



Welcome!

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful celebration with your family full of joy and excitement. And if you travelled this week, welcome back!

Love is in the air! Today is Valentine's Day. Restaurants will be packed, flowers will be bought and chocolates will be shared among many couples. Many people are also beginning the Year of the Monkey in hopes that love will be found in 2016. Everyone wants to experience love, but sometimes our search is misguided. Today we will be looking at many passages that explore what defines love and how we can find the riches of God's true love.

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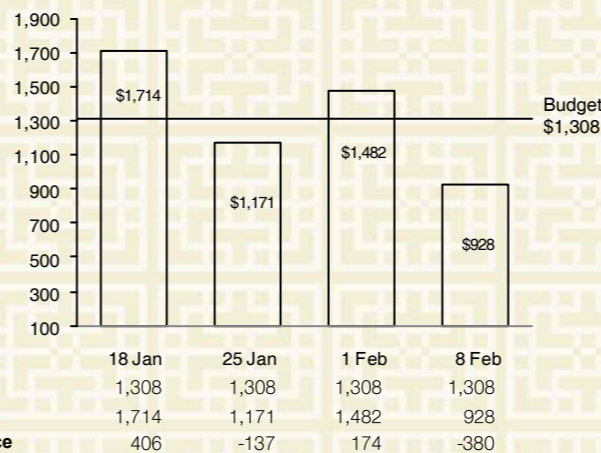
FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

YEAR TO DATE (23 WEEKS)

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

-4.32% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 30.077M
YTD Giving \$ 28.777M
YTD Variance \$ -1.300M



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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The One True Love

February 14 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY **BABY DEDICATION**

We are delighted today to join with 2 families in the dedication of their children to the Lord: Sienna Ysabelle-Yve Le Cornu, born 14 May 2015, to parents Sam & Sharon (9.30am, 10/F), and Boaz Chiu, born 18 September 2015, to parents Kin & Winnie (11.30am, 2/F). We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

TODAY **NO YOUTH SERVICE IN THE WELL**

There is no youth service on the 11/F today. We are so excited to have the youth joining us at our morning services!

TODAY & FEB 21 **BOLD FAITH TOWN HALL**

Come hear updates on our Bold Faith Campaign's vision, purpose, giving and communication plan. Two identical sessions, today and February 21, 1.30-3.00pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Sign up at any of the Connect Counters, as we will arrange lunch starting at 1.10pm.

FEB 20 **PRAYER HIKE**

Join us for a refreshing morning of prayer and quality time with God at Lung Fu Shan trail, 9.30am. To register, visit islandecc.hk/signups, or email prayer@islandecc.hk.

FEB 21 **FUSE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

FUSE is on a break today. Come and join us again next Sunday! FUSE meets every Sunday, 3pm, 11/F The Well. See you there!

FEB 23 **MEN'S FRATERNITY KICKOFF**

Join us for our Men's Fraternity (MF) kickoff, where you will be introduced to the six different tracks we are running this semester, all on how to be a man of God! Starting February 23, MF meets every Tuesday, 7pm, 10/F Worship Hall.

FEB 24 **SPRING AT THE VILLAGE KICKOFF**

If you are a woman and sense there is more to church, come to The Village where you can be yourself, do life with other women, and learn God's Word. Every Wednesday starting February 24, 7.30pm, 11/F The Well. Register at islandecc.hk/women.

MAR 4 **RENEW WORSHIP NIGHT**

Join Renew Worship for "Spring Hymns", a powerful and creative night of worship and original songs. "Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." Doors open at 7pm on the 1/F.

MAR 13 **KIDS CLUB FX (FAMILY EXPERIENCE)**

We are running our first ever Kids Club FX for elementary kids (6-10 years old) and their parents, 1.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Join us for a memorable time with live worship, skits and games, and to hear about the Easter story of hope! Limited number of free tickets and optional lunch vouchers (\$50) will be available starting next Sunday, February 21, on 9/F.

OPPORTUNITIES

COORDINATOR OF MINISTRY SUPPORT

We are looking to hire a full-time Coordinator in our Ministry Support team to help provide administrative and logistical support for our Sunday services, ministry events, and pastor support. 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. Email hr@islandecc.hk with a cover letter and CV.

FACILITATORS AND HOSTS NEEDED FOR CHURCH-WIDE SMALL GROUP STUDY

Small group facilitators needed to lead a six-week church-wide sermon study series in April and May. Candidates should have been regular Island ECC attendees for at least six months. We are also looking for hosts to open up their homes during this period for small groups to meet. Email caregroup@islandecc.hk if you would like to serve or want more information.



OUTREACH

FEB 20 **MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR**

Every month, low-income families order necessities from St. James' Settlement at a reduced fair price. We are looking for 20 volunteers to help deliver goods to the immobile families. 9.00-11.30am. Contact volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

FEB 28 **CNY YUM CHA CELEBRATION WITH ELDERLY**

Hope of the City is partnering with Hong Kong Family Welfare Society to extend Chinese New Year blessings to the elderly through dim sum lunch, 11.00am-2.30pm in North Point. Join us, by emailing volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

FEB 28 **VIETNAM FAMILY MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION**

This is our first ever family mission trip to Hanoi, Vietnam. We will host a Vacation Bible School for a local church and serve at a nearby orphanage. The trip runs from July 2 to 9. Intended for families with children aged 5 and above. Come hear more from the leaders at our info session, February 28, 11am or 1pm, 9/F. For more information, email kidsclub@islandecc.hk.

FEB 28 **YUNNAN MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION**

Join us in beautiful Yunnan as we serve the local children with music, crafts, and teaching English. We will also visit local villages started through the legacy of a missionary over 100 years ago. The trip runs from May 23 to 29. Come to our info session on February 28, 1.30pm, 10/F Living Room. For more information, email go@islandecc.hk.

FEB 28 **ISLAND YOUTH SUMMER CAMP - REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Island Youth is heading to Kenting, Taiwan to kick the summer off right! If you're 11-18, come join us for a life-changing experience of worship and community set in a stunning beach location. This trip is set for June 26 to 30. To register or find out more, email youth@islandecc.hk.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

TODAY **GOD AND ME**

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

FEB 21 **WALK THROUGH THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE**

In this five-part series, Pastor Albert Ng will walk through the life of Paul and his 13 letters. These are 5 separate classes (2-3 weeks each). For best learning result, start with part 1 and persevere through all the 5 parts. 2.30pm, 10/F Classroom.

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.

Bi-monthly Shenzhen orphanage visit



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The One True Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:7-12

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8