

Welcome!

Have you seen any miracles lately? Would you like to? What would a miracle look like in your life?

I firmly believe that God is willing and able to perform miracles in our lives. I'm not talking about your televangelist, slick variety of miracle, but a genuine, undeniable, only-God-could-do-that kind of miracle.

As we engage in our Bold Faith campaign, remember our objective is to see our own faith in God grow as we trust Him for greater things in our future. Our growing church needs a miracle, and I believe that you just might too.

But what can we do to prepare the way for a faith-building miracle?



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GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (3 WEEKS)

-14.12% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 3.923M
YTD Giving \$ 3.369M
YTD Variance \$ -0.554M

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015-AUG 2016

PAST 3 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	7 Sep	14 Sep	21 Sep
Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	956	1,052	1,361
Weekly Variance	-352	-256	53

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 to 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts or to 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens. More info at www.islandecc.hk/give. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk.

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Preparing For A Miracle

September 27, 2015 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Fuse - Young Professionals Fellowship

FUSE, our group for young professionals will be meeting on the 11/F in "The Well" at 3pm.

OCT 1-5 Bold Faith Dress Sale

For the first five days in October, thousands of party dresses and bridal gowns will be sold at slashed rates to raise funds for a great cause! Staff and volunteers at Island ECC will host this epic five day event to raise funds for a new building, as part of the Bold Faith Campaign. Price range HK\$200-\$1000. 11.30am-7pm, Kodak House 1, 321 Java Road, Room 102.

OCT 3 IDEAL Birthday Party

It's party time!! The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL) is hosting a birthday party and recruiting fun and passionate volunteers to host games for their members! Come join us, 2-4pm. For information, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

OCT 5 Alpha Course Fall 2015

The Alpha Course is a ten-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a laid-back environment. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and small group discussion. Mondays, 7pm, 2/F. Visit www.islandecc.hk/alpha for details.

OCT 11 Nurturing Your Marriage Class

Join Pastor Didi Wong and other married couples for this non-threatening, two-week class for marriage enrichment and fine-tuning. This class is a continuation of the Nurturing Marriage series and it will not repeat past topics. Oct 11 & 18, 11/F Classroom, 11.30am. Visit: <https://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for information and registration.

OCT 11 New Class: "Discover What the Future Holds" Precept Study

This 6 week study is led by Derek Chan, an experienced Precept Study leader. You will learn a systematic method of studying the Bible to explore the prophecies of Daniel to gain a clearer picture of the future. Starts Oct 11, 3pm. Material cost \$60. Visit: <https://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for information and registration.

OCT 11 Youth Parent Meet and Greet

Island Youth would like to invite all parents of youth in our ministry to a meet and greet at 1.15pm in The Well. This will be an opportunity to connect with the staff, ask any questions, as well as get to know other parents. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided, hope to see you there! If you have any questions, or would like to join our mailing list, email us at youth@islandecc.hk.

OCT 16 & 17 Fuse Singles Conference — "Start Tomorrow"

Sometimes it's hard to get started on something. Life can be that way. We procrastinate even the big decisions. This year's Fuse Singles Conference will challenge us to START TOMORROW now! Get your early bird tickets. For more information, email youngadults@islandecc.hk.

OCT 24 Sports Fellowship — Kayaking

Missing summer? Then join us on our Kayak trip from 10.30am-1pm in Stanley. Tickets are \$120 per person and can be bought at the 1/F Connect Counter on October 4 or 11.

NOV 6-7 The Emulate Youth Conference

The Emulate Youth Conference is happening soon. This will be an amazing weekend for all students aged 11-18. Tickets are on sale now at the 1/F and 11/F Connect Counters. Register today at isc.hk/emulatehk. If you have any questions email youth leaders at youth@islandecc.hk.



On The City

Staff Vacancy on the Marketplace

- Coordinator of Ministry Support — to help provide administrative and logistical support for our Sunday services, ministry events, facility use, as well as assistance to our pastors. We are looking for a friendly and energetic person with a heart to serve and an eye for detail, plus strong communication and administrative skills. Fluency in both English and Cantonese is needed.

To apply, go to the Marketplace/Jobs.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counters are located on the 1/F, 2/F and 10/F. Volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

2 JOIN THE CITY

The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 3,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events and the chance to connect with others. Sign up now at the Connect Counter.

3 CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting www.islandecc.hk, you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

HE LOVES

God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...

HE GAVE

He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...

WE BELIEVE

We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

WE LIVE

God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death, He gives life, now ... and for eternity.

You can tell God you accept Him now.
"Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

September 27, 2015

Preparing For A Miracle

³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things.

³⁵By this time it was late in the day, so His disciples came to Him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late.

³⁶Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷But He answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to Him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸"How many loaves do you have?" He asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

³⁹Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass.

⁴⁰So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to His disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.

⁴²They all ate and were satisfied,

⁴³and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.

⁴⁴The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Mark 6:34-44

Four steps in preparing for a miracle

1. Recognise an _____

2. Give God _____

3. Entrust it _____

4. Expect God _____

Mission Trip to Shanxi

