One Another**

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

#### Forgiving the Unforgivable

- 1. Be honest with yourself
- 2. Let God hold your hands
- 3. Forgiveness takes time. It is either freely given or not at all
- 4. Forgiveness is a multi-step process
- 5. A little understanding of the offender may reduce our unwillingness to forgive

Forgiveness is NOT excusing Forgiveness is NOT forgetting

Forgiveness is extending MERCY and GRACE to the undeserved while leaving JUSTICE to God

6. Forgiveness may lead to reconciliation, though not always