

Welcome!

What you wear matters.

Obviously some people care more about being fashionable than others, but all of us make fashion decisions every day, because we actually care about our appearance. Why do we care? Because others care.

You are treated differently depending on how you dress. Show up in flip-flops to the fine dining restaurant, and you won't be given a table. Wear a suit to the swimming pool and you will be laughed at. Try bringing back that hairstyle that you had in the 80's, and I can promise you people will make fun of it.

As Christians, we are told in the Bible that we are to "clothe ourselves with Christ". Hmm. Pretty sure that doesn't mean we are to wear weird togas. But somehow, our demeanour is affected greatly by how we spiritually "clothe ourselves".

Whatever you are actually wearing today, you are appropriate. This church has no dress code, and whether you like to be a little snazzy or simply keep your weekend full-on casual, all is okay. But the expectation of Christians is that our spiritual condition would have a massive impact on our inward life. "Dressed in Christ" is always in fashion, and today we'll understand more what that looks like.

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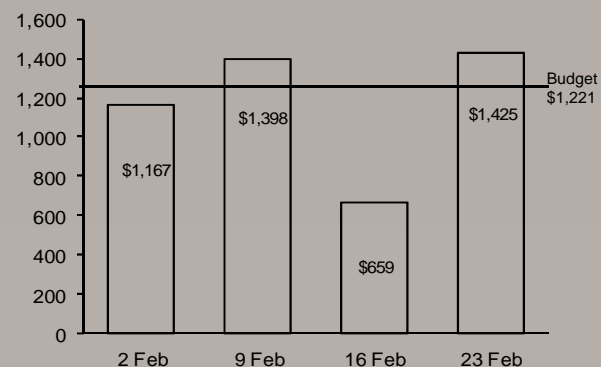
FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2014-AUG 2015

YEAR TO DATE (26 WEEKS)

-6.15% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 31.750M
YTD Giving \$ 29.796M
YTD Variance \$ -1.954M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



| | 2 Feb | 9 Feb | 16 Feb | 23 Feb |
|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Weekly Budget | 1,221 | 1,221 | 1,221 | 1,221 |
| Weekly Giving | 1,167 | 1,398 | 659 | 1,425 |
| Weekly Variance | -54 | 177 | -562 | 204 |

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 to 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts or to 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens. More info at www.islandecc.hk/give. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk.

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Extreme Makeover

March 1, 2015 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Prayer After Service

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are, and if you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers at the front.

TODAY Ark Dragon Boat Sign Up Deadline

We welcome fun-loving paddlers from all age groups (18 years old or above, or with parental agreement) and all experience levels. Water training starts on March 8. Sign up at the 1/F Connect Counter or contact ark@islandecc.hk with questions. Cost is \$1,700 (cash or cheque only).

TODAY to APR 19 Upcoming Missions Trips Info Sessions & Sharing

Ready to take the challenge to go to serve others and to grow in Christ? Join one of the following summer mission trips (email go@islandecc.hk for more details).

March 1, 2pm 9/F Kid's Worship Hall - Cambodia Trip Sharing.

March 15, 2pm, 8/F Room B - Shanxi Trip (Jul 1 to 7) Info Session.

March 29, 2pm, 8/F Room A - Taiwan Mission Trip (Jul 4-11) Info Session.

April 19, 2pm, 9/F - Mongolia Trip (Jul 25-Aug 9) Info Session.

MAR 3 Men's Fraternity Kickoff

Men's Fraternity is kicking off a new semester! There will be powerful worship, personal testimonies of transformation, and descriptions of the different studies offered. 7.30-9.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. For more information, visit www.islandecc.hk/men/.

MAR 6-27 Marriage Course

This 4 week marriage course is perfect for couples who have never been through any marriage material or who want a refresher! The course is a Friday Date Night, 7.30-9.45pm, 2/F Coffee Corner. Cost: \$200 per couple per session. For more details, visit www.islandecc.hk/classes/.

MAR 8 More Easter Prison Outreach — Sign Up

Thank you to those who signed up to join the Tung Tau Prison Outreach on April 5. We are looking for more volunteers to join another outreach to Pik Uk Prison in Sai Kung, April 7, 9.30am-11.30pm. Email full name, mobile and HKID# to ricki@islandecc.hk before March 8.

MAR 9 Alpha Course Spring 2015

Looking for answers to life? This is a ten-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a laid-back environment. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and small group discussion. Mondays, 7pm, 2/F. Visit www.islandecc.hk/alpha.

MAR 13 ReNEW Worship Night + Live Album Release

You're invited to a special night of worship here at Island ECC! This evening is also the first time you'll be able to buy Island ECC's new live album, Home. Space is limited, so pick up your free ticket at the Connect Counter. 1/F. Doors open at 7pm.

MAR 15 Baptism Class

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith. If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class starting on Sunday, 15 March, 3pm, 8/F Room A. You can register by emailing baptism@islandecc.hk.

MAR 18 Women's Ministries: Launch — The Village Gathering

We are launching a new season for Women's Ministries starting on March 18, 7.30pm, 2F. Hear about the new plans and our coming Women's Conference (Half The Church: Recapturing God's Vision for Women). Light refreshments served. Get your free tickets at the Connect Counter!

New Classes Starting

Several new classes are starting this month. To learn more about the following and to register, go to islandecc.hk/classes/

Today Between the Testaments - Palestine Before Jesus / Theology 101 / Charlie Hebdo, Islam and the Fate of our Civilisation / Living a Life of True Worship Bible Study.

March 2 Domestic Helper Management / Prayer Warrior Book Study.



On The City

MAR 29 Family Easter Picnic - SAVE THE DATE!

Set your calendars now for a wonderful family event, celebrating Easter at The Victoria Peak Garden. Plans are underway for food and fun, with outdoor Easter-themed lawn games for everyone to enjoy. Your families won't want to miss this event. More information coming soon!

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! The Connect Counters are located on the 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 JOIN THE CITY

The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 3,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events and the chance to connect with others. Sign up now at the Connect Counter.

3 CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting www.islandecc.hk, you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

HE LOVES

God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...

HE GAVE

He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...

WE BELIEVE

We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

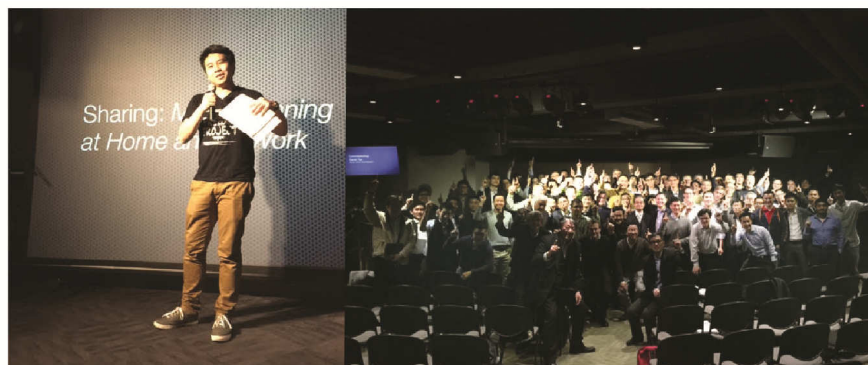
WE LIVE

God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death, He gives life, now ... and for eternity.

You can tell God you accept Him now.

"Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

Men's Fraternity at Island ECC



March 1, 2015

Extreme Makeover

²³ Before the coming of this faith we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:23-29