



# Welcome!

Foolishness is not a desired trait, is it? We easily recognise foolishness in others, but rarely see it in ourselves. Yet the key to wisdom is realising when and how we are fools. Today's message will be practical and helpful as you navigate the hundreds of decisions that you make to pursue wisdom.

And just a side note regarding the church finances: we are about to close our fiscal year in a few weeks. I want to personally say thank you all of you who continually invest in the work of God here at this church. We are in a healthy position financially, but could certainly use an extra push toward the end of our fiscal year. The summer months are often quite lean as many are away on vacation, so we're trying to "catch up" for some low weeks this summer. Thank you for your investments!

It's also the last week for the summer photo booth, so be sure to stop by the ground floor and get a photo with your family or friends. Happy Summer!

*Brett*

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## BOLD FAITH OUR FOUR GOALS

The Bold Faith fund campaign is an initiative to establish a permanent venue in Hong Kong to advance God's kingdom. The objective is to raise sufficient funds to procure and own a building to enable our church to multiply ministries and serve our city well.

**BRING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP JESUS**

**OPTIMISE TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**LOVE THE CITY**

**DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY**

## Bold Faith Fund [Target \$1 Billion]

Received	\$98.3M	Outstanding Pledged	\$32.7M
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Total Fund \$131M

### GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (48 WEEKS)

-1.6% deficit on giving

Budget	\$67.4M
Giving	\$66.3M
Variance	-\$1.1M

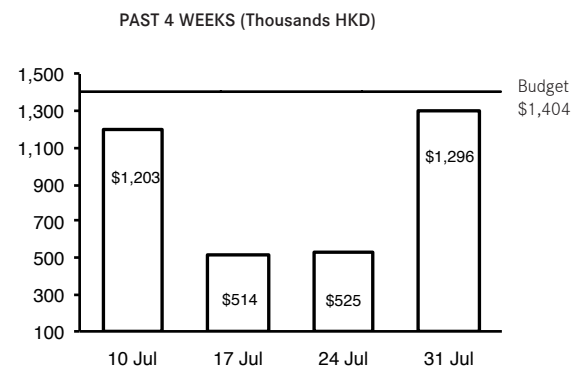
### GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

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:
- 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts
  - 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens

Enquiries:  
giving@islandecc.hk

### FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 - AUG 2017



### WEEKLY

	10 Jul	17 Jul	24 Jul	31 Jul
Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Giving	1,203	514	525	1,296
Variance	(201)	(890)	(879)	(108)

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## HELLO SUMMER

### Learning To Be Foolish

August 6, 2017 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

Are you new here?  
Come to our Newcomers Lunch  
Today  
1:30 pm, 11/F Living Room C



# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY PRAYER AFTER SERVICE

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are. If you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers at the front. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

## TODAY NEWCOMERS LUNCH

Are you new to Island ECC? Want to know more about the church? If so, please join us at the Newcomers Lunch. Today, 1:30 pm, 11/F Living Room C.

## TODAY QUENCH SUMMER SALE

Today is the last day of our annual Quench Summer Sale! Don't miss this great opportunity to save (cash only) and continue to enjoy summer with some great reads from Island ECC! Check out all our discount offerings on 1/F in Quench.

## AUG 12 MOVIE NIGHT: THE SHACK

Join with others for a fun evening at the movies here at Island ECC. We will be viewing The Shack, with its unique look at how God cares for each of us deeply. Admission is free. 6 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Register online at [islandecc.hk/movie-night](http://islandecc.hk/movie-night).

## AUG 27 KIDS CLUB PARENT MEET AND GREET

All Kids Club parents are invited to meet with staff and small group leaders during the first 30 minutes of the 9:30 am and 11:30 am services in the 10/F Classroom, or the 3 pm service in 9/F Kids Worship Hall. We look forward to sharing more about our curriculum and plans for the upcoming school year! Please RSVP at [kidsclub@islandecc.hk](mailto:kidsclub@islandecc.hk).

