

January 12, 2020

CHOICES

Holy Hesitations

All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives.

Proverbs 16:2 (NASB)

There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 16:25 (NASB)

My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

1 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)

After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crag of the Wild Goats.

He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when He said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

1 Samuel 24:1-4 (NIV)



Are you new here?

We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch!

Share your contact details via QR code or fill in below and place in the offering bag



Name

Email

Phone

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch, 1:15 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. If we can help you with anything else, please email new@islandecc.hk

TODAY CHINESE NEW YEAR PACKETS

Chinese New Year red packets are available today for purchase. Each attractive red envelope comes with a bilingual gospel tract. A pack of 10 costs HK\$20.

TODAY NEW PARKING SPACE AVAILABLE

For those who drive, there is now parking available at the new K11 Atelier building on King's Road. The cost is \$23 per hour payable via Octopus card. Entry is at the rear of the building.

TODAY BABY DEDICATION

We are delighted to join with Gary and Eunice Chan today in the dedication of their daughter to the Lord: Hope Emmanuelle Chan, born April 25, 2019, 3 pm, 2/F. We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

JAN 17-18 EMULATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

This is the final week to sign up for the EMULATE Youth Conference! This conference is designed for students to connect with God and one another in a fun and interactive way. There are a ton of surprises, activities, giveaways and incredible speakers. Don't miss out, sign up today at islandecc.hk/emulate

JAN 19 PARENT TALK: THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Deuteronomy 6 casts a vision for family life that aligns with God's design. In it, the family is seen naturally chatting about godly things throughout the day and creating physical reminders of God. Wherever you are with your family, whether God doesn't often come up or you can't stop talking about Him, come learn creative ways to engage as a family. 1:30 pm, 10/F Classroom. Register at islandecc.hk/parenttalk

FEB 3 ALPHA COURSE SPRING 2020

Alpha is for anyone who's curious about the Christian faith. It is a ten-week series of interactive sessions that explore a relationship with Jesus. The sessions are designed to encourage debate and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, honest and informal environment. Mondays, 7 pm, 2/F Worship Hall.

FEB 22 - JUN 31 ARK 2020

The ARK Dragon Boat Team is recruiting for the coming season. Come join us to paddle to God's glory, experience genuine Christian community, and—of course—have fun along the way. Sign up starts today until Jan 19 at 1/F Connect Counter. For more details, email ark@islandecc.hk

OUTREACH

JAN 12 HOME VISITATION VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Regular home visitation is one of Hope of the City's focus area. We believe the needs in our city can only be met through consistent and healthy relationship building. Join us in a training to learn how to care for the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the deprived at 11/F Living Room, 1:30 - 3 pm. To register, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com

JAN 26 LEBANON OUTREACH TRIP INFO SESSION

Trip Dates: April 24 - May 3
We will return to Lebanon to serve Syrian refugees who have been displaced by war. Working with local church partners, this team will organise English classes, visit refugee families, reach out to children and teens, and arrange morning assemblies. Join the info session to learn more! 1:30 pm, 10/F Classroom. For more info, email go@islandecc.hk

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

JAN 19 GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE INFO SESSION

GROW deeper in your relationship with God by developing habits like quiet time, reading God's Word, and being in fellowship. Sign up for the info session on Jan 19, 1:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Starts on Feb 2.

FEB 2 THE UNFINISHED STORY

God's story doesn't end with the last book of the Bible. It's an unfinished story that is still being written and we have a role to play in it! This 4-week course is for anyone wanting to sharpen their understanding of missions by learning about God's heart for the lost in the Old and New Testaments, and the growth of the church. Material cost: \$100. 11:30 am, 7/F Classroom.

FEB 2 GOD'S FINGERPRINTS

Did you know that God is actively at work in your life? Join Jonathan Lo in this 4-week class to see God's fingerprints more prominently, appreciate with a greater sense of clarity His shaping and forming, and draw key leadership principles from Dr. J. Robert Clinton of Fuller Theological Seminary. Material cost: \$200. 3 pm, 11/F The Well.

FEB 5 THRIVE WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Are you feeling worried, lost, discouraged or empty? Are things not as good as you think they should be? Would you like to thrive rather than just survive? If so, this group is for you. Plan to join with similar women for a 6-week support group led by trained counsellors. 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 8/F Living Room.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Serving is at the heart of everything we do at Island ECC. It reflects the heart of God as Jesus declared that even He came to serve. If you want to help us make Sunday services awesome by making church warm and welcoming, brewing coffee, or baking, register at islandecc.hk/volunteer

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- Associate Director of Children's Ministry
- Coordinator of Children's Ministry

GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

Generosity is at the heart of God, and it's our privilege and calling to imitate His generosity with all He's entrusted us. Every contribution goes to ministries which change lives in the church, the city and around the world.

To give electronically, or for information regarding Hong Kong or U.S. tax receipts, please refer to the QR code or visit islandecc.hk/giving.

Enquiries: giving@islandecc.hk



GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)			YEAR TO DATE (19 Weeks)	
	30 Dec	6 Jan	Budget	
Budget	1,663	1,262	\$30.2M	
Giving	2,172	1,889	\$24.0M	
Variance	509	627	Variance	-\$6.2M -20.5%

BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$164.8 M	Pledges to be received	\$16.1 M
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