



TODAY Annual Church Meeting

If you would like to learn more about what's going on in Island ECC, where we're headed as a church for the coming year, how we're doing financially and confirm our new elders, you will not want to miss this meeting. The meeting will be held on the 2nd floor from 2.30pm to 4pm.

TODAY Island Family Photo Shoot

A professional photographer will be taking pictures of the Island ECC family today, September 28 and October 5. If you are a member or volunteer, please have your photo taken. It is our desire to use the pictures for our website, publications and a church directory in the future.

TODAY Island ECC Women's Conference Registration

Join us at our Women's Day Conference "Living in Wisdom, Walking in Strength" on October 18. Jeanni Shepherd is our guest speaker. Registration starts TODAY after morning services on 1st floor, and 3rd service on 2nd floor. Email terese@islandecc.hk for more information.

SEPT 22 Alpha Invitation Dinner

Alpha is a 12-week introductory course exploring the Christian faith with dinner, a video and small group discussions. Join us for an Alpha Invitation Dinner on Monday, September 22 at 7pm on 2nd floor, 633 King's Road. Contact Gary Cheng at 2820-9696 or 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 an opportunity to "grow" your marriage. It is an evening of guided private conversations and dinner with your spouse. We call it "date night" with a purpose. There are 8 sessions, 2 hours each, starting September 26. Email Anne & Bill Jordan (nnabjordan@aol.com).

SEPT 27 Men's Social Event for September

The men at Island ECC are moving their supreme athletic skills from land to sea. We will be sea kayaking on Saturday, September 27, 9am-12pm. Cost: HK\$150. Email mitch.law@arup.com. You do not have to be an expert or even know how to swim as we'll have life jackets!

SEPT 27 AWANA Club

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. Program starts on September 27. For more information, contact Liz Chow at awaministry@islandecc.hk or 5166-0884.

SEPT 28 Family Foundation — Age 3

If you are the parent of a 3 year-old, please join your child at Kid's Club on September 28 at 9:30am or 11:30am. You'll both have a lot of fun and learn about how to make prayer part of your lives. Be equipped to raise your 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.

SEPT 28 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.

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 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.



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)

LEADERSHIP TEAM	Lead Pastor	Teaching Pastor	Executive Director
	Brett Hilliard brett@islandecc.hk	Tobin Miller tobin@islandecc.hk	Chris Glover chris@islandecc.hk
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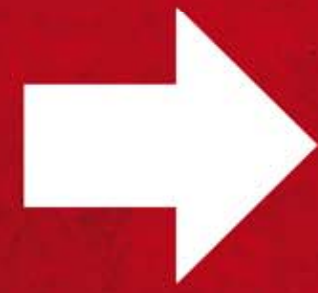
TITHES & OFFERINGS

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 2009

Last Week's Giving
\$305,775

- 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.



21 September 2008 9:30am, 11:30am & 5pm
633 King's Road, First and Second Floor

BELIEVE
BELONG
BECOME



photos: Uganda Mission Trip

Welcome!

There are lots of good churches in Hong Kong to choose from. We would all agree that there needs to be more, given that only 5% of Hong Kong is Christian. But among those that exist, you have lots to choose from.

So why this one? What makes Island ECC a good fit for you?

This morning we're going to discuss some of the unique aspects of this church. We want you to be well-informed, and we want you to feel ownership of this mission we are on. We're not telling you why we are better than other churches, because we truly believe that a diversity of styles of churches is a good thing. There are other really good churches that are quite different than Island ECC. And yes, there are some churches out there that we'd steer you away from, but that would be because of being unorthodox, not due to any style difference.

So after today, our prayer is that you'll either like this church more, or like it a lot less. But at least you'll have a better feel for who we are, where we are going, and how you can be a part.

5% Christian is not enough. We want to change that. We hope you will help us.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
TODAY 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers; Beach Extravaganza; Annual Church Meeting	22 Men's Bible study; Women's Bible studies; S.M.I.L.E 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; Orphanage Outreach; 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; Orphanage Outreach; Roadside Ministry; REAL:time
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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.

WOMEN / CONTACT WIS SHIH / wis@islandecc.hk

Women's Bible Study Classes

MONDAY

- 7.30pm-9.30pm Too Busy Not to Pray Phyllis Yew (9871-6912)

TUESDAY

- 9.30am-11.30am Community Bible Study— Wisdom of Solomon Kathy Hamilton (6055-2896)
- 12pm-2.30pm Genesis & Psalms (in Korean) Grace Hur (6033-5791)
- 12.30pm-2pm Dealing with Disappointment & Discouragement Deanna Sutherland (9248-8052) & Florence Chiu (6182-6398)

WEDNESDAY

- 10am-12.30pm Precepts Study on Ephesians Chung Ling Chee (9172-1043)
- 7.30pm-9.30pm A Woman's Heart— God's Dwelling Place Li-Yen Loh (9172-8091) & Jessie Cheung (6237-3241) *- by Beth Moore*

THURSDAY

- 9.30am-11.30am Building your House on the Lord Christina Miller (2570-3411) & Julie Turner (2533 4464) *- by Steve and Dee Brestin*

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 will be having our regular luncheon on **September 22 and October 20.** 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



Thanks for another rockin' REAL:time! This week we start our series on the coolest man who ever walked the planet: JESUS! So come hang out with your friends this Saturday, play some games, and learn more about Christ's character!



