



TODAY Women's Bible Study Sign-up

Women's Bible Study sign-up continues. Please see the bulletin or website to contact the leaders directly. For questions, please email Wis Shih at wis@islandecc.hk.

SEPT 17 BMW "Side by Side"

Our BMW for ladies will be held on **September 17**. Don't miss this opportunity to join us at **633 King's Road** and explore how to build healthy inspirational women relationships one on one and in a group. Our guest speakers this month are Shannon Hilliard and Jen Hammonds, together with a women accountability group facilitated by Dorothy Lau. Tickets are on sale \$20 at the 1st floor information table after each service. Limited seats. Please email wis@islandecc.hk for more information.

SEPT 21 Island ECC Women's Conference Registration

Our 1st Women Conference will be held on **October 18 (Saturday)**. Ladies, please save the date and join us to acquire God's wisdom and strength. More details to come.

SEPT 22 Alpha Invitation Dinner

What is the meaning of life? What is Christian faith all about? If you have these questions or you are just curious about the Christian faith, Alpha is the course for you. Alpha is a 12-week introductory course exploring the Christian faith. A typical evening would start with dinner followed by a video and we will have a chance to discuss relevant topics in small groups. Alpha is a great place to ask questions about the Christian faith—no question is stupid or too hostile. (Cantonese and Korean discussion groups available.) Find out more by joining us for an Alpha Invitation Dinner on **Monday, September 22 at 7.30pm on 2nd floor, 633 King's Road**. Please sign up at the 1st and 2nd floor information table. For more information, contact Gary Cheng at 2820-9696 or email gary.cheng@chiaphua.net.

SEPT 27 AWANA Club

AWANA Club is coming to Island ECC! 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**. Our program starts on **September 27**. For more information, see our flyers and application forms at the information table or email awaministry@islandecc.hk.

Mercy Ministries

There is an urgent need for sponsorships (\$2,400/year) for 30 children living at DaySpring Children's Home in Southern India. This is one of the children's homes our youth group visited in June. If you are a teacher or work in an office, and would like to have a class/work project of sponsoring a child, please contact Brenda Cox (brenda@islandecc.hk) for more information.

Looking for a great investment?

One with low risk and high returns? Volunteer with Kid's Club and find out how a small investment can make an eternal difference. Please contact us at kidsclub@islandecc.hk.

Care Groups Starting Up

At Island ECC, our care groups are places where life change happens and relationships are built. All the care groups are starting back up for the fall and if you are not in a group yet, now is the time to join. To find out more about a care group that will fit your needs, please search our website at www.islandecc.hk and look under the care group section or contact Daniel Tse at daniel@islandecc.hk. Do not miss out on this chance to build deep and meaningful relationships.

Ways to Pray

Corporate Prayer

Join us in praying for our church, community and the world in the following time:

11am to 11.30am - at the foyer on the 1st floor

4.30pm to 5pm - at the coffee corner on the 2nd floor

Personal Needs

Questions about becoming a Christian? Prayer requests? Meet us near the stage after each 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 at the back of the Coffee Corner on the 2/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	Yellow or Blue	Yellow or 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)

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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

	Annual Proposed Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Giving	YTD Variance
Operating Fund	\$28m	\$28m	\$28m	\$0
		Avg Weekly Budget	Last Week's Giving	Weekly Variance
		\$540,000	\$702,425	\$162,425

- 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.

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Head Games

Sept 7, 2008 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm
633 King's Road, First and Second Floor





Welcome!

I remember my dad telling me, "Garbage in, garbage out". Have you ever heard that phrase? He said it to me to encourage me to be a better athlete. His idea was that if I thought I was a superstar, then I would play like one. If I thought I was going to fail, then I probably would.

Certainly there is more to victorious living than just thinking ourselves into superstar status. However, Scripture does tell us that the way we guard our minds has a huge impact on how we live. Proverbs 23:7 tells us that what we *think* really impacts who we are. "As a man thinks, so is he..."

As we continue the series on Colossians, we turn our focus this morning on four key instructions. As we seek to grow deeper in our understanding of our identity in Christ and live in that freedom, we must understand the four ways in which we will often be tempted to live defeated lives.

I truly think that these reminders from Paul to the church at Colossae are equally compelling for us today, as we seek to have our minds renewed and live victorious lives.

SEPTEMBER 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
7 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers	8 Men's Bible study	9 Women's Bible studies; SMILE	10 Women's Bible studies; LEAD	11 Women's Bible studies	12 Encounter	13 Roadside Ministry; REAL:time
14 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers; Mars Hill Institute Kick-off	15 Men's Bible study	16 Women's Bible studies	17 Women's Bible studies; BMW	18 Women's Bible studies	19 Encounter	20 Roadside Ministry; REAL:time
21 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Transformers	22 Men's Bible study	23 Women's Bible studies; Men's Fraternity; Alpha Invitation Dinner	24 Women's Bible studies; Men's Fraternity; LEAD	25 Women's Bible studies	26 Encounter	27 AWANA club; Roadside Ministry; REAL:time

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.

