Welcome!

What words would you use to describe the current state of the world we live in? Regardless of your political views, you are likely to conclude that the world is pretty tense.

It seems we've entered into what seems like a new day of public rage and hopeless despair. Just this past week there was a shooting in a Quebec mosque, killing six. And two teenagers here in Hong Kong took their own lives, presumably due to academic pressures.

What should be the Christian attitude towards the state of our world? How should you engage with those who differ from your beliefs?

How can the church meaningfully present hope to a world in need?

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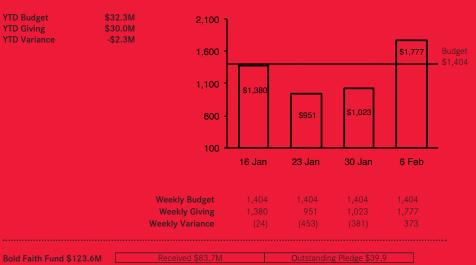
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FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 - AUG 2017

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



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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Winsome

12 February 2017 9:30am, 11:30am, 3pm, 5pm 633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F





HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY baby dedication

We are delighted today to join with 4 families in the dedication of their children to the Lord: Andrew Ara Yahyagil, born 21 October 2015, to parents Camellia & Baha (9:30am, 2/F) Jake Tak Ming Mak, born 13 June 2016, to parents Adele & Morris (9:30am, 10/F) Isaac Adyn Chen, born 5 January 2015, to parents Anne & Drew (11:30am, 10/F) Jeremy Ning On, born 22 February 2015, to parents Chloe & David Liang (3pm, 1/F) We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

TODAY special guest worship artist: curt anderson

Join us for an inspiring time of worship at our 3pm and 5pm services as special guest artist Curt Anderson leads us in worship. Curt's songs can be heard on the radio on most continents and his 100+ shows a year have taken him to 25 countries and counting. CDs and merchandise can be purchased in Quench following afternoon services.

TODAY island bible seminar - dr. riad kassis

Island Bible Seminar will feature Dr. Riad Kassis, a theologian born in Lebanon, currently working in a ministry serving Syrian refugees. Dr. Kassis has great firsthand insight into the current situation of the Middle East. Join us today 2:30pm, 10/F Main Hall, to hear him speak on "What We Can Learn from Christians in the Middle East Today".

FEB 20 women's bible study

The application of the tried-and-true methods of inductive Bible study to Paul's letter to the Romans will help you discover God's answers to some of life's important questions: How can I have peace with God? How can I know God's will and ultimate purpose for my life? Can I really live a Christlike life-today? Feb 20, 10:15am. Please register at islandecc.hk/women

FEB 22 the village launch

This spring, we're expanding and changing things up! Think of The Village as a time for raw talk, real talk, relevant and transformative talk from leaders in our midst and around the city. And of course, great music and fun! Come join us for our kick-off and invite your girlfriends! Every Wednesday starting, 22 Feb, at 7:30pm on 2/F. Please register at islandecc.hk/women.

FEB 24-25 global leadership summit

Global Leadership Summit is a conference videocast by world renowned speakers, with faciliciation and forum by local leaders. It will be hosted at the Vine. Tickets are available at all Connect Counters at a discounted price of \$350. Visit www.glshk.org for more details.

MAR 6 spring alpha course

Looking for answers to life? Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed environment. It is a practical intro to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and a small group discussion. Join us every Monday starting March 6. 7pm, 2/F Auditorium. Register at islandecc.hk/alpha or contact alpha@islandecc.hk.

MAR 11-12 men's retreat - the great getaway

This spring, men's ministry will embark on a retreat together in the beautiful landscape of Lantau Island at YWCA Sydney Leong Holiday Lodge to enjoy a time of getaway from the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong. To rest, restore and re-energize as we fellowship, reflect and worship in reverence to God. Please contact men@islandecc.hk for more information.

CLASSES

TODAY 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 today, Feb 19 & 26 (all classes required), 11:30-1pm, 8/F Classroom. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism.

FEB 19 kairos: god, the church, and the world

The Kairos Course will change your perspective, deepen your understanding and inspire you to go on mission. Feb 19-Mar 30, Sundays, 4:30pm-7:00pm and Thursdays 7:30pm-10:00pm. For registration or more information, please email go@islandecc.hk by the end of the day.



OUTREACH

TODAY yunnan mission trip info session

Join us as we return to Yunnan where we'll travel deep into the mountains and visit the Miao Villages. We'll visit their homes and worship in their churches. We'll also visit a community school that serves left-behind children. This trip runs from May 9 to 16. For more information, join our info session today at 1:30pm on 11/F classroom, or email go@islandecc.hk.

FEB 18 mobile shopping fair

Each month, low-income families from Shek Kip Mei will order necessities from St. James' Settlement at a reduced fair price. Volunteers will help deliver these goods to the immobile families and spend some time chatting with them. We are looking for 10 volunteers to help out on Sat, 9am-11.30am. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

FEB 19 MONTHLY HOME VISITS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Regular home visitation is one of Hope of the City's focus area. We are now looking for new volunteers to join this ministry. If you are interested, a training will be provided at 8/F Classroom, 1:15-3pm. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

APRIL 24 men's vietnam mission trip 2017

Partner with Men's Ministry to share the gospel through words and actions to the closed country of Vietnam. The team is returning for the 6th year to build structures and relationships at a poor rural middle school. The trip runs from April 24-30. For more info regarding registration, please email men@islandecc.hk

OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

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12 FEBRUARY 2017

Winsome

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzarking of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.

³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility-⁴young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. ⁵The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. ⁶Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ⁷The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

⁸But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the roval food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. ⁹Now God had caused the official to show favour and compassion to Daniel, ¹⁰but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

¹¹Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, ¹² "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." ¹⁴So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

¹⁵At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ¹⁶So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead. ¹⁷To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

¹⁸At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar.¹⁹The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. ²¹And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel 1:1-21

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