

February 2, 2020

CHINESE NEW YEAR

## The Story of Blessing

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)

*Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, in Our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*

Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

*"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)

*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, to put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment - to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.*

Ephesians 1:7-10 (NIV)



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

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY SPIRITUAL GROWTH RESOURCES

To access the Top 10 list of resources for spiritual growth you heard about today in service, please go to [islandecc.hk/top10](http://islandecc.hk/top10)

## FEB 3 SUPER BOWL MONDAY

The biggest American football game of the year is coming soon! We will be showing the Super Bowl on Monday, Feb 3, 7:30 am, 10/F Worship Hall. Join us for a great time of fun and fellowship. Breakfast and coffee will be provided!

## FEB 3 ALPHA COURSE SPRING 2020

The start of the Alpha Spring season on 3 February will be postponed due to preventive measures for the virus. Please stay tuned for updates in the following weeks. Those who are registered for the upcoming season will receive email updates. Registration remains open. We look forward to seeing you at Alpha soon! Please email [alpha@islandecc.hk](mailto:alpha@islandecc.hk) with any questions.

## FEB 5-29 UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WOMEN

Check out the upcoming events for The Village this fall:

- Women’s Bible Study: Exodus, Feb 5, 10 am, 11/F Classroom
- Mom’s Group Launch, Feb 13, 9:30 am, 10/F Living Room
- The Village x Men’s Fraternity: Joint Hiking, Feb 29, 11 am, Fanling

For more info on the hike, [islandecc.hk/jointhike](http://islandecc.hk/jointhike)

## FEB 9 PARENT TALK: ESTABLISHING HEALTHY BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN

As parents, setting boundaries is difficult. Join us as we learn from Christine Ma-Lau on different ways to establish healthy boundaries for your children. 1:30 pm, 10/F Classroom. Register at [islandecc.hk/parenttalk](http://islandecc.hk/parenttalk)

## FEB 11 MEN’S FRATERNITY SPRING LAUNCH

Want to sharpen one another and prepare for the everyday battlefield? Come to Men’s Fraternity to receive or share wisdom with brothers. A silent nod speaks a thousand words. Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall.

## FEB 12 THE VILLAGE SPRING LAUNCH

Come and join women just like you to explore faith, find some answers to life and experience what healthy friendship among women is like - it’s called the sisterhood! We’re waiting for you! Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, 2/F Auditorium.

## FEB 23 BAPTISM CLASSES

If you’re interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class on Feb 23 and Mar 1, 9:30 - 11 am, 10/F Classroom. Sign up at [islandecc.hk/baptism](http://islandecc.hk/baptism)

# OUTREACH

## FEB 22 BIBLE-BASED LITERACY TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Hope of the City is partnering with Bible League International to host a 2-day train-the-trainer workshop (taught in Cantonese) from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. This is for bilingual speakers who have a passion to share the gospel through English. For more info, email [info@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:info@hopeofthecity.com)

## ENGLISH ORAL TUTORING VOLUNTEERS

Hope of the City is recruiting volunteers to provide English conversational lessons to elementary children from low-income families on Saturdays, 10:30 am - 12 pm in Cheung Sha Wan area. Volunteers are expected to serve for the whole school term to build a healthy relationship with their students. To register, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com)

# CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

## TODAY GOD’S FINGERPRINTS

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 Classroom.

## FEB 16 LETTERS TO THE EPHESIANS

How should Christians face opposition and live with those who hold different views? Join Michelle Lo on this 4-week study on the letter to the Ephesians and learn how to live out a holier and Christ-inspired lifestyle, in relation to others. Material cost: \$100. 9:30 am, 7/F Classroom.

## FEB 16 FOUNDATIONAL FOUR: THE LIFE OF JESUS

What does it mean to be a true follower of Christ? In this 4-week course, we will look into the Life of Jesus - from His birth and humble life to His death to His miraculous resurrection. Join Pastor Tim Latour to learn about how, as His disciples, following His example is our best course of action. 3 pm, 10/F Classroom.

## FEB 19 THRIVE WOMEN’S SUPPORT GROUP

Are you feeling worried, lost, discouraged or empty? Would you like to thrive rather than just survive? Plan to join with similar women for a 6-week support group led by trained counsellors. 7:30 pm, 8/F Living Room.

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about the below job 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 Youth Ministry
- Coordinator of Children’s Ministry
- Coordinator of Care Group 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](http://islandecc.hk/giving).

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



### GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)			YEAR TO DATE (22 Weeks)	
	20 Jan	29 Jan		
Budget	1,262	1,262	Budget	\$34.0M
Giving	1,707	2,671	Giving	\$29.5M
Variance	445	1,409	Variance	-\$4.5M -13.2%

### BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$165.3 M	Pledges to be received	\$16 M
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