

Weekly News

13TH JULY 2025



fairfield baptist church

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

The Importance of being a Generous Church

In preparation please read 2 Corinthians 8 & 9

NEXT SUNDAY

Neville Stevenson

The Importance of being a Gospel-Sharing Church

BAPTISM

We have another baptism service booked in for 20th July. If anyone is thinking of baptism please see Ross as soon as possible.

Here is the link for last weeks sermon:
<https://fairfieldbaptist.co.nz/sermon-audio/?sermon=the-importance-of-being-a-praying-church>

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Craft Group: Monday at 10.00am in the Youth room

Community Lunch: Monday at 12.15pm. All welcome.

Cafe Connect: Tuesday from 10.00am - 11.00am in the cafe.

Bowls: Tuesday at 12.45pm in the hall.

Arotahi Prayer Group: Wednesday at 1pm in the cafe. All welcome.

SMALL GROUPS

Whether you are young or old , single or a couple we have the small group for you.

Our small groups are groups of a few people who get together regularly to support each other while they do a bible study, establish friendships and strengthen their faith in Jesus.

If you would like to join a small group please contact the office or Derek (our small group deacon)





July 24th

5.30pm

Fairfield Baptist Church

Questions about our church's Big Quiz?

Contact **Karyn** on **021 437 803** or **families@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz**

**Pizza and Quiz. Gather your team together – 4-6 people.
Pick a name and theme for your team and dress up (if you want to).
Come and have lots of fun.**

Register on our events page

Cost is \$5 per person.

<https://fairfieldbaptist.co.nz/events/>

You can also register as individuals and we
will put you in a team.

The Pham family are our Mission Focus for July

July prayer update



2025 has proved to be a very intense year so far as the Lighthouse Leadership Institute continues to grow and the framework of the Institute takes shape. Each month has been packed and there is just not enough hours in a day to achieve all we hope to do. It is so fulfilling to work with leaders from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos who share our passion to see the gospel go out to every corner of our region.

At the end of April, Anthony held a training co-operating with the Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia (EFC) from with 25 business leaders and church leaders. Half of the participants were businessmen and half were students of the on-going Lighthouse leadership training program. An experienced teacher from the Philippines taught about doing business with a Kingdom mindset, seeing entrepreneurship as a calling, learning Kingdom values for business and growing small and medium enterprises God's way. All the participants have a heart to reach the nation of Cambodia for God. Anthony shared his experience with the business community in Laos in how to support the ministry through business.

In July (9-13th) Anthony will attend the South East Asia Medical Missions Conference in Thailand called Reconciling Our Broken World. Anthony will lead a workshop group about mission and community development.

Lighthouse Institute Cambodia and Laos July

At the end of July, Anthony will travel to Cambodia with Bruce McDonald for a 3-day training. They will gather the Lighthouse students and teach on life and ministry, building a strong mission vision. Then they will travel on to Laos and meet a missions team that includes Malcolm Calder, Darren, and Susan Green, and two members Paul and John from Singapore. Anthony is organising two separate 3-day seminars: one track led by Bruce McDonald will learn how to build a missions vision. The other track is made up of pastors who will gather for the 2nd part of History Makers focusing on developing effective leaders.

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Prayer Chain

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



HELP!

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



Margaret Gillanders
16th



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/>

What is the Lighthouse Leadership Institute?

The Lighthouse Leadership Institute is an on-going training program that brings together pastors, church leaders and business people from the surrounding nations – Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos. Together with these leaders we are forming a missions network with a strong vision to reach the region. Lighthouse provides both a pathway for learning and also brings together missions partners to serve together.

Lighthouse Academy September

Anthony is launching a one month Lighthouse Intercultural Leadership course in Penang, gathering 15 students from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Myanmar, Nepal and Malaysia. The training will focus on leadership character, discipling nations and mission.

Kids Zone

John finished up school in June. He is a hardworking student and received a class award for Math and English. Paul and Daniel arrived back in Penang in May. It is so wonderful having all the family together playing board games and baking treats. Daniel is very excited that he got accepted as a Student Leader to be a Resident's Assistant like his big brother, which comes with a big scholarship. Paul will be a Resident's Assistant for the 3rd year in a row. John is loving having his big brothers back to spend time together.

Prayer Requests

Pray for Anthony and the advisory team as they make preparations to help organise training for leaders in the IEM church network that he co-founded in Vietnam 35 years ago.

Pray for Anthony as he teaches a weekly Zoom systematic theology class with 12 leaders from the Evangelical Fellowship Cambodia. Pray for the students as it is very challenging to complete assignments.

Pray for the family, that we would have a special time with the boys for the rest of the summer.

Pray for Paul, as he heads off first to go back to Arizona for a friend's wedding then has a two week vacation with a friend in Idaho before flying back to start back at Uni. in August.

Blessings Anthony, Dale and Boys

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.

The Monday night prayer meeting is held from 7pm to 8pm in the Oasis room.

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



Baptist World Congress	We'd really appreciate prayer for God's guidance, wisdom, and protection over all who are organising, speaking, and attending. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move powerfully during this global gathering – bringing unity among diverse cultures, renewing the hearts of believers, and equipping the global Baptist family to be a bold and compassionate witness for Christ in every nation.
P & D	Recently young Sean (now 1yr 7m old) started attending some parent & child sensory play, music and arts & crafts sessions at a little learning centre near our place. He has been getting into these sessions and really enjoying the experience. We plan for him to go a couple of times a week. It's been great to have a brand new point of connection to our community - and with the teachers, parents and other kids there. It is also a fantastic environment for Sean to pick up the local language. We appreciate your prayers for good times of learning and connecting as we attend these sessions.
Jo & Charlie (South Asia)	After a short break, 14 workmen are back to continue the renovations on the building we live in. Please pray for this process to be smooth and fast.
Brian & Gay (South Asia)	We're in Dhaka at the guest house, and over the next few days, all our furniture and equipment will be moved into our new home. Painting and cleaning are going well! Please pray for the safety of everyone moving heavy items—especially with the monsoon rains and three flights of stairs to navigate. We're so thankful for the many people helping and providing along the way.
Friday 11.7 Joyya	We're excited to be the merch partner for the upcoming 23rd Baptist World Conference! Every tote helps create meaningful, fairly paid work and opens doors to a brighter future. Pray these will bless those who carry these them and those whose lives are touched by their making.
Samuel Laldusaka (South Asia)	The family and I are doing well by God's grace, I have a had a busy weekend with church activities here in Bangalore. Please pray for good health and rest. Thank you!
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Iriiri Māori (Baptist Māori)	Over the weekend, I had the privilege of gathering with our Māori Baptist whānau. There was a strong sense of God's presence throughout the hui – guiding, healing, and stirring something deep within. We will share more from our time together in the coming weeks. Please pray that the Lord would continue to bless and strengthen our Māori Baptist whānau— may their voices continue to speak life into our wider communities. - Jazz