

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Prayer After Service

Prayer intercessors are available on all floors after every service, feel free to ask for prayer.

JULY 15 The Essentials of Effective Prayer

Join the women for a 6-week study on "The Essentials of Effective Prayer", a Precept inductive study of what the Scripture teaches about prayer. Limited to 6 people. 2pm-4pm on Mondays, July 15-August 19, 8/F, Room A. Register at www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women.

JULY 17 Grief Support Group

Have you lost a spouse, family member or friend and are grieving or don't even know where to start? Do you ever feel like people don't understand the pain you carry? This 6-week support group is a safe place to share and learn from each other the journey of grief everyone walks through sometime in their lives. Email flo@islandecc.hk or sign up at www.islandecc.hk/classes.

JULY 21 New Class: God@Work

Finding purpose at work is one of the greatest challenges we face. This 6-week course aims to equip Christians to live out their calling at work and find purpose in every aspect of their working lives. Class runs from July 21 to August 25, 2.45pm, 8/F, Room A. Visit www.islandecc.hk/classes/ for registration.

JULY 21 Japan Mission Trip Sharing

The work in Japan to expand God's kingdom continues even after the relief work comes to a close. We have seen how God has been doing a miraculous thing of bringing many more to know Christ. Come join us as we share stories about what God is doing in Tokyo, Tohoku and Kyoto, and how local ministries have expanded. 2pm, 8/F, Room B.

JULY 26 Blockbuster Movie Night

Summer is here! And what better way to celebrate the relaxed atmosphere than with a movie night! Join Island ECC for an all-church Blockbuster Movie Night on Friday, July 26! We'll be screening a hit movie on the 2/F, popping fresh popcorn and providing all sorts of movie fare! Doors open at 7.30pm and showtime will begin promptly at 8pm.

Coming soon: Oxford in Asia, Sept 5-7. A conference training up future leaders of Hong Kong and beyond, hosted by Ravi Zacharias International Ministries HK in partnership with Island ECC. Early online registration now available at www.islandecc.hk/OxfordinAsia.

www.islandecc.hk



Visit The City/Marketplace For —

Job Opportunities

- Executive Director - A new full-time position with Hope of the City.
- Coordinator of Youth Ministries. A full-time position from 1 Sept.

Wanted — Volunteers

- Quench bookstore is looking for a few volunteers willing to serve as cashiers on the Ministry Support team on Sundays.

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: "The Ark" The Island ECC Dragon Boat on race day



July 7, 2013

Firefall

The setting

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8

The event of Pentecost

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

Acts 2:1-6

Babel (Genesis 11)	Pentecost (Acts 2)
man seeks own glory	man used to promote God's glory
confusion of tongues	tongues are understood
scattered for judgment	scattered for a mission
disunity	unity

The secular explanation

¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Acts 2:12-13

The spiritual response

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams ..."

Acts 2:14-17

Our application

1. The Spirit is now _____
2. The Spirit desires to produce in you powerful changes _____
3. _____ to validate the work of the Spirit.