

September 22, 2019

SONGS OF HOPE

Fighting for Unity

¹ *How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!*

² *It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.*

³ *It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.*

*For there the Lord bestows His blessing,
even life forevermore.*

Psalm 133 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the LORD, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one LORD, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

Ephesians 4:1-7 (NIV)



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Are you new here?

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

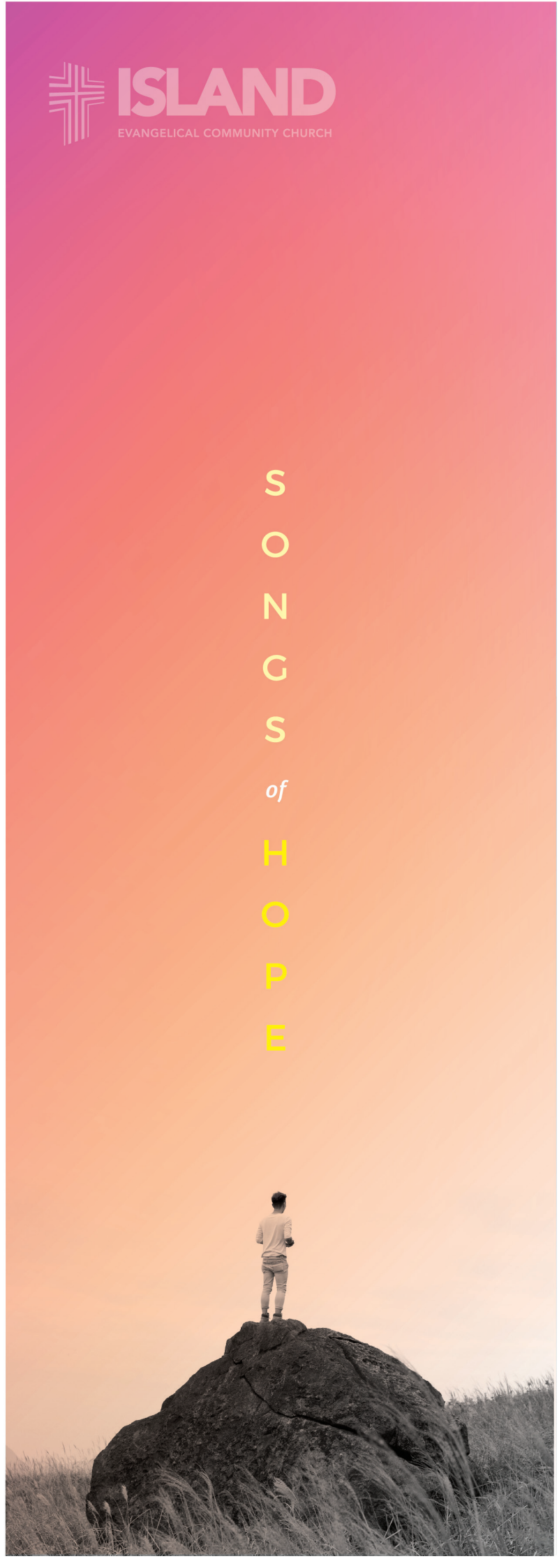
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HIGHLIGHTS

SEP 24 PURE DESIRE WOMEN'S GROUP

Find freedom from sexual addiction through God's love and learn what purity means in the eyes of God. Join us to heal and equip in a safe community. Starts Sep 24, 7 - 9:30 pm. To register and confirm your interest, email puredesire@islandecc.hk

SEP 27-28 UNASHAMED: FREEDOM FROM SHAME AND UNWORTHINESS

Asia has an emphasis on shame that can keep us isolated and helpless especially in relationships. This is not what God wants. He desires us to daily live from His likeness where there is dignity, worth, self-respect. Join us to experience God's fullness as we find our identity and purpose with Sandra Sellmer-Kersten on Sep 27-28, 1/F Worship Hall. Ticket cost at \$300. Register at islandecc.hk/unashamed

SEP-DEC MEN'S FRATERNITY

Our Men's Ministry called Men's Fraternity (MF) meets on Tuesdays. Join us for food, fellowship and fighting the good fight together. Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. For more info, email men@islandecc.hk

