
GROWING CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY IN TST: TEN STEPS TOGETHER

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Evangelical
Community
Church

JANUARY 21, 2024

TODAY - JANUARY 21, 2024

Welcome to ECC!

Welcome to our Sunday worship service at Evangelical Community Church. This is where we pray, sing, and learn from God's Word. If you have any questions, please email our church leaders.

If today's message has moved your heart, you may download the audio mp3 recording at www.ecchk.org. If you wish for someone to pray for you, please send a prayer request to weeklyprayer@ecchk.org.

Order of Service (10:30am)

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| Call To Worship | Pastor Adam McCulloch |
| Worship in Song* | Carmen Law |
| Old Testament Reading | Richard Nadar |
| Pastoral Intercessory Prayer | Pastor Adam McCulloch |
| Sermon Text Reading | Trevor Liu |
| Worship through the Word | Dr. Gary Hoag |
| Worship through Prayer of Thanksgiving* | Jackson Cheng |
| Announcements | Pastor Adam McCulloch |
| Benediction | Pastor Adam McCulloch |

*If you would like to enjoy the music used for this week's worship, please use the QR code to open our playlist.



ECC kindly requests that attendees refrain from taking photos or videos during services and events to ensure a fully present experience.



Happening Today

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| 9:00am | Adult Sunday School | 4/F Metropole MC |
| 9:15am | Youth Sunday School | 6/F Metropole MC |
| 10:30am | Worship Service | 4/F YMCA, Hall |
| 10:30am | <i>Children's Ministry Sunday School:</i> Team Ruth (ages 3-6). Team Joshua (ages 7-8), Team Paul (ages 9-10), Team Timothy (ages 11-12). | 6/F Metropole MC 4/F Metropole MC |
| 2:30pm | <i>Filipino Ministry:</i> Fellowship and Bible Study | 4/F Metropole MC |

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Please visit our website and find us on Facebook by scanning the QR codes.

General News and Upcoming Events

Easter Welcome Lunch & Beach Baptism

We will have an Easter Welcome Lunch for Pastor Shannon Brown and his family on March 31, 2024 at the 4/F MC right after worship service. After lunch, we will then proceed to have a beach baptism at Repulse Bay. Busses will be provided to Repulse Bay. If you're interested in attending please register at the Welcome table or scan the QR code.



“Growing Generosity In Hong Kong” by Global Trust Partners

Facilitator: *Dr. Gary G. Hoag – GTP President & CEO (USA)*

Venues: 10th Floor at Island ECC – 633 King's Rd, Quarry Bay

(12:00 noon to 3:30 PM 25th Jan & 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM 27th Jan)

1/F Breakthrough Centre – 191 Woosung St, Jordan,

(12:00 noon to 3:30 PM 29th Jan, 2024)



Global Trust Partners (GTP) is organizing a series of events in Hong Kong. GTP (gtp.org), birthed by ECFA (Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability, ecfa.org) in the US, has the mission to foster trust among global communities and promote stewardship and governance for churches and Christian NGOs.

The "Growing Generosity in Hong Kong" events are aimed at 3 different specific audiences: Pastors & Ministry Influencers, Hong Kong Professionals, and NGOs & related organizations. Please use the QR code to find out more information and register.

Ministry Apprenticeship Program (MAP)

Contact: adam.mcculloch@ecchk.org

Are you someone who wants to grow in your understanding of God's word and theology? Do you want to learn more about local church ministry? Are you someone who wants to develop your skills in giving short Bible talks or leading small groups? If so, you are invited to participate in the ministry apprenticeship program at ECC. Beginning in January, ECC will partner with several other churches in Hong Kong in a training program that helps develop Christians for service in their local churches. Training takes place on Wednesday afternoons, and several hours per week of outside reading are required. If you are interested in learning more or joining this program, please contact Pastor Adam.

WhatsApp Community

We are excited to invite you to follow ECC WhatsApp Community, where you can stay connected and receive the latest news and updates about our weekly Sunday church services.