Worship Night on Friday was awesome! Don't forget, we're going to D-Bay TODAY so meet in The Edge at 12pm. As we start our in-depth look at Christ's character, Encounter's going to just keep getting better. See you this Friday for more fellowship, fun, and--of course--dancing!



All Transformers' classes will meet on the 9th floor in our Youth Room (we call it the EDGE!!!) Middle School during the 9.30am service and High School during the 11.30am 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 on Fridays (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 LiFE-GroupHK@gmail.com now to save yourself a space.

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.

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
- Saturday Roadside, 12pm-6pm

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 in any of the above program, please email Ida McCormack 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 : Prison visit in Chi Ma Wan. The group will leave after the 1st service
- : Evangelism Explosion Training on 8/F, Room C at 2.30pm
- : Evangelism/Tracts Distribution at 3.30pm

- Saturday's activities : Lunch Fellowship at 1.30pm
- : Tracts Distribution at 2.30pm
- : Prayer Time at 5pm

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
- : English Class at 2.30pm

- Saturday's activity : Bible Study from 12.30pm to 1.15pm
- English Classes : Promotion Period until October 18

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

- 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

"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of God our Father is this... to visit orphans and widows in their distress and to keep yourself unstained by the world". ~ James 1:27. We are happy to announce that Island ECC's weekly visits to an orphanage have resumed after being closed for almost five months. The visits are scheduled for every Saturday, and if you would like to join us in hugging and playing with the children, or would like more information, please contact Brenda Cox at brenda@islandecc.hk.

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.**

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven

GLOBAL CITIES

City	Rank by Global Connectivity	Rank by Key Services
London	1	1
New York	2	2
HONG KONG	3	7
Paris	4	3
Tokyo	5	4
Singapore	6	10
Chicago	7	5
Milan	8	9
Los Angeles	9	8
Toronto	10	13

¹ Clark, David, *Urban World / Global City, Second Edition*, Routledge, London, 2003

² Taylor Peter J., *World City Network: A Global Urban Analysis*, Routledge, London 2004

Believe. Belong. Become.

It's hard to come up with a good slogan. It's supposed to be catchy, memorable. And it's got to ring true of the organization, of course. It must be short, say the experts. We thought long and hard, and rejected a lot of ideas. But then came up with these 3 words that really capture the essence of who we are.

Believe. Our commitment to the Gospel. We believe that the life-changing news of Jesus Christ is simply the greatest belief anyone could ever have. It will change their eternity, their values, their quality of life on this earth. And so, without being obnoxious or pushy, we want to provide answers and a compelling motivation for people to trust in Christ. What people believe is very important.

Belong. Our commitment to community. Hong Kong can be lonely. Hey life itself, anywhere, can be lonely. But the church functions like a family, and provides a meaningful place to belong. We encourage small groups and ministry teams in order for you to find a way to meet people, and develop friendships. We know it's a big place, so we try to make lots of smaller groups to make it less daunting, and to help you find a place to belong.

Become. Our commitment to change. God wants to change us, from the inside out, always in improving, Christ-like ways. So we desire to be flexible and open to change. This means that we will talk often about spiritual growth. We will challenge you to break bad habits, form good ones, and seek a Christ-honoring life. To keep us individually flexible, we will often be creative and unpredictable in the ways in which we "do" church. We're not interested in shocking anyone or simply being provocative. But we do want to be fresh and intriguing, because we believe life with God should be nothing less than that.

Our Mission

To the glory of God

Our supreme aim. It's not about us, or about Island ECC, but about making God famous.

He has called us

We are responding to His call and His enabling. We are responding to His initiative.

To target the English speakers in Hong Kong

Our main focus is English speakers, not native English speakers only, and not expatriates only. But our primary vision is to bring the Gospel to those who speak English.

By living

Our lives and our lifestyles are affected by the Gospel. We are different.

And speaking

We believe that the Gospel message must be clearly communicated. We are evangelical.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

The only way to salvation.

Trusting God to transform lives

We plant and water, but only God can cause growth or salvation.

Deepen our faith

Salvation is not enough. We desire to grow into Christ-likeness. And God changes us as we give ourselves away in service.

And use us to impact Hong Kong and beyond

Our "Jerusalem" is Hong Kong, but our vision is for global impact as well.

ISLAND CONNECTIONS continued...

I am interested in:

- Learning more about Island ECC
- Learning more about a relationship with Christ
- Signing up for _____ (events / class / care group)
- Talking to church leader
- Membership
- Baptism
- Other _____

Comments or prayer requests

ISLAND CONNECTIONS

Whether you are our guest or a member of Island ECC, we are glad you have chosen to worship with us! **We would love to connect with you.** Do you have a need or a prayer request? Please take a moment to fill out the section below and place it in the offering bag, or at a designated box on the 1st or 2nd floor.

Name _____

Address _____

Mobile _____

Email _____

Today I attended the service at:
 9.30am 11.30am 6pm

On the:
 1st Floor 2nd Floor