

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

JUNE 29 Calling for Donations for Uganda Mission Trip

The Uganda mission team is looking for items to take as donations: good condition children's leather shoes & sports shoes, physiotherapy toys, children's t-shirts, footballs & pumps, face masks (sheets), make-up, make-up applicators (i.e. brushes, cotton pads), nail polish, polish remover, costume jewellery, wet/face wipes. Please drop off items on 8/F starting next Sunday labelled for Uganda mission team. For more information, email go@islandecc.hk.

JULY 3 & 5 Project Bridge Information Sessions

Are you willing to open your heart and home to be a "bridge family" for children with special needs who have been released for adoption? If so, please join the information sessions about Project Bridge at the Mother's Choice Child Care Centre to find out how you can be a short-term family for a child, while leaving a life-long and lasting impact. The sessions will be 3 July at 7.30pm and 5 July at 2.00pm. For registration and questions, please contact caroljordan@motherschoice.org.

JULY 6 New Class: Managing Money God's Way

Ever asked these questions: What is the safest and best place to invest money? How do I get free from worrying about money? Come join this 10 week course and learn how to experience more contentment and joy of making an eternal difference with possessions. Starting July 6 at 11.30 am, Room A, 8/F. Space is limited, please register at Connect Counter and \$200 will be charged for the course materials.

JULY 8 North Korea Prayer Meeting

If God is burdening your heart to pray for the North, please come and join us. Aqua Forest Room, 9/F, 7.30 pm. For more information, please contact Soyoun at go@islandecc.hk.

JULY 13 Summer Volunteers Needed

Children's Ministries are looking for 60+ volunteers to assist in the following roles for the weeks of 13 July to 31 August: Small Group Leaders - to lead, encourage and love 5-8 kids in small groups to learn the weekly DVD lesson. Storytellers/Hosts - to lead in large group through telling Bible stories and/or introducing the DVD lesson. Kids Worship Leaders - to lead in large group Kids Worship Songs along with DVD music. For more information contact kidsclub@islandecc.hk.



New On The City

Job Vacancies in the Church Office

Please visit The Marketplace for full details.

- Coordinator of Ministry Support & Production Assistant — to serve in venue administration and Art & Design projects.
- Coordinator of Children's Ministries — to be part of the team preparing and executing the Sunday Kids Club programmes and special events.
- Coordinator of Assimilation Ministries (part time) — to provide admin and practical help in overseeing the volunteers for Sunday services and special events.
- Coordinator of Worship Ministries (part time) — to provide support for the worship directors, coordinating schedules and administration of worship events.
- Office Assistant — to support the church office staff and facility running.

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."

"The Ark" The Island ECC Dragon Boat on race day



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Investment Horizon

Definition: The total length of time a sum is expected to be invested in order to achieve desired results.

²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings.

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:23-27

Three essential disciplines for keeping your eye on the prize:

1. Valuing _____

¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were **written down** as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

2. Maximising _____

¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

3. Disciplined thinking about _____

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:11-13

We only cease to be the slave of one appetite because another has brought it into subordination. A youth may cease to idolise sensual pleasure like partying all around, but it is because the idol of material gain and career success has got the ascendancy. There is not one personal transformation in which the heart is left without an object of beauty and joy. The heart's desire for one particular object may be conquered, but its desire to have *some* object is unconquerable. The only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection is by the explosive power of a new one.

Thomas Chalmers, Scottish Minister, 1780-1847