

Welcome!

Christmas is exactly one week away! I hope you have plans for making this Christmas a special and meaningful one with family and friends.

I trust that this coming week you will plan to be with us at Island ECC for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, or both. These two different services will make your Christmas more Christ-filled.

Today, we conclude a three-week series which gives attention to those spiritual realities that are forever with us, that is, they are “evergreen.” God is a great God who spiritually blesses us. Unfortunately, we too often neglect what our Heavenly Father bestows on us. Today we will look at the spiritual giftedness that comes with knowing Christ as Saviour and being part of Christ’s church.

I hope today’s worship service will assist you in your personal relationship with Christ and in having a wonderful Christmas this week!



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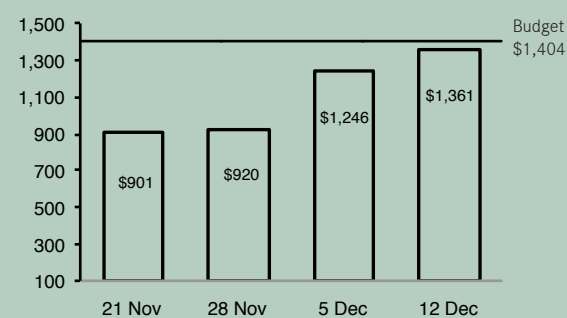
FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

YEAR TO DATE (15 WEEKS)

18.9% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$21.1M
YTD Giving	\$17.1M
YTD Variance	-\$4.0M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	21 Nov	28 Nov	5 Dec	12 Dec
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	901	920	1,246	1,361
Weekly Variance	(503)	(484)	(158)	(43)

Bold Faith Fund \$118.5M Received \$75.1M Outstanding Pledge \$43.4M

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

Neglected Gifts

December 18, 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
January 1, 2017
1:30 PM - 11/F Living Room C

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY **BABY DEDICATION**

We are delighted today to join with 2 families in the dedication of their children to the Lord: Jeremy Pau, born 23 May 2014, to parents Ben & Jaime (9:30am, 10/F)
Caleb Yeung, born 17 December 2015, to parents Derek & Yan Ee (11:30am, 2/F)
We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

TODAY **EVERGREEN: CHRISTMAS EP NOW AVAILABLE**

Evergreen, featuring 5 original Christmas songs & arrangements from Renew Worship is available today as a CD (\$50) on all floors and is also available for download 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 **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.

DEC 24 & 25 **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND**

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 Dec, we invite you to return for one of our two celebratory Christmas Morning services, held at the normal 9:30am and 11:30am service times.

JAN 1 **NEWCOMERS LUNCH**

Are you new to Island ECC? If so, please join us at the Newcomers Lunch on Jan 1, 1:30pm, 11/F Living Room C. 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. Can't make it? Newcomers lunch will be held the first Sunday of every month.

JAN 8 **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, Jan 8, 1:30-2:30pm, 11/F Living Room C.

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 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 the beautiful Hong Kong countryside? Join us for a purposeful morning on the Lung Fu Shan trail at 9:30am. To learn more, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

JAN 15 **GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE LAUNCH**

What's your New Year's resolution? Interested in growing stronger as a disciple of Christ? Want to find out more about this life changing course? Join us at the GROW Launch on Jan 15, 1:30-3pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Simple lunch will be provided.

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.

DEADLINE FOR FRIENDS OF HK CHARITIES DONATION

Please note that donation cheques for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc. to be accounted for in 2016 should be dated and handed in no later than December 31. Anything received after this date will be considered as a donation for 2017.

OUTREACH

Central to who we are as a church is our belief that God has called us to reach the lost, to share the good news of Jesus, both in Hong Kong and beyond. It's a priority to God, and it's a priority to us. For more information on ways you can serve locally or globally, please visit our website or email outreach@islandecc.hk.

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.

18 DECEMBER 2016

Neglected Gifts

Christmas is the season of joy, of holiday greetings exchanged, of gift-giving, and of families united.

Norman Vincent Peale

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:3-8

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



Island ECC's Spiritual Gifts Inventory - islandecc.hk/sgi

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Want to learn more about us?
Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____

