



Welcome!

What a great day we have prepared for you today. We have 27 people getting baptised today, scattered across our four service times. I hope you will take some time to read about their journeys of faith in the booklets you have on your seat. Each of these stories is unique—some are racy and wild, some are tame and subdued. But all reach the same enlightening conclusion, namely that Jesus Christ is the answer to life.

Wherever you may be on your faith journey, I hope that you will be encouraged in your spiritual life today. Through music, videos, reconnecting with people, and the presentation of relevant teaching from God's Word, I pray that God will use all of this in your life to encourage your soul.

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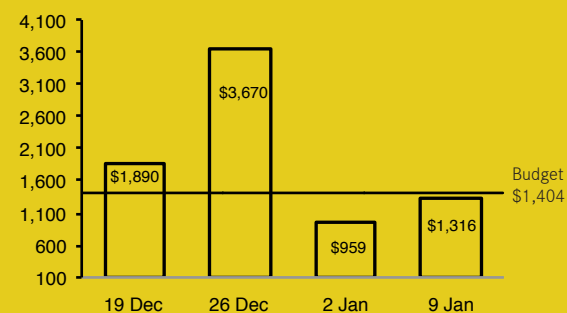
GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (19 WEEKS)

6.7% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$26.7M
YTD Giving	\$24.9M
YTD Variance	-\$1.8M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	1,890	3,670	959	1,316
Weekly Variance	486	2,266	(445)	(88)

Bold Faith Fund \$122.7M Received \$81M Outstanding Pledge \$41.7M

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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WELL SPENT

Taming of the Shrewd

January 15, 2017 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
February 5, 2017
1:30 PM - 11/F Living Room C

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY 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 today 1:30-3pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Simple lunch will be provided.

TODAY RED PACKET SALES

Lunar New Year is around the corner! Our laisee packes (each with a Gospel track) are now available at \$20/pack on all floors.

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.

JAN 22 KID’S CLUB ORIENTATION - EXPECTING & NEW PARENTS

Your family’s ministry begins at birth. Come and equip yourself to minister to your baby, and to learn more about Kid’s Club. If you are an expecting or new parent (ages 0-2 years old), please join us at our orientation on Jan 22 at either 9:30am (10/F classroom) or 11:30am (8/F classroom). For more information, email kidsclub@islandecc.hk

JAN 30 FILIPINO MINISTRY - BELOVED CONFERENCE

The Beloved conference offers two great seminars: (1) The OT LIVE seminar will bring you on an adventure through the Old Testament that will help you experience God’s story, the Bible. (2) “Chosen: When God Calls Your Name” a seminar on the life of Mary. Jan 30, 9-6pm, please register on or before Jan 22. Email filipino@islandecc.hk for more information.

FEB 19 ARK DRAGON BOAT

Island ECC’s Ark Dragon boat team is recruiting for the coming season. Join the Ark community to paddle hard, make genuine friendships, and enjoy an intimate community through dragon boat paddling! Registration starts on January 22. For more details, email ark@islandecc.hk.

CLASSES

FEB 5 MANAGING MONEY GOD’S WAY

How can I take control of my finances and better plan for the future? What does it mean to be faithful with the money that God has entrusted to me? Come and explore the answers to these questions through the Bible in this 10-week course! 9:30-11am, 10/F classroom, \$600 for materials. Sign up at islandecc.hk/classes.

FEB 12 BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism is the way we express our faith in Jesus Christ to our church family. If you’re interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 3-Sunday baptism class on Feb 12, 19 & 26 (all classes required), 11:30-1pm, 8/F Classroom. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism.

OUTREACH

JAN 22 MEN’S VIETNAM MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

Join us on April 24-30, to bring hope to transform a community in Vietnam. Please come to our Information Session on Jan 22, 1:30pm, 10/F Classroom, to learn more about this mission trip.

JAN 22 BEYOND SUNDAY

This is what missions is all about! Taking what we hear on Sunday out to the world outside the walls of church. We are excited to have our Supported Partners participate in a “Mega Sharing” next week. Come hear how people just like yourself discerned their call and took their first steps in missions. Jan 22, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 10/F Main Hall.

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.

KIDS CLUB NURSERY STAFF OPENING - SUNDAYS ONLY

If you love working with infants and small children ages 0-3 and assisting their parents, we are looking for Nursery Staff (Sundays only) to work with us for the morning services, 8:30-1:30pm. Please send cover letter and CV to hr@islandecc.hk.

SUNDAY CARETAKER

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 moving chairs and tables for room set up. If you are interested, please contact our Director of Ministry Support at the church office, tel: 2864 9338.

15 JANUARY 2017

Taming of the Shrewd

The Parable of the Lost Sheep
The Parable of the Lost Coin
The Parable of the Lost Son

Luke 15:1-32

¹Jesus told His disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ‘I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Luke 16:1-13

NEW TO ISLAND ECC

MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

1 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

2 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.

Shanxi Mission Trip



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