



Welcome!

Can you believe the weather of late? Even as I type this, I'm not sure if we will have church on Sunday as another typhoon is brewing to the southeast and is expected to hit Hong Kong on Sunday. To be honest, I'm a bit weary of watching the weather. The heartache from Hurricane Harvey in Texas is hard to bear. With my family living in Houston, we have been glued to the news and making calls back home frequently to ensure all are okay. (My in-laws and daughter are unaffected, but my nieces' home and car were two feet under water.)

Today (assuming we are gathered at church!), we will look at what Jesus had to say about weather. Yep, even tucked away in the scriptures, Jesus used weather forecasting to teach us a great lesson.

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BOLD

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**
- DEEPEEN RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY**

Bold Faith Fund [Target \$1 Billion]



GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (52 WEEKS)
-4.7% deficit on giving

Budget	\$73.0M
Giving	\$69.6M
Variance	-\$3.4M

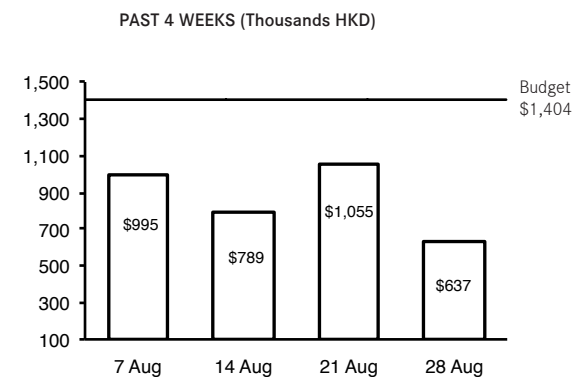
GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

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	7 Aug	14 Aug	21 Aug	28 Aug
Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Giving	995	789	1,055	637
Variance	(409)	(615)	(349)	(767)

HELLO SUMMER

Forecasting the Weather

September 3, 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**
1 October 2017
1:30 pm, 10/F Living Room

HIGHLIGHTS

SEP 10 KIDS CLUB PARENT MEET AND GREET (NEW DATE)

We have scheduled a new meeting date and location for the Parent Meet and Greet. Join us next week at 10 September, 9:30 - 10 am or 11:30 - 12 pm in 11/F Living Room C; or 3 pm, 9/F Kids Worship Hall B.

SEP 10 CARE GROUP OPEN HOUSE

Come to our first ever Care Group Open House. New groups will be formed that day and some existing groups will also be there to welcome new members. Visit islandecc.hk/caregroups for more details and how to sign up. 10 September, 2:15 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

SEP 11 ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a laid-back environment. Register at islandecc.hk/alpha and join us every Monday. Starts 11 September, 7 pm, 2/F Auditorium.

SEP 12 MEN'S FRATERNITY FALL LAUNCH

Men of Island ECC, join the MF fall launch party! Come eat some great food, meet new friends, and see how God can change your life. 12 September, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

SEP 13 THE VILLAGE FALL LAUNCH: SPECIAL GUEST DR. YVETTE ISAAC

Come to The Village Fall Kick-off Party! For the launch, we will have Dr. Yvette Isaac, a phenomenal woman of God, share her story with us. Join us on 13 September, 7:30 pm, 2/F Auditorium.

SEP 16 PRAYER RETREAT

Join us for a day of retreat at Mui Wo, 9 am - 5 pm. The retreat costs \$100. Register at the Connect Counter or email prayer@islandecc.hk for more information.

SEP 17 GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE LAUNCH

At GROW, participants learn how to establish a daily quiet time routine, read the Bible, and have fellowship with others in Christ. Join the GROW Launch on 17 September, 1:30 - 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

SEP 24 "WELCOME HOME" VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

Because we love, we serve! Come join us to find out more about how you can serve! Light lunch provided. 24 September, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 11/F Living Room A. Email serve@islandecc.hk for more information.

OCT 13-14 "BEING ONE" SINGLES CONFERENCE

This year's Singles Conference will focus on maximising the potential of being present, being fulfilled, and being one, featuring special guest speaker, Brian Rayburn. Early bird tickets (\$300) are on sale at all Connect Counters. Email singles@islandecc.hk for more information.

CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to islandecc.hk/classes.

SEP 10 BAPTISM CLASS

If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend all 3 baptism classes on 10, 17 & 24 September, 7/F Classroom. If you can't make it on Sundays, please attend both Wednesday classes, 13 & 20 September, 7 - 9 pm, 11/F Classroom. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism.

SEP 10 NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCES GOD'S WAY

What does it mean to be faithful with the money that God has entrusted to you? Come and explore the answers to these questions in the Bible in this 9-week course (\$300). 9:30 - 11 am, 7/F Classroom.

SEP 17 BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

Join Martin Radford for a closer look into the world that Jesus was born into. This 7-week class is essential for a deeper understanding of the New Testament. 9:30 - 11 am, 10/F Classroom.

SEP 17 THEOLOGY 101

What does the Bible teach about God, Jesus, sin and heaven? To learn more about the fundamentals of our faith, join Kyle Reed for this 5-week introductory course. 3 - 4:30 pm, 10/F Classroom.

SEP 19 DISORDERED EATING SUPPORT GROUP

Disordered eating can take many forms; it doesn't have to be a full-blown eating disorder to become an obstacle in your life. This 6-week support group is led by a caring professional. 7:30 pm, 8/F Living Room.

The Ark on Race Day



OUTREACH

SEP 23 MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL HOME VISITS

Hope of the City is partnering with a local church to care for families in Cheung Sha Wan through home visits and mooncakes gifting during the Mid-Autumn season. We are looking for 15 volunteers on 23 September, 2 - 5 pm. Email to volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

SEP-FEB ELDERLY HOME VISIT RECRUITMENT

Since 2015, around 50 regular volunteers have been visiting elderly in Ngau Tau Kok monthly to display the love of Christ. Hope of the City would like to invite you to be part of this wonderful journey. For more information, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

OCT 31-NOV 5 MEDICAL/DENTAL CAMBODIA MISSION TRIP

Information Session: 10 September / Registration Deadline: 15 September

We are looking for dentists, doctors and nurses to form a medical team for a mission trip to Kampot, Cambodia. We will also need extra hands to bring compassion and care to this quaint village. Join the info session on 10 September, 3 pm - 4:30 pm, 11/F Classroom.

NOV 4-11 SHANXI MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline: Today

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

If you are interested in the opportunities below, send your CV to hr@islandecc.hk. For more information, go to islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities.

MINISTRY ASSISTANT

We are looking for a friendly and energetic person with a servant heart to provide full-time administrative and logistical support for two ministries. Strong administration and communication skills, and efficiency in multitasking required.

MINISTRY SUPPORT ASSISTANT - SUNDAY MORNING

We are looking for a friendly person with good administrative skills to provide support to our Sunday services. A love for the church is essential plus fluency in English. The successful candidate is required to serve on Sundays from 9am to 1pm.

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, 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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3 SEPTEMBER 2017

Forecasting the Weather

⁵⁴He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. ⁵⁵And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. ⁵⁶Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"

Luke 12:54-56

³⁵"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him."

Luke 12:35-40

Three components of readiness:

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

What "extinguishes our lamps"?

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

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