



TODAY **Baby Dedication**

We are overjoyed as Tim and Carrie Chen dedicate their baby boy, Joshua Luke Chen, to the Lord. Joshua, born on January 7, 2008, is blessed today by the presence of his grandparents Dominic and Mary Sim, Uncle Tom and Philip, Aunt Connie, cousins Ashley and Jake Kim and godparents Ken Min and Carolyn Khoo.

AUG 16 **Men's Kick Boxing for Beginners and Experts**

We are planning a fantastic kick boxing session at Kontact (top of LKF hotel) on **August 16 at 10am**. We are aiming to have 1 class for beginners and 1 for more advanced. Lesson Fee: HK\$100 each – a special deal organized by our own instructor, brother James (Kontakt professional kick boxer). Followed by dim sum lunch for about HK\$150 (optional). Please email Mitch Law at mitlaw@hotmail.com or Russell Bjorkman at russellbjorkman@hotmail.com.

AUG 17 **Skiing in Summer**

Skiing in summer? Sign up with Sports Fellowship. Invite your friends to practise or learn to ski here in Hong Kong. Sports Fellowship is organizing a small group for a session at the indoor revolving carpet ski deck (www.slope8.com) on **next Sunday, August 17, 2pm - 4 pm**. Get more details from Archie Lin at eccsportsfellowship@gmail.com.

AUG 24 **Most Extreme "Board Game Challenge"**

The VIP (Volunteer Initiative Program) will be running a *Most Extreme "Board Game Challenge"* on **Aug 24 from 1.30pm to 4pm on the 2nd floor**. Cost: \$50 HKD per participant (includes buffet lunch and plenty of fun). Tickets go on sale today and can be picked up on the 2nd floor at the coffee corner. Contact Cicy Tong at cicy@islandecc.hk or 2864-9345 for more information. This event is open to current volunteers only.

Pray for Uganda Mission Trip Team

Please pray for the Uganda (Aug 2—Aug 11) mission team. Pray for protection, good health and the time they will spend with Watoto kids, building houses, and doing outreach.

Ways to Pray

Corporate Prayer

Come join us in praying for our church, community and the world in the following time and venue:

11am to 11.30am - at the foyer on the 1st floor
4.30pm to 5pm - at the coffee corner on the 2nd floor

Personal Needs

Questions about becoming a Christian? Prayer requests? Meet us near the stage after each service.

Vacancy in the Church Office

Ministry Support

If you are interested in working at the church as a coordinator of ministry support, there is an immediate opening.

Finance Ministry

We are looking for a volunteer or part-time assistant accountant to work from **August 11 to August 31**. Accounting and good Excel skills are preferred.

Please email Karen Kwok at karen@islandecc.hk for details.



9.30am & 11.30am

Children ages 0-2 go straight to the Nursery. Children ages 3-10 go to Kid's Worship in the Lime Room. They will then go to their classes where they can be picked from:

Nursery (0 - 24 months)	Navy
Nursery (24 - 36 months)	Purple
Ages 3 - 5	Forest + Aqua
Ages 6 - 10	Lime + Green

5pm

All children go straight to the classrooms for care.

Ages 0 - 3	Purple
Ages 4 - 10	Blue



This group is on summer break.



HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a religious home or go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian simply by taking these two steps:

1. Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. (See Romans 3.23)
2. Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (See 1 Corinthians 15.3-4)

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving him as God's gift to you. (See John 1.12)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.
(Ephesians 2.8-9)

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TITHES & OFFERINGS

We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully set aside a percentage of their income and donate it to the church on a regular basis. If you want to make special monthly tithing arrangements, please contact our Director of Finance, Karen Kwok at 2864-9334 or email her at karen@islandecc.hk.

Fiscal Year 1 Sep - 31 Aug

	Annual Proposed Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Giving	YTD Variance
Operating Fund	\$28m	\$26.4m	\$26.1m	-\$0.3m
		Avg Weekly Budget	Last Week's Giving	Weekly Variance
		\$540,000	\$547,905	+\$7,905

- For cheque payment, please issue to "Island ECC Limited".
- For US citizen/resident who wishes to have a US tax receipt, each donation must be at least US\$100 (or HK\$800) and issued to "Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc." with nothing written on the lower left corner of the cheque. For offering via mail, please send it to "Island ECC Limited, 8/F, 633 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong". Thank you.
- "Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc." will not accept cash offerings. All contributions must be made by cheque.

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Ask Anything

All Roads?

Aug 10, 2008 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm
633 King's Road, First and Second Floor





Welcome!

On my way to get ice-cream with my kids, I pass by a Jewish synagogue, a Muslim Mosque, a Buddhist shrine, and a Christian church. And often I see people (seemingly really nice people) walking in or out of these places of worship. Are we all really worshipping the same God? Has God chosen to simply reveal Himself to different parts of our world through a variety of different forms? And what should my response be to these other faiths? How can I both respect them, and yet not condone them, if in fact they are not true?

Among the many questions posed on the forum, many were variations of the idea that Christianity is exclusive. Living in a very international city, which has many faiths represented very visibly and mostly living together very harmoniously, most of us have had some level of doubt about the exclusive claim of Christianity to be the "only way". In our world of extreme tolerance, to pretend to have the corner on religious truth can be seen as both arrogant and condemning.

And yet the Bible is full of statements that point to there being only way to heaven -- through Jesus Christ.

This morning we want to honestly and respectfully analyze the exclusive claims of Christianity, and understand how we need to live in a world with many gods.

AUGUST 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
TODAY 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Prison Outreach	11 Men's Bible study	12	13	14 Women's Bible studies	15	16 Roadside Ministry
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MEN / CONTACT TOBIN MILLER / men@islandecc.hk

Men's Fraternity

The Men's Fraternity is part of the Men's Ministries for Island ECC. This group is on summer break, the start up date will be announced after the summer.

Men's Bible Study

We are studying the Lee Strobel book "The Case for Faith". Please contact Charles Chu (cc147@netvigator.com or 2877-3283).

- Monday, 12.45pm-2pm at 13/F Nan Fung Tower, 173 Des Vouex Road, Central.

For Men Only

This group is on summer break. The start up date will be announced after the summer.

Ministry Incubator

Do you have a burden for a specific group of people or... See needs in the community that aren't being adequately addressed, but...lack the resources to get things started. We represent a group of men in the church who want to use our talents to "start up" ministries and outreach into the local/regional community.

Please contact Lincoln Chee at lincoln.chee@qhms.com or Brian Kusunoki at bkusunoki@gmail.com.

WOMEN / CONTACT WIS SHIH / wis@islandecc.hk

Women's Bible Study Classes

THURSDAY

- 9.30am-11.30am Loving Your Husband Kathy Hamilton (6055-2896)
at 8/F, 633 King's Road & Christina Miller (2570-3411)

Join us whether getting married, just married or married a long time.

Single Mom's Inspirational League ("S.M.I.LE")

S.M.I.LE consists of caring single mothers who are willing to share, pray and grow in Christ together. We meet twice a month. We will be having our summer break from July to the end of August. For more information, please contact Elaine Louie (elainefaylouie@yahoo.com or 9243-7716).

CHILDREN / CONTACT GLEN BRADEN / glen@islandecc.hk



Kid's Club is for all children ages 0 to 10. This summer at 9.30am and 11.30am we offer the following programmes for your kids:

- At 9.30am and 11.30am - 0-2 year olds – Faithweaver
- 3-5 year olds – In The Beginning, Jumping Into God's Story
- 6-10 year olds – Large-As-Life Bible Adventures

- At 5pm - Childcare for 0-10 year olds.

Summer Fun on Thursdays is from 8.30am to 12noon. Please email kidsclub@islandecc.hk to sign up.

For more information on classes or how you can be involved with Kid's Club, please contact us at kidsclub@islandecc.hk or call 2864-9319.

YOUTH / CONTACT TIM LATOUR / tim@islandecc.hk



Friday nights: ages 11-14

We continue our summer Hiatus...but there is an light in the distance: September 6 will be the first REAL:time of the year!!! AND If your astute as I believe you are you will also realize that the 6th is a Saturday and you'd be correct in your assumption that REAL:time is changing days to Saturday for the upcoming year!! Also mark on your calendars: August 31 will be a Middle School Parents Luncheon after the 2nd service and September 7 will be our BEACH BLOWOUT!!



Friday nights: ages 15-18

Oh, the end of our summer break is soon to be over and our FIRST ENCOUNTER OF THE YEAR will be September 5!!! Woah--be excited--start praying for friends--and invite people!! It's going to be the jam!! Also take note that we'll have a parents luncheon on the September 14 and the HS BEACH EXTRAVAGANZA on the September 21, both after the 2nd service!



Sunday mornings: ages 11-18

During the summer Transformers is on break to not only give our excellent volunteers a break but also to give you the opportunity to worship with your family!! Please note the HS and MS events listed under Encounter and REAL:time as well as the starting date for TRANSFORMERS: August 24!!

For more information, please check out our website at www.islandyouth.hk.

CARE GROUPS / CONTACT TOBIN MILLER / caregroup@islandecc.hk

Do you find it hard to meet people after the church service? Want to be involved in a vibrant community of other believers — sharing life experiences and encouraging one other in the Christian life? You need to be in a care group so you can develop deep fellowship with others, pray and be prayed for, worship and study God's Word. Get connected TODAY! Pick up a care group pamphlet in the foyer or email caregroup@islandecc.hk.