Ministry Incubator

Do you have a burden for a specific group of people or see needs in the community that are not being adequately addressed, but lack the resources to get things started? We represent a group of men in the church who want to use our talents to "start up" ministries and outreach into the local/regional community. Please contact Lincoln Chee at lincoln.chee@qhms.com or Brian Kusunoki at bkusunoki@gmail.com.

WOMEN / CONTACT WIS SHIH / wis@islandecc.hk

Women's Bible Study Classes

MONDAY (starts on Sept 22)

- 7.30pm-9.30pm

Too Busy Not to Pray

Phyllis Yew (9871-6912)

TUESDAY

- 9.30am-11.30am

Community Bible Study— Wisdom of Solomon
Genesis & Psalms (in Korean)

Kathy Hamilton (6055-2896)

Grace Hur (6033-5791)

- 12pm-2.30pm

TUESDAY (starts on Sept 23)

- 12.30pm-2pm

Dealing with Disappointment & Discouragement

Deanna Sutherland (9248-8052)

& Florence Chiu (6182-6398)

WEDNESDAY (starts on Sept 10)

- 10am-12.30pm

Precepts Study on Ephesians
A Woman's Heart— God's Dwelling Place

Chung Ling Chee (9172-1043)

Li-Yen Loh (9172-8091)

- 7.30pm-9pm

- by Beth Moore

& Jessie Cheung (6237-3241)

THURSDAY (starts on Sept 18)

- 9.30am-11.30am

Building your House on the Lord

Christina Miller (2570-3411)

& Julie Turner (2533 4464)

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 meet twice a month. It will resume on **September 9 at 12.30pm at HSBC.** 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



Friday nights: ages 11-14

TODAY after the second service we will be traveling to Disco Bay for our BEACH BLOWOUT!!! Meet us in the lobby of 633 after both services!!! We had an AMAZING time last week at REAL:time be sure to come this week and INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS. Remember REAL:time is on Saturday at 5.30pm—7pm in the EDGE on 9/F 633.



Friday nights: ages 15-18

AWESOME time last week at ENCOUNTER. NEXT week will be the JAM. Remember next Sunday (Sept 14) is our Parents Luncheon for High School after the 2nd service in the Youth Room on the 9/F. The following week (Sept 21) will be our amazing HS BEACH EXTRAVAGANZA!!! Pray about friends to bring-ROCK ON!



Sunday mornings: ages 11-18

All Transformers' classes will meet on the 9th floor in our Youth Room (we call it the EDGE)!!! Middle School during the 9.30 service and High School during the 11.30 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.

The Ark

An intergenerational and multinational group of married couples and singles has started. The group is open to couples with children from ages 4 to 14 who would like their children to be involved in the fellowship time. It will be on the **first three Fridays of the month.** For more information, please email Pastor Tobin at tobin@islandecc.hk.

Hosana

We are a group of young singles and marrieds, with a desire to form a loving community that equips people for serving God. We are also dedicated to knowing and following the heart of God. We meet **every Thursday at 7.30pm in Tin Hau.** Come join us! Contact Pui at 9173-0926 if you are interested.

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.

English Speakers Needed

Got English? If you are a native English speaker, you have exactly what Mainland Chinese students are looking for! Students from Mainland China are enrolling in Hong Kong's universities in ever-increasing numbers and they are eager to learn English while they are here. Can you help them with this practical need while sharing the love of Christ? We need Christian volunteers to teach conversational English in small groups for 9 Sunday afternoons starting on **September 21 in Lai Chi Kok.** Please email english.for.chinese.students@gmail.com or call Stuart at 6874-8598 for more information.

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

- Today's activity : Care Group Bible Study on "Worldly or God Wisdom"
: Evangelism Explosion Training on 8/F, Room C at 2.30pm
- Saturday's activities : Cantonese class with Horace Lo from 10am to 11.30am
: Lunch Fellowship at 1.30pm
: Bible Study on "How to Ensure Patience" at 2.30pm

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 from September 1 to September 20

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

- Cambodia: November 22 - 30 (applications close on September 13)
- 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

The weekly orphanage visits to Southern China are currently postponed until this fall.

September 7, 2008

Head Games

1. Your mind matters.

Romans 12:2

... be transformed by the renewing of your mind ...

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks within himself, so he is ...

1 Corinthians 2:16

... But we have the mind of Christ.

2. Believers have a great responsibility for our thoughts.

2 Corinthians 10:5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

¹⁰... I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹in order that Satan might not outwit us ...

3. Four keys in having the mind of Christ:

A. Let no one _____ you.

Colossians 2:4

I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.

B. Let no one _____ you.

Colossians 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of the world rather than on Christ.

C. Let no one _____ you.

Colossians 2:16-17

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

D. Let no one _____ you.

Colossians 2:18

Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions.