



Welcome!

God calls us to bravery. He beckons us to abandon our commitment to security and to demonstrate trust by taking risks.

Oh, you will never walk on water. I'm not talking about that kind of risk. But my hunch is that your life is too safe. Your words are too calculated. Your perspective too limited. Your relationships too "vanilla". My guess is that you have let the demands on your life squeeze out the thrill of experiencing God in astounding ways.

I like adventure, but I hate risk. And yet I find when I take prayerful risks for the glory of God, I'm always glad I did, and my faith is always just a little bit stronger.

You can remain guarded, sheepish, and predictable. Or you can get out of the boat like Peter, and take a risk. I'm convinced you'll never regret taking God-led risks.

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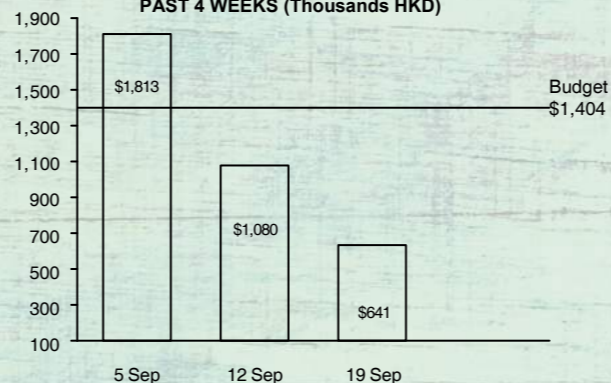
YEAR TO DATE (3 WEEKS)

16% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$4.2M
YTD Giving \$3.5M
YTD Variance -\$0.7M

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 - AUG 2017

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	5 Sep	12 Sep	19 Sep
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	1,813	1,080	641
Weekly Variance	409	(324)	(763)

Bold Faith Fund \$116.4M Received \$68.6M Outstanding Pledge \$47.6M

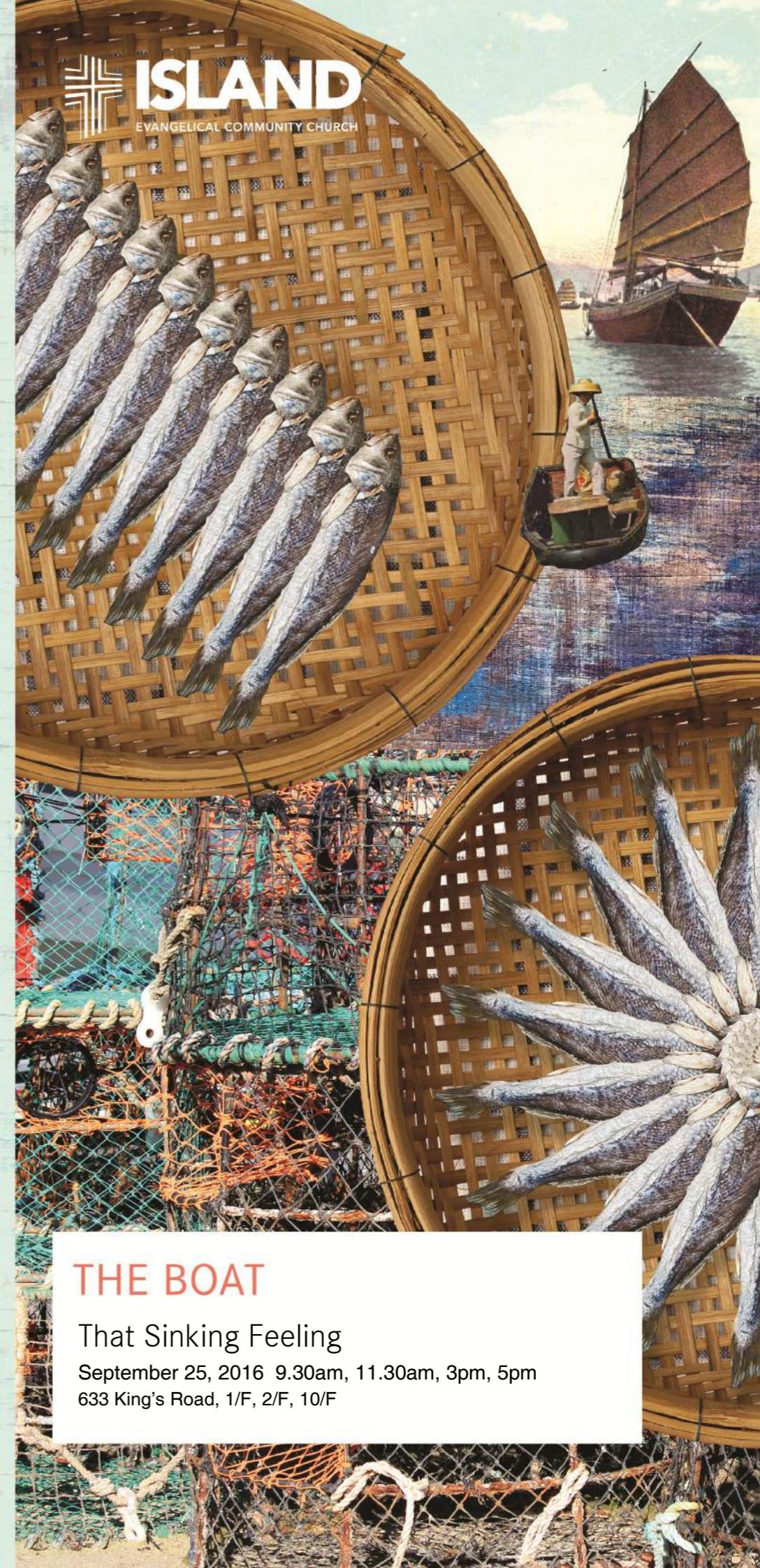
Bold Faith Initial Fund Raising Target \$1 Billion

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. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk

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THE BOAT

That Sinking Feeling

September 25, 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY **NEWCOMERS LUNCH**

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch today at 1:15pm in the 11/F Living Room. There is no cost for this lunch, but you do need to register online or at our Connect Counters.

SEP 28 **SPECIAL GUEST TRACY TRINITA AT THE VILLAGE**

Ladies, join us for a special night at The Village as we hear from Tracy Trinita, Indonesia's first-ever super model, now an apologist for RZIM. "From Supermodel to Pastor", Tracy's talk, will begin at 7:30pm on the 2/F.

OCT 2 **WELCOME HOME VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

Volunteering is love in motion! Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is both fun and rewarding. Come and hear about opportunities, 1:30–2:30pm, 11/F Living Room, with lunch provided. Sign up online or at the Connect Counter today!

OCT 2 **KIDS CLUB FX: COURAGE - LAST DAY TO PICK UP TICKETS**

Kids Club families are invited to join us for Kids Club FX: Courage. Families with their kids will learn all about being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid. Sunday, Oct 2 at 1:30pm in 10/F Worship Hall. Free event tickets and \$50 lunch coupons are available at the Welcome Desk.

OCT 6, 7 and 8 **UPCOMING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES AND GATHERINGS**

For more information on the following studies and their gathering times, please contact women@islandecc.hk:

- Beginning October 6 - The Power of a Praying Wife (support your marriage with prayer)
- Beginning October 7 - Jesus: Experiencing His Touch (explore the Book of Mark)
- Beginning October 8 - The Book of Romans (Precept Upon Precept Study)

Visit www.islandecc.hk/women for details and to register.

OCT 9 **WELCOME HOME OVERSEES RETURNEES**

If you're just returning to Hong Kong after being overseas, you'll notice things have changed! It's called "reverse culture shock". If you are back in Hong Kong for less than a year, join Pastor Albert and others for a time of fellowship. Visit islandecc.hk/classes for more details and to register.

OCT 22 **MARRIAGE SUMMIT - TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY**

Marriage is great! It's kind of like climbing a mountain; you get stronger as you go and the views get better, but it's not without its challenges. Mark your calendars for this special 1 day Marriage Summit. Tickets are limited and available at Connect Counters today for \$500 per couple.

OCT 22 **PRAYER HIKE**

Love God and like nature? Join us for a purposeful morning on the Lung Fu Shan trail at 9:30am. Check online church events to register, or for more details, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

OCT 26 **"SHE OBJECTS" DOCUMENTARY SCREENING**

Have you grown up hearing, "You're too fat!" or "You're ugly!?" Was there a formula you had to follow to be accepted as a woman in your family, community or social circles? "She Objects" is the first documentary of its kind in Hong Kong that explores how the media sexualises and diminishes women, resulting in heartbreaking issues with eating disorders and violence. Join us for the screening and an open dialogue on Oct 26 at 7:30 pm, 2/F.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

TOMORROW **FALL ALPHA COURSE**

Looking for answers to life? Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a laid-back environment. It is a practical intro to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and a small group discussion. Join us every Monday starting Sept 26. 7pm, 2/F Auditorium.



OCT 5 **DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP**

Divorce and separation bring deep hurts and raise complex issues. This group combines video sessions with group discussions for both men and women (who meet together for video and separately for discussion). Wednesdays, Oct 5–Nov 30, 7:30pm–9:30pm, 8/F Living Room.

OCT 14 - 15 **COUNSELLING PARENTS AND CHILDREN COURSE**

This two day course is a study of biblical truths related to parents and children, including both a biblical understanding of common childhood and parenting problems and biblical counselling strategies and methods. Participants may take the course for credit (former credit students only) or audit. Credit cost is \$1,250 and audit cost is \$250. 9am–5pm, 10/F Auditorium.

OCT 9 and 16 **UPCOMING GENERAL CLASSES**

- Beginning October 9 - Reasonable Hope (helping to answer tough questions around evil)
- Beginning October 9 - Letter to the Hebrews (exploring the book of Hebrews)
- Beginning October 16 - Money and Marriage (learn about God's role in our marriages and finances)

OUTREACH

OCT 2 **PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION**

Join us December 22-28 to bring hope to transform a community in Cebu, Philippines. Sign up is now open at islandecc.hk/outreach/global. Come to our information session, October 2, 2pm, 10/F Classroom, and learn more.

OCT 10 **CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL FAMILY OUTING**

Hope of the City is partnering with Yan Kei Evangelical Church to spend this traditional Double Ninth Festival with low-income families at the Double Haven in the north-eastern New Territories areas from 8am to 5:30pm. For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

OPPORTUNITIES

CONTRACT CARETAKER

We are looking for a Sunday Caretaker to work 12:30–7:30pm, and other occasional hours in the week as needed. Job includes all caretaker duties to support our Sunday services and events, including, moving of tables, chairs and equipment for room set up. If you are interested, please contact our Director of Ministry Support at the church office, tel: 2864 9338.

HOPE OF THE CITY - COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a full-time coordinator to build and maintain Hope of the City's volunteer database, volunteer relationships and recruitment. This requires good administration and people skills and a heart for the disenfranchised. To apply, please send a cover letter and CV to hr@islandecc.hk.

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, 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 Mongolia



25 SEPTEMBER 2016

That Sinking Feeling

²² Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped Him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matthew 14.22-33

What are the enemies of a courageous faith?

The _____ myth

The _____ trap

The _____ idol

The _____

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