

# Welcome!

Welcome! We are glad you are here today.

Have you heard of the name Horatio Spafford? He is the guy who wrote the famous hymn It Is Well With My Soul. Growing up in church and singing in the church choir, this is one of my favourite songs.

Today we will look at the story which led Horatio to write this song. We will also learn how God can help us sing "it is well with my soul" even when we go through suffering. I pray that this message will be helpful to you.

CARE GROUPS

Rick Bates

HONG KONG

#### PASTORS AND ELDERS

ELDER BOARD

SENIOR PASTOR

**EXECUTIVE PASTOR** 

**PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)** 

#### YEAR TO DATE (43 WEEKS)

5.0% deficit on giving

YTD Budget YTD Giving YTD Variance

\$ 56.2M \$ 53.4M \$ -2.8M

1,700 7 1,500 Budget \$1,308 1,300 1,100 900 \$1.047 700 500 \$794 \$789 300 6 Jun 13 Jun 20 Jun 27 Jun **Weekly Budget** 1,308 1,308 1,308 1,308 Weekly Giving 1,444 1,047 794 **Weekly Variance** -261 -514 -519

Bold Faith Fund \$111.9M Received \$60.3M

Outstanding Pledge \$51.6M

Bold Faith Initial Fund Raising Target \$1 Billion

LYRICS It Is Well With My Soul July 3 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 available at the front. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

#### THURSDAYS UNIVERSITY STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

If you are a university student back in Hong Kong for the summer or currently studying in university here, come join us for our University Student Fellowship! We meet every Thursday at 7.30pm, 11/F The Well. Email youngadults@islandecc.hk if you have any questions.

#### JUL 16 MOVIE NIGHT: WAR ROOM

Do you know that victories do not come by accident? Do you personally know the power of prayer? Join us for 'War Room' movie night and together we'll learn how to pray with power. The movie night is free and we'll be providing light snacks. 6pm, 10/F Auditorium. Register at islandecc.hk/signups.

#### **OUTREACH**

# TODAY SHANXI MISSION TRIP - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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. The trip runs from September 17 to 24. Cost is at around \$6000 (includes travel, meals and accommodation). Go to islandecc.hk and search "Shanxi" for more information or to sign up.

# TODAY ANTI-TRAFFICKING VOLUNTEERS RECRUITMENT: INFO SESSION

Eden Ministry is a social enterprise that provides support to trafficking and exploitation survivors in Hong Kong and wider Asia. They are now looking for volunteers to serve with them in a range of capacities, including street outreach, graphic design, translation, counselling, event management, human resources management, marketing, and grant writing. Come to the information session to learn more about the anti-trafficking work Eden Ministry does, and how you could partner with them. 2-4pm, 10/F Classroom.

# JUL 10 YUNNAN MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION

From travelling along dangerously winding roads to encountering passionate indigenous children who did not hold back giving hugs and kisses, the adventure of the Yunnan mission team has opened their eyes to God's work which has flourished in Yunnan China for over 100 years. Hear from the team their journey in Yunnan and what they see God doing in that area of China, 10/F, 1.30pm.

# JUL 10 hong kong refugee awareness info session

At the end of his talk at the Immeasurably More Renew Conference, Francis Chan showed a heartbreaking, devastating video (http://youtu.be/BPnFCP\_VEmM) about the tragic struggles Syrian refugees are facing. Your action point from that video could be to learn about the plight of refugees in Hong Kong and Island ECC's efforts to help. Come to hear their stories and daily challenges, and learn what you can do to respond. 2.00-3.30pm, 2/F Auditorium.

# JUL 23 MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

Each month, low-income families from Shek Kip Mei order necessities from St. James' Settlement at reduced fair prices. We are looking for 20 volunteers who'll assist immobile families by delivering their goods to them. 9-11.30am. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

# JUL 30 NGAU TAU KOK ELDERLY VISITS CELEBRATION

Since September last year, we have around 40 volunteers visiting the same elderly in Ngau Tau Kok monthly. To celebrate the meaningful relationships that have been built as a result, Hope of the City will be having a Poon Choi lunch with all the elderly and volunteers. If you would like to help out that day at 11am-3.30pm, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.



#### **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.

## JUL 18 women's bible studies: the essentials of effective prayer

Join us to learn the key to an effective prayer life in this compelling study. Through a detailed examination of various prayers throughout the Bible, you'll gain a deeper understanding of how prayer can draw you closer to God. Mondays, 10.15am-12.45pm, 8/F Classroom.

# JUL 31 REASONABLE FAITH

As believers we are faced with profound questions: Is faith rational? Is God's existence open to proof? What about evil or life after death? Join Martin Radford for this 4-week class to explore some of these questions and find out cool, effective answers in satisfying way. 11.30am-1.00pm, 8/F Classroom.

### JUL 31 A PERSONAL LOOK AT SIN

A proper understanding of sin is crucial to the walk of every Christian. Come to this 3-week class to gain a comprehensive, biblical understanding of sin — what it is and how it works — which will help us better navigate our broken world as Christ's ambassadors and give us greater confidence in identifying the impact of sin in our lives and society. 3.00–4.30pm, 11/F Classroom.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **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, email hr@islandecc.hk with your CV and cover letter.

# **NEW TO ISLAND ECC**

#### MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

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 I 🖪 🖪

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.

Mission trip to Yunnan



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# It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.

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- It Is Well With My Soul, written by Horatio Spafford