

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY **Baby Dedication**

We are delighted to witness the dedication of Gerald Luk to the Lord today, son of William and Lindsey, born 26 February 2013. We warmly welcome relatives and friends visiting for this special occasion (11.30am, 10/F).

TODAY **Laundry Sermon Series & Care Group Study**

Today we launch a 7-week sermon series called "Laundry". Concurrently, our care groups will be following the series and using the Laundry study guide written by our pastors. If you are not in a care group yet, we strongly encourage you to join one, at least for this study. To find a group near you, visit our website at <http://www.islandecc.hk/connect-grow/care-groups/>.

TODAY **2/F Prayer Room**

We are excited to let you know that starting today, we have a designated Prayer Room available on the 2/F (previously the Nursing Room). You are warmly invited to come and pray with our prayer intercessors from **11am to 11.30am on Sundays**.

TODAY **Taiwan Info Session**

Share the Joy, Love, Hope message of Christ to the ethnic minorities of Taiwan. Be a co-worker of God and experience His love. Lots of fun, games, teaching and sharing from June 29-July 6. Join us at **9/F**, Kid's Worship Hall A at **2-4pm** for more information.

APR 7-21 **The Book of Colossians**

In a world where false teaching and wrong thinking abound, this class on the book of Colossians will be a great reminder for us to focus on the person and work of Jesus Christ, and we will be challenged to live out our faith in very practical ways. **11.30am-1pm, 8/F**. For details and registration, visit www.islandecc.hk/classes.

APR 14 **Mongolia Mission Trip Info Session**

God's love is peace to the broken hearted, faith for the widow, hope for the orphan and strength for the weak. Come join our team to Mongolia this summer. An info session will be held at **2pm, 8/F**. Susan Griffin, a missionary from Mongolia, will be joining us and sharing.

APR 21 **Hubei Mission Trip (Love English Camp) Info Session**

The Love English Camp will be held in two cities in Hubei, June 29-July 3 and July 6-13. We are looking for brothers and sisters to join us who can demonstrate the love of God through teaching English, building relationships and caring for the students' spiritual needs. Training will be provided. Come to our information session for more details. **2.00pm, 8/F, Room B**.

APR 27 **Sports Fellowship Ultimate Frisbee Outing**

The Sports Fellowship invites you to an Ultimate Frisbee outing, **10am-12noon**, at Chinese International School. We will meet at 9.30am at the Tin Hau MTR Station. Tickets are \$20 covering water and frisbees for the event. Sign up at the Connect Counter or on The City.

Job Opportunity — Creative Video Producer

Our Creative Communications team is expanding! If you are passionate about innovative and creative video production that communicates truth in profound ways, and have relevant experience, we would love to hear from you. This is a full-time position, starting Sept 1. Contact gina.charsley@islandecc.hk or respond on The City/Marketplace, with c.v. and cover letter.



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WATCH FOR... ON THE CITY

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Recruitment Sign Up

VBS is around the corner again (May 5-June 2) and we are now recruiting for 100 volunteers. For details and sign up, visit The City/Children's Ministries.

Upcoming Short Term Mission Trips (May to July)

Japan, Yunnan, Rwanda, Taiwan, Hubei, Cambodia, Mongolia. If you have a heart to serve overseas, visit The City and join the Global Outreach group to find out more.

Adopt-A-Family in Sham Shui Po

Hope of the City is seeking volunteers to befriend and share the love of Christ to low-income families in Sham Shui Po. Come to a briefing session on April 28, 1.30pm, Classroom A. Visit The City/Local Outreach for details.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER ON 1/F

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counter is located on the 1F and volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

2 JOIN THE CITY

The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 1,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events, the chance to connect with others and more!

3 CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting www.islandecc.hk, you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

HE LOVES

God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...

HE GAVE

He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...

WE BELIEVE

We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

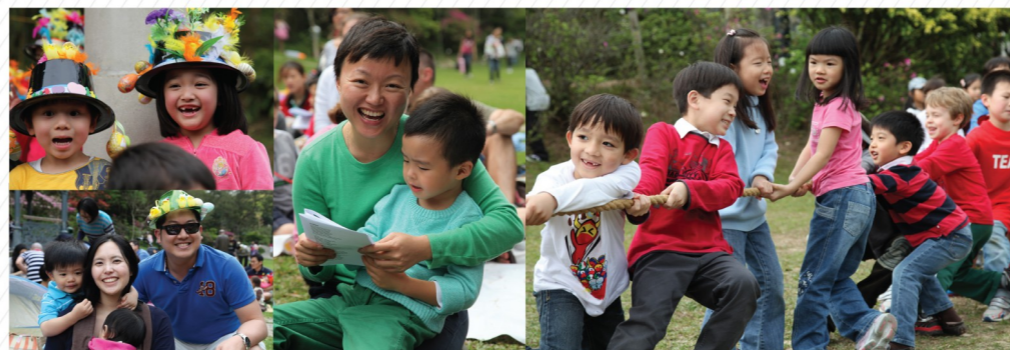
WE LIVE

God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death, He gives life, now ... and for eternity.

You can tell God you accept Him now.

"Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

photos: Family Easter Picnic at the Peak



April 7, 2013

Pride To Humility

There is perhaps no one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Beat it down, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases, it is still alive. Even if I could conceive that I had completely overcome it, I should probably be proud of my humility.

Benjamin Franklin

Pride — Our views

Pride — God's perspective

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:5-7

Humility — Christ's place

Humility — Our hearts

³⁻⁴ Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

⁵⁻⁸ Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that He had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, He set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, He stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, He lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

⁹⁻¹¹ Because of that obedience, God lifted Him high and honoured Him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that He is the Master of all, to the glorious honour of God the Father.

Philippians 2:3-11 (The Message)

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honour.

Proverbs 18:12