

Now faith is ASSURANCE
of things hoped for,
a CONVICTION
of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

Welcome!

Thanks for braving the cold weather on this winter day!

Today the stage is set for us to begin a brief series entitled *Permanent*. What is there that is permanent? Tattoos? Actually, nothing really lasts forever, or does it?

Today we will look at salvation in Christ, asking the question, is even this permanent? Can we make sure that we will spend eternity with God? Is a person's eternity secure when they place their faith in Christ? Can you be assured that you are heavenly bound?

My hope is that you will find today's worship and message to be a blessing in some special way.



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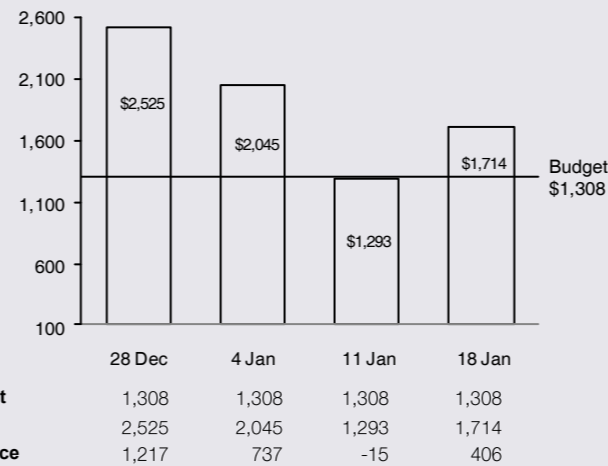
FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

YEAR TO DATE (20 WEEKS)

-4.02% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$ 26.154M
YTD Giving	\$ 25.102M
YTD Variance	\$ -1.052M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



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 islandecc.hk/give. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk.

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PERMANENT

Making Sure

January 24 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY CHINESE NEW YEAR PACKETS

Chinese New Year Lai See packets are available on all floors today for purchase. Each attractive Lai See envelope comes with a bilingual gospel tract. A pack of 10 costs \$20.

TODAY NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is an exciting way to get connected to the church. We have hundreds of volunteers serving each month and many areas you can join. Find out how you can get involved at today's volunteer orientation. 1.30-2.30pm, 8/F Living Room. Lunch provided.

JAN 29 & 30 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Global Leadership Summit is a great opportunity for all ministry and business leaders to grow in their leadership capacity. This year the Summit is hosted at The Vine in Wanchai. A limited number of discounted tickets are available at the Connect Counters.

JAN 31 ARK DRAGON BOAT - SIGN UP DEADLINE

ARK exists not just to win races, it exists to win hearts. Join the team for a season of fun, fitness and fellowship. Trainings are every Sunday afternoon starting February 28, and every Wednesday evening for land training. Fee is \$1800 (cash or cheque only). Sign up at the 1/F Connect Counter today!

FEB 7 NO 5PM SERVICE FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

In honour of Chinese New Year and home celebrations, we will not offer our usual 5PM service on Sunday, February 7. We encourage those who typically attend at that time to come to the 3PM or other service times.

FEB 8 & 9 BELOVED CHINESE NEW YEAR CONFERENCE

The Beloved Conference is open to Filipinos who see themselves called by God to make a difference in Hong Kong by growing in their faith and experiencing the joy of making an impact for God. 9am-5pm, 2/F Auditorium. Register at fipilino@islandecc.hk. Fee is \$40 and can be paid at the door.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

FEB 14 THEOLOGY 201

This is a six-week survey look into the topics of the Holy Spirit, the Church, the Bible, and the End Times, led by Pastor Didi Wong. Our hope is to provide some fundamental teaching on these vital aspects of the Christian life. Theology 101 is not a prerequisite to attend. 9.30am, 8/F Classroom.

FEB 14 GOD AND ME

This four-week class provides a focus on the mindset and disciplines that assist in having a vital personal relationship with God. With solid scriptural foundations and practical principles, it will deal with topics like prayer in solitude, meaningful devotions, meditation on scripture, praying with others, and fasting. 3.00pm, 8/F Classroom.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Precept: Loving God and Others: The heart of true faith
Fridays, Jan 22 - Mar 4, 10.00-11.30am, 11/F Classroom
- What Is Yet To Come: A survey course study of Ezekiel
Mondays, Jan 25 - May 16, 10.15am-12.45pm, 8/F Classroom

For study details and sign up please go to: www.islandecc.hk/women.

OUTREACH

TODAY OUTREACH OPEN HOUSE

Open to anyone interested in missions at Island ECC. No previous experience necessary! Light lunch provided. 1.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall.

TODAY NOVEMBER CAMBODIA TRIP SHARING

Come hear what the Lord has done in and through the Cambodia mission team. The team served in villages, with Phnom Penh University students and with children at risk. This is a great opportunity to learn about short-term mission trips with Island ECC. 11/F Classroom, 1:30-3:00pm.

TOMORROW PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Do you have a passion to serve and share God's love and message with the poor? The ICM Kids Camp gives 80 children living in the slums of the Philippines the opportunity to participate in acting, crafts, singing, sports and more. The trip runs from March 30 to April 5. Email fuse@islandecc.hk for more information.

FEB 21 EASTER PRISON OUTREACH - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 10 that none can believe if they have not heard the good news of Jesus Christ. This Easter, we are looking for volunteers to visit male inmates at Pik Uk prison on March 28, 9.30am-12.30pm. This is a unique time when volunteers can visit on a one-off basis. Men will have priority. Email full name and HKID# to localoutreach@islandecc.hk.

OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT

We are looking for a full-time Assistant Accountant to work in the church's busy Finance Department. Relevant experience and excellent computer skills, especially Excel, are required. Email hr@islandecc.hk with a cover letter and CV.

24 JANUARY 2016

Making Sure

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

John 10:27-30

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

It is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:24-25

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

1 Peter 1:3-4

NEW TO ISLAND ECC

MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

1 We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! Visit the Connect Counters on 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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

2 Check out www.islandecc.hk, where you'll have access to information about all our ministries and events, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including weekly blog posts and video podcasts of sermons.

"Heaven and Nature Sing" at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Christmas Eve

