



Today's Sermon: Sunday, April 29, 2018
"Hospitality: Welcoming God and Other Strangers"
Genesis 18:1ff, Hebrews 12:1-2, Romans 12:13
Pastor Bob Jones

When you think of the word 'hospitality' what comes to mind? Perhaps a home and host who are able to welcome others, keep guests occupied with light conversation, good food and plenty of drink? We can think of hospitality as a way of extending friendships or business networking. In Chinese culture hospitality can be simply a means of building 'guanxi.' However, the action of hospitality is far more radical and far more descriptive of the life of God and the people of God than we might think. So Paul tells us, 'Practice hospitality.' (Romans 12:13) What does he mean and what can we do?

Pastor Bob has previously pastored both in Canada and in Hong Kong but more recently is a chaplain at a Canadian public hospital. He is also the Director of a new initiative and ministry for whole-person spiritual formation based in Hong Kong called The Basilea Project, in collaboration with Regent College, Vancouver, B.C. Bob is married to Amy and they have four adult children and three grandchildren, all busy boys. Bob holds a Th.M in Interdisciplinary Theological Studies from Regent College.

Upcoming Sunday Sermons

May 6	Great Women of the Old Testament	Pastor Nelson Suen
May 13	Great Women of the Old Testament	Dr. Jonathan Lo
May 20	Great Women of the Old Testament	Dr. Jonathan Lo
May 27	Great Fathers of the Old Testament	Pastor Nelson Suen

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Financial Updates

FY2018/2019

Annual Budget \$13,190,150
 Last Week's Giving \$107,284

FY2017/2018 (April - March)

(unaudited figures, excluding designated funds)
 Actual Income \$9,736,251
 Actual Expense \$9,233,902

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 the check itself. For questions, please email
 finance@ecchk.org.

Prayer Corner

- Thank God for the amazing week of fellowship and the opportunity to get to know Pastor Dave and his wife Theresa.
- Pray for the EGM this afternoon as we meet to discuss and vote on the confirmation of the appointment of the Senior Pastor.
- Pray for the Axiom Academy class this morning, where Team Timothy (the pre-teens class will be moving up from Children's Ministry after this summer) will join with Axiom for the first time.



ECC Locations

- 1 ECC Office & Ministry Center (Metropole MC)**
 6/F, Metropole Building,
 53 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- 2 ECC Ministry Center (Hankow MC)**
 Unit 417-421, 4/F, Hankow Centre,
 5 Hankow Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- 3 YMCA (Sunday Worship Services)**
 4/F, Assembly Hall,
 41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

"HOSPITALITY: WELCOMING GOD AND OTHER STRANGERS"

GENESIS 18:1FF, HEBREWS 12:1-2, ROMANS 12:13



Evangelical
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Today - April 29, 2018

Welcome to ECC

Welcome to the Sunday worship services at Evangelical Community Church. This is where we pray, sing, and listen to God's Word. We are here to bless one another and lead you into God's presence through Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, please contact our greeters or church leaders. Relax and make yourself at home.

A nursery room is available for your use on this floor. We also have children's classes for the 9:30am and 11:15am services. Please see below for the locations or ask a greeter for assistance.

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 this morning, please come to the colorful banner near the stage after the benediction.

Order of Service (9:30am and 11:15am)

Welcome & Invocation	Staff
Worship in Song*	Congregation
Worship through the Word	Pastor Bob Jones
Worship through Communion*	Congregation
Responsive Worship*	Congregation
Worship through Tithes & Offering*	Congregation
Announcements	Staff
Benediction	Elders

Happening Today

9:30am / 11:15am	Worship Services	4/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Team Noah (0-2 yrs)	Room 5, 4/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Team Miriam (3-4 yrs)	Room 305, 3/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Teams Ruth, Joshua, Paul & Timothy (5-12 yrs)	Hankow MC
11:15am	Axiom Academy	Room 4/5, Hankow MC
1:30pm	EGM	Main Hall, Hankow MC
3:00pm	Filipino Ministry: Blue Jeans Day (outreach)	Main Hall, Metropole MC

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



General News and Upcoming Events

EGM: Today!

Sunday, April 29, 1:30pm - 3:00pm, Main Hall, Hankow MC
 Contact: info@ecchk.org

On this EGM we will discuss and vote on the confirmation of the appointment of the Senior Pastor. Please continue to pray with us through this process and prioritize attendance at this event. Light lunch and childcare will be provided starting at 1:00pm.

"Practicing Hospitality"

Thursday nights, May 3 - May 17, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Main Hall, Metropole MC
 Contact: sarah.cox@sarah.cox@ecchk.org

Pastor Bob Jones will be teaching this 4-week seminar and will help us recover the Biblical meaning and practice of hospitality through the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a pastor and theologian at the end of WW2. For these lessons, we will explore Scripture, Bonhoeffer's poetry, letters and writings and we will view some contemporary films, which will help us to genuinely "practice hospitality". Please go to the Welcome Table for more information and to sign up. The cost for course materials is \$80.

