

## AIC CORE VALUES

### *Glorifying God*

*Above all else, everything we do is for the glory of God. (Rom. 11:33-12:2)*

### *Prayerful dependence*

*We will look to God for His perspective, His direction, and His enabling at all times and for all things. (Phil 4:6-7)*

### *Biblical teaching*

*Relevant Biblical teaching can transform, change, and inspire us to live obedient lives. (Josh 1:8; Heb 4:12)*

### *Reaching lost people*

*Understanding God values all people, we will seek to fulfill the Great Commission by participating in sharing the good news at home, in our city, and around the world. (Luke 19:10; II Cor. 5:20; Matt 28:19-20)*

### *Authentic Community*

*We desire biblical fellowship by building community through loving and grace-filled relationships. This is where we learn and practice what it means to live out our calling to be disciples. (John 13:34-35; Acts 2:42-47)*

### *Sacrificial living*

*We will embrace the vision of our local church by serving, utilizing our spiritual gifting, and giving in a generous and faithful manner. (II Cor. 8:1-5; I Cor. 12:1-31; John 13:1-17; Romans 12:1)*

### *Faith-filled living*

*God calls us to take continual steps of faith which often involves change. (Hebrews 11:6)*

# journey following Jesus



*Alliance International Church*  
[www.aic.org.hk](http://www.aic.org.hk)

10 June 2018

**Welcome to Alliance International Church,**  
a church family seeking to  
Glorify God by loving Christ, loving one another and reaching the world.  
*We are glad you're here.*

## **PRAY WITH YOUR CHURCH**

Every day at 10 a.m., we invite you to pause for a few moments, celebrating the greatness of God, begging Him to work in and through us, and asking Him to equip us to serve those in need of hope, help, and healing.

Prayer Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. each **Wednesday night** in the AIC Nursery. We will pray the scriptures as we seek Him, praying for our missions efforts, local ministries, the needs of our world and for each other. Join us in this critical ministry of church life.

## **JOURNEY SCRIPTURE READING**

**Today's** – Matthew 13:36-56

**Next Week's**- Matthew 8:18-34, 9:18-34, 13:54-58; Mark 4:35-6:6a; Luke 8:22-26

## **MISSION PRAYER MEETING**

All are welcome to join us for our monthly prayer meeting for the global work of missions, this Sunday, **10 June** from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Room 213

## **SHOES DONATION FOR MINORITY CHILDREN**

On the next three Sundays (17, 24 June & 1 July), we will be collecting good conditioned young children's shoes. Shoes collected will be given to minority children who live in remote, mountainous area in the Vietnam border. Please put them in the collection box in the hall.

**FATHER'S DAY**, is next Sunday, 17 June.

**NO DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES** for all ages next Sunday, 17 June, classes will resume 24 June.

## **BAPTISM SUNDAY**

We will host baptism on 24 June. Please join us in celebrating the obedience of those who are publicly showing the world their faith in Christ.

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**

AIC children's ministry is looking for volunteers to lead and help with Children's Church during July and August. Five volunteers are needed for each Sunday. You can serve one or more times during the summer.

Contact Twinky to get more information and to sign-up for the weeks you are available to serve (email: [Twinky@aic.org.hk](mailto:Twinky@aic.org.hk) or Whatsapp: 9223 2511)

## **MANDARIN MINISTRY**

AIC offers ministries to those who prefer to speak Putonghua. For more details, please contact Pastor Stan at [stan@aic.org.hk](mailto:stan@aic.org.hk).

## **FILIPINO MINISTRIES**

We minister to the Filipino-speaking community, meeting each **Saturday** mornings from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and on **Sunday** afternoons from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the AIC Hall.

