

# Welcome!

Welcome to Island ECC! We're really glad you're here - not only do we have great services planned today, but the aircon is working!

Today, we're going to look at the idea of wanting a "vacation" from the stressors of life. There are situations and challenges we experience in life that sometimes drive us to the point where we wish we could just check out and take a break, but the Apostle Paul is going to teach us that these hard times are actually valuable for our faith.

We hope you can join us for some of the great events happening at Island ECC!



Come to our New here?

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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.

**B**RING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP **JESUS** 

**O**PTIMISE TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

LOVE THE CITY

DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY

Bold Faith Fund [Target \$1 Billion]

Received \$98.6M Outstanding Pledged \$32.8M

Total Fund \$131.4M

#### GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (49 WEEKS)

-2.5% deficit on giving

Budget \$68.8M Giving \$67.1M

#### 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.'

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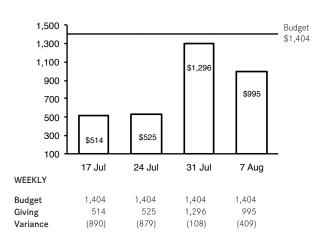
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#### Enquiries:

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#### FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 - AUG 2017

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



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# **HELLO SUMMER**

"Vacation"

August 13, 2017 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm 633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### TODAY BABY DEDICATION

We are delighted today to celebrate the dedication of this child to the Lord: Nathaniel Wong, born 22 February 2017, to parents Geoff & Conny (11:30 am, 2/F) We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

### AUG 2/ 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 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.

#### OCT 13-14 "BEING ONE" SINGLES CONFERENCE

The single life is amazing! This year's Singles Conference will focus on maximising the potential of being present, being fulfilled, and being one! We will be encouraged by our own Island ECC speakers, as well as special guest, Brian Rayburn, a former Hong Kong resident currently serving at Bible Fellowship Church in Ventura, California. Early bird tickets (\$300) are on sale starting this week at all Connect Counters.

#### CONNECT

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay updated on everything that happens at Island ECC via our social media platforms. We post devotional content, exciting photos from around church, worship song lists and other inspirational content.

www.facebook.com/IslandECC

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Don't forget to #islandecc in your posts as well!

#### **OUTREACH**

# TODAY 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.

# AUG 26 MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

It's time for the mobile shopping fair! Volunteers help to deliver goods and spend some time chatting with immobile families who have ordered goods from St. James' Settlement at a reduced price in Shek Kip Mei. We are looking for 20 volunteers to help out on 26 August, 9 - 11:30 am. Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

## NOV 4-11 shanki 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 for more information.



#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **ISLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS**

Do you like playing games, eating delicious food, sharing your faith, and helping youth 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.

#### 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. If you have a heart to serve children, please drop by 9/F Welcome Desk or email kidsclub@islandecc.hk 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. 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.

If you are interested in the opportunities below, please send your CV and cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk. For more information and details, go online to www.islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities.

#### COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

If you have a heart for children, relevant experience, and enjoy putting in a lot of care and detailed preparation for our weekly Sunday Kids Club, we would love to hear from you.

#### **ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT**

We are looking for someone proficient in accounting functions to join the Finance Team and assist the Director of Finance.

#### PASTORAL & MINISTRY ASSISTANT

We are looking for a friendly and energetic person with a servant heart to provide full-time administrative and logistical support for our pastors and ministries. Strong administration and communication skills, efficiency in multitasking, and excellent English (spoken and written) is

# **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 II E

Check out 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.

## 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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#### **13 AUGUST 2017**

# "Vacation"

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-5

Suffering produces endurance

Endurance produces character

Character produces hope

