

Weekly News

8TH DECEMBER 2024



Connect, Care, Commit, Contribute

Fairfield Baptist Church

In unity be a fully functioning Biblical community, demonstrating the love, grace and truth of Christ, through our worship, walk and witness.

Connect with those inside the church and beyond

Do a random act of kindness this week (RAK)

Care for one another

Encourage someone in the church with a card, note or small gift

Commit to sharing Christ's love with others

Offer to pray or share your faith with someone not part of the church

Contribute to the life and mission of FBC

Serve God in a ministry this week

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THIS SUNDAY

Ross Woodhouse - Worship Fully
Luke 1:26-38

NEXT SUNDAY

Iunisi - Spend Less
Philippians 4:10-19

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Craft Group - Monday at 10am in the Youth Room.
The craft group will be finishing up for the year with a brunch on 16th December.

Monday Evening Prayer Meeting - 7pm in the Oasis room. The last meeting for the year will be on 16th December.

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9.15am in the Oasis room. The last meeting for the year will be on 17th December.

Cafe Connect - Tuesday at 9.45am - 11am in the cafe. Come along for tea/coffee and a chat. The last get together for the year will be on 17th December.



WORSHIP
FULLY

Some activities to help you Worship Fully:

Participate in Advent Devotionals or Advent Liturgies. [Advent devotionals](#)

Invite a friend over and see how they're doing. Listen well.

Have your kids read the Christmas story while setting up the nativity.

For one night, unplug from all technology and social media. In a world full of noise, be intentional about quiet time.

Turn the radio off in the car and spend 10 minutes thanking God for the ways He has blessed you.

Listen to the Advent Conspiracy playlist on Spotify. Let the lyrics settle into your heart

Let us consider how to stir
up one another to love
and good works
Hebrews 10:24

AGM AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

THURSDAY
12TH
DECEMBER



AGM at 6pm
followed by dinner at 6.40pm.
For catering purposes please register your
interest at the info desk
Ross and Karyn will be sharing some of
their experiences from
their time away on sabbatical



Come and join us in the cafe
for carol singing and a
Christmas morning tea on
Tuesday 17th December at
10am.

AGM Apologies

If you are a member and
unable to attend the AGM
please forward your apologies
to June
administrator@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz

Prayer Chain

All prayer chain requests
should be emailed to
office@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz



HELP!

Let the office
know if you can
help serve in our
church..



Peter Basel 10th
Ruby Palefau 13th



Giving at Fairfield Baptist Church

Online banking: 03-0306-0200267-00 Use your name as a reference
Donation Box in foyer at church
Online via website at <https://fairfieldbaptist.co.nz/giving/>

Fairfield Enderley Resilience Network invites you to

Christmas in the Park



When: 10am - 1pm
14th December
Where: Fairfield Park



REACH FAIRFIELD – Local Mission Plan

Thank you to those of you who did your prayer walk recently. Please feel free to continue doing this on a regular basis. Let me know if God shows or speaks something specific to you about your mapped area or persons you interact with.

From now on there will be a sign up board in the church office for you to tell us where you are keen to serve in our local mission activity. You can also send an email to Gaylene (Mission leader) or Gaylene (FBC Office) if you prefer.

Please choose as many options as you like from this list.

- 1 I am willing to go door knocking with a partner. Name your partner or take pot luck.
- 2 I am willing to meet a practical need eg: light gardening, window cleaning etc if a need is expressed.
- 3 I am willing to visit someone who is lonely and expresses that need.
- 4 I am willing to follow up someone with prayer and discipling if necessary
- 5 I am willing to give someone a ride to Sunday service if required.

MISSION FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER - THE HOPKINSON FAMILY

We are filled with gratitude as we share with you a special update from our daughter, Emily, about her recent mission trip to Fiji. Many of you generously supported this journey both financially and through your prayers, and we are delighted to share how it all went.

As you'll read in her own words below, this trip proved to be far more than just an overseas adventure with friends – it became a transformative experience that deepened her faith and opened her eyes to the joy of serving others. One of the results of the trip was that she has now joined the youth worship team at our church and intends to sing with them on a regular basis. With heartfelt thanks for your continued partnership in ministry, Katy, Ira, Lucy and Emily.



A Personal Update from Emily: My Journey in Fiji - Hello to everyone who prayed and supported me in going to Fiji! I want to tell you about my amazing Fiji trip! At the very beginning of the year when I signed up, I thought nothing of it - just a trip overseas with my friends. But once there, I realised my real purpose. Although it was fun, I wasn't just there to have fun; I was there to serve God. What touched my heart during the trip was seeing how hospitality and kindness played such a big role in the Fijian community and culture. We first stayed at a village for a few days, sleeping in their community area where they did all the cooking. The lovely village ladies cooked for us day and night, almost literally! They woke up at 5 am to cook us breakfast and continued cooking throughout the day until well past midnight. When we asked to help, they told us 'no' over and over again, until we realised that in their culture you just helped out without asking. Soon we were helping them cook and do the dishes every night. The smiles on their faces watching us make the same food with them was so nice to see, and even when we messed up a little bit, they were still so encouraging.

Later, when we moved to proper houses, the church we were helping cooked these wonderful dinners every night with many different courses, fruit, dessert, and drinks. I love how we were the ones supposed to be helping them, yet they did all these wonderful things for us. One challenge we faced was adapting to the different routines and making sure we were taking care of ourselves properly. We found that when we started cooking for ourselves, we weren't being supplied with enough nutritious food for the amount of manual labour we were doing. After discussing this with our teachers, they took us to the markets to find better food options, which helped us feel more energetic and healthy. God definitely was at work throughout the trip. At the beginning, many of us felt homesick and weren't feeling very willing to serve. But the more we served and worked with the Fijians, the happier we became and more grateful for the opportunity to help these people. We stopped thinking only of ourselves and our needs and instead thought of everyone else. This grew us closer as a team and helped us work well together. We soon saw how accomplishing things for others made us feel good and that serving others was fun, not boring. By the end of the trip, we all knew everyone so much better, and we still do. Now at school, we all say hi and wave to each other when we see them. I thought the trip hadn't changed me at all, but it did. I only saw how the trip had affected me after it was over. I now feel called to help others when people ask for it. I don't feel like complaining as much. Doing jobs for others fills me with joy knowing I can help them out. I also don't feel like I need to hide my faith - it's something I'm very proud of. Although before this trip I didn't hide it, I didn't necessarily show it off. Now when I meet new people, I always tell them I'm a Christian. I don't care if people judge me for it because I know those people aren't worth being friends with if they won't accept my faith. I feel so much more free knowing I am proud of my faith. I can't really say one thing about the trip that I enjoyed because almost everything was enjoyable, even when we were tired and sweaty painting houses, gardening and sanding and painting the church pews. The people there made it special - the Fijians, but mostly my team. It's been such a blessing to meet these kinds of people and become friends with them. They are people I know I will not be judged by and people who will always encourage me to grow in my faith. I couldn't have asked for better people because they really were just perfect.

If anyone is interested in baptism and/or membership, please see Ross.

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" Acts 2:38

Prayer is available after the service on Sunday. Please come to the front and one of the prayer team will be happy to pray with you.

PRAYER MEETINGS

The Monday night prayer meeting is on from 7pm to 8pm. The online option is also run in conjunction and the link is <https://meet.google.com/xyx-ioiw-iov>

Tuesday morning prayer meeting is held in the Oasis room at 9.15am.

