

# Welcome!

We're wrapping it up today...a four-week series on "freedom". I hope that it has been helpful to you as you stem the tide of rules, regulations and legalism in your life. Our tendency is to move away from relationship, and move toward rigidity. But freedom is found in the messy, organic nature of simply "keeping in step" with the Spirit of God.

Thanks for choosing to worship here today. If you've been around a long time, I hope you will contribute to creating a loving, welcoming place of worship for those who are simply checking us out.

And if you are new-ish to this church, or even new-ish to the Christian faith, I hope that you will walk away today refreshed and encouraged as you pursue God in your life.

*Brett*

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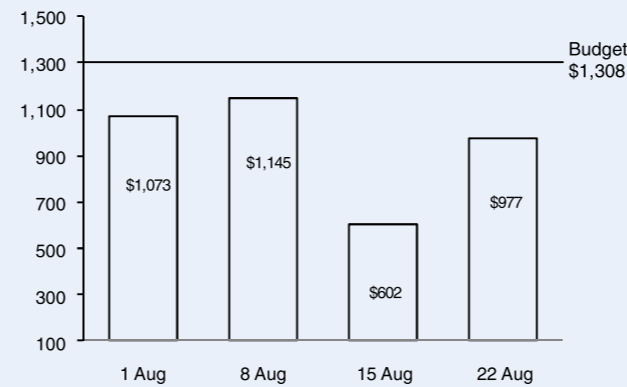
### YEAR TO DATE (51 WEEKS)

7.3% deficit on giving

**YTD Budget** \$ 66.7M  
**YTD Giving** \$ 61.8M  
**YTD Variance** \$ -4.9M

## FISCAL YEAR SEP 2015 - AUG 2016

### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	1 Aug	8 Aug	15 Aug	22 Aug
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
<b>Weekly Giving</b>	1,073	1,145	602	977
<b>Weekly Variance</b>	-235	-163	-706	-331

**Bold Faith Fund \$115.4M**    Received \$64.8M    Outstanding Pledge \$50.6M

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 28 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F



# HIGHLIGHTS

## SEP 11 PARENT MEET AND GREET

Parents, if you have children in Kids Club or Island Youth, you are invited to our parent meet and greet to kick off our Fall Term over light refreshments:

- Kids Club: 1.30-2.30pm, 9/F Kids Worship Hall. Meet our staff and small group leaders, and hear a parenting talk, "It's Just a Phase". Childcare available. RSVP by Sep 7 at kidsclub@islandecc.hk.
- Island Youth: 1.15pm, 11/F The Well. Come connect with our staff and other parents, and to learn about what the upcoming year has to offer.

## SEP 11 & 25 BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism is the way we express our faith in Jesus Christ to our church family. If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class happening on Sunday, September 11 & 25 at 5pm (both classes required). You can register by emailing baptism@islandecc.hk.

## SEP 13 MEN'S FRATERNITY (MF) LAUNCH

Men's Fraternity equips men to move deeper in their experience of God in order to apply truth to their lives. We meet for a larger meeting together each Tuesday night before breaking off into tracks on various themes in small groups. Join us on Tuesday at 7.30pm on September 13 on 10/F for a great kick-off evening. For more information contact men@islandecc.hk.

## SEP 14 THE VILLAGE FALL KICK OFF WITH BIG SURPRISES!

Say goodbye to Summer and hello to Fall!

- Sept 14: New season kick off! Come and discover the study streams, meet your stream leaders, enjoy amazing worship and fellowship. 7.30pm, 11/F.
- Sept 21: "From runway to God-way" – a chat with Tracy Trinita – Indonesia's first-ever super model, now an apologist for RZIM, on faith and glam. 7.30pm, 2/F.

Bring your girlfriends!

## JOIN A CARE GROUP IN SEPTEMBER

This is a perfect time for you to join a group! Our new season is kicking off soon. We'll start a church-wide care group study in the week of September 12. Visit our care group page [islandecc.hk/caregroups](http://islandecc.hk/caregroups) for more information and to sign up. Life is better when you're connected!

## OUTREACH

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

## TODAY 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.

## SEP 10 CHEUNG SHA WAN MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL HOME VISITS

Hope of the City continues to care for families in Cheung Sha Wan area over the Mid-Autumn season through home visitations and mooncake gifting. We are looking for 15 volunteers to join us, 2-5pm.

## CLASSES

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

## 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.

## SEP 18 GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE AND LAUNCH PARTY

Do you want to take your walk with Christ to the next level? Join the GROW discipleship course (formerly 2:7) which starts on September 18 (9.30am/11.30am) to learn what it means, and how to grow as Christ's disciples. Find out more about the course at the GROW launch party on September 11, 1.30-3.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Lunch will be served.

## 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).

### 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.

## 28 AUGUST 2016

## Piercing Decisions

*I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—* Galatians 1:6

*O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?* Galatians 3:1

*Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?* Galatians 3:3

*You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?* Galatians 5:7

*I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!* Galatians 5:12

*Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods.* Galatians 4:8

*But now that you have come to know God... how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?* Galatians 4:9

## 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](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.

Mission trip to Taiwan

