



Welcome!

I hope you enjoyed your holiday on Thursday, and managed to sleep late, got some extra time with family or friends, or perhaps enjoyed some time at the beach or hiking our lovely hills.

As we wrap up our *Cycle* series today, we find a conclusion to the question we've been asking, "How can we escape the cycle of sin that so often controls us?"

The nation of Israel never did. They did better, then worse. They tried hard, then forgot God. They made commitments, then negotiated the terms.

Our life may not be that different. On-again, off-again spiritual life. Promises made, promises broken.

But there really is an escape from what seems to be an endless cycle. Listen up. :)

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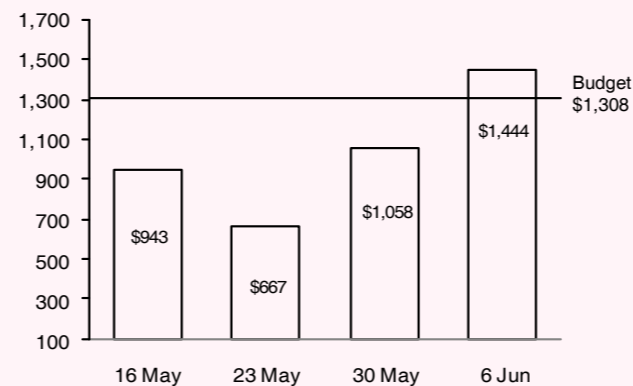
YEAR TO DATE (40 WEEKS)

2.9% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$ 52.3M
YTD Giving	\$ 50.8M
YTD Variance	\$ -1.5M

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	16 May	23 May	30 May	6 Jun
Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	943	667	1,058	1,444
Weekly Variance	-365	-641	-250	136

Bold Faith Fund \$111.3M Received \$59.2M Outstanding Pledge \$52.1M

Bold Faith Initial Fund Raising Target \$1 Billion

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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CYCLE

This Time Will Be Different

June 12 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

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. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

TODAY OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS: SUPPORTED PARTNERS IN VIETNAM

Island ECC supports two families in Vietnam: Cuong & Trang Le, and Thong & Mary Le. Cuong is the first doctorate-level seminary teacher in Vietnam. Thong is an evangelist and a pastor. Despite the risk of persecution by the communist government in Vietnam, both couples travel around the country to preach the gospel and plant churches. Their passion is to equip more church leaders to do the same. For more information on how you can support our partners, contact go@islandecc.hk.

JUN 17-18 RENEW CONFERENCE: IMMEASURABLY MORE

Last chance to sign up for the Immeasurably More Renew Conference at the Sunbeam Theatre this Friday and Saturday! Join us for a powerful weekend with special guests Francis Chan, Hank Fortener, Brett Hilliard, and Renew Worship, where we'll be focusing on building our faith, praying bold prayers, and meeting with a God who is and does "immeasurably more". Register at our Connect Counter, or purchase tickets online at islandecc.hk/renew.

JUN 22 THE VILLAGE: END OF SEASON CELEBRATION

Life is complicated and we have questions, but often what's more important than the answer is the journey. Ladies, you're invited to join us at The Village for a chat with Hannah Lau, author of 'Wherever You Go'. We'll be talking about stuff that perhaps we're too shy to talk about normally. There'll also be amazing worship and great food. 7.30pm, 11/F The Well. Bring your girlfriends!

JUN 22 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Group is a six-week support group for those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. We provide a safe place for people to process their grief. We also strive to speak the hope of Jesus into this real but often unspoken topic. Wednesdays, 7.30pm. 10/F Living Room. Register at islandecc.hk/classes.

JUN 24 ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR: HOW TO LIVE OUT MY FAITH?

We all long for an integrated faith. But in light of the challenges in our workplace, society, and the political and sexual revolution, how can Christians engage with the world in a biblical way? Come hear from Professor Darrell Bock from Dallas Theological Seminary and Pastor Brett Hilliard at this Bible seminar on how we can integrate our private faith into our public life. 7.30pm, 1/F Auditorium. Free admission, registration required.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

JUL 8-9 BIBLICAL COUNSELLING COURSE: MARRIAGE & PRE-MARITAL COUNSELLING

This two-day seminary-level class is designed to help you apply biblical principles on marriage to your understanding of marital issues, and provide basic training for conducting pre-marital and marriage counselling. Participants may take the class for credit (former credit students only) or audit. 9am-5pm, 10/F Auditorium. Class fee is \$1250 (for credit) or \$250 (for audit), to be paid at the 1/F Connect Counter.

OUTREACH

TODAY SHANXI MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

Join us to bring God's love and joy to the children at Bo Ai School in Shanxi as we work closely with them through music, arts and crafts and teaching of English. We hope to make Christ visible through our interactions with the children and the villagers. The trip runs from September 17 to 24. Come hear more about the trip at the information session. 1.30pm, 8/F Classroom.

SUPPORTING THE MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP

The Mongolia mission team is looking for individuals or companies to give items to bless the Mongolian kids and teenagers. The list includes backpacks, shoulder bags, hoodies or windbreakers, water bottles, sports items (soccer balls, basketballs, and jerseys), and hair brushes and accessories. If you or your company are interested in supporting their cause, or simply want more information, we would love to hear from you at go@islandecc.hk. We are hoping to receive the gifts by June 26.

OPPORTUNITIES

COORDINATOR OF MINISTRY SUPPORT

This is a full-time position to help provide administrative and logistical support for our Sunday services, ministry events, facility use, as well as database management. 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.

ASSIMILATION MINISTRY ASSISTANT - SUNDAYS

We are looking for an enthusiastic and outgoing person to provide practical help in supporting our teams of volunteers for all Sunday services. Fluency in English, and good attention to detail are required. This position is for 8-10 hours on Sundays.

To apply for the above positions, email hr@islandecc.hk with your CV and cover letter.

KIDS CLUB SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are recruiting volunteers for our Summer Sunday Programme. If you love kids and are interested in a short-term commitment, come be part of our Summer team for 9 weeks (July 3 to August 28). Orientation will be held on June 26, 1.30-2.30pm in the 9/F Kids Worship Hall. Light lunch will be provided. Sign up at our 9/F Welcome Desk, or contact kidsclub@islandecc.hk for more information.

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⁶ "Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. ⁷ Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. ⁸ But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have until now.

¹¹ So be very careful to love the Lord your God. ¹² [Do not] turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you ... ¹³ they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the Lord your God has given you."

Joshua 23:6-8, 11-13

¹¹ Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals. ¹² ... They followed and worshipped various gods of the peoples around them.

Judges 2:11-12

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods!"

Joshua 24:16

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.

The Indispensables: A One-Day Intensive for Men



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