



International Baptist Church

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A Brief Introduction of International Baptist Church (IBC) Hong Kong

IBC is an English speaking, multicultural, and family-oriented community of disciples of Jesus Christ who love to worship, fellowship and study the Word of God.

Our church is located in the Aberdeen District on the South side of Hong Kong Island, a short walk from the Wong Chuk Hang MTR Station on the South Island Line. We currently meet for worship at 10am each Sunday. Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, our worship service has also been broadcasted online via YouTube for those who wish to worship at home.

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THE CHURCH

International Baptist Church Hong Kong (IBC HK) opened its doors in 1958, serving a truly international community from all corners of the world. Our Vision is "To glorify God as one caring community of disciples" and our Mission is "To establish and unite caring communities within IBC, Hong Kong and beyond which are rooted in the Word of God, the love of Christ, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" through transformational discipleship, prayer and worship.

IBC has been and remains a family style church, believing in raising the next generation of Christ followers on the biblical truth, so that they will be ready and equipped to engage the world with a Christian worldview, having a purposeful mind of proclaiming the Gospel.

A newcomer to the church would expect to see an inclusive and welcoming congregation who do life together and grow with each other in God's word through worship and LIFE (Living In Faith Everyday) Groups each Sunday and intimate Small Community Groups on weekdays.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

As a Baptist church our belief is based on the "1963 Baptist Faith and Message" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention May 9, 1963. Basically, we believe that:

- God created mankind. But mankind has been separated from God since the beginning because of sin and therefore subject to death, God's wrath and eternal punishment
- God loves us all and sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, the earthly incarnation of God born of a virgin, who died in our place on the cross, and was raised on the third day for our salvation, i.e., for the forgiveness of our sins and reconciliation with God for eternal life
- Salvation is a free gift offered to all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

- In thanksgiving we love Him and love one another
- God is One being whom we know and experience as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Bible is the divinely inspired and inerrant Word of God
- God speaks to us through the Bible and His Holy Spirit

OUR TEAM

- One pastor
- Four Deacons
- One Administration Manager
- One Church Administrative Assistant
- One Children Ministry Coordinator
- One Worship Coordinator
- One Volunteer Youth Worker

PLUS, Various leaders for different ministries below.

IBC MEMBERSHIP

- Membership in IBC is in accordance to the Articles of Association of International Baptist Church of Hong Kong Limited.
- As of late 2022, IBC has a total of approximately one hundred regular attendees in our Sunday worship including adults and children.

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday, kids have fun learning about God through bible stories and biblical truths within a caring community. Our goal is to develop a solid foundation in our children's faith in God so that they will put their faith into action. We have 5 different age groups for Children Sunday School, from 0 to 11 years old:

- WEE CARE (0-3 years old)
- PROMISED LAND (4-5 years old)
- MIGHTY KIDS (6-7 years old)
- SUPER MIGHTY KIDS (8-9 years old)
- MIGHTY TWEENS (10-11 years old)

On Sunday mornings, children can join our 2-hour sessions from 10:30 am to 12:45 pm as follows:

(1) SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 -11:30 am

During Sunday school, kids learn all about Jesus and His Word! Through bible stories, crafts and object lessons, kids grow in their understanding of faith.

(2) FAITH IN ACTION: 11:45 - 12:45 pm

During Faith in Action, kids explore their faith using activities, games and even drama. This is a time where they get active and apply what they have learned during Sunday school.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry activities are held weekly:

(a) Friday @ FUSE (7 - 9 pm), where the youths come together to worship and fellowship.

(b) Sunday @ Youth Soul Café (11:45 am -12:45 pm), where the youths (Age: 12-18) come together to fellowship and learn about the Bible after Sunday worship service, assisted by the Young Adults Group.

LIFE GROUPS

After Sunday worship service every week, different "LIFE Groups" come together for bible study. The current LIFE Group studies are as follows:

- Sermon Application
- Book of Romans
- Amos, Jonah, Hosea, Micah
- Genesis
- Men's Hangout
- Golden Life Group: Book of Acts
- Young Adults – Book of John

SMALL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Small Community Groups enable us to come together other than on Sundays, to worship, to study the Word of God, to pray and to have loving fellowship with other like-minded Christians. Small Community Groups are hosted by church members in different districts within the city to make it easier for the group members to commute. The districts include: North Point, Causeway Bay, Wanchai, Pokfulam, Tai Tam/Upper Happy Valley, and Tuen Mun & Yuen Long.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Ladies Fellowship holds weekly meetings where all IBC ladies are welcomed to join for bible studies & other fellowship activities such as prayer walks, outings, and the annual ladies retreat, etc. Ladies of the fellowship also get to pray regularly with a prayer partner, and to extend care and support to each other.

CHINESE LADIES GROUP

This group addresses the special needs of putonghua speaking ladies. Weekly gatherings are held for those ladies to worship and study God's words together in their native language.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Our church recognizes the importance of prayer for disciples of Jesus Christ both as individuals and as a body, to communicate with our Father in heaven through our Lord Jesus Christ as often as possible, to see how and where the Father is working, and to intercede for each other. Waiting on the Lord and listening is as important as speaking to our Lord in prayer. Prayer items for the church is printed on the church bulletin each Sunday; urgent prayer requests from church members are circulated by email and WhatsApp; a corporate worship and prayer time is arranged every quarter (currently done on Zoom due to the pandemic); a monthly 24 hour "prayer vigil" is arranged where church members are encouraged to sign up to pray for half an hour in the first weekend of each month using a prepared prayer guide.

OUTREACH

- 1) Alpha Course
 - Alpha is a friendly and safe place we offer to seekers to ask the big questions in life and share life stories. Held over 12 evenings and a weekend, we explore faith, and life's meaning and purpose in a small-group setting.
- 2) Prison Ministry
 - Partnering with the Hong Kong Christian Kung Sun Association, an IBC group goes on prison visits with the gospel during Christmas and Easter celebrations.
- 3) Shamshuipo homeless people
 - Our Mission is to just LOVE! Because Jesus loves us first! We just want to be there to listen, to connect and to build a trusting relationship with the homeless friends in the park. We spend quality time with them by chatting/worshipping and praying with them.
- 4) Ling Oi Drug Rehab Centre
 - Sharing the love of God with the brothers who are struggling with drugs by visiting them quarterly. Arrange outdoor activities, hanging out and praying with them, and listening to their stories.

- 5) Mui Wo Elderly Home
 - We distribute gifts and share the love of Christ to the elderlies living in an elderly home at Mui Wo, Lantau Island. Their ages range from 75-100.
- 6) Partnership with Wah Fu Swatow Christian Church
 - Volunteers will go in teams and distribute gift bags prepared by the Wah Fu Swatow Christian Church to poor families and elderly people living in the Wah Fu and Wah Kwai Estates which are located in the Southern District of Hong Kong.
- 7) HOLF Cooking
 - The Home of Loving Faithfulness is a home started and beloved by God, providing lifelong care since 1965 for individuals with special needs in a loving family home. We play a small part in their volunteer team in cooking meals for the staff and residents according to a roster.

In Christ,

International Baptist Church of Hong Kong