

Welcome!

Some people live in the past, and some people live for the future. There are certainly advantages to looking both back and forward, but a careful balance is the key.

Today we will have a look back at what God has done in our church this past year, and hopefully this will bring you great joy and celebration. But seeing God in the past should always compel us to dream about our own futures as well.

My prayer today is that you are able to identify significant ways that God has worked in your life in the past year, and that would bring about a renewed hope for what He will do in your future.



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GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (5 WEEKS)

-16.93% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 6.538M
YTD Giving \$ 5.431M
YTD Variance \$ -1.107M

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015-AUG 2016

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



| | 14 Sep | 21 Sep | 28 Sep | 5 Oct |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Weekly Budget | 1,308 | 1,308 | 1,308 | 1,308 |
| Weekly Giving | 1,052 | 1,361 | 949 | 1,112 |
| Weekly Variance | -256 | 53 | -359 | -196 |

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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**BOLD
FAITH**

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Stones To Remind Us

October 11, 2015 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Prayer After Service

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are, and if you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers at the front.

TODAY Supported Partner Prayer Focus

Island ECC partners with Steve Wible in mentoring and encouraging national trainers for teaching the gospel using the Systematic Asian Leadership Training (SALT) Bible-based systematic curriculum, especially to those with a low education level.

TODAY Cambodia Family Trip

Join the informational meeting in 8/F Living Room, 11.00-11.30am.

TODAY Let Morning Shine

This is a rare opportunity to hear from a brother who has been building relationships with North Koreans, living and working with them for the past 16 years. 1.30-3.00pm, 8/F Living Room.

TODAY Baptism Class

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith. If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class starting today, 5pm (both classes required).

TODAY Last Day for Early Bird Tickets — Emulate Youth Conference

This is the last day to purchase your tickets for the conference at the early bird price. You can purchase tickets on the 1/F and 11/F Connect Counters. Visit isc.hk/emulatehk to register.

OCT 21 Chung Yeung Festival Family Outing

Hope of the City is partnering with Yan Kei Evangelical Church to spend this traditional Double Ninth Festival with low-income families at the Holiday Farm in Sheung Shui from 10am to 5pm and we need YOU! For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

OCT 24 Prayer Hike

With the cooler weather, it is time again to enjoy nature and its Creator. Join us for a purposeful morning at Lung Fu Shan trail, 9.30am. Register online at www.islandecc.hk/ministries/prayer.

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 today.

OCT New Classes

New Women's Studies

Living Like You Belong To God. Started Oct 9, every Friday, 10am-12pm.

How do you know God is your Father? from the book of 1 John. A new 6-week lunch hour class every Monday in Central from Oct 12, 12.30-2pm.

The Book of Romans. Starting on Oct 17, every Saturday, 10am-12pm.

For details and registration: <https://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women/womens-bible-studies/>.

How to Study the Bible

Learn how to understand the Bible in a systematic way and apply the Word of God in your lives with Elder Joseph Mohan. 6 weeks starting Oct 25, 11.30am.

Managing Money God's Way

Join this 9 week course with Jeff Ryan and Ramon Maronilla. Starts Oct 25, 9.30am, Material cost: \$500

Visit: <https://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for information and registration.



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."

October 11, 2015

Stones To Remind Us

¹When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua,

²"Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe,

³and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

⁶"In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?'

⁷tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

⁸So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them.

¹⁰Now the priests who carried the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything the Lord had commanded Joshua was done by the people, just as Moses had directed Joshua. The people hurried over, ¹¹and as soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of the Lord and the priests came to the other side while the people watched.

²⁰And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan.

²¹He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?'

²²tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.'

²³For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan what He had done to the Red Sea when He dried it up before us until we had crossed over.

²⁴He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God."

Joshua 4

Mission Trip to Shanxi

