

Welcome!

Evergreen is a term that has crossed over into casual conversations. Instead of simply referring to trees that never lose their leaves, (think pine and spruce), evergreen also refers to things that never grow old. In media, an “evergreen piece” is a timeless ad that doesn’t lose its usefulness.

So we begin a sermon series entitled Evergreen, having a look at the gifts we receive from God that truly never grow old. The gifts that “keep on giving”, you might say.

As you shop for gifts this Christmas season, I pray you will also be reminded of the gifts from God that have already been given to us, and yet keep on giving.



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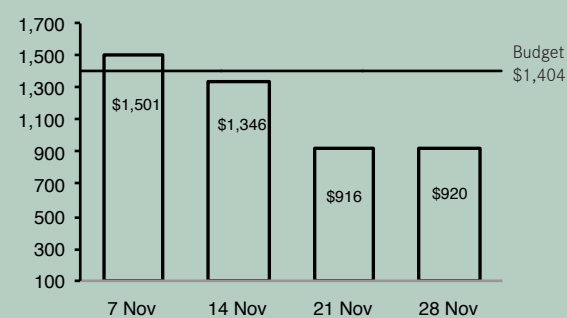
FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

YEAR TO DATE (12 WEEKS)

20.3% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$18.2M
YTD Giving	\$14.5M
YTD Variance	-\$3.7M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	7 Nov	14 Nov	21 Nov	28 Nov
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	1,501	1,346	916	920
Weekly Variance	97	(58)	(488)	(484)

Bold Faith Fund \$120.3M Received \$73.5M Outstanding Pledge \$46.8M

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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EVERGREEN

Good Gifts

December 4, 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 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 near the front. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

TODAY CALENDAR 2017

The Island ECC Calendar "Songs for 2017" is now available! A great Christmas gift for your family and friends. It is now on sale on 1/F, 2/F and 10/F for \$50 each.

TODAY CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

Thank you so much for putting love into action and returning Christmas bag donations to bless our Indonesian and Filipino Ministries. Today is the last day to drop off your donations to the 1/F Connect Counter!

TODAY & DEC 11 QUENCH CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE

Come pick up some Christmas gifts for your family and friends at the Quench Christmas Book Sale today & Dec 11. Special discounts on selected adult and children's titles while stocks last.

DEC 9 EVERGREEN: CHRISTMAS EP RELEASE

Celebrate the Christmas season with Renew Worship! "Evergreen", a new EP of original Christmas songs and arrangements, will be available for sale starting on Dec 9. Pick up a CD copy (\$50) or purchase on iTunes at 1/F and 10/F Connect Counters.

DEC 10 BUS CAROLLING

It's that time of year again - time to spread some Christmas cheer from a bus with no roof, driving through Hong Kong! So, come all ye faithful to the FUSE Bus Carolling Party! Tickets are on sale now for \$80 only - and you can pick them up at the Connect Counter. Meet on the 2/F, Saturday, Dec 10, 5:00pm.

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, in 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 11 & 18 CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING

May we all experience the same joy of giving found in 2 Corinthians 8:3-4, as we carry on the tradition of giving, caring and sharing God's love. Return your gift in the special envelopes provided. The Love Offering will be collected Dec 11 and 18.

DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve is always a joyous occasion to celebrate 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).

DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, and we will be holding morning services at 9am and 11:30am. There will be no afternoon services that Sunday.

JAN 20 GO BEYOND CONFERENCE 2017

What are you afraid of? Are you complacent? What is beyond this? Join us for our 2017 GO Conference featuring Tim Davis and Lawrence Tong and walk away with the assurance that God is already enough, you just need to take the first step. Early bird tickets (\$300) are available at all Connect Counters or online at islandecc.hk/GO2017.

OUTREACH

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 11 MEDICAL/DENTAL CAMBODIA MISSION SHARING

The dental/medical team for Kampot was challenged and reminded of our stewardship to the marginalized of this world. It was a blessing to serve as the hands of Christ. Come hear the team share their experience serving in a remote village in Kampot, Cambodia. Dec 11, 1:30-2:50pm, 11/F Classroom.

DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

'Tis the season to be jolly! Spread the love and help immobile households by delivering goods that they have ordered from St. James' Settlement in Shek Kip Mei and spend some time with them. We are looking for 20 volunteers to help out on Christmas Eve, 9am-11:30am. For more information, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that in order to fully experience the power of community and the beauty of a thriving, growing church, we must engage as active participants. There are hundreds of opportunities to serve as volunteers weekly. Email serve@islandecc.hk for more details.

4 DECEMBER 2016

Good Gifts

¹¹Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

Luke 11:11-13

¹¹Do not cast me from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Psalms 51:11

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:16-17

²⁵All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:25-26

³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30

¹⁸... be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:18-21

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.

Hope of the City Mentorship Program



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