## OCT 13-14 SAVE THE DATES: "BEING ONE" SINGLES CONFERENCE

What if we're not living to our complete potential because we believe there's something else out there for us? Our upcoming Singles Conference, Being One, will explore how to live our best lives now by harnessing our God-given potential of being present, being fulfilled, and being one. Save the dates and stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

## CLASSES

### AUG 13-27 DISCOVERING THE WAY GOD MADE YOU

God has gifted each of us uniquely and called us to serve Him. In this 3-week course, we will explore our spiritual gifts together and uncover our character strengths in a fun, interactive setting. As part of this course, you will also learn how to leverage who you are to serve God to the best of your ability at church and in the workplace. 9:30 - 11:30 am, 10/F Classroom.

## OUTREACH

### AUG 13 TAIWAN MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION

The Taiwan Mission Team returned to the village of Jinlun, Taitung, for the fifth summer in early July to share the love of Christ with the aboriginal community. Come and hear testimonies of how the team was guided by prayers to deliver 3 different tracks to 3 different age groups in the village. 1:30 - 3:00 pm, 2/F Auditorium.

### NOV 4-11 SHANXI MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline: August 27

We will be sending a team to a neighbourhood village school in Shanxi. Despite religious red tape, the school has been practicing the Christian values of love and respect. By interacting with the locals and loving them through your actions, you will influence and impact China's next generation. Email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk) for more information.

The Ark on Race Day



## OPPORTUNITIES

### COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

If you have a heart for children, have relevant experience, enjoy organising, and can put in a lot of care and detailed preparation for our weekly Sunday Kids Club and special events, we would love to hear from you. Please send a cover letter and CV to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk).

### COORDINATOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY - 5 MONTH CONTRACT

This is a full-time position for 5 months from 1 September. We are seeking someone with a heart for the women of the church to support the director in planning and executing this ministry. Taking initiative, and excellent communication and administrative skills are required. Please send your cover letter and CV to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk).

### ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT

We are looking for someone proficient in MS Excel/Pivot tables, PowerPoint, charts and relational database analysis to join the Finance Team and assist the Director of Finance. Good communication, and English writing and presentation skills needed. Please send your CV and a cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk).

### ISLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Do you like playing games, eating delicious food, sharing your faith, and helping the next generation succeed? We are looking for small group and Sunday volunteers to partner with us in serving the next generation. For more information, email [youth@islandecc.hk](mailto:youth@islandecc.hk).

### KIDS CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Training Dates: 20 August or 23 August

Kids Club is recruiting regular Sunday volunteers for the upcoming school year starting 3 September. We need a Welcome Team, Small Group Leaders and Large Group Leaders for storytelling, worship and AV. If you have a heart to serve our kids, please contact us at [kidsclub@islandecc.hk](mailto:kidsclub@islandecc.hk) or drop by 9/F Welcome Desk for more information.

### MARVEL BUDDIES

Training Dates: 20 August or 23 August

We are initiating a new ministry to children with special needs called Marvel Kids and are currently recruiting consistent, caring volunteers to serve in this ministry. A Marvel Buddy will be partnered with a child with special needs to offer care, guidance and support as they hear about the love of God at Kids Club. For more information, email [marvelkids@islandecc.hk](mailto:marvelkids@islandecc.hk).

## NEW TO ISLAND ECC

### 1 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.

### 2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Check out [islandecc.hk](http://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.

### 3 GET PLUGGED IN

We'd love to get to know you better! If you'd like to connect with any of our specific ministries, or have questions, please feel free to contact us via the following emails.

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## Learning To Be Foolish

*For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*  
1 Corinthians 1:25

*The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*  
Jeremiah 17:9

*The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.*  
Proverbs 14:15

*A fool spurns a parent's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.*  
Proverbs 15:5

*There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.*  
Proverbs 16:25

1. A fool doesn't \_\_\_\_\_

2. A fool doesn't \_\_\_\_\_

3. A fool doesn't \_\_\_\_\_

4. A fool doesn't \_\_\_\_\_

*"How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?"*

Proverbs 1:22

3 Types of Fools

1. Simple

2. Mockers

3. Stubborn

*Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise.*

1 Corinthians 3:18

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