



TODAY Island Family Photo Shoot

A professional photographer will be taking pictures of the Island ECC family today. 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 after both morning services on 1st floor, and 3rd service on 2nd floor. Email terese@islandecc.hk for more information.

OCT 10 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 October 10. Email Anne & Bill Jordan (nnabjordan@aol.com).

OCT 10 Transit (Singles) Ministry Kick-Off Dinner

Today is the last day to make payment and secure a place for the HSBC Dinner this upcoming Friday evening, October 5. We will be taking payment on the 2nd floor after each service.

OCT 11 Kayaking

Sports Fellowship has organized kayaking in Sai Kung on Saturday, October 11, 11am to 3pm. Includes a break and worship time on a beach. Capacity: 25 kayakers. Cost: HK\$200 per person for 4-hour kayak rental. Sign up today on the 1st floor after services. Your registration is ONLY confirmed with full advance payment. Email eccsportsfellowship@gmail.com.

OCT 12 Nursing Home Outreach Info Meeting

We would like to build a team to visit and care for the elderly in two Cantonese-speaking and one English-speaking nursing homes. If you would like to know more about this meaningful outreach, please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, October 12 at 11.10am on the 8th floor, or contact Brenda Cox at brenda@islandecc.hk.

OCT 17-19 Love Actually V

Are you a teenager? Do you have questions about what the Bible says about love, relationships, and dun, dun, dun: SEX? Join us for our 5th Annual Love Actually Retreat from October 17 to 19. For a all-time low price of \$250, you get a all-inclusive trip to Fanling Camp and an passionate experience with Christ! The deadline for sign-up is October 10 and you can do it online: islandyouth.hk/loveactually. For enquiries, email marcus@islandecc.hk.

OCT 19 Men's Ministries Beach BBQ

Come join us for a beach BBQ at Shek-O beach on Sunday, October 19, starting at 12.30 pm and continue all afternoon. We will have food and drinks, frisbees, football (the Premiership and Tobin kind), and most importantly fellowship. Non-Christians are welcome. Non-men (family, kids, female friends) are all welcome too—but they must be invited by an ECC man! RSVP to Mitch Law at mitch.law@arup.com. Cost is HKD 150 per person, kids under 12 go free.

OCT 19 Reaching The Muslims World

If you have no idea about how to reach Muslims or what God is doing in the Middle East, this is a rare opportunity to hear directly from someone who does. Please come to a talk on Sunday, October 19, from 2pm to 4pm on the 2nd floor. Invitation available at 1st floor information table.

Children's Choir Sign-up

Does your child love to sing? Do they want to praise God as part of a choir? We are starting a Kid's Club Choir just in time for a Christmas performance. Auditions will be held on October 19 and practices will begin on October 26. Please sign up at the foyer or send an email to kidsclub@islandecc.hk by October 13. More information is available on flyers on the 9th floor.

Ways to Pray

Corporate Prayer
Join us in praying for our church, community and the world:
11am to 11.30am — Living Room, 8th floor
4.30pm to 5pm — Living Room, 2nd floor

Personal Needs

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

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 1st floor for worship before heading to the 9th floor. 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)

LEADERSHIP TEAM	Lead Pastor	Teaching Pastor	Executive Director
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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

