

Weekly News

20TH 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

Iunisi Katoa

The Importance of being a Gospel-Sharing Church
Baptism & Communion

NEXT SUNDAY

The Treaty and the Church (Pt 1)
Guest Speaker: Carl Pilkinton

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Craft Group: Monday at 10.00am in the Youth room

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

Bowls: Tuesday at 12.45pm in the hall.

Here is the link for last week's sermon

<https://fairfieldbaptist.co.nz/sermon-on-audio/?sermon=the-importance-of-being-a-generous-church-1>

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)



tearfund



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.

T 0800 800 777 E bigquiz@tearfund.org.nz 64C Stoddard Rd, Mt Roskill, Auckland, NZ tearfund.org.nz/bigquiz

Come along and join in this fun event.
Register on our events page or with Gaylene in the office.

<https://fairfieldbaptist.co.nz/events/>
You can also register as individuals and we will put you in a team.

Cost is \$5 per person for dinner plus a separate donation towards Tearfund.

Hamilton Combined Christian Food Bank

The latest newsletter for the Christian Foodbank is now on the noticeboard in the foyer. If this is a cause that is close to your heart then please have a read. Below, I have highlighted some needs they have at present.

WINTER FOOD DRIVE Come join us in our winter can-can!!! For the month of July top up our canned kai supply by donating items such as baked beans, tuna, corn, peas, corned beef, soup, lentils, beans, and coconut milk.

FREEZER HEROES We need a hero - actually about 30 heroes - could you be one? Haier 386L Vertical Freezer White \$1697 for storing our new frozen meals - we have a donation of \$185 to put towards this and if 30 heroes donate \$50 each we will be able to go ahead and buy the freezer

PACKAGING: Reusable Shopping Bags - Paper Bags - Newspaper - Egg cartons

NON FOOD ITEMS: supplies of nappies, hygiene items including sanitary products, cleaning supplies and pet food donated in our Christmas Appeal were fantastic and lasted well, and have now run out - our budget does not extend to buying these items .

If you would like to help out please contact them at office@hccfb.org.nz or phone 07 856 2520

Please note we will be doing our usual food drive towards the end of the year.

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.



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| World Hunger | <p>Welcome to this week's pānui. Today we turn our attention to those around the world who are facing hunger.</p> <p>Food insecurity is a massive global challenge. It is worsened by conflict, natural disasters, and economic instability. For many of our global people, their communities face the daily struggle of not having reliable access to sufficient, affordable, and nutritious food. Being food insecure affects every part of life—education, employment, relationships, and so much more. As we reflect, may we be moved to pray and to act—with justice and mercy—so that all people may have their needs met.</p> |
| Jo and Charlie (South Asia) | <p>We've just wrapped up a week of celebrations for a 4th birthday in the whānau we live with! Jo is putting together a robust spreadsheet and detailed timetables for the upcoming training block, coordinating over 400 students. Please keep her in your prayers.</p> |
| Mark | <p>Mark will be connecting with the NZ Baptist whānau here in New Zealand. Please pray for fruitful discussions and a productive, joyful time together.</p> |
| BWA | <p>Join us in praise for the Spirit's power that poured out on the more than 3,000 people from over 100 countries who United in Brisbane, Australia, and online last week. We give thanks for the ways God has already moved, and will continue to dwell within new friendships and wisdom shared.</p> |
| Brian and Gay | <p>Brian and Gay are settling into their new home. We're grateful for God's provision in making this space possible. Please pray that it will be a place of peace and hospitality.</p> |
| Joyya | <p>It's summer here in Kolkata, which means the season of the "aam," or as you may know them, the "mango." For many of us in Bengal, this season means skipping dinner in favor of mangoes! Please pray that despite the heat, the students will have the energy and concentration they need to learn and grow well during this season.</p> |
| Sudan | <p>We give thanks for the ways Sudanese leaders responded to the global pandemic and other challenges with the love of Christ, sharing faithful Gospel witness in their communities. Pray for strength, peace, and unity for Sudanese Baptists as they seek to serve Christ in the midst of persecution.</p> |