

October 14, 2018

THINGS UNSEEN

Temptation

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.

⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:1-5

Spiritual strategy to combat temptation

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2. _____
3. _____



Are you new here?

Come to our Newcomers Luncheon

For details, please refer to the highlights of the bulletin.

Let's get to know each other!

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

 **PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE CHURCH AND READ INTO THE GARDEN AND**

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY **KIDS CLUB FX: CONTENTMENT**

Come join us for Kids Club FX to learn about contentment – deciding to be okay with what you have. Today, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Pick up free tickets from 9/F Welcome Desk.

OCT 19 **JUSTICE CONFERENCE ASIA**

Every year Island ECC partners with the Justice Conference Asia, held at The Vine. This year's theme is "All Things New." For more info and tickets go to thejusticeconferenceasia.com (Promo Code: ieccjca18)

OCT 27 **WALKING WITH GOD**

God is especially seen in nature, so join us for a special time with God while enjoying His creation while walking to the Peak at 9:30 am. To register, visit www.islandecc.hk/walkwithgod.

NOV 2-3 **MEN'S RETREAT: THE GREAT GETAWAY**

Take a breather. Get collected. Be in the moment and get away for 24 hours to be still and refocus on the Lord of your life. Reflect and seek what God is impressing upon your heart this season. Be refreshed. Be energised. Friday 7 pm – Saturday 4:30 pm, Ma Wan. Early bird tickets starting at \$550. Register at any Connect Counter or online.

JAN 31 **ISRAEL STUDY TRIP 2019**

Application Deadline: Today

See the Bible come to life! The Israel Study Trip will be taking place over Chinese New Year (31 January – 11 February 2019). For more info and to register, please go to islandecc.hk/israeltrip.

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

OCT 18 **DIVORCE/SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP**

Divorce and separation bring deep hurts and raise complex issues. This 8-week support group combines videos with group discussions led by safe, caring people. The group is for men and women, who meet separately for discussions. Visit the first session to decide if this will assist you. 7:30 – 9:30 pm, 8/F Living Room.

NOV 4 **PERFECTING YOUR PARENTING**

Are you a bit worn out as a parent with the never-ending "on-the-job" training? Come join Pastor Rick Bates and team in this 4-week class for some practical and biblical assistance on functional family, discipline, grace-based parenting, handling the internet, your helpers role, and such topics. 9:30 – 11 am, 10/F Classroom.

NOV 4 **REASONABLE HOPE**

All religious beliefs – in fact, all humans – face two profound questions. why does evil exist? And, what happens when we die? Join Martin Radford in this 4-week class to explore these crucial issues. 11:30 am – 1 pm, 7/F Classroom.

NOV 10 **MARRIAGE SUMMIT**

Like anything worthwhile, good marriages take attention and work, especially in tough seasons. This one day workshop will provide couples with exceptional marital principles as well as opportunities in a stress-free setting to have conversations, fun, and growth. Cost, including lunch and materials, is \$300 per couple. Registration starts on 21 October.



Scan the QR Code to download the Church App!

OUTREACH

HOPE OCTOBER

Hope October is a time when the congregation can learn about how the church serves the local community. This month invites volunteers to have a personal taste of what serving the poor in Hong Kong is like. Last year, Hope October generated 1,000 volunteer hours.

This year, we are raising the goal to 1,500 hours. Here are the upcoming opportunities to serve.

- Chung Yeung Festival Outing, 17 October, 8 am – 5 pm
- Prayer on the Mount, 17, 24, 31 October, 7:30 – 9 pm
- Food Drive at Island ECC, 24 October, 7:30 – 9 pm

Bring your Food Drive contributions to church and drop them in the red bins on Floors 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10. Items like rice, cooking oil & UHT milk are a priority. For bulk donations, please email us at info@hopeofthecity.com.

To register, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

Hours remaining: 1,203 hours

OCT 21 **JEJU MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION**

Our very first Jeju Mission Team had the privilege of serving students and refugees from both the North and South side of the Korean Peninsula at a week-long English Reunification Camp. Join us at our sharing session to hear how we were moved by the everlasting love of God through true stories from the Korean students and refugees. 1:30 – 3:00 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

NOV 4 **SHANXI MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION**

"Completely touched and awed beyond words!" This is how the team experienced before, during, and after the September mission trip when God brought the team from Super Typhoon Mangkhut in HK to a village school in Mainland China. Join us and listen to our personal stories of how our eyes have been opened and hearts changed. 1:30 – 3 pm, 10/F Classroom.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Coordinator of Volunteers (Hope of the City)
- Web Developer
- Senior Accountant

GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

	2 Oct	8 Oct
Budget	1,539	1,539
Giving	1,760	1,698
Tolerance	221	159

YEAR TO DATE (6 Weeks)

Budget	\$9.2M
Giving	\$7.0M
Variance	\$-2.2M (-23.9%)

BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$127.8M	Outstanding Pledged	\$19.1M
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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 Hong Kong tax receipts or Friends of Hong Kong Charities Ltd for US tax receipts.

Inquiries: giving@islandecc.hk