Alpha Spring 2018

Thursday nights, May 3 - June 14, 7:00pm - 9:30pm, Rooms 1,2,6,7, Hankow MC
 Contact: sarah.cox@sarah.cox@ecchk.org

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in both English and Cantonese that freely explores the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. This is a great opportunity for you to reach out to your friends and family members. For registration, please sign up at the Welcome Table.

Baptism Class

Sunday, May 6, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Room 6, Hankow MC
 Contact: grow@ecchk.org

If the Lord has moved in your heart to publicly profess your faith in Jesus through water baptism, come learn the basics of the Christian faith, your spiritual journey, and the need for baptism. The baptism ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 27. Please sign up at the Welcome Table.

Membership Class

Sunday, May 13, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Room 6, Hankow MC
 Contact: grow@ecchk.org

Check out ECC and learn about our background, beliefs, vision and values at this one-session membership class. Please come to the Welcome Table for more details or to sign up for the class.

Prayer Class

Sunday, May 6, 1:30pm - 3:30pm, Room 7, Hankow MC
 Contact: weeklyprayer@ecchk.org

"Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
 Come learn the prayer of faith from our Lord Jesus. Please sign up at the Welcome Table.

Dragon Boat Festival Outreach to the Elderly

Saturday, June 9, 3:00pm - 6:00pm, Fanling YMCA Ellen Li Community Centre
 Contact: moc@ecchk.org

Come join us on this outreach event! It is a great opportunity to share the good news through a home visit to the elderly during the Dragon Boat Festival. You can bring them the love and warmth of Christ by giving and/or volunteering. Sign up today at the Welcome Table.

Usher Volunteers Recruitment

Contact: Grace Tang / thefatfat@yahoo.com.hk

The ushering team is looking for new members! We are looking for wonderful and cheerful individuals who enjoy interacting with people and making them feel welcome. Please email Grace for more information.

Friendly Reminders

1. Please do not eat or drink in the Assembly Hall during worship services.
2. Please turn your phone and electronic devices to silent mode during worship services.

Other On-going Ministry Opportunities

Axiom Youth Ministry

Contact: Nikky Sepnio / axiom@ecchk.org

Axiom aims to cultivate lifelong followers of Jesus Christ by making Him known in the lives of young people, through the teaching of God's Word and discipleship. We welcome all who are currently in middle school or high school.

Axiom	Fridays	7:00pm-9:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm)	Hankow MC
Axiom Academy	Sundays	11:15am-12:30pm	Hankow MC Room 4/5

Children's Ministry

Contact: Nonette Tsang / childrensministryecc@gmail.com or Iris Wong / iris.wong@ecchk.org

Children's Ministry is a vibrant, thriving ministry where children come to worship God and are equipped with the knowledge of who God is and has created them to be. All children are welcome!

We are launching a Bible Memorization Challenge to motivate children to know and love the Word of God more. Parents, please encourage and join together with your child(ren) to participate in this fun challenge! The focused verse for April is Matthew 28:6.

Filipino Ministry

Saturdays, 2:00pm - 6:00pm, Metropole MC / Sundays, 12:45pm - 9:30pm, Metropole MC
 Contact: Ellen Ibarra / ellen.ibarra@ecchk.org / 5545 7746

Lunch Kaarawan Fellowship	1st Sundays	12:45pm
Lunch Fellowship, Prayer & Singing,	2nd to 4th Sundays	12:45pm onwards
Bible Study in Small Groups		
Blue Jeans Day (outreach)	5th Sundays/Saturdays	2:00pm onwards
Counselling & Prayer	Saturdays/Sundays	5:00pm onwards
Fellowship / Bible Study	Saturdays	2:00pm - 6:00pm

Mongolia Short Term Mission Trip

Contact: sarah / sarah.cox@ecchk.org

Trip Dates: July 20-30

Making plans for this summer? Want to do something meaningful while soaking in Mongolia's beautiful landscapes? Participant spots are still available. Sign up at the Welcome Table for more details!

Prayer Ministry

Wednesdays, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Room 6, Hankow MC
 Contact: weeklyprayer@ecchk.org

Please go to our website's Prayer Ministry section to learn about prayer, request a prayer visit, or submit emergency prayer requests. Join us on Wednesdays by praying wherever you are, or with us at the prayer meeting, using the weekly prayer list as a guide. Subscribe to the list using the QR code.



Small Group Ministry

Contact: sg.ministry@ecchk.org / sarah.cox@ecchk.org

Looking to get plugged into the church community? Joining a small group is a great way to get involved in ECC's family. Contact us for information on new groups starting!

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, May 2, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Room 6, Hankow MC
 Contact: Suet Ha Yeung / fredsuetha@gmail.com or Cathy Cheung / cathywaung@yahoo.com

We will begin a new series from the RightNow Media resource library called "When Changing Nothing Changes Everything" by Laurie Polich Short. In this series, the author reveals how even if we can't change our circumstances, we can still make a change in our life by the way we see it. She shows us how to access God's perspective on our circumstances, which can impact the way we live. To fully experience this study, you can purchase the book that the study is based on at several online shops or send us an email. All ladies are welcome!

Friendly Reminders:

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