

Welcome!

Preparing for today's sermon has made me appreciate the miracle that we have in the Bible: God's Words to us, recorded by His people and preserved and handed down over two millennia. I think most of us take this for granted.

If you're interested in learning more on your own, the books that I used for my research and preparation are good places to begin. Clinton E. Arnold's *How We Got The Bible: A Visual Journey* has many pictures and graphics but is also very meaty. Ravi Zacharias & Norman Geisler's *Who Made God? And Answers to Over 100 Other Tough Questions of Faith* addresses tough questions about the Bible in a readable way, while *From God to Us: How We Got Our Bible* by Geisler and William E. Nix tackles the topic more thoroughly and academically.

You can search our website for past sermons from guest speaker and historian Dr John Dickson (and check out his books too). And finally, our Quench bookstore on 1/F has many books that complement our *Evidence* sermon series.

Sola Scriptura!



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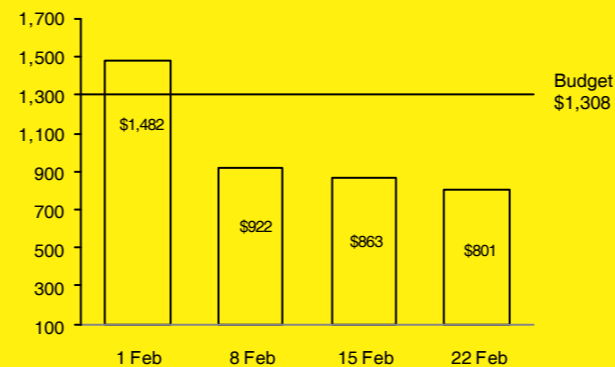
FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

YEAR TO DATE (25 WEEKS)

-6.97% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 32.692M
YTD Giving \$ 30.415M
YTD Variance \$ -2.277M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	1 Feb	8 Feb	15 Feb	22 Feb
Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	1,482	922	863	801
Weekly Variance	174	-386	-445	-507

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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EVIDENCE

So That You Might Know

February 28 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

THIS FRIDAY RENEW WORSHIP NIGHT

Join Renew Worship for a powerful and creative night of worship with re-imagined hymns and original songs. Come early to get a seat. 7.30pm on 1/F. Doors open at 7pm. "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."

MAR 6 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteering is love in motion! Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is both a fun and rewarding way to help the church family. Come and hear about volunteer opportunities at the orientation. 1.30-2.30, 10/F Living Room. Lunch will be provided. Sign up at the Connect Counter on your floor today!

MAR 7 ALPHA SPRING 2016

Looking for answers to life? Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore Christian faith in a laid-back environment. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and a small group discussion. Join us every Monday starting March 7. 7pm, 2/F Auditorium.

MAR 13 KIDS CLUB FX (FAMILY EXPERIENCE)

Don't miss out on our first ever Kids Club FX for elementary kids (6-10 years old) and parents. It'll be a time of live worship, Easter skit, games and much more. 1.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Pick up your free tickets and lunch coupons (\$50) at the 9/F Welcome Desk or 10/F Connect Counter. Childcare available for kids aged 0-5. Space is limited.

MAR 13 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. Register at islandecc.hk/summercamp2016 or inquire at youth@islandecc.hk.

MAR 18 & 19 REASONABLE FAITH CONFERENCE

How did the universe begin? Why is there evil in the world? Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Is faith reasonable? These are just a few of the many big questions that many people have about life and faith today. Be equipped to handle these questions at the two-day Reasonable Faith Conference hosted by St Andrew's Church. Tickets are available at www.standrews.org.hk/reasonable-faith-conference.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

MAR 13 THE RISE OF RADICAL ISLAM: FRIDAY THE 13TH IN PARIS

Why were 130 people killed in Paris last November? What has happened since and what's next? Join Lincoln Loo for this one-off presentation for an analysis that is not available in mainstream media outlets such as Al-Jazeera, BBC, and CNN. 11.30am, 8/F Classroom.

MAR 18 THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND CHINESE ANCESTRAL PRACTICE SEMINAR

Chinese traditions such as funerals, Ching Ming Festival, incense burning, and even weddings can often be sources of conflicts for many Chinese Christians with their families. What are the beliefs behind these ancestral practices? How should Christians react in ways that are honouring to both God and their family? Come explore these questions at the seminar with guest speaker Rev. Dr Joseph Mak. 7.30-9.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Seminar is conducted in Cantonese.

MAR 19 ISLAM: GOD'S STORY BEHIND THE MEDIA HEADLINES

Do the headlines of what is happening in Iraq and Syria confound and depress you? Does it appear like evil is winning? Far from it. Come and listen to Islam expert Georges Houssney share what God really is doing in the Middle East today. Hear the story behind the headlines. "For what is seen is temporal; unseen, eternal". 10am-12pm, 10/F Worship Hall. No registration needed.

OUTREACH

MAR 6 ELDERLY REGULAR VISITS TRAINING

Monthly elderly home visits is one of Hope of the City's focus areas. Volunteers visit the same elderlies once a month in Shek Kip Mei and Ngau Tau Kok area. We are looking for new volunteers to join this ministry. If you are interested, a training will be provided at 1.30-3pm, 10/F Classroom. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

MAR 13 GET TO KNOW HOPE

Hope of the City was founded by Island ECC in 2010 with the mission to transform the lives of the underprivileged in Hong Kong. Hope believes in each person's potential to succeed in life and seeks to provide them with access to equal opportunities. Learn more about their mission and what they do at the Get To Know Hope session. 1.15pm, 11/F Classroom. Lunch is provided.

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. 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.

COORDINATOR OF ASSIMILATION

We are looking for an enthusiastic and outgoing person with good administrative skills to assist in connecting people to the church. The person will work with an existing team to provide practical and administrative support for volunteers on Sundays and ministry events, and provide some pastor support. The position is full time. Fluency in English and good attention to detail are required.

To apply for the above positions, 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. 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SHIRT LABEL CUTTING

We are looking for volunteers to cut shirt labels on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10am-4pm from now until March 15. Email boldfaith@islandecc.hk if interested. More details to come on a Spring shirt and dress sale planned for April.

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So That You Might Know

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Luke 1:1-4

The Bible is trustworthy evidence of God, His love for humanity, and the way to know Him.

1. The way the Bible was formed is trustworthy.

Inspiration:

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:20-21

Canonisation:

Authoritative?

Authorship?

Authentic?

Accepted?

Dynamic?

2. Modern archaeology increasingly confirms evidence in the Bible.

3. Trust what the Bible says about itself.

... from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

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.

Filipino Ministry's annual Beloved Conference over Chinese New Year



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