At Alliance International Church we believe the **COMMUNITY GROUP** is the best place for sustained life change to occur. In a Community Group, people study God's Word together and discuss the issues and challenges of life. It's also where they pray, care for one another, and are missed if they don't show up. Our Community Groups gather:

- On Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon, and in New Territories
- In English, Putonghua, and in Tagalog
- On weekdays and on Saturdays or Sundays

Contact Pastor Stan for more information email: stan@aic.org.hk

## **SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP** **for ALL AGES**

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### **Children:**

Shipyard - Marina (Age 0-5) – Room 107  
Port (Age 6-11) – Room 213

### **Youth:**

Impact Juniors – Room 401  
Impact Seniors- Room 214

### **Adult Class:**

Membership /Baptism Class – Room 402

Adult & Children Attendance: 218  
General Fund: \$83,157.00 Budget/week: \$68,270.00  
Missions & Others: \$57,080.00

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General Fund & Other Income:

April 2018 to present: \$548,829.76

Budget for April 2018 to present: \$682,700.00

Budget deficit April 2018 to present: \$133,870.24

## **CHILDREN &** **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **Reload**

(fellowship for secondary school students)  
Fridays @ CAIS BV 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Doug Wallace at  
doug@aic.org.hk for more information

### **AWANA** (for ages 3-13)

Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

School Hall, APS, Whampoa

Contact: Danny Lee at dleecl@hotmail.com  
for information

## **THE HARBOUR**

Children dismiss mid-way thru Sunday's service

### **Shipyard (Age 0-2)**

Nursery Room/Ground Floor of AIC Office

### **Marina (Ages 3-5)** in Room 107

Theme: "Bikes & Trikes"

The Bible Tells Me Which Way To Go

"Show me the right path, O Lord:  
point out the road for me to follow."

Psalm 25:4, NLT

### **Port (Ages 6-11)** in Room 213

Theme: "Amped"

Live Fully Alive

"I remain confident of this:  
I will see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living."

Psalm 27:13, NIV

*Parents, please pick up your child/ren (ages 3-11) in  
Room 213 at 12:15 p.m.*

June 10, 2018

Valuable Treasure, Matthew 13:44-46, Pastor Stan

1. A turnstile
2. Read the parable and answer these questions (Matthew 13:44-46)  
***“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.  
“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”***
  - a. What do the hidden treasure or the pearl represent?
  - b. What do the man and merchant represent?
  - c. What is the significance of the treasure and the pearl being valuable?
3. Why the emphasis on a king and a kingdom?
4. What kind of king or kingdom are you expecting?
5. Attitudes toward the kingdom
  - a. T\_\_\_\_\_ Christian
  - b. K\_\_\_\_\_ Christian
6. Do these quotes represent “turnstile” or “kingdom” Christianity?
  - a. Paul **What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ** (Philippians 3:8)
  - b. Peter **Peter answered [Jesus], “We have left everything to follow you!”** (Matthew 19:27)
  - c. Joshua **“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”** (Joshua 24:15)
  - d. A. B. Simpson **“When you become satisfied with God, however, everything else so loses its charm that He can give it to you without harm.”** (Founder of C&MA)
  - e. Jim Elliot **“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”** (Missionary who lost his life in South America sharing the Gospel)
  - f. Katie Davis **“I am more terrified of living a comfortable life in a self-serving society and failing to follow Jesus than I am of any illness or tragedy.”** (Missionary to Uganda)

Student Activity.



1. Imagine you are on one of the small outlying islands of Hong Kong. You find a treasure box mostly buried in the sand. Draw a picture or write a story about the most valuable treasure you could find in the box. At home, talk with your parents about what you wrote or drew.
2. What treasure would be great enough to cause you to change the course of your education, career, or marriage plans to obtain it?
3. What are some practical steps you can take to have the “kingdom of heaven” become a greater treasure for you?
4. Listen for a “turnstile” being discussed in the sermon.
  - a. How many times in a week do you go through a turnstile?
  - b. After going through a turnstile do you stay at the turnstile or do you go on to something more important?
  - c. From the sermon what are you encouraged to do, stay at the turnstile or move on to more in your Christian life? How can you do that?



Discussion

1. Imagine you are on one of the small outlying islands of Hong Kong. You find a treasure box mostly buried in the sand. What valuable treasure do you hope to find when you open the box? Why?
2. What treasure would be great enough to cause you to change your course of education, career, or marriage plans to obtain it?
3. What are some practical steps you can take to have the kingdom of heaven become a greater treasure for you?
4. How can you demonstrate the great value of the kingdom of heaven to your children, family members, co-workers, and neighbours?
5. In what ways do you demonstrate that the kingdom of heaven is of low value?
6. Which quote at the end of the message challenges you the most? What do you think brought the person to make the statement?