

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY Baby Dedications

We are delighted to share in the dedication of two children to the Lord today:  
 - Savannah Louise Smart, born 1 Oct 2010, and Madeline Marie Smart, born 2 Feb 2013, daughters of Shay and Michelle. (9.30am, 2/F)  
 - Meghan Lai Mei Wen, born 2 Jun 2012, daughter of Kingston and Aileen. (11.30am, 2/F)  
 We warmly welcome relatives and friends visiting for this special occasion.

## TODAY Laundry Series T-Shirt

If you have bought tickets, please collect your T-shirt by June 16 at 1/F Quench. After this date, T-shirts not collected will be given away.

## JUNE 12 Support Island ECC Dragonboat Team at Stanley Race

Come to Stanley Main Beach on Wednesday to cheer on our church dragonboat team! The team competes in their first heats 7, 14, 18, 22 between 8.50am-11.00am. You can spot our tents on the beach with the ARK team banner, near the Hong Kong Sea School. See you there!

## JUNE 15 Kayaking in Sai Kung

Sports Fellowship is organising kayaking and beach games in Sai Kung. We'll cover basics of paddling and have time to race. Cost: \$60 for kayaks and some snacks. Meet at Sai Kung at 10am, and end around 3pm. Register today at Connect Counter, 1/F.

## JUNE 23 Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul

Join us in a 10-week book study that will guide you through a profound journey of discovery and healing. Learn the story of every woman's life being the passionate pursuit of her heart by God. Classes are on Sundays, 3pm-4.30pm from June 23 to August 25. Register at [www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women](http://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women).

## JUNE 23 New Class: Managing Money God's Way

Ever asked : What is the safest and best place to invest money? How do I get free from worrying about money? Come learn how to experience more contentment and joy of making an eternal difference with possessions. Taught by Ramon Maronilla and Jeff Ryan, this 10 week course starts June 23 at 9:30 am, 8/F, Room A. Visit [www.islandecc.hk/classes/](http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/) to register.

## JUNE 23 New Class: Poverty Through God's Eyes

In the Bible, we see many instances where Jesus cared for the poor and reached out to those looked down upon by society. This class will ask how are we, as Christians, called to walk with the poor. How does our faith shape us in a way that reflects God's mercy? Sundays, June 23-July 14 (11.30am, 8/F, Room C). Visit [www.islandecc.hk/classes/](http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/) to register.

## JUNE 30 Training on the Hong Kong Social Welfare System

For those interested in local outreach, Hope of the City is coordinating a training session about Hong Kong's social welfare system, 1.15pm-3.00pm, 8/F, Room A. Information will be shared by a social worker from HK Family Welfare Society.

## JUNE 30 Xiamen Mission Trip Sharing and Info Session

This outreach is an incredible synergy between the local church, local mission partners and the team from Island ECC. Learn how the gospel is reaching migrant factory workers and how you can be involved. For the next trip we need medical professionals, people with an operations and management background, Mandarin-speakers and generalists! 1.30-3pm, 2/F.



### Job Opportunities on The City/ Marketplace

- Executive Director - A new full-time position with Hope of the City.
- Part-time Coordinator/Assimilation Ministries. 12-16 hrs/wk including Sundays.
- Part-time Coordinator/Children's Ministries. 20 hrs/wk including Sundays.
- Nursery Staff for Sunday Kids Club.

### Volunteers Needed

Children's Ministries are recruiting volunteers to teach during the summer months of July and August (8 weeks). Visit The City/Children's Ministries for details.

### NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

#### 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.

#### 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!

#### 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."

photos: Dinner and Worship at Passover Celebration



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## Enduring Through Hardship

...let us run with **endurance** the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

<sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

*'My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, <sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and He chastens everyone He accepts as His son.*

<sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as His children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. <sup>9</sup> Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! <sup>10</sup> They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in His holiness. <sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:1-11

### How do we endure through hardship

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