

Welcome!

Welcome to Island ECC! We're so glad you have joined us here today. We hope and pray that today, this Sunday, would be a day of rest and encouragement. With more news of tragic events around our world, along with our own daily stressors, it is our prayer as a church that we can stay strong in God's truth that He is the God of all comfort.

As we continue in our Lyrics sermon series, today we will look at a popular hymn that focuses squarely on one theme and one theme only. And that is that we are washed, we are cleansed, we are pardoned by nothing but the blood of Jesus. Sometimes just seeing or saying the word 'blood' makes us a little queasy. But as we'll see today, it is through the power of Christ's sacrifice and by His blood that we have life.



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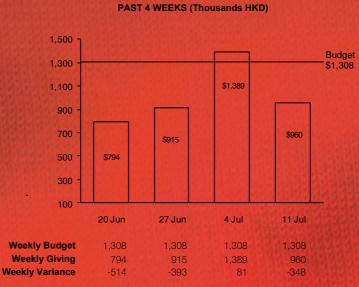
YEAR TO DATE (45 WEEKS)

5.1% deficit on giving

GENERAL OFFERING

YTD Budget YTD Giving YTD Variance

\$ 58.8M \$ 55.9M \$ -2.9M



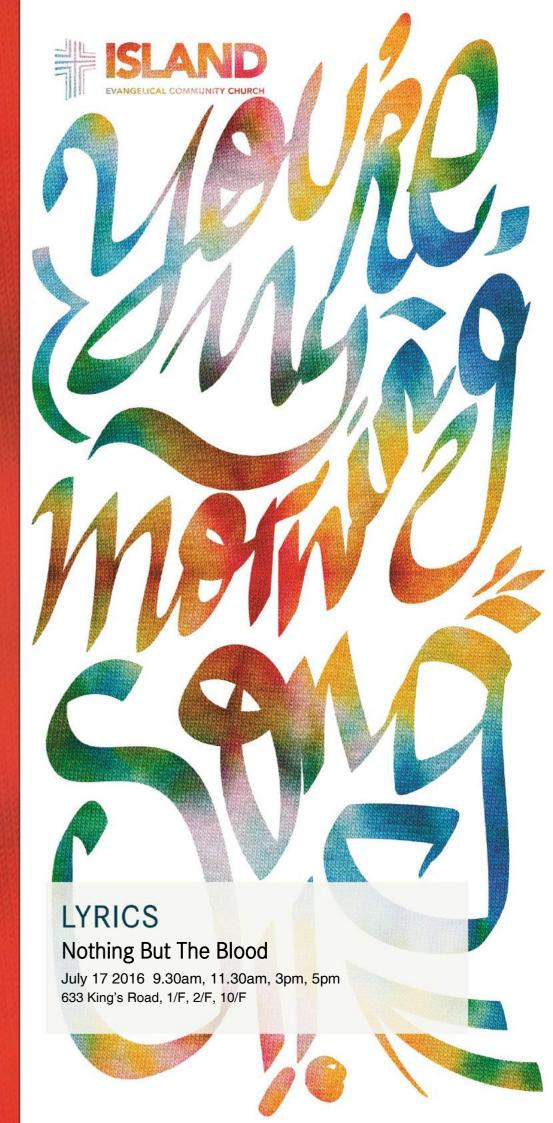
Bold Faith Fund \$112.9M Received \$62.0M

Outstanding Pledge \$50.9M

Bold Faith Initial Fund Raising Target \$1 Billion

Cheques payable to 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts or to 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens.

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HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY understanding your grief

We have created a nice booklet to assist people in dealing with grief. Pick up a free copy at the 1/F Quench today.

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.

OUTREACH

TODAY MOROCCO MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

A team from Island ECC will be returning to Morocco this Fall (October 7 to 16). Over 99% of the people living in Morocco have not experienced the love of Jesus Christ. We are recruiting individuals who are French-speaking, have medical skills, or simply have a heart to serve, to join the team in demonstrating Jesus' love to a nation that desperately needs to see it in action. To learn more about the trip, come to our information session today, 1.30pm at the 11/F Classroom, or email go@islandecc.hk.

JUL 30 NGAU TAU KOK ELDERLY VISITS CELEBRATION

Since September last year, we have around 40 volunteers visiting the same elderly people 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, 11am-3.30pm, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

AUG 31 'LOVE CAPTURED' CHARITY PHOTO AND VIDEO COMPETITION

Our long-term prison ministry partner, Kun Sun Association, is holding a charity photo and video competition. They are inviting photo or video entries which are themed around their 5R mission: Rest, Release, Recovery, Restoration and Rebuild (from Luke 4:18-19). The enrolment deadline is August 31. For more information or to take part, visit https://goo.gl/EHdeiJ.

SUITCASES AND TRAVEL BAGS DONATION

If you have suitcases or travel bags that you no longer need, consider donating them to our outreach ministry for mission trip purposes. Big, wheeled duffle bags are highly sought after but we welcome all suitcases or bags. Zippers or locks, handles, and wheels need to be working. Please bring them to the Connect Counter on your floor. We need them by the end of July. If you have questions, please email go@islandecc.hk. Thank you in advance for your contribution!

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

TOMORROW 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 different 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.

IUL 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 by Dr. Yujing Fun 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.

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 # 1

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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Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin?

If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

What can make me whole again?

... and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.

Colossians 2:10

Nothing can for sin atone

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 9:22

Not of good that I have done

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For my pardon this I see

But God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

For my cleansing this my plea

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

This is all my hope and peace

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ... Ephesians 1:7

This is all my righteousness

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

Oh! precious is the flow

... knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

1 Peter 1:18-19

That makes me white as snow

... though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Isaiah 1:18

No other fount I know.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

- Nothing But the Blood, written by Robert Lowry in 1876

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," ¹⁷ then He adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:16-25

