

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY **Baby Dedication**

It is our joy today to witness the dedication to the Lord of Matthew & Zachary Lee. Matthew & Zachary were born 27 August 2013 to Bill and Julia. We warmly welcome visiting family and friends (9.30am, 2/F).

JAN 18 to 25 **GO Conference Check In**

GO Conference, January 30-31, is fast approaching. If you've already received a ticket, please be sure to check yourself in at www.islandecc.hk/goconference. This is important as we will confirm your information, workshop choices and any dietary needs. If you have bought tickets for your friends, please make sure they check in too! Looking forward to a great conference weekend!

JAN 21 **New Care Group Starting**

Looking for a new caregroup to join in 2015? Come and check us out! We are starting a group for mature Christians, new believers, and seekers. **Wednesdays, 7.30-9.30pm, 8/F Living Room.** Register on the City here: <http://bit.ly/1BGRDud> (public link). For more information contact alistair.chiu@islandecc.hk.

JAN 25 **New Class: Managing Money God's Way**

Ever asked: 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 in making an eternal difference with possessions. **9.30, 8/F Room A.** Visit www.islandecc.hk/classes for registration. (Same class materials as Fall 2014).

JAN 25 **BOWLDONKULOUS**

For all middle school and high school students: Let's carry on the tradition of #BOWLDONKULOUS. We will leave from The Studio at 1.10pm to take the North Point ferry to go get a BOWL of noodles and go BOWLing. Students will pay for the ferry there and back (\$13) and for lunch (approx. \$60). We will cover the bowling fees. For more information: youth@islandecc.hk.

FEB 1 **Philippines Family Missions Trip Info Session**

This is a great trip for young families and the young at heart with a passion to share God's love with children from the slums of the Philippines. Spend your Easter (Apr 4-11) blessing 60 of these children at the ICM Kids Camp, providing drama, crafts, singing, sports and more. Meet the leaders and find out more. **9/F, Kid's Worship Hall, 2pm** or email tim.latour@islandecc.hk.

FEB 1 **Sent but Forgotten? The Importance of Missionary Care**

Missionaries need nurture, prayer and encouragement, maybe more than the average person because of where they live and serve. Missionary "member care" is vital so that frontline workers can be healthy and thriving. This one-week class will help you understand a key aspect of missions strategy that is often overlooked. **3-4.30 pm, 9/F Kid's Worship Hall.**

Regular Home Visit Volunteers

Hope of the City is now recruiting new volunteers for the following monthly home-visit teams: Saturday mornings for the elderly in Shek Kip Mei, Wednesday nights for families in Sham Shui Po. Volunteers are expected to commit for 6 months of service. Please join us to share love and care to the community. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more info.

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/



On The City

Stay connected to other families, friends and the larger Island ECC community on The City, a social network tailored specifically to our church. You'll have the opportunity to read weekly devotionals from our pastors, prayer thoughts from our leadership team, event information and even a marketplace to sell items or find a rental property. Sign up on our website by clicking The City link.

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."

January 18, 2015

Avoiding Sand

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Matthew 7:24-27

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror

²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it — not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it — they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1:22-25

Core Leadership Conference



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