



Welcome!

Today, as a church, we will be looking at the theme of celebration. What comes to mind for you when you hear the word *celebrate*? From my background, I think of the 1981 boogie classic song by Kool and the Gang, *Celebration*. "Cel-e-brate good times – come on!"

Celebrations are part of all cultures, and certainly are part of ours in Hong Kong, with both Asian and Western occasions for celebrating. We will be reminded of some of those today as preparation for examining what the Bible has to say about the most essential quality of celebration in life.

What does God want us to know about the rhythm of celebration? We dive into that arena today. I hope by the end of our worship service, you will have a stronger foundation for authentic God-honouring, Christ-centred celebrations in your life.

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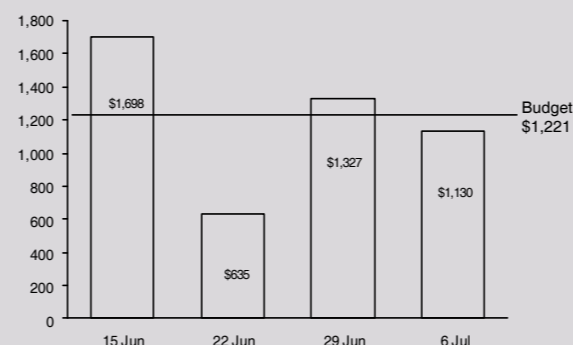
YEAR TO DATE (45 WEEKS)

0.01% surplus on giving

YTD Budget \$ 54.952M
YTD Giving \$ 54.957M
YTD Variance \$ 0.005M

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2014-AUG 2015

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	15 Jun	22 Jun	29 Jun	6 Jul
Weekly Budget	1,221	1,221	1,221	1,221
Weekly Giving	1,698	635	1,327	1,130
Weekly Variance	477	-586	106	-91

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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RHYTHM

Rhythm Of Celebration

July 12, 2015 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

JUL 18 Sports Fellowship — Kickboxing

Want an efficient way to spend that extra bit of energy? Join us to punch & kick away! 9-11am in a gym in Tin Hau. Ticket is \$150 at 1/F Connect Counter. Email: sportsfellowship@islandecc.hk.

JUL 19 Workshop: Should I Get a Helper?

Is hiring a helper the right decision for your household? Join Melanie Leung-Shea for a workshop that will demystify the helper topic and help you understand more about the basics of the Hong Kong helper scene. Visit <https://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for detail and registration.

JUL 19 & AUG 2 iGlee Auditions

iGlee is recruiting singers for all parts, as well as piano players. We will hold auditions on Sundays, July 19 and August 2 at 2.15pm. Just come with one of your favourite songs. Email iglee@islandecc.hk for full details!

JUL 21 Men's Fraternity Summer Session

Men's Fraternity is taking a break on Tuesday July 7 & 14. Our Summer Session starts on July 21, 7.30pm, 10/F Living Room. ALL men are welcome to join our summer topic "Grave Robbers - Looking at the miracles Jesus performed". We look forward to great fellowship, discussion, and exploration of God's truth for our lives. For more information, visit www.islandecc.hk/men/.

JUL 22 Summer At The Village

Calling all women in Island ECC! The Village weekly gatherings will be starting on Wednesdays (7.30-9.30pm), 2/F. As many will be travelling over the summer, we are calling this Summer At The Village, Jul 22 to Aug 26. There will be worship, sharing, silence, prayer and a study led by Kwen. Check the website for details <https://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women/the-village/>.

JUL 26 Workshop: Preparing for Your Helper's Arrival

Are you at the early stages of hiring a helper? Join Melanie Leung-Shea for a workshop that will help you start off well: practical tips, knowing what to provide, how to prepare and what you need to know. Visit <https://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for detail and registration.

AUG 1 One Day Prayer Retreat

Join us in setting aside time for a special day to connect and partner with Father God and with His people at Island ECC's newly renovated 11/F, 10am-3pm. Light lunch would be provided so pay \$50 at Connect Counters as you register. For more information, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

Upcoming Mission Sharing Session and Trip

Philippines Short Term Mission Trip Sharing Session, July 19, 2.30pm, 10/F Classroom
Come and join the team as they share their stories about how God's love and faithfulness made this trip typhoon free, brought transformation, restoration and healing. Our team served more than 300 families in poverty in Sibonga, Cebu with Agape Ministries.

Indonesia Mission Trip (Sept 26-Oct 2) — Applications Open

This fall, Outreach Ministries is taking a team to Indonesia to work among believers in West Java, a strong Muslim area where currently there is no church presence. We will produce a video to capture the heart of this ministry and raise awareness for the nation. We are looking for volunteers with video production experience to join us. Email: go@islandecc.hk for more information.



On The City

Staff Vacancies on the Marketplace

- Executive Assistant to Senior and Executive Pastors
- Junior Coordinator of Ministry Support
- Coordinator of Volunteers
- Part-time Coordinator of Children's Ministries
- Worship Leader for Youth Ministries on Sundays
- Worship Leader for Sunday Services

For details on the above go to the Marketplace/Jobs.

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."

Women's Conference 2015 Half the Church



July 12, 2015

Rhythm Of Celebration

The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate. Oprah Winfrey

This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

Exodus 12:14

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They have no more wine..."

John 2:1-3

_____ during _____ celebrations.

"My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

Luke 15:31-32

When [the woman] finds [the coin], she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:9-10

_____ with _____ celebrations.