

Welcome!



How was your June?

Yep...this is the last Sunday of June, so the past tense is appropriate. June is almost over. I hope you are able to get some time off of work this summer, and enjoy a vacation, extended time with family, or maybe just some extra down time from your usual pace.

Resilience, Grit, Stick-to-it-iveness. All words used interchangeably for perseverance. Whatever we may call it, it seems to be in short supply these days. With dropout rates, depression and emotional fragility at all time highs, we are in desperate need for some stubborn faith.

I hope that you will come away today better equipped to face challenges and discouragement with some spiritual grit.

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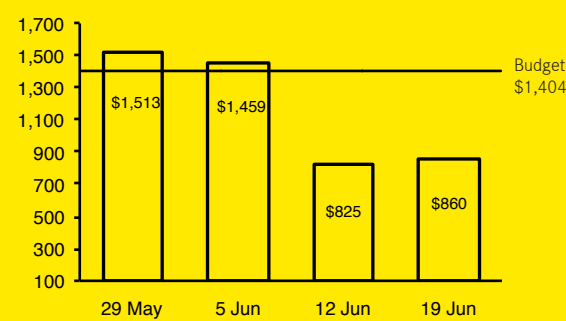
YEAR TO DATE (42 WEEKS)

2.2% surplus on giving

YTD Budget	\$59.0M
YTD Giving	\$60.3M
YTD Variance	\$1.3M

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 - AUG 2017

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	29 May	5 Jun	12 Jun	19 Jun
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	1,513	1,459	825	860
Weekly Variance	109	55	(579)	(544)

Bold Faith Fund \$129.9M Received \$95.9M Outstanding Pledge \$34M

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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SWEET AND SOUR

Spiritual Grit

June 25, 2017 9:30am, 11:30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

Come to our Newcomers Lunch
July 2, 2017
1:30pm, 11/F Living Room C

HIGHLIGHTS

JUL 15 MOVIE NIGHT - INSIDE OUT

Join with others for a fun evening at the movies right here at Island ECC. This month we will be viewing the classic Disney film, Inside-Out. Admission is free and popcorn will be served. Jul 15, 6pm, 10/F auditorium. Register online at islandecc.hk

EVERY TUESDAY MEN'S FRATERNITY

Men's Fraternity aims to nurture a brotherhood where men seek to live each day for the God they love. This Tuesday, MF will be having a Summer Bowling Blast at SCAA from 7:30-9:30pm. (\$200 includes bowling fee). Email men@islandecc.hk to reserve your space ASAP, as space is limited.

EVERY WEDNESDAY THE VILLAGE

Every woman who steps through the threshold of Island ECC is welcome in The Village. Through this weekly gathering, we create a space where women can be the sisterhood for each other and bring ourselves wholly into engagement with God and one another. Come join The Village every Wednesday, 7:30pm, 2/F. Dinner will be available at 7pm.

CLASSES

For registration or more information, visit islandecc.hk/classes.

JUL 2 THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH OF RADICAL ISLAM

There were 918 Islamic attacks between Jan 1 and Jun 5 of this year, including those in Istanbul, Paris, St Petersburg, Stockholm, Tanta, London, Kabul, and Manchester. This one-off class, taught by Lincoln Loo, will answer two questions: Why is it happening? What is the solution? July 2, 2:30-5pm, 10/F Classroom.

JUL 7-8 COUNSELLING INDIVIDUALS WITH ADDICTION PROBLEMS

The 2-day course will examine the aetiology (origin) of addictions, effects on the family, its dynamics, interventions and treatment. Participants may take the course for credit (former credit students only) or audit. Credit cost is \$1,250 and auditing cost is \$250. Fri & Sat, 9am-5pm, 10/F Auditorium.

JUL 9 ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR: SPECIAL GUEST BRAD HAMBRICK

Join us as we hear from Pastor Brad Hambrick as he discusses his book, "Why and How Christians Should Have Gay Friends". Participants will learn how to form better relationships with those who experience same-sex attraction or embrace a gay identity. Registration required. July 9, 2:30-4:30pm, 10/F Auditorium.

OUTREACH

JUL 15 NORTH POINT ELDERLY HOME VISIT

According to Chinese solar terms, summer has officially arrived! To ease the heat, Hope of the City is partnering with Hong Kong Family Welfare Society to chill with the elderly living in the North Point area through home visitations and gift bags. We are looking for 20 volunteers on Sat, 2:30-4:30pm. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES

KIDS CLUB SUMMER VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Training Dates: Today, 1:30pm 9/F Kids Worship Hall OR June 28 7:30pm 8/F Classroom

We are recruiting volunteers for our Summer Sunday Program. If you have a heart for kids and are interested in a short term commitment, come join our team for 9 weeks (2 Jul - 27 Aug). For more information, contact kidsclub@islandecc.hk, or fill out a volunteer form at 9/F.

25 JUNE 2017

Spiritual Grit

...we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is His body.

Hebrews 10:19

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings.

Hebrews 10:22

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

Hebrews 10:35

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised.

Hebrews 10:36

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

James 1:12

...will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honour and power..."

Revelations 4:10-11

A perseverance package:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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.

Fearless Carnival Celebration



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