

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

**To be a fully functioning Biblical community, demonstrating the love, grace and truth of Christ in the local community and in the world.**

We will achieve this as we:

**Connect** with those inside the church and beyond

**Care** for one another

**Commit** to sharing Christ's love with others

**Contribute** to the life and mission of FBC

Everything in nature has a purpose from the ozone layer to our eyelashes. So it follows that we have been placed on earth for a purpose. The Bible tells us that God created us so that we might have a loving purposeful relationship with Him – a relationship that will last forever. God says: *"I know the plans I have for you. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."* Jeremiah 29:11.

Because we have rejected God and chosen to go our own way we have lost contact with God and our real purpose in life – and we have badly messed up. God loves us and sent His Son Jesus into the world to show us where we have gone wrong and to offer us forgiveness and reconciliation. He took the rap for our sins.

Today you can find your way back to God and discover the wonderful purpose and plan God has for you.

1. Ask God to forgive you for rejecting Him and His will.
2. Believe that Jesus, God's son died for your sins.
3. Ask Him to fill you with His Spirit and become a committed follower of Jesus.

## CHURCH PERSONNEL

Since 2002 our pastor Ross Woodhouse has believed God's call to pastoring in the local church is as strong as ever. Both Ross & his wife Karyn (a trained nurse & midwife) have a special interest in suicide prevention and bereavement and seeing the local community come to faith in Jesus.

Ross loves to see people operating and released into their area of gifting in the life of the church.

Ross enjoys cycling, sports, and reading and Karyn enjoys computer games, reading and crafts. They both enjoy camping in the summer, travel, spending time with friends and family and going out for coffee.

The church also has a team of Elders who prayerfully carry out the pastoral care of the church, a team of Deacons and a Church Administrator who look after the practical working of the church.

Other members of the congregation are involved in leading worship, music, sound, catering, small groups, administration, prayer, counselling, outreach, women's ministry, social events, property, etc.

**If you would like to contact us**, the church office is open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 12:00 pm.

Our office co-ordinator is available during that time at phone 855 5469, and can give you more information about our services or ministries.

If you are visiting Hamilton; new to town and looking for a place to belong and worship; or are wishing to explore the spiritual dimensions of life, we'd love to have you in our services. Whatever the reason, we want you to feel welcome, refreshed and relaxed as you spend time with us. If you need help at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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## WHO WE ARE:

We are a Baptist church associated with the Baptist Churches of NZ. The Fairfield Baptist church was planted on its present site in 1955.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- That the Bible is the inspired Word of God and our only guide for what we believe and how we live.
- That Jesus Christ is truly God and truly human.
- That Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty of all our sin.
- That a person is saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.
- That Membership in the Christian Church is for those who are truly born again by God's Spirit.
- The immersion of believers as the only scriptural form of water baptism.

## WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR:

We believe that our mission as a church (relying on God's Spirit), is to share the life changing message of Jesus with people and to help them become lifelong followers of Jesus. Everything we do as a church, needs to be measured against this purpose.

It is our prayer and desire to be a healthy, strong, and growing church. A place:

- Where everyone finds hope and answers.
- Where seekers are welcome and challenged.
- Where believers are encouraged to become 'Christ like' in everything they do.
- Where everyone has a role to fulfil in serving Jesus and others.
- From which believers go out into the community to influence unbelievers for Jesus through their lifestyle and testimony.

The church is made up of believers, and it is through the church that we serve Jesus, one another, and those who do not know Him. Jesus taught this by word and example.

## HOW WE INTEND TO ACHIEVE THIS:

**Prayer** must take priority both in receiving direction from the Lord and carrying it out. We believe that unless God is involved in what we are doing, we are wasting our time and unless we move ahead in prayerful dependence on God for direction, power and resources, nothing of any eternal value will be accomplished.

**Every person has a part to play!** Ephesians 4:11-13 makes it clear that the ministry of the church is carried out by the believers (saints) not by a select few. So it is our desire to see every person participating in the ministry God has called us to.

**Through the various FBC ministries:** Our prayer and desire is that every ministry and activity in the church should have as its primary purpose to help people come to Jesus and develop as lifelong followers of Jesus.

## MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH INCLUDE:

**Sunday morning service:** 10:00am for worship and Bible teaching relevant to the challenges of today's world. Messages are available on the church website at [www.fairfieldbaptist.co.nz](http://www.fairfieldbaptist.co.nz).

**Children's Church and Youth Bible Study** run concurrently with our service.

### Prayer:

- 9:00am each Sunday to pray for all aspects of our service & for new people/visitors.
- 7:00pm each Monday evening in the chapel to pray for the various aspects of the life of the church.

**Classic Service:** 5:00pm on 3rd Sunday of each month in the upstairs lounge for much loved hymns, a great message, and communion with shared finger food tea.

**Missionary Group (BMF):** Meets regularly to pray for, and promote interest in overseas missionary activities.

**Craft Group:** Regular outreach activity. For friendship, fellowship, learning & creating a range of different crafts.

**Indoor bowls:** An afternoon activity in the church hall for friendship and meeting new people. A great opportunity to bring others along.

**Woman2Woman:** A ministry to FBC women & beyond. Held 3-4 times a year with interesting & fun activities. Everyone welcome.

**Community Lunches:** Fortnightly during school terms—advertised locally & on noticeboard. This ministry is growing rapidly as folk from the community come along, enjoy a home cooked meal & fellowship with others. \$3 per person.

**ICONZ:** A programme in partnership with Boy's Brigade for boys aged 8-11 yrs and 11-14yrs. Meeting each Monday night from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the church hall during school terms.

**Social Youth Group:** Information about our social youth group available from the office.

**Blokes Ministry:** The "Finishing Well" Blokes ministry, meet together for brekkie at Rototuna McDonalds to chat, fellowship and pray together. 1st Saturday each month.

**Small Groups:** We have a number of small groups operating weekly for prayer, fellowship, and gathering around the word. Details of these are available in the church office.

**"The church is the Body of Christ and like a human body, every part is absolutely necessary for the health of that body."**

**"A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different but similar parts arranged and functioning together. The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part."**  
(1 Corinthians 12:14,26)