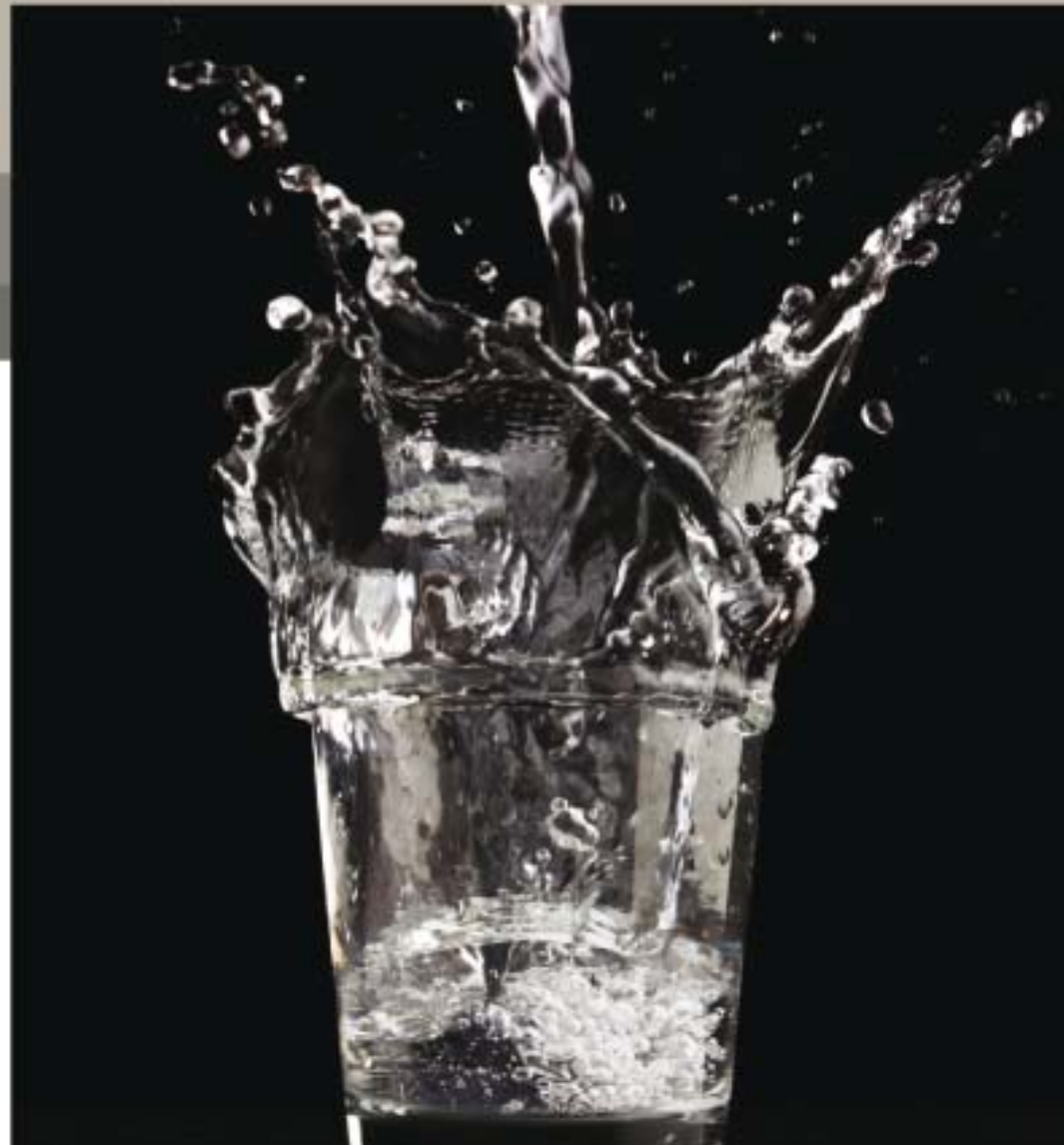
	Annual Proposed Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Giving	YTD Variance
Operating Fund	\$35m	\$2.7m	\$1.7m	-\$1m
		Avg Weekly Budget	Last Week's Giving	Weekly Variance
		\$679,000	\$524,684	-\$154,316

- 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.

Inside out

Outside

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





photos: Rwanda Mission Trip



Welcome!

Last week, we started the series and talked about our mission and vision as a church and what that looked like as it is played “inside” the church through sharing and volunteering. Our hopes are that everyone fills out the slip on the bottom of your sermon notes and write in where you feel the Lord is wanting you to serve—where the Lord wants you to practise the “principle of the jars”.

This week we take a look at “outside” and see how and where the Lord wants us to put our “hands” to work outside of the church. To do this, we want to take a look at Amos, one of the minor prophets of the Old Testament and hear the message that he gave to the people of God. What does the Lord want His people to be about “outside” of the church within our society in Hong Kong? What is the plumb line that we will be measured against? How do we measure success?

We are so glad that you are worshipping the Lord with us today and we pray that He meets you in a special way as we look into God’s Word together.

MEN / CONTACT TOBIN MILLER / men@islandecc.hk

Men’s Fraternity

Men’s Fraternity is on **Tuesday at 7.45pm on the 8th floor at the church office and Wednesday at 12.45pm at World Wide House in Central.** Remember to bring your lunch! This semester we are talking 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 Patrick Morley’s book "No Man Left Behind". 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.

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
- 1pm-3pm
- 12.30pm-2pm

Community Bible Study— Wisdom of Solomon
Genesis & Psalms (in Korean)
Dealing with Disappointment & Discouragement

Kathy Hamilton (6055-2896)
Grace Hur (6033-5791)
Deanna Sutherland (9248-8052)
& Florence Chiu (6182-6398)

WEDNESDAY

- 10am-12.30pm
- 7.30pm-9.30pm

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

- 9.30am-11.30am

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

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

SUNDAY

- 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. Our next regular luncheon is on **October 20**. For more information, please contact Terese Cha (terese@islandecc.hk or 9839-1689) or Elaine Louie (elainefaylouie@yahoo.com or 9243-7716).

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 10, 17, 24 and 31) at 7.30pm in the Living Room on the 8th floor, 633 King's Road**. 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.

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. 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:

- Saturday, 12pm to 4pm — Roadside activities
- Sunday afternoon—local teens English tutoring and Bible study

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 McCormack at idamacks@hotmail.com.

- Saturday, 10am to 12noon—primary children programme of Po Leung Kuk. Call Pat Cheng 2792-7284.

