



# Welcome!

Nine straight days of rain. At least that is what the Hong Kong Observatory is predicting. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for some dry, sunny days.

The weather may be a bit of a mess of late, but I hope that your experience at church will be simply great.

I pray that you will sense a warmth of the family of God, and that you will find your restless soul calmed. I pray that the music we sing will not simply be tunes you enjoy, but will actually be medicine for your heart. I pray you'll hear the lyrics, and the truths will reinforce your faith. I pray that the sermon will be engaging, truth-filled, and Spirit-led. I pray that you will not just find it enjoyable, but also helpful.

We're glad you are here. Whether you are a long-time member, an occasional attender, or a newbie who is checking us out, I pray you will walk away better off than when you came in.

*Brett*

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## GENERAL OFFERING

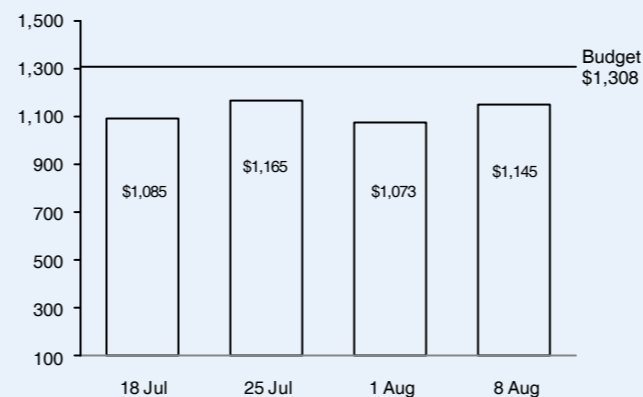
### YEAR TO DATE (49 WEEKS)

6.0% deficit on giving

**YTD Budget** \$ 64.1M  
**YTD Giving** \$ 60.2M  
**YTD Variance** \$ -3.9M

## FISCAL YEAR SEP 2015 - AUG 2016

### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	18 Jul	25 Jul	1 Aug	8 Aug
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
<b>Weekly Giving</b>	1,085	1,165	1,073	1,145
<b>Weekly Variance</b>	-223	-143	-235	-163

**Bold Faith Fund \$114.9M**    Received \$63.9M    Outstanding Pledge \$51M

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](http://islandecc.hk/give). Enquiries to [karen.kwok@islandecc.hk](mailto:karen.kwok@islandecc.hk).

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August 14 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F



# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY **BABY DEDICATIONS**

We are delighted today to join the Ong family in the dedication of their children to the Lord: Declan Aiden Ong, born on 28 September 2014 and Chevonne Mikayla Ong, born on 3 March 2016, to parents Benjamin & Vicky (9.30am, 10/F). We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

## SATURDAY **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](http://islandecc.hk/fatherheart), or at our Connect Counters. Registration fee is \$160 which covers lunch. Email [prayer@islandecc.hk](mailto: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](mailto:indonesian@islandecc.hk) or contact our Indonesian Ministry at 9519 2412.

## AUG 26 **ISLAND YOUTH SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK**

Got that sunshine in your pocket? Good soul in your feet? Then come to small groups starting on August 26! Middle School students meet on the 11/F at 6.30pm, and High School students meet on the 2/F at 7.30pm. Testimonies from students: "More fun than you think it will be!", "Great!", "10/10".

## 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](mailto:prayer@islandecc.hk).

## OUTREACH

### AUG 27 **MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR**

Each month, low-income families from Shek Kip Mei order necessities from St. James' Settlement at a reduced fair price. We need 20 volunteers to help deliver these goods to immobile families and spend time to chat with them. 9.00-11.30am.

### AUG 28 **GET TO KNOW HOPE**

Hope of the City was founded by Island ECC in 2010 in the hope of transforming the lives of the underprivileged in Hong Kong and providing them with access to opportunities, with the belief that each person has the potential to succeed. Come to our Get to Know Hope event, where you can learn more about Hope of the City and the work they do. 1.15pm, 10/F Auditorium. Light lunch will be provided.

### SEP 3 **NORTH POINT ELDERLY HOME VISIT**

Hope of the City is partnering with Hong Kong Family Welfare Society this Mid-Autumn Festival to care for elderly people living in Healthy Village, a public housing estate managed by the Hong Kong Housing Society. We are looking for 15 volunteers to serve with us that Saturday, 9.30am-12.30pm.

### SEP 9 & 10 **SSP X-PERIENCE 2.0**

What does life in Sham Shui Po look like? Hope of the City is running again a two-day experience where participants will take a guided tour of our work, visit partitioned homes, serve in a soup kitchen, and stay overnight in SSP. Fee is \$700 per person. Limited to 20 people.

To sign up for or enquire about any of the above outreach events, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

## CLASSES

REGISTER AT [ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES](http://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.

### SEP 4 **THE RISE OF RADICAL ISLAM**

9/11 shocked the world 15 years ago. A lot more has happened since then. This one-off class will provide the analysis not found in mainstream media (including Al Jazeera, BBC, CNN). We will also discuss how to respond to the rise of radical Islam (1 Peter 3:15). 10/F Classroom, 2.30-4.30pm.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### COORDINATOR OF WORSHIP AND CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

We are looking for a full-time Coordinator to provide administrative support for the worship team for our Sunday services and special events, and to help coordinate and follow up on strategic promotional plans and creative initiatives of the church. If you have a heart to serve, are fully fluent in English, are familiar with social media platforms, possess excellent administrative skills, and maybe a creative flair too, please email your CV and cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk).

### COORDINATOR OF OUTREACH

We are seeking to hire a full-time Coordinator of Outreach starting 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 your CV and cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:kidsclub@islandecc.hk), or drop by the 9/F Welcome Desk.

# 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

Check out [www.islandecc.hk](http://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.

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<sup>1</sup> What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death?

<sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. <sup>10</sup> The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to Him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 6:1-14

Mission trip to Taiwan

