



SEPT 17 BMW "Side by Side"

Our BMW for ladies will be held on **September 17**. Don't miss this opportunity to join us at **633 King's Road** and explore how to build healthy inspirational women relationships one on one and in a group. Our guest speakers this month are Shannon Hilliard and Jen Hammonds, together with a women accountability group facilitated by Dorothy Lau. Tickets are on sale at \$20 each at the 1st floor information table after each service. Limited seats. Please email wis@islandecc.hk for more information.

SEPT 21 Island Family Photo Shoot

We will have a professional photographer at church on Sundays, **September 21, 28 and October 5** to take pictures of the Island ECC family. If you are a member or volunteer, make sure you have your photo taken. All photos are free and you will be given access to yours. It is our desire to use the pictures for our website, publications and a church directory in the future.

SEPT 21 Island ECC Women's Conference Registration

Our 1st Women Conference will be held on **October 18 (Saturday)**. Ladies, please save the date and join us to acquire God's wisdom and strength. More details to come.

SEPT 22 Alpha Invitation 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, Alpha is the course for you. Alpha is a 12-week introductory course exploring the Christian faith with dinner, a video and discussion in small groups. (Cantonese and Korean discussion groups available.) Join us for an **Alpha Invitation Dinner** on **Monday, September 22 at 7pm on 2nd floor, 633 King's Road**. Please [sign up](#) at the 1st and 2nd floor information table. For more information, contact Gary Cheng at 2820-9696 or email gary.cheng@chiaphua.net.

SEPT 26 Re: NEW — A Time for Rest

Is the hectic pace of life in Hong Kong bringing you down? Does your spirit need to be recharged? Does your mind need to be renewed? Join us on a journey of celebration, meditation, worship and prayer on **Friday, September 26 at 7pm on 1st floor, 633 King's Road**.

SEPT 26 Marriage Course

The Marriage Course is being offered at Island ECC this fall. Here is an opportunity to "grow" your marriage. It is an evening of guided private conversations and dinner with your spouse. We like to call it "date night" with a purpose. There are 8 sessions, 2 hours each. The first course will be offered on Friday evenings, starting **September 26**. Future course offerings on a different night are possible pending interest. Registration deadline is September 21. For details and registration, contact Anne and Bill Jordan at nnabjordan@aol.com.

SEPT 27 AWANA Club

AWANA Club is coming to Island ECC! AWANA is a Christian ministry focusing on evangelism and discipleship for children ages 4-12+ that meets on the **9th floor on Saturdays from 9.30am to 11.30am**. Our program starts on **September 27**. For more information, see our flyers and application forms at the information table or contact Liz Chow (awaministry@islandecc.hk or 5166-0884).

SEPT 28 Family Foundation — Age 3

We are having our first Family Foundation event of the year on **September 28 at both 9:30am and 11:30am**. If you are the parent of a 3 year-old, you will be joining them at Kid's Club this day. You'll both have a lot of fun and learn about how to make prayer part of your lives. Family Foundations events are designed to equip parents to raise their kids to know, love and follow God. Don't miss this great day!

SEPT 28 India Mission Trip Information Meeting

For those interested in joining to the India mission trip at the end of the year, please come to an information meeting on **Sunday September 28 from 1pm to 3pm at Classroom B, 8th floor**.

Ways to Pray

Corporate Prayer

Join us in praying for our church, community and the world in the following time:

11am to 11.30am — Living Room, 8th floor

4.30pm to 5pm — Conference Room, 8th floor

Personal Needs

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



Children ages 0-2 go straight to their classrooms. Children ages 3-8 go to Kid's Worship in the Lime Room before going to their classes. Children ages 9-10 meet their teachers in the designated area on the 1/F for worship before heading to the 9/F. Please pick up your children from the following rooms:

	9.30am	11.30am	5pm*
Nursery (0-23 months)	Purple	Purple	Navy
Nursery (24-25 months)	Navy	Navy	Navy
Age 3	Yellow	Yellow	Navy
Age 4	Blue	Blue	Blue
Age 5	Aqua & Forest	Aqua	Blue
Age 6	Aqua & Forest	Forest	Blue
Age 7	Lime & Green	Green	Blue
Age 8	Lime & Green	Lime	Blue
Age 9	Orange	Orange	Blue
Age 10	Red	Red	Blue

*At 5pm all children go straight to their classes.

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 2008	
Annual Proposed Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Giving
\$28m	\$28m	\$28m
	Fiscal Year 1 Sep - 31 Aug 2009	
	Last Week's Giving	
	\$490,579	

- 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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Dressing Up

Sept 14, 2008 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm
633 King's Road, First and Second Floor





Welcome!

With four kids in our home, getting ready for any type of outing can be quite an ordeal. To make sure all of them have their hair brushed, their teeth brushed, and appropriate clothes is no small task. And many times, we need to send a child back to his/her room with the instructions: "Go change your clothes!". Either a spill on a shirt, non-matching pants, or clothes that are too casual will get the parental veto, and the child is sent back to try again.

This morning, God is telling us to "go change your clothes!" After reminding us that we are new creatures, He then tells us to put on clothes that are appropriate for our new position in Christ. But He's so concerned about your skirt length or color of your shirt (well, not so much anyway!), but clothing yourself with godly character. And using imagery that we are all familiar with, that of getting dressed, He tells us to put on compassion and kindness and humility, just to name a few.

We're prayerful that you will experience God in refreshing ways this morning as we take a look into the book of Colossians and get "dressed up" in Christ-like character.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
TODAY 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers; Mars Hill Institute Kick-off	15 Men's Bible study	16 Women's Bible studies	17 Women's Bible studies; BMW	18 Women's Bible studies	19 Encounter; LiFE Group	20 Roadside Ministry; REAL:time
21 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers	22 Men's Bible study; Women's Bible studies; Alpha Invitation Dinner	23 Women's Bible studies; Men's Fraternity	24 Women's Bible studies; Men's Fraternity; LEAD	25 Women's Bible studies	26 Encounter; Marriage Course; Re: NEW	27 AWANA club; Roadside Ministry; REAL:time
28 Transformers; Family Foundation; India Mission Trip Info Meeting; Uganda Mission Trip Sharing	29 Men's Bible study; Women's Bible studies; Alpha Course	30 Women's Bible studies; Men's Fraternity	1 Women's Bible studies	2 Women's Bible studies	3 Encounter; LiFE Group	4 AWANA club; Roadside Ministry; REAL:time

MEN / CONTACT TOBIN MILLER / men@islandecc.hk

Men's Fraternity

Men's Fraternity is starting up on **Tuesday, September 23 at 7.45pm on the 8th floor at the church office and Wednesday, September 24 at 12.45pm at World Wide House in Central.** Remember to bring your lunch! This semester we're going to talk about How to Win At Home and At Work! Be sure to join us! For details, please contact men@islandecc.hk or daniel@islandecc.hk.

Men's Bible Study

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

- 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 are not 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

TUESDAY

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

TUESDAY (starts on Sept 23)

- 12.30pm-2pm

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- 9.30am-11.30am

SUNDAY (starts on Sept 21)

- 11.30am-1pm

Too Busy Not to Pray

Phyllis Yew (9871-6912)

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

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

Dealing with Disappointment & Discouragement

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

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)

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

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

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. 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. For all kids 3 and up, we offer a different programme at each service. Your kids will not have to "suffer" through the same lesson twice, but instead have two distinct and engaging services if you stay for both services. The under 2s will be cared for and instructed with Baby Beginnings. The 2s will experience life and God's love through Faithweaver lessons.

At 9.30am 3-4 year olds - In The Beginning
5-8 year olds - Large Group / Small Group
9-10 year olds- Precepts for Kids

At 11.30am 3-8 year olds - Faithweaver
9-10 year olds- Precepts for Kids (different material from 9.30am)

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



We had an amazing time at the beach last week! But if you missed out, don't worry because there are so many more great things to come! So keep inviting your friends to The Edge on Saturdays from 5.30pm to 7pm!



The fun does not stop on Friday nights! Thanks for bringing all your crazy energy and friends! Don't forget: Parent Luncheon in The Edge after 2nd service TODAY! And next week, bring your beach stuff because we're going to D-Bay for our BEACH EXTRAVAGANZA!



All Transformers' classes will meet on the 9th 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.

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.

LiFE Group

LiFE Group returns to present *On Location: Being the Salt and Light of the World*. When you stop to consider the decaying moral and ethical climate in our world, you may be tempted to wonder, "Is there any hope? Will things ever improve?" Jesus' response is "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world". You have been strategically placed by God *On Location* to preserve culture and illuminate God's will for man. We meet for 6 Fridays, starting September 19, October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 7.30pm in the Living Room on the 8th floor, 633 King's Road, Quarry Bay. Grab a bite before you join us or bring along a snack to munch on. Remember to take your Bible with you too. We will provide some nibbles and a whole lot of spiritual food for thought! Email LIFEGroupHK@gmail.com now to save yourself a space.

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 1.5 hours per week for 3 months. 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 or Maggie at 3552-7726 for more information.

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

- Today's activity : Care Group Bible Study on "Conquering Covetousness"
: 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 on "Prayer-The Mature Response" 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 11.05am to 12.15pm
: 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 closed)
- India: December 27 - January 4 (open for application)

Uganda Mission Trip Sharing Session

The 39 people who went to Uganda are back in Hong Kong with amazing stories of their trip. Come hear about what happened at our sharing session on **September 28 from 1.30pm to 3pm on 2nd floor**. Lunch is provided.

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.

Mercy Ministry Project

Christmas is coming soon and we would like to share Christ's love at this special time with others in need. Anyone interested in helping with Mercy Christmas projects, please come to a planning meeting on **Sunday, September 28 from 9am to 10.30am in the Conference Room, 8th floor**.

iPod needed

If you are in the process of up-grading your iPod and no longer need your old one, we have opportunities to give these to Christian workers living here and abroad. Contact Brenda Cox at brenda@islandecc.hk.

September 14, 2008

Dressing Up

Colossians 3:1-11

- ¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
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.
⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.
⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.
⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.
⁸But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, race, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.
⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices
¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.
¹¹Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Colossians 3:12

- ¹²**Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,**
¹ Peter 2:9-10
⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

clothe yourselves

with compassion,

kindness,

humility,

gentleness

and patience.

Dressing Up

Colossians 3:13

- Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:14

- And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:15

- ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

And be thankful.

Colossians 3:16-17

- ¹⁶**Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly** with all wisdom, and as you sing with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

- ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Ephesians 5:18-20

¹⁸... be filled with the Spirit.

- ¹⁹Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

- ²⁰always giving thanks to God the everything, in the name of our of Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:18-22

- ¹⁸Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.
²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
²¹Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.
²²Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.