



## TODAY 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](mailto:glen@islandecc.hk) and come to one of the Kid's Club Volunteer Training Sessions **today**, at either 9.30am or 11.30am – classroom A on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor, or on Tuesday, September 2 at 7.30pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor. **Did you know** it'll be a amazing year in Kid's Club?

## TODAY Women's Bible Study Kick-off

Come browse the Bible studies that will be offered in the fall semester and meet the leaders **today** after each service at 1<sup>st</sup> floor foyer. For more information, contact Kathy Hamilton at 6055-2896 or [kathyham@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## SEPT 22 Alpha Dinner

What is the meaning of life? What is Christian faith all about? If you have these questions or you are just curious about the Christian faith, this is the course for you. Alpha is a 12 week introductory course exploring the Christian faith. A typical evening would start with dinner followed by a video and we will have a chance to discuss relevant topics in small group. Alpha is a great place to ask questions about the Christian faith... no question is stupid or taboo. Come join us on **Monday, September 22 at 7.30pm. Venue: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 633 King's Road.** Please sign up at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor welcome table **today**. For more information, contact Gary Cheng at 2820-9696 or email [gary.cheng@chiaphua.net](mailto:gary.cheng@chiaphua.net).

## OCT 18 Island ECC Women's Conference

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Island ECC Women's Conference will be held on **October 18 (Saturday)**. Ladies, please save the date and join us to acquire God's wisdom and strength. More information will be coming.

## 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](http://www.islandecc.hk) and look under the care group section or contact Daniel Tse at [daniel@islandecc.hk](mailto:daniel@islandecc.hk) - do not miss out on this chance to build deep and meaningful relationships.

## 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](mailto:marcus@islandecc.hk) or [helen@islandecc.hk](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
4.30pm to 5pm - at the coffee corner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### Personal Needs

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

## Vacancy in the Church Office

### 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](mailto: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

## 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)

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Lead Pastor  
Brett Hilliard  
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### ELDER BOARD

Brett Hilliard  
Demetrius Yuen

Brian Kusunoki  
Tobin Miller

Scott Ohman  
Bert Wong

## 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](mailto:karen@islandecc.hk).**

### Fiscal Year 1 Sep - 31 Aug

	Annual Proposed Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Giving	YTD Variance
Operating Fund	\$28m	\$28m	\$27.4m	-\$0.6m
		Avg Weekly Budget	Last Week's Giving	Weekly Variance
		\$540,000	\$434,124	-\$105,876

- 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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## The Ultimate Upgrade

Aug 31, 2008 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm  
633 King's Road, First and Second Floor





# Welcome!

I'm convinced that one of the greatest challenges of the Christian life is to properly understand our newfound identity in Christ. Sure....most of us could rehearse a few verbal truths about it----we're forgiven, we're new creatures, we have been adopted, we have spiritual gifts----but most struggle to implement these amazing realities in practical and consistent ways.

So what is the problem? Why doesn't the truth make a bigger difference? Is it my lack of faith? Do I need more of the Holy Spirit? Or do I lower my expectations of God, and just learn to be content with ongoing struggles?

This morning we want to tackle the issue of identity in Christ. What exactly does it mean, and how will it make a difference in my life?

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>31</b> 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers	<b>1</b> Men's Bible study	<b>2</b> Women's Bible studies	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Encounter	<b>6</b> Roadside Ministry; REAL:time
<b>7</b> 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers	<b>8</b> Men's Bible study	<b>9</b> Women's Bible studies; SMILE	<b>10</b> Women's Bible studies; LEAD	<b>11</b> Women's Bible studies	<b>12</b> Encounter	<b>13</b> Roadside Ministry; REAL:time
<b>14</b> 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers	<b>15</b> Men's Bible study	<b>16</b> Women's Bible studies	<b>17</b> Women's Bible studies	<b>18</b> Women's Bible studies	<b>19</b> Encounter	<b>20</b> 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

#### MONDAY (starts on Sept 22)

- 7.30pm-9.30pm

Too Busy Not to Pray

Phyllis Yew (9871-6912)

#### TUESDAY (starts on Sept 2)

- 9.30am-11.30am
- 12pm-2.30pm

Community Bible Study— Wisdom of Solomon  
Genesis & Psalms (In Korean)

Kathy Hamilton (6055-2896)  
Grace Hur (6033-5791)

