



TODAY Most Extreme "Board Game Challenge"

The VIP (Volunteer Initiative Program) will be running a *Most Extreme* "Board Game Challenge" today from 1.30pm to 4pm on the 2nd floor. Cost: \$50 HKD per participant (includes buffet lunch and plenty of fun). This event is open to current volunteers only.

AUG 30 Joint Junk Trip

Island ECC Sports Ministry and Transit Singles Ministry is inviting you to join their Junk Trip this coming Sat! Cost: \$200 HKD per person including games, wakeboarding and banana boat. It'll be a great time of fellowship and meet new friends! Secure your spot now - only limited space left. Get more details from Bobby Tse or Mandy Chan at eccsportsfellowship@gmail.com.

AUG 31 Women's Bible Study Kick-off

Come browse the Bible studies that will be offered in the fall semester and meet the leaders on August 31 from 11am-11.30am, then again after the 5pm service at **classroom C on the 8th floor**. Coffee, tea and donuts will be served. For more information, contact Kathy Hamilton at 6055-2896 or kathyham@gmail.com.

SEPT 6 Citywide Singspiration 2008

International Christian School invites you to join the Citywide Singspiration 2008 for an afternoon of worship, singing and prayer; for God's children to come together and celebrate with praise. This event will be held on **September 6, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at ICS Upper Gymnasium** (1 On Muk Lane, Shek Mum, Shatin. Please call 3920-0000 for inquiry). Free admission. Light refreshments will be provided. Parking is not available.

Care Groups Starting Up

At Island ECC, our care groups are places where life change happens and relationships are built. All the care groups are starting back up for the fall and if you are not in a group yet, then now is the time to join. To find out more about a care group that will fit your needs please search our website at www.islandecc.hk and look under the care group section or contact Daniel Tse at daniel@islandecc.hk - do not miss out on this chance to build deep and meaningful relationships.

Did You Know...?

Did you know that Kid's Club needs at least 63 volunteers EVERY week to make sure that Sunday morning is the best time of every child's week? We need lots of adults and teens to join the Kid's Club team to invest in the lives and eternity of our kids. There are so many ways you can impact kids for God's kingdom; from teaching to assisting; from leading small group discussions to helping them worship God through singing; from greeting families to being a silly leader pointing to Christ. **Did you know** that you can make a difference in what heaven is like? If you are interested in this, even a small way, please sign up on the clipboard at the foyer or email glen@islandecc.hk and come to one of the Kid's Club Volunteer Training Sessions on **Sunday, August 31 at either 9.30am or 11.30am – classroom A on the 8th floor, or on Tuesday, September 2 at 7.30pm on the 9th floor. Did you know** it'll be an amazing year in Kid's Club?

Want to Volunteer and Have FUN!!!

Join our dynamic, fun, and wacky Volunteer team!! If you love God and have a heart for students please email Marcus or Helen at marcus@islandecc.hk or helen@islandecc.hk.

Ways to Pray

Corporate Prayer

Come join us in praying for our church, community and the world in the following time:
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 full-time accountant. 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



9.30am

Middle School
- The Edge

11.30am

High School
- The Edge

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	\$27.5m	\$27.1m	-\$0.4m
		Avg Weekly Budget	Last Week's Giving	Weekly Variance
		\$540,000	\$510,457	-\$29,543

- 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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I Can't Believe It!

Aug 24, 2008 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm
633 King's Road, First and Second Floor





Welcome!

What we believe matters. It really matters. And the tough part is that what we say we believe, and what we really believe, is sometimes not the same.

The challenge for the church at Colossae was to maintain strong belief in the gospel. But the reality is that it is against our hard-wiring. Our tendency is to prefer rules and regulations. Our preference is to live by performance standards. But the life-changing gospel defies all that, and propels us into a beautiful but chaotic life of freedom and commitment.

For the next four weeks, we'll take a look at a short but meaningful book called Colossians. And our prayer is that it will make a "colossal" difference in all of our lives...

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers; VIP Function	25 Men's Bible study	26	27	28 Women's Bible studies	29	30 Roadside Ministry
31 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers	1 Men's Bible study	2	3	4 Women's Bible studies	5 Encounter	6 Roadside Ministry; REAL:time
7 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers	8 Men's Bible study	9 SMILE	10	11 Women's Bible studies	12 Encounter	13 Roadside Ministry; REAL:time

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. It will resume on **September 9 at 12.30pm, HSBC**. For more information, please contact Terese Cha (terese@islandecc.hk or 9839-1689) or 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 MARCUS KROESE / marcus@islandecc.hk



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 you're 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!!



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!



WE BEGIN OUR SEMESTER OF TRANSFORMERS TODAY!!! Middle School during the 9.30 service and High School during the 11.30 service. If you don't know where you belong, let us help: If you are of the ages 11-13 you belong in Middle School and if you are 14-18 you belong in High School, both will meet on the 9th floor in our Youth Room (we call it the EDGE)!!! We're excited to begin our new semester and hope to see you there!!!

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

Local Ministry

Shalom Ministry ministers to underprivileged families, who have been victims of abuse. The Po Leung Kuk (family centre) has asked us to partner with them to provide support to these families, mostly by providing tutoring for children aged 8 to 14 years for one and a half hours per week during school terms. Po Leung Kuk has entrusted us to assist 30 families' lives. We thank God for this wonderful opportunity to be able to share God's love with them. The training session will be on **September 27**. Please email Ida at idamacks@hotmail.com.

English Speakers Needed

Got English? If you are a native English speaker, you have exactly what Mainland Chinese students are looking for! Students from Mainland China are enrolling in Hong Kong's universities in ever-increasing numbers and they are eager to learn English while they are here. Can you help them with this practical need while sharing the love of Christ? We need Christian volunteers to teach conversational English in small groups for 9 Sunday afternoons starting on **September 21 in Lai Chi Kok**. Please email english.for.chinese.students@gmail.com or call Stuart at 6874-8598 for more information.

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

- Today's activity : Care Group Bible Study on "Enhancing Your Quiet Time with the Lord" with Lauren Swieter at 2.30pm
: August birthday celebration
: Evangelism Explosion Training on 8/F, Room C at 2.30pm
- Saturday's activities : Cantonese class with Horace Lo from 10am to 11.30am
: Lunch Fellowship at 1.30pm
: Bible study at 2.30pm

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

- Today's Programmes : Prayer meeting from 10.30am to 11am
: Fellowship from 11.15am to 12.30pm
: Hang out and have fun at 2.30pm

- English Classes : No classes on Monday, Thursday and Saturday until August 30

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 24, 2008

I Can't Believe It!

The deepest conviction of the Christian is that Christ was not wrong.
Elton Trueblood

Nicene Creed (381 A.D. at Council of Constantinople)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

1. We all have 3 types of beliefs:

A. _____

Matthew 2:7-8

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him."

B. _____

Mark 14:29

Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."

C. _____

Luke 22:42

"Father, if You are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but Yours be done."

2. What we believe really matters. What we believe about God matters most.

What Colossians teaches about God:

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:21-22

²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. ²²But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

Colossians 3:3-4

³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

I Can't Believe It!

3. Our goal, in light of a deep understanding of God:

Colossians 1:28-29

We proclaim Him,

admonishing and teaching everyone

with all wisdom,

so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

To this end I labour,

struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.

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