SEP-DEC UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE VILLAGE

Check out the upcoming events for The Village this fall:

- The Village, Wednesdays, 7:30, 2/F Worship Hall
- Mom's Group, Thursdays, 9:30 am, 10/F Living Room
- Bible Study: The Book of Matthew, Sep 23, 10 am, 11/F Living Room
- Bible Study: The Book of Genesis, Oct 9, 10 am, 11/F Classroom

For more info, email women@islandecc.hk

SEP 29 KIDS CLUB FX: COURAGE

Come join us for a family event where we will learn about being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid. Bring your family and friends to this free event and to join other families for worship. 1:30 pm, 1/F Worship Hall.

SEP 29 THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Parents are invited to hear a talk about the importance of Christian higher education from Barry Corey, President of Biola University. Please join us on Sep 29 at 1:15 pm in 10/F Classroom to hear insight into the Christian university experience. Lunch provided. Register online.

OCT 6 RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE COURSE INFO SESSION

Re|Engage is an intensive marriage course that offers hope to marriages by helping couples move toward oneness through stories of grace and teaching. 3 pm, 11/F The Well. Register at islandecc.hk/re-engage

OCT 6 PARENT TALK: SELF REGULATION PARENTING

Learn from Deborah Holcombe as she shares about 'changing the lens' that we use to parent our children. She will teach us how 'self-regulation' can help us recognise, address and aid our children when they, or we as parents, become stressed. 1:30 pm, 10/F Living Room. Register online.

OUTREACH

TODAY RESPONDING TO INJUSTICE SEMINAR

What is biblical justice and how does God ask us to respond to injustice? Through teachings and testimonies, this seminar aims to biblically and practically equip you to respond to injustice of the poor, the marginalised and the oppressed, such as issues of human trafficking and refugee care. 1:30 pm, 11/F Classroom.

SEP 28 MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

Hope of the City is partnering with St. James' Settlement to deliver basic household items (oil, rice, washing detergent, etc.) to low-income households on Sep 28, 9 - 11:30 am. We are recruiting 20 volunteers to deliver the items and spend some time chatting with the elderly. To register, email: volunteer@hopeofthecity.com

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

TODAY FOUNDATIONAL FOUR: BIBLE 101

Join us for the first part of our new Foundational Four courses, providing practical ways to help you read the Bible. Sign up at 1/F Connect Counter. All 4 courses: \$350; Bible 101: \$200. 3 pm, 10/F Classroom.

SEP 25 GENESIS IN 21ST CENTURY

Genesis 1-11 contains details that may contrast vigorously with our 21st Century world views. Navigate these chapters without losing biblical truths, modern science, and our minds! Register at 1/F Connect Counter. Class fee: \$100. 7:30 pm, 11/F Classroom.

OCT 4 SEMINAR: CHRISTIANS, LAWS AND INJUSTICE

This third seminar explores Christian ethics concerning authority, law, and injustice. Join Martin Radford in examining why we think the way we do and whether such responses can be justified from a Christian standpoint. 7:30pm, 10/F Worship Hall.

OCT 6 BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Life is a battle. Through the book of Nehemiah, we can learn how to win those battles with the strength of the Lord and respond to God's call. Join Michelle Lo in this 4-week dynamic class to learn the essence of this book and live out your call. 9:30 am, 7/F Classroom.

OCT 13 NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCES GOD'S WAY

How can I take control of my finances and better plan for the future? What does it mean to be faithful with the money that God has entrusted to me? Come explore the answers to these questions with Bryant Stone in this insightful 9-week course! Register at 1/F Connect Counter. Fee: \$400. 11:30 am, 7/F Classroom.

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.

- Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- Part-time Coordinator of Men's Ministry
- Programme Coordinator (Hope of the City)
- Pastoral Assistant

GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

Budget	9 Sep	16 Sep
Giving	1,585	1,585
Variance	1,071	987
	(514)	(598)

YEAR TO DATE

Budget	(3 Weeks)
Giving	\$4.8M
Variance	\$3.1M
	-\$1.7M -35.4%

BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$159.4 M	Pledges to be received	\$16.9 M
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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 Inc' for US tax receipts.

Enquiries: finance@islandecc.hk