

# 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: Marcus Tak Tai Mak, born 19 March 2012, to parents Morris & Adele (9.30am, 2/F) Eunice Grace Wong, born 3 March 2010, to parents Ray & Josephine (9.30am, 10/F) We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

## TODAY Prayer After Service

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are and if you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

## TODAY Pick Up Be Cool Chopsticks

For those who have purchased tickets for Be Cool Chopsticks, please present your tickets and pick up your chopsticks at 1/F Quench or 10/F Connect Counter.

## JULY 15 Men's Fraternity Summer Session

Our Summer Session starts on July 15, 7.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. ALL men are welcome to join our summer topic "God is Great, Beer is Good, People are Crazy: An Interactive Look at the Ten Commandments". We look forward to great fellowship, discussion, and exploration of God's good design for our lives. Contact men@islandecc.hk for more information.

## JULY 20 Basic Counselling Skills for Small Group Leaders

Whether you are leading a care group, men's/women's group, or Bible study group, chances are someone will seek your advice about what's going on in their lives. This class aims to equip you with basic counselling methods and skills to be a better listener and counsellor. Starting July 20, this 3 week class is open to all small group leaders of the church. 11.30am, 7/F. Registration required. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for details and registration.

## JULY 20 Deadline for Donations for Summer Mission Teams

The Uganda and Mongolia teams are looking to take items as donations: good condition children's leather & sports shoes (no flip flop/fancy footwear), children's t-shirts, caps, socks, physiotherapy toys, footballs & pumps, nail polish & remover, costume jewellery, facial masks (sheets), make up & applicators (i.e. brushes, cotton pads), wet/face wipes, new children's small toys and stationery (for prizes). Please bring items to 8/F drop off box on or before July 20.

## JULY 27 Men's Vietnam Trip Sharing

What Happens in Vietnam Stays in Vietnam! Well, that's only partially true - there's a lot that happened on our trip that we want to share about! Come hear and experience what made this year's Men's Vietnam trip a great time (get ready to do some lifting!). 2-4pm, 9/F Lime Room.

## JULY 27 Family Movie Matinee

Island ECC Kids Club invites families to join them in a screening of the The LEGO Movie. 10/F, 1.30-4.30pm, 10/F. Join us as we get to know other families and fellowship with one another over lunch before the movie. Food concession stand available. Movie admission and popcorn are free. RSVP to kidsclub@islandecc.hk or on The City and indicate how many people you need food for.



## New On The City

### Job Vacancies in the Church Office

Please visit The Marketplace for full details.

- Associate Director of Women's Ministries — to provide vision and leadership to the women of the church and plan activities and programmes with the women's core team.
- 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 — to provide help in overseeing the volunteers for Sunday services and support for worship and special events.
- Coordinator of Outreach Ministries (part-time) — to provide administrative support especially for short term trips.

### 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."

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



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## Due Diligence

Definition: Care a reasonable person should take before entering into an agreement or a transaction with another party.

<sup>28</sup> "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?"

<sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,

<sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

<sup>31</sup> Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

<sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

<sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."

Luke 14:28-33

How can the concept of cost spiritually impact you?

1. Replaces \_\_\_\_\_

2. Shifts \_\_\_\_\_

3. Moves \_\_\_\_\_

4. Elevates \_\_\_\_\_

5. Provides \_\_\_\_\_

"Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance ... communion without confession ... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate." *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship*