

Welcome!

Welcome to Island ECC! If this is your first time here, we're glad you've found us! Whether it was from an invitation by a friend or a Google search, we're sincerely glad you came. If you take a look at our bulletin (which you're doing right now) you'll notice that we have a lot going on. We hope you can find some ministries or events that are interesting to you that you might be able to check out.

We're finishing our Back to School series today with a topic that can get a little messy. Temptations. Every human in the world struggles with temptations. And we're going to see today that even Jesus encountered a very trying time with temptations. It's a passage of scripture that we can look to for guidance, instruction, but most importantly, encouragement.

So, welcome to "school". Let's learn something!

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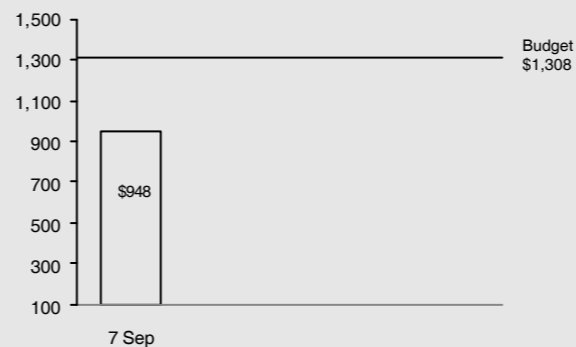
YEAR TO DATE (1 WEEK)

-27.52% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 1.308M
YTD Giving \$ 0.948M
YTD Variance \$ -0.360M

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015-AUG 2016

PAST 1 WEEK (Thousands HKD)



Weekly Budget 1,308
Weekly Giving 948
Weekly Variance -360

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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BACK TO SCHOOL

Temptations

September 13, 2015 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY **Baby Dedication**

It is our joy today to witness the dedication to the Lord of Alycia Yuen, born 10 August 2013 to parents Darius & Christie. We warmly welcome visiting family and friends (9.30am, 2/F).

SEPT 15 **Men's Fraternity Kick Off**

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/.

SEPT 16 **Women Ministries: The Village Kick Off On Wednesday**

Come for a night of wonderful worship, finding out about The Village, chatting with the stream leaders and meeting other women on the same journey, 7.30-9.30pm, 11/F, The Well. Visit: <https://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women/the-village/streams/> to register - this will help us plan and serve you better!

SEPT 19 **Prayer Retreat**

Desiring an extended time with God? Join fellow believers at a retreat house in Mui Wo, 9am-5pm (includes travel time). Limited space available so visit our 1/F Connect Counter and pay \$100 to register (lunch included). For details, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

SEPT 20 **November Cambodia Mission Trip Information Session**

Come and find out more if you have a burden for Cambodia or simply want to experience short term missions! 10/F Living Room, 2pm. Tentative travel dates: November 15-22, 2015.

SEPT 20 **GROW Discipleship Course (formerly known as 2:7)**

Interested to grow stronger as a disciple of Christ? Sign up for GROW and join us in this life-transformational journey. GROW Course starts September 20, 9.30am or 11.30am. Visit: www.islandecc.hk/classes/ for detail and registration.

SEPT 20 **What Happens In Vietnam...**

What happens in Vietnam stays in Vietnam, but for this rare opportunity, the Men's Vietnam mission team will give you an inside look at our recent trip! Find out who was given away in marriage, and the meaning behind nicknames like The Machine and Ladyfingers. 1.30-3.00pm, 10/F Auditorium (we'll have pizza for you!)

OCT 1-5 **Party and Bridal Dress Blowout Sale/Volunteers Needed**

For the first five days in October, thousands of party dresses and bridal gowns will be sold at slashed rates to raise funds for the Bold Faith Campaign. Volunteers are needed both leading up to the sale and during the sale. Please email boldfaith@islandecc.hk to sign up!

OCT 5 **Alpha Course Fall 2015**

The Alpha Course 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 for details.

OCT 16 & 17 **Fuse Singles Conference — "Start Tomorrow"**

Sometimes it's hard to get started on something. Life can be that way. We procrastinate even the big decisions. This year's Fuse Singles Conference will challenge us to START TOMORROW now! Get your early bird tickets. For more information, email youngadults@islandecc.hk.

Kids Club Fall Volunteer Recruitment

Kids Club is recruiting for our regular Sunday volunteers for the Fall Term starting October 2015. We need Small Group Leaders, Storytellers to Kids, Worship Leaders and Family Welcome Team. Contact us at kidsclub@islandecc.hk.



On The City

Staff Vacancies on the Marketplace

- **Children's Ministries positions** — to complete our ministry team preparing and leading the weekly Kids Club and other related events. A love for kids and relevant experience required .
- **Coordinator of Ministry Support** — to work as a member of our busy Ministry Support team in taking care of our facility and supporting our Sunday services etc. This is a full-time position.

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."

Mission Trip to Taiwan



September 13, 2015

Temptations

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry.

³And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

⁴But He answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple

⁶and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You,' and 'On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord Your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

⁹And he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord Your God and Him only shall You serve.'"

¹¹Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

Matthew 4:1-11