

Welcome!

Happy New Year to all of you!

May the Lord our God shower His rich blessings upon you and your family!

Today, we will look at some aspects of Chinese culture and ask the question: What did our forefathers worship before all the different religions came to China? It might be a surprise to you that our ancestors actually worshipped a singular supreme God whose nature was parallel to the God of the Bible. Chinese characters also reveal to us things that are taught in the Bible. I hope you will be encouraged by how much God has already revealed Himself to the Chinese thousands of years ago. In fact, there is nothing more Chinese than to worship the God who our distant ancestors have been trying so hard to teach us about.

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Are you new here?
Come to our Newcomers Lunch
Sunday, 4 March
1:30 pm, 10/F Living Room

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BOLD FAITH OUR FOUR GOALS

The Bold Faith fund campaign is an initiative to establish a permanent venue in Hong Kong to advance God's Kingdom. The objective is to raise sufficient funds to procure and own a building to enable our church to multiply ministries and serve our city well.

BRING
PEOPLE
TO WORSHIP
JESUS

OPTIMISE
TRAINING AND
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT

LOVE
THE CITY

DEEPEN
RELATIONSHIPS
AND
COMMUNITY

Bold Faith Fund [Target \$1 Billion] Through January 2018

Received	\$112.9 M	Outstanding Pledged	\$26.4 M
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Total Fund Received and Pledged \$139.3 M

GENERAL OFFERING

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2017 - AUG 2018

YEAR TO DATE (24 WEEKS)

-3.0% deficit on giving

Budget	\$35.0M
Giving	\$34.9M
Variance	-\$0.1M

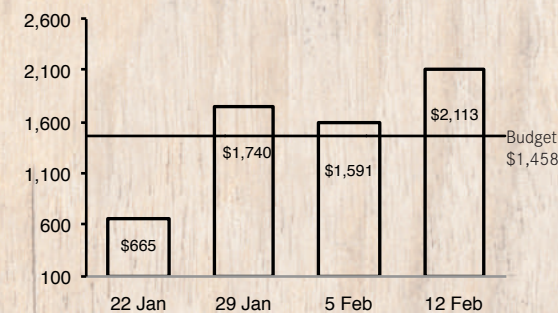
GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

- Cheques payable:
- 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts
 - 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens

Enquiries:
giving@islandecc.hk

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



WEEKLY

Budget	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,458
Giving	665	1,740	1,591	2,113
Variance	(793)	282	133	655

ANCIENT PROMISES

The God of Our Forefathers

February 18, 2018 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY SEEK GOD LENT DEVOTIONAL

The Lent devotional "Seek God for the City" is available today at 1/F Connect Counter for a suggested donation of \$20. If you prefer a digital version, you can purchase it from waymakers.org.

FEB 20-21 CNY BREAK FOR MF AND THE VILLAGE

Men's Fraternity and The Village are taking a break for Chinese New Year. MF will not meet on 20 February and The Village on 21 February. MF will resume on 27 February and The Village on 28 February. Have a great festive time with your family and friends.

FEB 24 WALKING WITH GOD

With the best temperatures to be outdoors, join us for a memorable time with God while enjoying His creation walking to The Peak this Saturday at 9:30 am. Register at www.islandecc.hk/walkwithgod. For more information, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

MAR 3 MANDARIN SPEAKERS CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY

Mandarin speakers, we are hosting a party to celebrate the Chinese New Year! While some of us have families in town, others are alone in the city. Come and meet fellow Chinese, speak Mandarin, eat your favourite snacks, and make some new friends on Saturday, March 3, 4 - 6 pm, 11/F Living Room. Check out www.islandecc.hk/cnyparty for details and to sign up. (It's free and you may bring a friend too!)

MAR 11,18 BAPTISM CLASS

If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend both baptism Sunday classes on 11 and 18 March, 3 pm - 4:30 pm, 10/F Classroom. If you can't make it on Sundays, please attend both Wednesday classes, 14 and 21 March, 7 pm - 9 pm, 10/F Classroom. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism.

MAR 16-17 HEALING TRAUMA SEMINAR

Registration Deadline: 2 March

Are you dealing with the impact of past trauma that affects your present day choices? Come to explore the deep healing power and love of God led by Liz Chow with videos from Elijah House Ministry. Limited spaces available. Register at Connect Counters or islandecc.hk/traumaseminar.

CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to islandecc.hk/classes.

FEB 25 KAIROS COURSE: GOD, THE CHURCH, AND THE WORLD

Want to live a mission-minded life? Come to our Kairos Course to change your perspective, deepen your understanding and be inspired to go on missions. Join us on Sundays from 25 February to 6 May, 4:30 - 7 pm, 11/F Classroom. The course fee is \$300. For registration or more information, please email go@islandecc.hk.

FEB 25 LEADING BIBLE STUDIES

For current CG leaders or those who teach the Bible in other contexts, this is for you! This new course will be a fun way to learn how to make God's Word accessible and relevant. No matter what amount of experience you have, you are invited to join Pastor Kyle in 11/F Classroom from 3 - 4:30 pm.

MAR 4 MONEY & MARRIAGE

Join us in this life-changing course to discover God's approach to managing finances and how that can strengthen our marriages. Topics include: building a healthy marriage; giving, saving and investing decisions; understanding the impact of debt in your marriage; resolving conflicts; setting goals; and more. 9:30 - 11 am, 7/F Classroom. Cost of materials: \$600 per couple.

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Emulate Youth Conference



OUTREACH

APR 1 EASTER PRISON OUTREACH REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration Deadline: 1 March

We will be visiting English-speaking inmates over Easter at Tung Tau Correctional Institution to share our faith through worship and testimony from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Email go@islandecc.hk to register. There will be a mandatory training on 4 March, 1 - 3 pm, 8/F Living Room. Priority will be given to men.

MAY 25-JUN 3 LEBANON MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline: 4 March

We will be taking a team to Lebanon this year to serve refugees and a school for refugee kids with our Supported Partner in Zahlé. Medical, counselling and youth social work experience are a plus but not required. Come to our info session today, 3 - 4:30 pm, 11/F Classroom. Team size limited to 10 people.

OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in the opportunities below, send your CV and a cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk. Go to islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities for more information.

PART-TIME PRODUCTION MANAGER

We are looking for a part-time Production Manager to help oversee the audio-visual aspects of Sunday services and special events. If you have an eye for detail, a passion to serve, and some experience with video or live events, knowledge of ProPresenter or similar platforms, and are proficient in English, we invite you to apply.

FULL-TIME VIDEO PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

The video team at Island ECC is expanding! We are looking for a creative individual with a passion for video to fulfil the role of Video Production Assistant. This role will work closely with the Creative Communications Team and will provide support in the creation of videos from beginning to end. Experience with basic filmmaking tools and software such as Adobe Premiere, After Effects, and Photoshop is required. If you have a passion for the visual arts and a desire to learn more, we'd love to hear from you.


18 FEBRUARY 2018

The God of Our Forefathers

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

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- 1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER
- 2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE   
- 3 CONNECT WITH US!

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