

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Christmas Love Offering

Make your gift an act of worship, over and above your regular giving. This year's theme is Responding to a Wounded World. Giving will help the spiritually wounded and those in crisis areas. Put your gift in the enclosed special envelope into the offering bags. Thank you!

TODAY Quench Christmas Book Sale

Do you need to pick up some Christmas gifts or a new book to bring with you on your holiday travels? Save up to 40% on selected children's and adult titles. For 3 Sundays starting from today. While stock lasts.

TODAY New Class: The IS: What Every Christian Must Know and Do

Hong Kong is far from Iraq and Syria, but the ultimate goal of the IS (Islamic State) affects everyone. This class will equip you with information not available through Al Jazeera, BBC, CNN, and other news media. 2pm, 8/F, Room A. Visit www.islandecc.hk/classes for registration.

TODAY Business As Mission (Cambodia) Trip Application Deadline

This trip (Mar 6-12, 2015) will focus on discipling young Christian leaders in business/entrepreneurship and marketplace outreach, includes a business plan competition and visiting kingdom businesses. Info at www.islandecc.hk/ministries/missions or email go@islandecc.hk.

TODAY to DEC 21 Christmas Gift Tags

Christmas gift tags are now available at the 1/F Quench. This is a great way to share the Gospel and the Christmas fun! Each set costs \$20.

TODAY to JAN 4 Devotional Calendar 2015

The Trailblazer Devotional Calendar is available this week on 1/F and 10/F. \$60 each.

DEC 12 FUSE: Bus Carolling

Hey Young Adults! It's that time of year again to spread some Christmas cheer from an open top bus going 80km/h through Hong Kong Island (7-10pm)! So, come all ye faithful to the Bus Carolling Party! Tickets are \$50 at the Connect Counters. Info: youngadults@islandecc.hk.

DEC 13 Women's Christmas Breakfast

Reserve your place today for a wonderful celebration with other women. This joyous event is a great opportunity to reach out to a special friend and invite them to join you at The American Club, Central, at 9.30am. Pick up tickets at \$200 each from the Connect Counters.

DEC 21 Christmas Home Visits in North Point

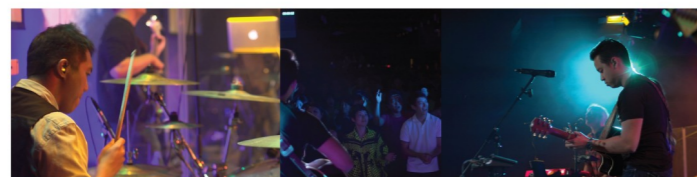
Hope of the City is recruiting volunteers to help deliver gift packs to local families in the Christmas home-visits, 2-4.30pm in North Point. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com to sign up.

DEC 31 Deadline for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Donations

Please note that donation cheques for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc. to be accounted for in 2014 should be dated and handed in no later than December 31. Anything received after this date will be considered as a 2015 donation. Thank you.

RightNow Media

Island ECC's library has gone digital! With RightNow Media, there are many great discipleship videos for kids, students, families, small groups, leaders and more. You can view these videos from a TV, tablet, phone or computer - anytime and anywhere. Sign up today on our website: www.islandecc.hk/rightnow-media/.



New On The City

Look out for our Advent Devotional Thoughts every day through December 25 written by people from across the ministries.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counters are located on the 1/F, 2/F and 10/F. 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 3,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events and the chance to connect with others. Sign up now at the Connect Counter.

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."

ReNEW Live Album Recording



December 7, 2014

Joy To The World

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2:8-20