The Ark

An intergenerational and multinational group of married couples and singles has started. The group is open to couples with children from ages 4 to 14 who would like their children to be involved in the fellowship time. It will be on the first three Fridays of the month. For more information, please email Pastor Tobin at tobin@islandecc.hk.

Hosana

We are a group of young singles and marrieds, with a desire to form a loving community that equips people for serving God. We are also dedicated to knowing and following the heart of God. We meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in Tin Hau. Come join us! Contact Pui at 9173-0926 if you are interested.

GLOBAL OUTREACH / CONTACT WILLIAM PRITCHARD / will@islandecc.hk

Roadside — Cantonese Youth Outreach

Roadside Ministry is a local outreach to teenagers, many who are orphaned or have difficult home situations. We meet on 8/F, 633 King's Road, Quarry Bay for a time of fellowship, songs, games on the following days:

- Sunday afternoon - local teens English tutoring and Bible study. Email Ida McCormack (idamacks@hotmail.com)
 - Saturday Roadside, 2pm-6pm. For details, email Ida McCormack (idamacks@hotmail.com)
- Cantonese tutor needed: Roadside would like to provide some basic Cantonese training/translation for volunteers who enjoy the ministry but only speak English. If you are interested, please email Ida at idamacks@hotmail.com.
- Saturday morning, 10am-12noon - primary children programme of Po Leung Kuk. Call Pat Cheng at 2792-7284.

Filipino Ministries / CONTACT RIZA GUEVARRA / riza@islandecc.hk

- Today's activity : Care Group Bible Study on "Delusions of Dead Faith" at 2.30pm
- Saturday's activities : Cantonese class from 10am – 11.30am
: Lunch Fellowship at 1.30pm
: Bible study on "Conquering Covetousness" at 2.30pm
- Upcoming events : August 17 - Chi Ma Wan Prison Visit
: August 17 - Evangelism Explosion Training on 8/F, Room C at 2.30pm
: August 24 - All care group gathering, August birthday celebration

Indonesian Ministries / CONTACT RIANI PARDEDE / riani@islandecc.hk / T: 2864-9382

- Today's Programmes : Join English service at 633 King's Road at 9.30am
: Hang out and have fun at Takbir at 2.30pm
- English Classes : NO classes on Monday, Thursday and Saturday until August 30
- Bible Study : On break until August 17

Please encourage your Indonesian helpers to join us. All Indonesian Ministries programmes are held at the Takbir Community Centre, 3/F, Morecrown Commercial Building, 108 Electric Road, North Point (Tin Hau MTR Exit A2).

Short Term Mission Trips

- Cambodia: November 22 - 30 (open for application)
- India: December 27 - January 4 (open for application)

MERCY MINISTRIES / CONTACT BRENDA COX / brenda@islandecc.hk

Prison Outreach

We have been given an opportunity to visit the men at Pik Uk Prison (Clear Water Bay) and Tung Tau Prison (Stanley) two Sundays every month. We want to reach these inmates through worship, Bible study and one-on-one interactions. Join us to help make a real difference in these lives.

Orphanage Outreach

The weekly orphanage visits to Southern China are currently postponed until this fall.

August 10, 2008

All Roads

"I am absolutely against any religion that says that one faith is superior to another. I don't see how that is anything different than spiritual racism. It's a way of saying that we are closer to God than you, and that's what leads to hatred."
Rabbi Schmuley Boteach

"I believe in God. I just don't know if that God is Jehovah, Buddha, or Allah."
Actress Halle Berry

"I go to synagogue, I study Hinduism...all paths lead to God."
Singer Madonna

"Moses could mediate on the law; Muhammad could brandish a sword; Buddha could give personal counsel; Confucius could offer wise sayings; but none of these men was qualified to offer an atonement for the sins of the world...Christ alone is worthy of unlimited devotion and service."
Theologian R.C. Sproul

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Isn't Scripture clear that Jesus is necessary?

Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Acts 17:16-34

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.

¹⁸A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

¹⁹Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?"

²⁰You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we want to know what they mean."

²¹(All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

All Roads?

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.

²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.

²⁵And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

²⁶From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

²⁷God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.

²⁸For in Him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are His offspring.'

²⁹Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill.

³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent.

³¹For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead."

³²When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject."

³³At that, Paul left the Council.

³⁴A few men became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

How does pluralism affect the church?

1. _____
Romans 5:6
You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

2. _____
1 Peter 3:15
... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Romans 10:14
How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

3. _____
1 Corinthians 6:19b-20a
¹⁹... You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price...

Galatians 2:20-21
²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!