#### TUESDAY (starts on Sept 23)

- 12.30pm-2pm

Dealing with Disappointment & Discouragement

Deanna Sutherland (9248-8052)  
& Florence Chiu (6182-6398)

#### WEDNESDAY (starts on Sept 10)

- 10am-12.30pm
- 7.30pm-9pm

Precepts Study on Ephesians  
A Woman's Heart— God's Dwelling Place  
- By Beth Moore

Chung Ling Chee (9172-1043)  
Li-Yen Loh (9172-8091)  
& Jessie Cheung (6237-3241)

#### THURSDAY (starts on Sept 18)

- 9.30am-11.30am

Building your House on the Lord  
- By Steve and Dee Brestin

Christina Miller (2570-3411)  
& Julie Turner (2533 4464)

#### SUNDAY (starts on Sept 21)

- 11.30am-1pm

Becoming a Sacred Influence

Shannon Hilliard (6290-1911)  
& Jen Hammonds (9236-5522)

### 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.

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



Friday nights: ages 11-14



Friday nights: ages 15-18



Sunday mornings: ages 11-18

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> service!

All Transformers' classes will meet on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor in our Youth Room (we call it the EDGE)!!! 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. 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](http://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 Free Time
- : Evangelism Explosion Training on 8/F, Room C at 2.30pm

- Saturday's activities : Cantonese class from 10am to 11.30am
- : Lunch Fellowship at 1.30pm
- : August Birthday Celebration at 3.30pm

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

- Today's Programmes : Prayer meeting from 10.30am to 11.15am
- : Independence Day Celebration from 1pm to 4pm
- : Hang out and have fun at 2.30pm

- Saturday's activity : Bible Study from 12.30pm to 1.15pm

- English Classes : Promotion Period from September 1 to September 20

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 (applications close on September 13)
- 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 31, 2008

## The Ultimate Upgrade

### Securing our identity in Christ

#### 1. Why identity matters?

#### 2. What are the identity thieves in my life?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Four things to know:

##### A. Who you were.

"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,

##### B. What God did?

God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

##### C. How He did it?

This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

##### D. What it means?

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him."

Colossians 2:13-15

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#### 4. What are the truths about who I am?

hope laid up for you in heaven	1.4
filled with the knowledge of His will	1.9
spiritual wisdom and understanding	1.9
can walk in a manner worthy of the Lord	1.10
can be fully pleasing to Him	1.10
can produce eternally significant fruit	1.10
strengthened with all power	1.11
given endurance	1.11
given patience	1.11
given joy	1.11
delivered from darkness	1.13
transferred to the kingdom of His beloved Son	1.13
redemption/forgiveness	1.14
able to create, like our Creator	1.16
no longer alienated from God	1.21
no longer hostile in our minds toward God	1.21
viewed as holy and blameless	1.22
secure in the hope of the gospel	1.23
an insider to the "mystery hidden for ages"	1.26
access to Christ, the hope of glory	1.27
can develop/mature spiritually	1.28
empowered by God's energy	1.29
can be connected spiritually to other believers	2.5
given same power that raised Christ from dead	2.12
have been made alive	2.13
have been totally forgiven	2.14
have been covered by Christ's authority	2.15
free from other's judgment	2.16
free from other's punishment	2.17
free from burdensome regulations	2.20
free from false wisdom	2.23
free from compulsion of the flesh	2.23
able to have the mind of Christ	3.2
given true and meaningful life in Christ	3.3
promise of future glory with Christ	3.4
able to put to death the reign of sin	3.5
enlightened by truth	3.9
able to be compassionate, humble, patient	3.12
able to truly forgive others	3.13
able to truly love others	3.14
able to experience the peace of Christ	3.15
able to truly experience a worshipful heart	3.16
able to be thankful in all circumstances	3.17
able to experience marriage as God designed and blessed	3.18
able to impact children for God's glory	3.20
able to be authentic and sincere	3.21
able to have a redemptive view of work	3.23
promise of future rewards for my attitude	3.24
able to rest in God's justice for wrongdoing	3.25
able to pray effectively	4.2
able to live wisely among non-believers	4.5
able to speak the wisdom of God	4.6
able to encourage/be encouraged by other believers	4.9
able to truly comfort others	4.12
able to have a ministry	4.17
able to experience the grace of God	4.18