Ongoing Ministries

Adult Sunday School (AdSS)

Sunday School: 9:00am at 4/F Metropole
Building Contact: grow@ecchk.org



Come and join our Adult Sunday School, where we explore into practical topics relevant to our daily lives. Next quarter's topic is centered around the "Suffering". If you're interested in attending the class, please register at the Welcome table or simply scan the QR code above.

| Date | Class | Topic |
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| January 7, 2024 | 1 | The Problem of Suffering and |
| January 14, 2024 | 2 | God's Revealed Purposes for |
| January 21, 2024 | 3 | The Future of Suffering |
| January 28, 2024 | 4 | God's Grief Over Suffering |
| February 4, 2024 | 5 | Unbiblical Reactions to Suffering |

Children's Ministry

Contact: Rebecca/ children@ecchk.org / CM WhatsApp 9786 3057

Our Children's Ministry aims to nurture children and deepen their understanding of God and His Word. Registration is compulsory. If you have not registered your child yet, you may scan the QR code to register.

Parents are required to "Check In" their children for Sunday School every Sunday morning by scanning the QR code. We need to do this to ensure safety and accurately count the children before heading to the MC.

Child
Registration



Sunday School
Check-In



Filipino Ministry

Contact: Ellen Ibarra / ellen.ibarra@ecchk.org / 5545 7746

The Filipino Ministry is committed to offering a spiritual refuge for overseas Filipino workers. We aim to provide a loving environment where individuals can grow in their knowledge of God. Our community warmly welcomes anyone searching for a relationship with God, feeling homesick or lonely, and searching for a surrounding community of believers.

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| Saturday Group | 11:00am | Come and join our Bible study and fellowship at the Metropole MC |
| Sunday Group | 8:30am | Join us for BYO Breakfast and Prayer time, Metropole 4/F |
| | 12:45pm | BYO Lunch Gathering at Metropole, 4/F |
| | 2:00pm | Fellowship meeting is held at the Ministry Center, 4/F |

Men's Gathering

Fridays, 8:00pm - 9:00pm, via Zoom | Contact: smallgroups@ecchk.org

Our Men's Group meets every Friday night via Zoom for a time of Bible study and fellowship. Please email to sign up and to keep in touch on future studies, fellowship and more.

Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, via Zoom | Contact: weeklyprayer@ecchk.org

Wednesday Prayer Meeting is on via Zoom. Please go to our website's Ministries section and click "Prayer" to request a prayer visit, or to submit prayer requests. Please subscribe to the weekly prayer list using the QR code.



Small Groups Ministry

Contact: smallgroups@ecchk.org

Looking to get plugged into our church community? Joining a small group is a great way to get involved in ECC's family. Check out our website and contact us for more information.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Contact: Judy/ judyleibowitz@yahoo.com or eccwwbs@gmail.com

Please join us for a time of fellowship and prayer every Wednesday at 10:30am on the 4th floor of the Ministry Center.

Youth Ministry

Contact: Nathan Wong at youth@ecchk.org or WhatsApp 6359 1192

If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, we invite you to our Sunday school at the 6/F Metropole MC at 9:15am. For upcoming programs and activities, please contact Nathan. Please scan QR code to register.



Friendly Reminders:

Ministry Leaders: Bulletin announcements must be submitted to bulletin@ecchk.org **no later than 2:00pm, Wednesday**. Please refer to **For-Ministry-Leaders** on our website for guidelines. Late submissions will not be entertained. Thank you.

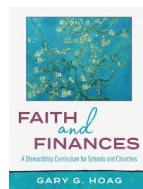


²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

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Growing Christian Generosity in TST: Ten Steps Together

Gary G. Hoag, PhD – ECC Hong Kong – 21 January 2024



By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, **generosity**, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Galatians 5:22-23

