# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

# TODAY LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER — Rock-n-Roll Family Easter Picnic

Come join us as we celebrate Easter with a Family Picnic on March 29 at the Victoria Peak Garden, 11.00am-4.00pm. There will be lots of games and prizes, and it's a great opportunity to hang out, enjoy lunch and activities with other families. Tickets on sale today on 9/F.

# TODAY Renew Worship CD Available

After an exciting debut on iTunes, the Home CD from Renew Worship is available today on all floors for \$100. We hope this music encourages you and draws you closer to God!

# TODAY GO Supported Partner Prayer Focus

Island ECC partners with Carl Lahr to provide strategic leadership and direction for ReachGlobal's network of churches in South Asia. His team works in Nepal, Bangladesh and India where they also address issues of human trafficking.

# TODAY Kids Club — Spring Volunteer Training

A volunteer training will be provided for all new Kids Club volunteers today, 1.30pm, Kid's Worship Hall, 9/F or on Wednesday, March 25, 7.30pm, Room A, 8/F. Please RSVP to kidsclub@islandecc.hk. Meals provided!

# MAR 25 FUSE — Young Adults Fellowship

FUSE is an event for young adults/young professionals (age: 20s to early 30s) in Hong Kong who would like to connect with God and other young adults. We meet at 7.30pm, The Studio (321 Java Rd, 1/F - across the street from the church). We will have a SPECIAL GUEST this week check our Facebook page (facebook.com/fusehk) for more details. As always, there will be FOOD!

# MAR 29 to APR 19 Upcoming Missions Trip Info Sessions

Come learn about one of the upcoming mission trips: March 29, 2pm, 8/F Room A - Taiwan Mission Trip (Jul 4-11) April 12, 2pm, 8/F Room A - Uganda Mission Trip (Aug 28-Sep 8) April 19, 2pm, 9/F Kid's Worship Hall - Mongolia Trip (Jul 25-Aug 9)

# APR 3 Good Friday Night of Prayer

Celebrate a special Night of Prayer with us on the day Jesus died to appreciate God's amazing love for us - with worship, a devotion on Christ as the Passover Lamb, and a meaningful Communion time. See you on Good Friday, 7.30pm.

# APR 12 Junior Master Chef Trainer

Ever dreamed of training junior master chefs? Attention all passionate cooks, Hope of the City needs your service to teach a small class of elementary kids at St. Barnabas' Society and Home in Western District, 4.30-7.30pm, Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

### Volunteers needed for Kid's program in Yau Ma Tei

Inner City Ministries, working amongst the Nepalese in Yau Ma Tei, are in urgent need of a team of 6-8 people (ideally a care group) who would be willing to assist with their monthly Saturday Afternoon Kid's Club (3-10yr olds). Training and materials provided. Contact martin@innercityministries.org or cecilia@innercityministries.org for further details.

### **Donations to Island ECC**

Annual tax receipts will be issued mid-April for donations made to Island ECC from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. Donations should reach us by March 31. Anything received after this date will be included in next year's tax receipts. To update your correspondence address with us, please email finance@islandecc.hk now.



# **On The City**

### Volunteers needed for new 3PM Services starting April 5:

- Sunday Services Lobby hosts, Connect Counter, greeters, ushers, offering & communion stewards.
- Kids Club Storytellers, worship leaders, small group leaders, welcome team, nursery assistants.
- Production Crew ProPresenter, video and lighting, camera operator.

### Staff vacancy on the Marketplace:

• Senior Coordinator of Ministry Support - a full-time position providing a high level of administrative support for the operating functions of the church.

### **NEW TO ISLAND ECC?**



# 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.



### 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.



# 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



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 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 trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. WE BELIEVE We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us.



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."

Men's Fraternity at Island ECC



# March 22, 2015

# **Dress Code**

<sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

<sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

<sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:8-12

Compassion: Pity, mercy. Literally, "to be moved with one's innards." This word often describes Christ's response toward those in pain and suffering.

Kindness: Goodness, generosity. This is Spirit-imparted goodness of heart, the very opposite of the malice or badness.

Humility: A modest self-appraisal in relationship to others, especially fellow-

Gentleness: Humility, courtesy, consideration, meekness. In the context of relationship with others, a readiness to give way when no principle is at stake but only some personal opinion or desire. It does not imply weakness but rather Christian courtesy.

Patience: That quality of self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish.