

# Welcome!

The best things in life are free, and that includes the very best gift of all: the gift of Salvation, made possible by the righteousness of Jesus Christ. This amazing gift is also very easy to receive. You can do so right now, wherever you are as you read this, just by saying this prayer.

“Dear Jesus,  
I know that I am a sinner and that I need You to forgive me. I know that You died a painful death so that my sins could be washed clean. Thank you. I want You to be the Lord of my life, and I will trust and follow You. Everything I have is Yours now. In Your name, Lord. Amen.”

You can say this prayer by yourself, or with the person who brought you here. There’s nothing special about these exact words. You can say it in your own way. The important thing is that you say it with a sincere heart.

If you do say this prayer, contact us and let us know! Believe it or not, it still gets better even after you receive the gift! We’d love to tell you more.

Merry Christmas!



**Are you new here?**  
Come to our Newcomers Lunch  
January 1, 2016  
1:30 PM - 11/F Living Room C

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## GENERAL OFFERING

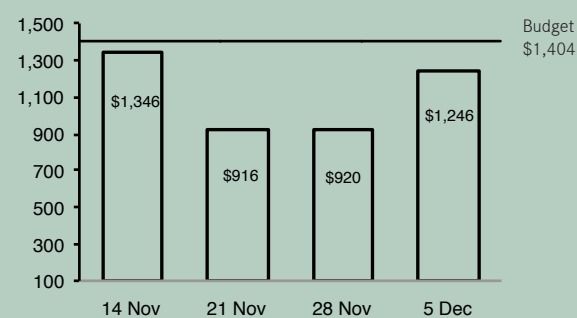
## FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

### YEAR TO DATE (12 WEEKS)

19.9% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$19.6M
YTD Giving	\$15.7M
YTD Variance	-\$3.9M

### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	14 Nov	21 Nov	28 Nov	5 Dec
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	1,346	916	920	1,246
Weekly Variance	(58)	(488)	(484)	(158)




**Bold Faith Fund \$118.4M**    Received \$74.6M    Outstanding Pledge \$43.8M

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

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## EVERGREEN

5 Amazing Features of  
the Gift of Righteousness

December 11, 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY **EVERGREEN: CHRISTMAS EP NOW AVAILABLE**

Evergreen, featuring 5 original Christmas songs & arrangements from Renew Worship is available today as a CD (\$50) at Connect Counters on all floors and is also available on iTunes. Pick up or download a copy for yourself and friends as we continue to celebrate this Christmas season!

## 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 **QUENCH CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE**

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

## TODAY **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.

## TODAY & DEC 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 today and Dec 18.

## DEC 24 & 25 **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

We would like to invite you, your family and friends to worship with us on Christmas Eve & Christmas Morning. On Saturday evening, 24 Dec, we will hold special Candlelight Services at 4pm and 6pm, carrying on the wonderful tradition of gathering together as we count down to Christmas! Then, on Sunday, 25 December, we invite you to return for one of our two celebratory Christmas Morning services, held at normal 9:30am and 11:30am service times.

## JAN 8 **INDONESIAN MINISTRY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

Invite your Indonesian domestic helper to join our Christmas & New Year Party! It will be a time of fun, food and fellowship! Admission is free. Pick up your invitation at the Connect Counters! Jan 8, 11am - 3pm at Oasis Centre, 19/F Concord Commercial Building, 157 Kings Road, Fortress Hill.

## JAN 14 **PRAYER HIKE**

Want to start the year spending time with God in nature? Join us for a purposeful morning on the Lung Fu Shan trail at 9:30am. To learn more, email [prayer@islandecc.hk](mailto:prayer@islandecc.hk).

## JAN 20 **GO CONFERENCE: GO BEYOND**

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](http://islandecc.hk/GO2017).

## CLASSES

### JAN 8 **WALK THRU THE BOOK OF ROMANS (PART I)**

In this 6 week class Pastor Albert will explore the theological and practical aspects of Romans chapter 1-7. Material cost \$200, including textbook. Register and payment at 1/F Connect Counter. Limited to 30 people only. Class from Jan 8 to Feb 26, 9:30am.

## OUTREACH

### TODAY **MEDICAL/DENTAL CAMBODIA MISSION SHARING**

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

### DEC 17 **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](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com)

### DEC 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR**

Spread the love and help immobile households by delivering goods that they have ordered from St. James' Settlement in Shek Kip Mei. We are looking for 20 volunteers to help out on Christmas Eve, 9am-11:30am. For more information, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

### DEC 31 **IDEAL NEW YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY**

It's almost New Years! The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL) is hosting a birthday party and is recruiting fun and passionate volunteers like yourself to host games for their members! Come join us from 2:30pm-4:30pm. For more information, please email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto: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](mailto:serve@islandecc.hk) for more details.

# 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.

Hope of the City Mentorship Program



11 DECEMBER 2016

## 5 Amazing Features of the Gift of Righteousness

*<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup> And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>18</sup> Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup> For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 5:15-21

5 Amazing Features of the Gift of Righteousness

1. It's more amazing than the greatest credit card!  
Romans 4:23-24

2. Better than the best Royal Treatment!

3. It's a Get Out Jail card for when you need it most!

4. One size fits all!

5. It's the most beautiful garment you'll ever wear!  
Isaiah 61:10, Zechariah 3

Why wait? Give it! Get it!

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

