

ACTION!

Welcome!

How are you affected by the news of late?

Whatever your nationality, you are likely affected by political news. The Philippines is volatile, the US election and its aftermath is shocking the entire world, Brexit is still being figured out. Families in Hong Kong are divided over the colours blue and yellow. Never a day goes by that we don't read or hear about upheaval.

James speaks to us about the pathway to peace. A time-tested remedy for navigating turmoil, the 4th chapter of James is as contemporary as if it were written last week.

I hope you are helped.

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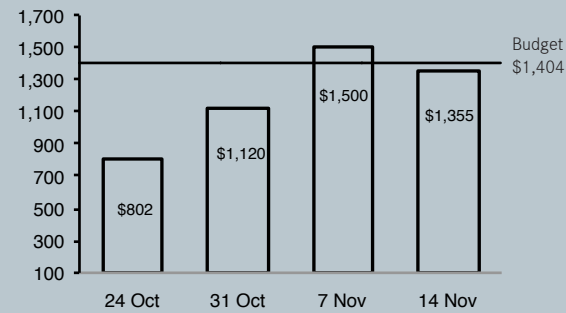
YEAR TO DATE (11 WEEKS)

18.1% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$15.4M
YTD Giving	\$12.6M
YTD Variance	-\$2.8M

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 - AUG 2017

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	24 Oct	31 Oct	7 Nov	14 Nov
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	802	1,120	1,500	1,355
Weekly Variance	(602)	(284)	96	(48)

Bold Faith Fund \$118.8M Received \$72.6M Outstanding Pledge \$46.2M

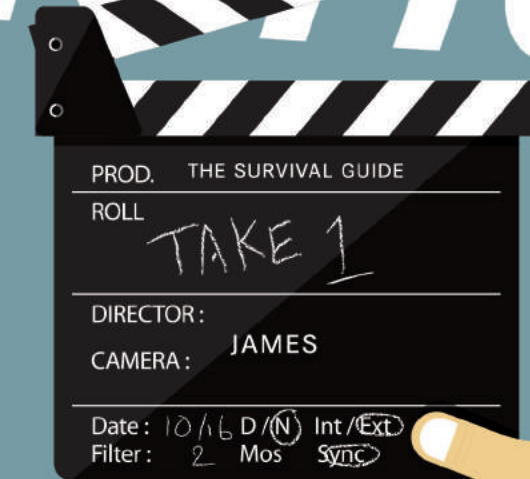
Bold Faith Initial Fund Raising Target \$1 Billion

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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Who Started It?

November 20, 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

Are you new here?
Come to our Newcomers Lunch
November 27, 2016
1:30 PM 8/F Living Room

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY **BABY DEDICATION**

We are delighted to join with the Navin family in the dedication of their daughter to the Lord: Athena Rose Navin, born 10 March 2016, to parents Sean & Kelly (5pm, 2/F)
We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

TODAY **ISLAND YOUTH THANKSGIVING LUNCH**

We would love for you and your family to join us for Island Youth's annual Thanksgiving lunch today at 1:30pm, 11/F The Well. IY will provide the cutlery and the turkey, but we would love for families to bring along some side dishes.

DEC 4 **CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE**

Share the joy and love of this season by picking up a Christmas gift bag today to fill for Filipino/ Indonesian Ministries as they go out to reach those who have yet to hear the gospel. Bags need to be returned to the Connect Counter by Dec 4. Email go@islandecc.hk if you have questions.

NOV 27 **NEWCOMERS LUNCH**

Are you new to Island ECC? Want to know more about the church? If so, please join us at the Newcomers Lunch on Nov 27, 1:30pm, 8/F Living Room. There is no cost for this lunch, but please fill in the Connect Corner in your bulletin and drop it in the offering bag, or pass it to a staff member at the Connect Counter on your floor.

DEC 2 **ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR**

Does the Bible teach science? Is evolution opposed to Christ? Is science inherently atheistic? Join us for this Island Bible Seminar: "Stepping Outside Evolution vs Creation" with Dr Bethany Sollereeder, as she helps us answer these and other questions by exploring a range of perspectives on how science, faith, and biblical interpretation fit together. 7:45pm, 10/F Auditorium.

DEC 3 **KENNETH BAE SEMINAR**

In 2013 American-Korean missionary Kenneth Bae was sentenced to 15 years of hard labour when North Korean authorities seized his hard drive, which contained information about missionary work. He was released in 2014 after intense lobbying, and shares his story of how he kept the faith in the harshest of conditions. 10-11:30am, 1/F.

DEC 9 **EVERGREEN: CHRISTMAS WITH RENEW WORSHIP**

Come celebrate the Christmas season with Renew Worship! Join with hundreds of others for a night of worship and the release of "Evergreen", a new EP of original Christmas songs and arrangements. Free tickets are available today at the Connect Counters. Stay tuned for more details over the coming weeks and save the date: Friday, Dec 9, doors open at 7pm.

DEC 11 **KIDS CLUB FX: JOY**

Come join us for Kids Club FX and learn about Joy - finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way. This event is for all our school age children and their family members, on the 10/F Worship Hall. Doors open at 1:30pm. Please pick up your free event tickets and optional lunch coupons from 9/F Welcome Desk.

DEC 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

Christmas Eve is always a joyous occasion to celebrate of the birth of our Saviour! This year, we are pleased to offer two special evening services, that will include candle-lighting and singing Christmas songs. Service times will be at 4pm and 6pm. There will be infant care provided for children (0-2 year olds).

JAN 20 **GO BEYOND CONFERENCE 2017**

Save the Date: January 20-21 for the Global Outreach conference! Where is Beyond and why go there? Find answers during a great weekend together. Early bird tickets go on sale next week!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SUNDAY CARETAKER - CONTRACT

We are looking for a Sunday Caretaker to work 10 hours per week including other occasional hours in the week as needed. Job includes all caretaker duties to support our Sunday services and events, including room set up. If you are interested, please contact our Director of Ministry Support at the church office, tel: 2864 9338.

OUTREACH

TODAY **CHRISTMAS PRISON OUTREACH - SIGN UP TODAY**

Most English speaking inmates will not have any visitors during Christmas, so we are looking for volunteers to visit Tung Tau Correction Institute and show love in action on Dec 25, 9am-1pm. Please email full name and HKID to hill.chau@islandecc.hk to sign up today. Mandatory training on Dec 4, 2pm-3pm. Priority will be given to men.

TODAY **PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION**

The ICM Kids Camp gives 80 children living in the slums of the Philippines the opportunity to participate in acting, crafts, singing, sports and more. The trip will run from April 8-15, 2017. Meet the leaders and find out more today, 2pm, 11/F Classroom.

NOV 26 **MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR**

Each month, low-income families from Shek Kip Mei will order necessities from St. James' Settlement at a reduced fair price. We are looking for 10 volunteers to help deliver goods and spend time with these families on Nov 26, 9am - 11.30am. Please send an email to volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

NOV 27 **SUPPORTED PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS**

We support Hong Kong Christian Kun Sun Association, an organization that helps prisoners, rehabilitated people and their families experience a rebuilding of their lives and reconciliation through the manifestation of Christ's love. For more information on how you could support this organization and the work they do, contact go@islandecc.hk

NOV 27 **VIETNAM FAMILY MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION**

This will be our second year returning to Hanoi, Vietnam serving orphans and partnering with Vietnam elementary school. The trip will run from April 8-15, 2017. Come meet the leaders and find out more on Nov 27 1:15pm, 9/F Worship Hall.

DEC 10 **NORTH POINT MONTHLY ELDERLY VISITS**

We are looking for volunteers to commit 4 months to care for elderly in the North Point area. We will conduct visits once a month from 9:30am to 11:30am, and training will be provided beforehand. For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com

DEC 10 **NORTH POINT LOW-INCOME FAMILY OUTING**

Hope of the City is partnering with North Point Family Welfare Society to spend a day with low-income families at a farm in Yuen Long from 8:30am to 5pm. Come help plan games and enhance their family relationship building time. For more information, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

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.

High School and Middle School retreat



20 NOVEMBER 2016

Who Started It?

¹What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ²You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you think scripture says without reason that He jealously longs for the spirit He has caused to dwell in us? ⁶But He gives us more grace. That is why scripture says:

*"God opposes the proud
but shows favour to the humble."*

⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

James 4:1-10

 TEAR OFF THIS CORNER AND PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG
Want to learn more about us?
Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____

