



Welcome!

I hope you're having a good summer. We've just returned from a long-overdue visit with our families in the US. It was so good to see our loved ones, and to allow our kids to see cousins they rarely get a chance to meet. I hope you've had some good family time as well, and perhaps a break from your regular routine by a trip to the beach or a family reunion.

Today we begin a new series based on perhaps the most important chapters of the Bible. Romans is not an easy read, but it's chock-full of deep truths that transform our lives. Over the next four weeks, we'll examine what it looks like to live in freedom.

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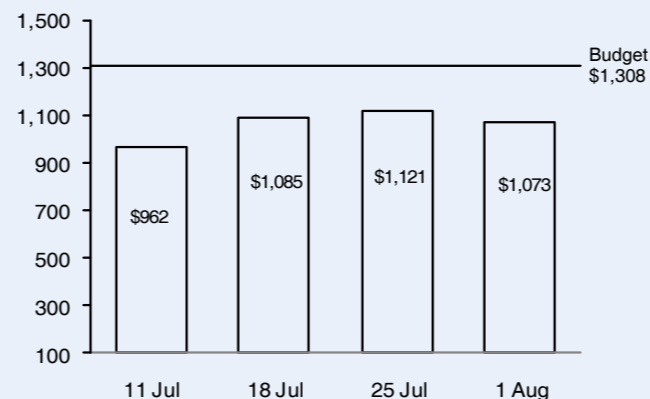
YEAR TO DATE (48 WEEKS)

6.0% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 62.8M
YTD Giving \$ 59.0M
YTD Variance \$ -3.8M

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2015 - AUG 2016

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	11 Jul	18 Jul	25 Jul	1 Aug
Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	962	1,085	1,121	1,073
Weekly Variance	-346	-223	-187	-235

Bold Faith Fund \$113.8M Received \$61.9M Outstanding Pledge \$51.9M

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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TO BE FREE The Family Tree

August 7 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 QUENCH SUMMER SALE

Last day to enjoy up to 50% discount on selected books at Quench on 1/F. Don't miss this great opportunity to save! Cash only and while stock lasts.

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.

AUG 13 SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT

Due to the response to the showing of the movie War Room, we are offering another summer movie, Miracles from Heaven, a true story of God's amazing love and provision in the midst of hard realities of life. 10/F Auditorium, 6pm. The movie and popcorn are free. Register at islandecc.hk/signups.

AUG 20 FATHERHEART ONE-DAY EXPERIENCE

How do you see God? Is He only a far away deity to you? How is your relationship with Him? Join us for Fatherheart one-day experience to understand and embrace the precious love our Father has revealed to us. 1/F Auditorium, 9.30am-5pm. Register online at islandecc.hk/fatherheart, or at our Connect Counters. Registration fee is \$160 which covers lunch. Email prayer@islandecc.hk for more information.

AUG 21 INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT

We would like to invite your Indonesian helper to come to our Indonesian Independence Day event, 11am-2pm at The Oasis (19/F Concord Commercial Building, 157 King's Road, Fortress Hill). There'll be worship, dancing, singing, games and lunch fellowship. It's free! If you have questions, email indonesian@islandecc.hk or contact our Indonesian Ministry at 9519 2412.

SEP 3 PRAYER RETREAT

God is near to all who call on Him. Experience this truth as we spend time with God at the one-day outdoor retreat in Mui Wo. Register at the Connect Counter on your floor. Registration fee is \$100 which includes lunch. If you have questions, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

AUG 21 DO YOU KNOW YOUR ENEMY?

The Devil is a sly adversary. Even though he has been disarmed and defeated, he is still dangerous. That's why 2 Corinthians 2:11 tells us to be aware of his schemes. This 2-week class will look at parts of the Bible that reaffirm the victory we have in Christ over the enemy. 10/F classroom, 2.30-4.30pm.

OUTREACH

AUG 14 TAIWAN MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION

For the fourth Summer, the Taiwan mission team returned to the village of Jinlun in Taiwan in early July to run a Summer camp and to share the love of Christ to the aboriginal children. Come to the sharing session to hear testimonies of how our great God strengthened the team to do things they thought could not be accomplished, mightily revealed to them the power of prayer, and protected them as they evacuated from the super typhoon Nepartak. 10/F Auditorium, 1.30-3.00pm.

OPPORTUNITIES

COORDINATOR OF OUTREACH

We are seeking to hire a full-time Coordinator of Outreach from September 2016. This position provides administrative support for the church's supported partners, and to our Community Outreach Director, as well as general support to the Outreach team. If you have a heart for outreach, possess excellent administrative skills, are fully fluent in English, and would like to serve with this dynamic team, please email hr@islandecc.hk with your CV and cover letter.

ISLAND YOUTH WANTS YOU ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

Do you sit at home on Friday nights alone? Are you already bored with Pokémon GO? Are you waiting for God to make it clear how you can really step into the life He has planned for you? Island Youth has a great place for you to serve on Friday nights. Contact us at youth@islandecc.hk.

KIDS CLUB FALL VOLUNTEERS

Kids Club is recruiting for regular Sunday volunteers for the Fall Term which starts on September 4. We need small group leaders, storytellers, worship leaders, AV hosts, and family welcome team members. If you have a heart to serve kids, contact us at kidsclub@islandecc.hk, or drop by the 9/F Welcome Desk.

7 AUGUST 2016

The Family Tree

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned –

¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:6-19

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.

Mission trip to Taiwan