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

- Today’s activity : Evangelism Explosion Training on 8/F, Classroom C at 2.30pm
- : Bible Study on “Portrait of the Proud I” at 2.30pm

- Saturday’s activities : Cantonese class with Horace Lo from 10am to 11.30am
- : Lunch Fellowship at 1.30pm
- : Bible Study on “Ordinary Day with Jesus—Living in Jesus’ Name” at 2.30pm

- Upcoming events : October 7 Statutory Holiday—Movie Day “Amazing Grace”
- Group discussion afterwards at 1pm

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

- Today’s Programmes : Prayer time from 10.30am to 11.30am
- : Fellowship and Worship at 11:15am-12:15pm

- Saturday’s activity : Bible Study from 12.30pm to 1.15pm
- English Classes : Promotion Period until end of October

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

James 1:27 tells us that "pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress." 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**. 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.

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



Saturday 5.30-7pm

Woah-Join us for an amazing time this Saturday for REAL:time as we discuss Christ the Shepherd!!! Can’t wait for another exciting week!!!



Friday 7.30-10pm

Join us as we continue our discussion about the character of Jesus. This week: Christ the Shepherd!!! Also be sure to HURRY UP and sign up for Love Actually V as we’ve extended the deadline to this FRIDAY the 10th of October. For more details and to sign up online visit: islandyouth.hk/loveactually and email us with any questions!!!



If you haven’t been to Transformers lately, you’re missing out! All classes take place in The Edge. Middle school @ 9.30am. High school @ 11.30am. Also check out the cool things happening at REAL:time and Encounter!!!

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

OCTOBER 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
TODAY 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Photo Shoot; Transformers; Women’s Bible study	6 Men’s Bible study; Women’s Bible study	7 Women’s Bible studies; Men’s Fraternity	8 Women’s Bible studies; Alpha Course; Men’s Fraternity; LEAD	9 Women’s Bible study	10 Encounter; Marriage Course; Transit Dinner; LiFE Group	11 AWANA club; Orphanage Outreach; Sports Fellowship; Roadside Ministry; REAL:time
12 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers; Women’s Bible study; Nursing Home Info Meeting	13 Men’s Bible study; Women’s Bible study; Alpha Course	14 Women’s Bible studies; Men’s Fraternity	15 Women’s Bible studies; Men’s Fraternity	16 Women’s Bible study	17 Marriage Course; LiFE Group; Love Actually Retreat	18 Women’s Conference; AWANA club; Orphanage Outreach; Roadside Ministry; Love Actually Retreat
19 Transformers; Women’s Bible study; Men’s Ministry Beach BBQ; Reaching Muslims; Love Actually Retreat	20 Men’s Bible study; SMILE; Women’s Bible study; Alpha Course	21 Women’s Bible studies; Men’s Fraternity	22 Women’s Bible studies; Men’s Fraternity; LEAD	23 Women’s Bible study	24 Marriage Course; LiFE Group	25 AWANA club; Orphanage Outreach; Roadside Ministry

October 5, 2008

Outside

"Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever."

Westminster Catechism

Amos 1:1; 7:14

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherders from Tekoa, which he envisioned in visions concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. **7:14** Then Amos replied to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs.

Amos 2:6-8

⁶Thus says the Lord, "For three transgressions of Israel and for four I will not revoke its punishment, because they sell the righteous for money and the needy for a pair of sandals.

⁷These who pant after the very dust of the earth on the head of the helpless also turn aside the way of the humble; and a man and his father resort to the same girl in order to profane My holy name.

⁸On garments taken as pledges they stretch out beside every altar, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined."

Amos 5:11

Therefore because you impose heavy rent on the poor and exact a tribute of grain from them, though you have built houses of well-hewn stone, yet you will not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, yet you will not drink their wine.

Amos 4:1

Hear this word, you cows of Bashan who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, "Bring now, that we may drink!"

Amos 5:21-24

²¹I hate, I reject your festivals, nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; And I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings.

²³Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Amos 7:7 (God's Judgment)

Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall with a plumb line in His hand.

Amos 5:4

For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel, "Seek Me that you may live."

Matthew 25:41-45 (Judgment Day)

⁴¹Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

⁴²for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;

⁴³I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'

⁴⁴Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'

⁴⁵Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

Outside

Additional references:

Micah 2:11

If someone showed up with a good smile and glib tongue and told lies from morning to night—"I'll preach sermons that will tell you how you can get anything you want from God: More money, the best wines...you name it—you'd hire him on the spot as your preacher!

Deuteronomy 24:17

You shall not pervert the justice due an alien or an orphan, nor take a widow's garment in pledge.

Proverbs 14:31

He who oppresses the poor taunts his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honours Him.

Proverbs 19:17

One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed.

Psalm 68:5

A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows, is God in His holy habitation.

1 John 3:17

But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Isaiah 1:15-17

¹⁵So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight, cease to do evil,

¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, reprove the ruthless, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

God's plumb line: _____

What should I do? _____

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 5pm

On the:

1st Floor 2nd Floor