

October 21, 2018

THINGS UNSEEN

# Heaven

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

John 14:1-3

*And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. <sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the LORD God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*

Revelations 21:21-27

*No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.*

Revelations 22:3-4

Heaven gives you \_\_\_\_\_

Heaven gives you \_\_\_\_\_

Heaven gives you \_\_\_\_\_ (and perspective for life)

**Are you new here?**  
**Come to our Newcomers Lunch**  
For details, please refer to the highlights of the bulletin.

**Let's get to know each other!**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### OCT 27 WALKING WITH GOD

God is especially seen in nature, so join us for a special time with God while enjoying His creation while walking to the Peak at 9:30 am. To register, visit [www.islandecc.hk/walkwithgod](http://www.islandecc.hk/walkwithgod).

### NOV 2-3 MEN'S RETREAT: THE GREAT GETAWAY

Take a breather. Get collected. Be in the moment and get away for 24 hours to be still and refocus on the Lord of your life. Reflect and seek what God is impressing upon your heart this season. Be refreshed. Be energised. Friday 7 pm – Saturday 4:30 pm, Ma Wan. Early bird tickets starting at \$550. Register at any Connect Counter or online.

### NOV 10 MARRIAGE SUMMIT

Like anything worthwhile, good marriages take attention and work, especially in tough seasons. This one day workshop will provide couples with exceptional marital principles as well as opportunities in a stress-free setting to have conversations, fun, and growth. Cost, including lunch and materials, is \$300 per couple. Register online at [islandecc.hk/marriagesummit](http://islandecc.hk/marriagesummit) or 1/F Connect Counter.

### NOV 16 RENEW WORSHIP NIGHT

The word “Hallelujah” captures the heart, spirit, and purpose of Renew Worship Night. Join us for another powerful and creative night of awe, inspiration and celebration, as the band welcomes special guest artist Curt Anderson on Friday, 16 November! Doors open at 7 pm, come early for seats!

## CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes)

### NOV 2 PARENT WORKSHOP-ADOLESCENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH

IY parents are invited to join us for a Parent Round Table. CIS student counsellor Dr. Tim Woo will be sharing about adolescent brain development and mental health. This is an amazing opportunity to receive practical help, learn about the challenges your students face, connect with other parents and have Q&A. 7 – 10 pm, 2/F Auditorium. For more info, email [youth@islandecc.hk](mailto:youth@islandecc.hk).

### NOV 4 PERFECTING YOUR PARENTING

Are you a bit worn out as a parent with the never-ending “on-the-job” training? Come join Pastor Rick Bates and team in this 4-week class for some practical and biblical assistance on functional family, discipline, grace-based parenting, handling the internet, your helpers role, and such topics. 9:30 – 11 am, 10/F Classroom.

### NOV 4 REASONABLE HOPE

All religious beliefs – in fact, all humans – face two profound questions. why does evil exist? And, what happens when we die? Join Martin Radford in this 4-week class to explore these crucial issues. 11:30 am – 1 pm, 7/F Classroom.

### NOV 11 JOURNEY TO FORGIVENESS

Join us in this 6-week journey to unleash the healing power of forgiveness through Bible study facilitated by Justine Wong. Limited seats. Fee: \$60 book included. Register at 1/F Connect Counter. 3 – 4:30 pm, 11/F Small Group Room.



Scan the QR Code to download the Church App!

## OUTREACH

### HOPE OCTOBER

Hope October is a time when the congregation can learn about how the church serves the local community. This month invites volunteers to have a personal taste of what serving the poor in Hong Kong is like. Last year, Hope October generated 1,000 volunteer hours.

This year, we are raising the goal to 1,500 hours. Here are the upcoming opportunities to serve.

- Prayer on the Mount, 24, 31 October, 7:30 – 9 pm

Bring your Food Drive contributions to church and drop them in the red bins on Floors 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10. Items like rice, cooking oil & UHT milk are a priority. For bulk donations, please email us at [info@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:info@hopeofthecity.com).

To register, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

Hours remaining: 901 hours

### TODAY JEJU MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION

Our very first Jeju Mission Team had the privilege of serving students and refugees from both the North and South side of the Korean Peninsula at a week-long English Reunification Camp. Join us today to hear how we were moved by the everlasting love of God through true stories from the Korean students and refugees. 1:30 – 3:00 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

### NOV 4 SHANXI MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION

“Completely touched and awed beyond words!” This is how the team experienced before, during, and after the September mission trip when God brought the team from Typhoon Mangkhut in HK to a village school in Mainland China. Join us and listen to our personal stories of how our eyes have been opened and hearts changed. 1:30 – 3 pm, 10/F Classroom.

### NOV 4 SO THAT ALL MAY HEAR

Many cultures could not read a Bible even if they were given one. These are oral learners, which makes up about 70% of the world's population. Faith comes by hearing is an evangelistic organisation on the cutting edge of technology. Come hear FCBG president Morgan Jackson share how more people are hearing the Good News for the first time. 1:30 – 3pm, 10/F Auditorium.

## OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about the below opportunities, go to [islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities](http://islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities). If you are interested, send your CV and cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk).

- Coordinator of Volunteers (Hope of the City)
- Web Developer
- Senior Accountant

GENERAL OFFERING			
LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)		YEAR TO DATE (7 Weeks)	
	8 Oct	15 Oct	
Budget	1,539	1,539	Budget \$10.8M
Giving	1,699	1,190	Giving \$8.2M
Tolerance	160	(349)	Variance \$-2.6M (-24.1%)

  

BOLD FAITH FUND	
Received	\$128 M
Outstanding Pledged	\$19 M

  

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Enquiries: [giving@islandecc.hk](mailto:giving@islandecc.hk)