

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY GO Supported Partner Prayer Focus

Island ECC partners with Eva Lee to support her ministry to mainland Chinese students here in Hong Kong. She disciples them to be transformed by godly principles so that they can return home to be servant leaders and influencers in their respective professions.

TODAY Basic Counselling Skills for Small Group Leaders

This 3 week class starts today. 11.30am, 7/F. Registration required. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for details and registration.

TODAY Deadline for Donations for Summer Mission Teams

Please bring final donations for the Uganda and Mongolia teams to 8/F drop off box today.

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 Worship Hall.

JULY 27 Family Movie Matinee

Kids Club invites families to join them in a screening of The LEGO Movie. 10/F, 1.30-4.30pm. Join us for fellowship with one another over lunch beforehand. Food concession stand available. Free admission and popcorn. RSVP to kidsclub@islandecc.hk or On The City with numbers.

AUG 3 Quench Summer Sale!

Need to pick up some books for summer reading or maybe find a gift for a friend or family member? Check out the Quench Summer Sale! Great books at discounted prices - up to 40% off! The sale will last for two Sundays starting Aug 3. Don't miss this great opportunity to save!

AUG 16 "Struggle for Survival" Experience

Hope of the City is organising this unique event, 10am-5pm at Crossroads. Participants will go through a poverty simulation, "Struggle for Survival" Experience, followed by a "Taste of Poverty" meal and on-site volunteering. 40 spots available. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

AUG 16 Sports Fellowship Junk Trip

Besides a cooling day in the sea, we have wakeboard, banana boat and other challenges with lunch & snack, all for \$350. Tickets available at 1/F Connect Counter. For information email sportsfellowship@islandecc.hk.

AUG 31 Interfaith Dialogue: Is Jesus God?

Islam is on the rise and Christians need to respond. Outreach Ministries have organised an Interfaith Dialogue between a Muslim and a Christian on the divinity of Jesus Christ on Aug 31. Prep class on Aug 16 or 24 required for attendance. Register online at <http://bit.ly/1n5esnW>.

Sep 2014-Jun 2015 Volunteers for Homework Tutorial Classes

Hope of the City is recruiting volunteers to provide homework help to low-income children. Volunteers will serve at Fuk Lam Church in Yau Ma Tei, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Tuesday to Friday (on weekly basis), Sep 16-Jun 12. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

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New On The City

Job Vacancies in the Church Office

Please visit [The Marketplace](#) for full details.

- Associate Director of Women's Ministries (full-time) — 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 (full-time) — to serve in venue administration and Art & Design projects.
- Coordinator of Assimilation Ministries (full-time) — to provide practical and admin support for volunteers for Sunday services and events, and coordination of worship schedules and planning
- Coordinator of Outreach Ministries (part-time) — to provide administrative support especially for short term trips.

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."

Children's Ministries' Vacation Bible School "Weird Animals - Where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind"



July 20, 2014

Criticism

The expression of disapproval of someone or something on the basis of perceived faults or mistakes

- ¹ I call to you, Lord, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you.
- ² May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
- ³ Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.
- ⁴ Do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil so that I take part in wicked deeds along with those who are evildoers; do not let me eat their delicacies.
- ⁵ Let a righteous man strike me—that is a kindness; let him rebuke me—that is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it, for my prayer will still be against the deeds of evildoers.
- ⁶ Their rulers will be thrown down from the cliffs, and the wicked will learn that my words were well spoken.
- ⁷ They will say, "As one plows and breaks up the earth, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of the grave."
- ⁸ But my eyes are fixed on you, Sovereign Lord; in you I take refuge—do not give me over to death.
- ⁹ Keep me safe from the traps set by evildoers, from the snares they have laid for me.
- ¹⁰ Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by in safety.

Psalms 141

Developing a strategy for criticism:

1. _____

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Ephesians 5:3

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. Psalm 24:3-4

2. _____

Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray. Proverbs 10:17

3. _____

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:15

I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me. Psalm 57:2