1. **Law** → _____. Our motivation for giving changes in Christ. We don't have to give, we get to give (Lev 27:30-33; Deut 14:22-29; John 3:16; 1 Cor 13:3).
2. **Merit** → _____. God gave us grace when we were undeserving. Giving to the undeserving shows that God's love is for everyone (Luke 6:27-36; Titus 3:4-8).
3. **Favoritism** → _____. Our voluntary giving to our neighbor and those in need brings "equality" (Ex 16:14-30; Mt 22:34-40; 2 Cor 8:13-15; James 2:1-11).
4. **Percentage** → _____. The "tithe" (OT) serves as "training wheels" to learn to "share" (NT) according to our ability (Gen 12:1-3; Acts 11:29; 2 Cor 8:2-3).
5. **Container** → _____. How much should I give? Acceptable giving is based on what God has given each of us (Ex 16:14-30; 2 Cor 8:12; 1 Tim 6:17-19).
6. **Surplus** → _____. The world looks at what we give. Jesus looks at what we don't give and only celebrates when we hold back nothing (Mt 19:21; Lk 21:1-4).
7. **Grudging** → _____. Giving (and forgiving) flows freely from willing, cheerful hearts transformed by the gospel (Deut.15:10; 2 Cor 8:1-7, 9:7; Eph 2:8-10).
8. **Obligation** → _____. We do not give handouts to the poor that create dependency. We give a hand up to cultivate disciples (Lk 10:25-37; Gal 6:10).
9. **Sporadic** → _____. Paul gave consistent directions, handled money with controls, and affixed a seal to grow trust (1 Cor 16:1-4; 2 Cor 8-9; Rom 15:28).
10. **Earthly** → _____. Disciples of Jesus use all they are and all they have not for this life but for the life to come (Lk 16:9; Gal 6:9; Col 3:2).

TST: (1) What step stands out to you? (2) How will TST shape grow generosity in TST? (3) Register for "Faith and Finances" (free on-demand course) at GTP.org/courses

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Financial Updates

FY2023/24 (April 2023 - March 2024)

Annual Budget \$8,374,985
Mission Partners Support (part of the annual budget) \$433,000

Last Week's Giving

General Fund \$23,950
Mission Fund \$700

FY2023/2024 (April - December 2023)

General Fund Offering \$3,707,052
Other Incomes \$447,182
General Expenses \$5,342,471
Mission Fund Offerings \$135,720
Mission Partners Support Expenses \$529,225
(all figures are unaudited)

Check can be made payable to **"Evangelical Community Church Ltd."** Please cross out the bearer and do not post-date checks. For US citizens wishing a US tax receipt, please ensure that your check is at least US\$100 (HK\$800) made out to **"Friends of Hong Kong Charities, Inc."** with any designations written on the offering envelope (available at the Welcome Table) - NOT on the check itself.

Ways to Give

1. Bank Transfer / Auto Pay

Bank: The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC)
Account No.: 813-808748-838 – HKD Saving

2. FPS (Fast Payment System)

E-mail: finance@ecchk.org | FPS ID: 106624844

For your offering made through bank transfer or FPS, please email finance@ecchk.org a copy of your transfer receipt for our registration and to ensure the transfer has been made correctly.

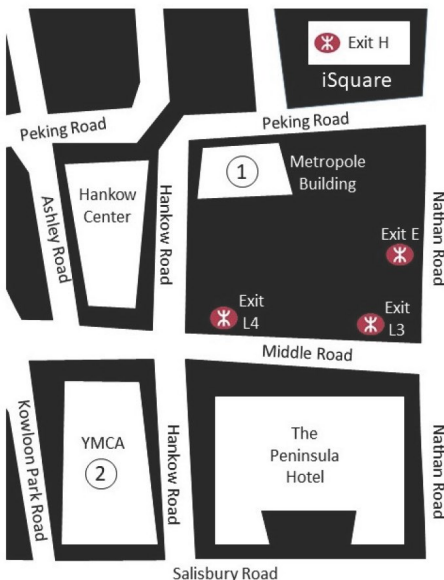
Please go to our website or scan the QR code for more information.



Prayer and Family News

Contact: familynews@ecchk.org

- Pray for others who attend ECC who are not yet members. Pray they would see the importance of joining our church and committing to it.
- Pray for our mission partners, Billie and Jean Campbell. Pray that they would continue to serve the Lord faithfully during their elder years. Pray specifically as their ministry tries to evangelize fathers and husbands in Cambodia, who are often lazy and not responsible to their families. These fathers are also addicted to drugs and have other bad habits. Pray also for the school, farm and ministry of Hope House.
- Pray for our missions' luncheon on January 28 with some of our supported workers. Pray that they would be encouraged and that we would support them well.



ECC Locations

- 1 **ECC Office**
6/F, Metropole Building,
53 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

ECC Ministry Center

(Metropole MC)
4/F, Unit 401-403, Metropole Building,
53 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

- 2 **YMCA**
(Sunday Worship Service)
4/F, Assembly Hall,
41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon