

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY Prayer After Service

After the services, feel free to approach our prayer intercessors who are available and happy to pray with you.

## FEB 3 Super Bowl Monday

The NFL (American Football) Championship game, Super Bowl XLVIII, will be shown LIVE (with U.S. commercials!) on the 10/F, 7.30am. Join us for some fellowship, food and fun! We will have breakfast for everyone, so please respond on THE CITY if you plan on coming. And don't worry about work that day - it's a public holiday!

## FEB 12 New Class: Managing Money God's Way

What is the safest and best place to invest money? How do I get free from worrying about money? Starting February 12 (Wednesday), join Gary Morris in this 10 week class to learn both biblical principles and practical wisdom on managing money. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

## FEB 21 Night of Prayer

Join us for A Night of Prayer on the 2/F 7.30pm. We will experience and put to practice what we have learned from our OMG sermon series. Come with an expectant heart to connect with God in meaningful ways, captured in four words – THANKS, HELP, WOW, and WHY.

## FEB 24 Documentary About Poverty In Hong Kong

Hope of the City is hosting a screening of "Fish Story", a documentary about poverty in Hong Kong. Please join us to learn more about the needs of the poor in this city. The event will take place at Island ECC, on the 10/F, 7.30-9.00pm.

## FEB 27 to MAR 1 Pure Desire Training Bootcamp

This training is designed for men and women who'd like to learn how to help others trapped in sexual bondage, or in marriages that encounter impurity. It is also for people struggling with sexual addiction. Thurs & Fri 7.30pm; Sat 9.30am; \$280 for individuals and \$500 for couples (includes lunch). For details and registration visit [www.islandecc.hk/men/](http://www.islandecc.hk/men/) or The City.

## FEB 28 to MAR 1 Global Leadership Summit 2014

The Global Leadership Summit is coming soon to The Vine. Other than the videocast of Bill Hybels, Colin Powell, Henry Cloud, etc. with interactive facilitation, the local forum will feature Brett Hilliard, David Sun and David Sutherland as panel speakers. Tickets are now available at the Connect Counter at \$280, instead of the regular price of \$480.

## Women's New Bible Study Classes

We invite you to start the New Year in God's Word so please check out our Winter/Spring Bible Study Classes at [www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women](http://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women) or pick up a leaflet at the Connect Counters.

## ReNEW Conference — Early Bird Tickets

Island ECC's first ever ReNEW Conference is coming March 21 and 22! This conference for worshippers features dynamic teaching from Biju Thampy and Brett Hilliard, music with Carlos Whittaker, The Royal Royal and Biju Thampy. Tickets are \$500 at the door, but just \$300 when you buy today at the Connect Counter. Live a life of worship!

## Ark Dragon Boat

Paddles up! The ARK Dragon Boat Team is recruiting on February 2 and 9 at the 1/F Connect Counter after all three services. Registration costs \$1600 per person and includes 14 weeks of training on Sunday afternoons, starting on February 16, and two race days on May 10 and June 2. Cash and cheques are accepted, with cheques payable to Island ECC Ltd.



## New On The City

### Classes

Several Spring Classes are starting soon at Island ECC. Check out The City for more information on a class on Islam, a class on interpersonal skills, the Book of Romans, and more!

### Dance Ministry

If you like to move it, move it, you're invited to send an audition video of your dancing (any style) to [creativesunite@islandecc.hk](mailto:creativesunite@islandecc.hk) or check out more on The City. Our worship dance instructor, Michelle Wong will review submissions and be in touch!

### 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](http://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."

Bethlehem Bound Christmas Musical



February 2, 2014

## Why?

*Why does the way of the wicked prosper?*

*Why do all the faithless live at ease?*

Jeremiah 12:1

*<sup>2</sup>How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?*

Habakkuk 1:2-3

*Why have you forsaken me?*

Jesus, from the cross

*<sup>1</sup>As He went along, He saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."*

John 9:1-3

Nothing irredeemable has happened to us or can happen to us on our way to our destiny in God's full world.  
Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*

Four helpful reminders when asking God, "Why?":

1. God \_\_\_\_\_

2. God's \_\_\_\_\_

3. God \_\_\_\_\_

4. God \_\_\_\_\_