

January 27, 2019

THIS WAY UP

Swimming Upstream

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."²² And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20:19, 21-22

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven.

Philippians 3:17-20

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared,⁵ He saved us... He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,⁶ whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Titus 3:3-6



**Are you new here?
We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch.**

Let's get to know each other!

Name

Email

Phone

✂ TEAR OFF THIS CORNER AND
PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY **LOVING THE CITY SEMINAR (PART ONE)**

Hope of the City is hosting a series of poverty awareness seminars throughout the year titled "Loving the City". We have invited 4 speakers who are actively involved in poverty alleviation, each representing a major sector: the government, NGO, church and corporate. Join us 1:30 – 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium. For more info, email info@hopeofthecity.com

TODAY **ARK DRAGON BOAT 2019 SIGNUP**

Island ECC's Ark Dragon Boat Team is recruiting for the coming season. Join the Ark community to have fun, paddle, and make genuine friendships. Sign up at 1/F Connect Counter. For more info, email ark@islandecc.hk

TODAY **LAISEE PACKETS AVAILABLE**

Lunar New Year is around the corner! Our laisee packets are now available at \$20 per pack on 1/F, 2/F and 10/F.

FEB 4 **SUPER BOWL MONDAY**

The biggest American football game of the year is coming! We will be showing the Super Bowl on Monday morning, 7:30 – 11:00 am, 10/F Auditorium. Join us for a great time of fun and fellowship. Breakfast and coffee will be provided!

FEB 5-6 **BELOVED CONFERENCE 2019**

This conference is open to all Filipino helpers. Join 2 days of great learning and fellowship. Flyers are available at Connect Counters. 9 – 5 pm, 2/F Auditorium. Please email filipino@islandecc.hk for inquiries and registration.

FEB 10 **CARE GROUP CONNECT**

Do you want to join a Care Group but don't know where to start? Then the 8-week Care Group Connect is for you. You will learn more about what Care Groups are like and we will help you find a suitable one. Start enjoying friendship and spiritual growth in a community. 1:30 – 3:30 pm, 11/F The Well. Simple lunch provided. To sign up, visit islandecc.hk/caregroups

FEB 10 **KIDS CLUB VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT**

We are recruiting volunteers for Kids Club! If you have a passion for kids, there are a variety of volunteer roles we are looking to fill. As our ministry continues to grow and expand, we need 20 additional volunteers. Join the Kids Club team today! Contact kidsclub@islandecc.hk or come visit us on 9/F for more information.

FEB 10 **MARVEL MINISTRY VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT**

We are recruiting Marvel Buddies for children with special needs. We need consistent, caring volunteers to be a one-on-one Buddy as our Marvel Kids attend nursery, Kids Club or Island Youth. Please contact us at marvelkids@islandecc.hk

FEB 15 **PRAYER WALK**

You are invited to a prayer experience involving your mind and body for others as God leads. Let us take on our God-given identity and responsibility in praying for the city. Meet us at the Central Government Pier on Man Kwong Street, 7:30 pm, February 15. Register at islandecc.hk/prayerwalk or email prayer@islandecc.hk for enquiries.

FEB 18 **ALPHA COURSE SPRING 2019**

Alpha is for anyone who's curious about the Christian faith. It is a 10-week series of interactive sessions that explores a relationship with Jesus. The sessions are designed to encourage debate and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, honest and informal environment. Mondays, 7 – 9:45 pm, 2/F Auditorium.

FEB 22-23 **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

Join us for a dynamic leadership training event, featuring world-class speakers via videocast as well as live local influencers. Learn how to maximise your impact and inspire those around you. Advanced ticket price of \$450 now available. To register, visit glshk.org

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

FEB 17 **GOSPEL OF MARK**

Why are there four gospels in the Bible that talk about Jesus? Join Pastor Rick Bates in this 4-week class to learn about the life of Jesus through the gospel of Mark and also gain an understanding of how it relates and differs from the other gospels. 3 – 4:30pm, 10/F Classroom.

OUTREACH

FEB 3 **UPDATE FROM EGYPT: MIDDLE EAST PARTNER SHARING**

Since the Arab Spring in 2011, Egypt has never been the same, especially for Christians living there. Come hear from our supported partners, AWEMA (the Arab World Evangelical Ministers Association), about the cost and the blessing of following Jesus in the Middle East. Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3 pm, 11/F Small Group Room.

FEB 17 **LIVING A LIFE ON MISSION WITH GOD**

Lots of people know about the purpose-driven life, but did you know that God also wants you to have a mission-centred life? Join us for an inspiring talk on "Living a Life on Mission with God" by Max Chismon. Max is the founder of the Simply Mobilizing Movement, which aims to see every believer on mission with God. 1:30 – 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

MAR 2 **LOW-INCOME FAMILIES REGULAR HOME VISITS**

Sham Shui Po district is home to many low-income families with a living space no larger than 200 sq. ft. Hope of the City is looking for volunteers to care for these families on a monthly basis as we believe that through consistent relationship building, the love of Christ will be manifested. For more info, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com

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.

- Web Developer
- Creative Video Producer
- Graphic Design Assistant

GENERAL OFFERING			
LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)		YEAR TO DATE	
			(21 Weeks)
Budget	14 Jan	21 Jan	Budget
Giving	1,532	1,532	Giving
Variance	1,459	1,456	Variance
	(73)	(76)	\$-5.2M (-16.1%)
BOLD FAITH FUND			
Received			Outstanding Pledged
	\$134.2 M		\$17.8 M
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 Inc' for US tax receipts.			
Enquiries: giving@islandecc.hk			