

August 11, 2019

SONGS OF HOPE

Let Us Sing...

¹ *God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.*

² *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,*

³ *though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.*

Selah

⁴ *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.*

⁵ *God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.*

⁶ *Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.*

⁷ *The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Selah

⁸ *Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations He has brought on the earth.*

⁹ *He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.*

*He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.*

¹⁰ *He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."*

¹¹ *The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Selah

Psalm 46

We have hope because...

1. God is _____

2. God is _____

3. God is _____



Are you new here?

We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch!

Share your contact details via QR code or fill in below and place in the offering bag



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Kindly note that due to anticipated demonstrations in the area scheduled for later today, building management has issued a mandatory closing of 633 King's Road for this afternoon. As a result, Island ECC is required to cancel all services and activities from 1 pm on. Let's continue to pray for our beloved city.

HIGHLIGHTS

AUG 13 MEN’S NIGHT: LET’S TALK MISSIONS

Men, join us for a taste of MF as Island ECC’s Hill Chau shares about the joy and vision of missions. You’ll hear how taking part in missions can bring about exciting Kingdom changes in your life and others, and leave with a bigger view of God and His heart for the nations. 7:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

AUG 18 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH

If you have served at Island ECC and its ministries at any time throughout the past year, we would like to invite you to join us for a lunch social event. We would like to celebrate and thank you for giving your time, energy and heart in service to God. RSVP by following this link: bit.ly/volapp19 or through an email that your ministry will send out soon.

SEP 2 WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF JOHN

How well do you know the Son of God? Are you convinced that what He said about Himself is true? From beginning to end, John reveals Jesus as the Son of God. Join this study as we take a closer look into chapters 1 – 6 of the Book of John. Every Monday, 7 – 9 pm, 11/F Classroom. For more info, email women@islandecc.hk

SEP 8 NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you’re new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch, 1:15 pm, 10/F Living Room. If we can help you with anything else, please email new@islandecc.hk

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

AUG 18 SUMMER TALKS: HEALTH, WELLNESS AND FAITH

Amidst the wealth of material about health and diets, Leora Caylor helps us navigate ways to optimise our health and maintain a Christian perspective in honouring God through caring for our wellbeing. 3 – 4:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

AUG 23 SEMINAR: “JUSTICE VS. RECONCILIATION”

During the last few weeks we see families, friends, and even Christians divided. You may wonder why are people so stubborn and unwilling to face the reality and speak the truth? Can I have fellowship with someone who does not have any sense of justice? Why is reconciliation difficult or even impossible? What can I do to rebuild an important relationship? Dr. Harry Hui (HKU) will share with us his personal experience and insights as a Christian psychologist. 7:30pm 10/F.

AUG 25 SUMMER TALKS: UNSPOKEN GRIEF

Come join Pastors Rick Bates and Tim LaTour as they discuss the “unspoken grief” that so many of us live with, but never talk about. They will also provide spiritual and practical insights that assist personal and relational well-being. 3 – 4:30 pm, Location TBD.

SEP 1 SUMMER TALKS: MANAGING SUCCESS

Come join Lincoln Venancio in this practical talk directed at understanding how success can be pursued in Hong Kong whilst remaining within the boundaries that God sets. 3 – 4:30 pm, 10/F.

OUTREACH

SEP 7 MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL ELDERLY HOME VISITS

As Mid-Autumn Festival is approaching, Hope of the City is partnering with Hong Kong Family Welfare Society & Yan Kei Church to carry out two home visitations in North Point (9 am – 12 pm) and Cheung Sha Wan (2 pm – 5pm) respectively. We are looking for volunteers to deliver gift bags and spend time caring for the families. For more info, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Serving is at the heart of everything we do at Island ECC. It reflects the heart of God as Jesus declared that even He came to serve. If you want to help us make Sunday services awesome by making church warm and welcoming, brewing coffee, or baking, email serve@islandecc.hk.

KIDS CLUB FALL VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Come and be a part of the Kids Club Team this year! If you have a passion for kids and are interested in serving our families, we have a role for you. Sign up at kidsclub@islandecc.hk or drop by our 9/F Welcome Desk. Training Dates: Sunday, 18 August, 1:15 pm or Wednesday, 21 August, 7:30 pm at 9/F Kids Worship Hall.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Nursery Assistant
- Part-time Coordinator of Women’s Ministry
- Part-time Coordinator of Men’s Ministry

PASTORAL CARE

If you are distressed due to the recent turmoil in the city and you need someone to talk to or even a counselor to help you, please contact us at pastoralcare@islandecc.hk

As we close out this fiscal year, the church may be facing a shortfall of \$2M. Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving. Thank you.

GENERAL OFFERING					
LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)			YEAR TO DATE		
Budget	29 Jul	5 Aug	Budget	(49 Weeks)	
Giving	1,538	1,538	Giving	\$75.4M	
Variance	1,202	1,101	Variance	\$71.5M	
	(336)	(437)		-\$3.9M -5.2%	
BOLD FAITH FUND					
Received			Pledges to be received		
\$157.9 M			\$17.4 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: finance@islandecc.hk					