

Weekly News

14TH SEPTEMBER 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

Ephesians 2:11-18

NEXT SUNDAY

Peter Basel

Ephesians 2:19-22

Communion

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.

Ross is on study leave followed by annual leave until 6th October. If you have any queries or concerns during this time please contact one of the elders.

Baptism Service

5th October

If anyone is interested in baptism please contact the office

office@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz

We invite you take a look at a new song

WE ARE YOURS FOREVER

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3CD_Zssh0s

Small groups...



Can build healthy spiritual friendships.

Become a member today!



We would like to have a register of all those who have a first aid certificate so if this is you please contact the office

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NATIONAL LEADER RECOMMENDATION



After a robust recruitment process commencing in October 2024, the search committee, National Council, Mission Council (Arotahi), along with endorsement from Te Whāriki, are collectively pleased to present Chris Chamberlain as their recommendation for National Leader.

[Click here to read the full announcement of this news.](#)

Emergency grab bag checklist



- ✓ Comfortable backpack
- ✓ Water and snacks
- ✓ Emergency blanket
- ✓ Walking shoes
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Torch radio (battery/wind up)
- ✓ Face covering/mask
- ✓ Spare underwear
- ✓ Warm jacket
- ✓ Rain jacket or poncho
- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Medication and prescriptions
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Baby supplies
- ✓ Pet supplies
- ✓ Notebook and pen
- ✓ Copies of important documents
- ✓ Portable phone charger
- ✓ Hand sanitiser
- ✓ Hat/sun protection

Our staff team have been focusing on crisis management and emergency procedures lately and thought you may be interested in this checklist for your own personal emergency supplies.

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..



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Daniel Choi 20th
'Ala Latu 20th



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/>

AROTAHİ

Wanted - people to join the work in Bangladesh

This year is the 140th anniversary of NZBMS beginning. Next year it will be 140 years since Rosalie MacGeorge left Dunedin for what is now Bangladesh. Since then we have had Kiwis on the ground working alongside Bangladeshi Christian leaders for six generations. Now Brian and Gay are doing exactly the same, and next year a new couple will be joining them for 9 months – maybe longer.

The Bangladesh leadership are asking us for teachers, medical people, finance and admin people, pastors, and youth pastors from Baptist churches in Aotearoa to come and join them.

How about tapping some people on the shoulder and asking if they have considered a chapter in global work? People from your church with a heart for God's work, mature interpersonal skills, and a willingness to work as part of a team are the sort of people we need.



On Tuesday morning this week 500 people gathered together at the Claudelands Event Centre to pray and worship the Lord. It was great to see that 19 Churches booked tables and 31 different Churches were represented. The theme for the event was based on this verse:

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. - Ephesians 4:3 - NLT

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.

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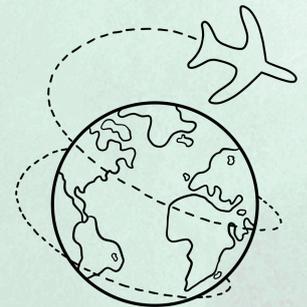


Mark and Faye Griffiths are our Mission Focus for September

A busy transition: We are now in that very busy time of getting organised to return to Niger and with all the different things we need to think of and also just the awareness that we're going to be saying our goodbyes. It's a funny time just enjoying where we are and yet realising that we're going to be leaving. As the time comes closer to going to Niger, we feel that sense of excitement rising and the call is rekindled.

Rekindling the call: John 3:16 is the iconic bedrock verse of our faith and yet it becomes a little commonplace. We've been thinking lately about how God was the first mission sender and he was also the first missionary. He reached out in a very profound and costly way to Himself. His call in our life is to continue to reach out to the world. He has done the work of reconciliation but we still need to tell them about it! All the "whosoever's" all over the world need to hear because if they don't hear they can't believe. So, once more, God is sending us and we appreciate your continued prayer as we go back once more to that particular little corner of God's field.

Our plans: So, August for us will involve some family holiday time. This will give us an opportunity for some quality time together and in some way to say our goodbyes. We have also set aside a few precious days for just the two of us to spend time with the Lord and seek to have a clear idea of how we are going to minister this time around in Niger. We will also be packing up our little flat and doing our final catch ups in Palmerston North before travelling through and catching up with friends and family in Hamilton and in Auckland. We plan to fly out of Auckland mid September.



Support: One of the things we need to put in place before we leave is ensuring that we have full support. Currently our support levels are at just over 89%. We are looking for an increase of \$750 each month. We would appreciate your prayer that this amount would come in before we leave.

Disciple A: Life has been a struggle for our friend lately. He misses his home and has yet to find a good fit where he is in Danja. He has wavered in his faith but is, at present, continuing. Please pray that he will stand firm in his faith.

Prayer and Praise:

- Pray for us in this busy transition time, we are not only doing many things but having to face some hard goodbyes.
- Pray that we could see 100 percent support come in before we leave for Niger.
- Pray that Disciple A would be so impacted by the love of God that he would never consider turning back.
- Pray for the peace and economy of Niger and for the ongoing open door for missionaries.

<p>Monday 8.9</p> <p>Brian & Gay (South East Asia)</p>	<p>Brian and Gay have been in Bangladesh for 6 months! Gay would love prayer for peace in the busy traffic, it makes travel stressful. Please also pray for the leaders they are working with, please pray for unity,</p>
<p>Tuesday 9.9</p> <p>P & D (South East Asia)</p>	<p>Please pray for the family—they will soon be moving to a new home. Pray for peace through many life changes, and also for God’s help as they work through the process of releasing their app for young people with special needs, especially as they wait on important trademark applications.</p>
<p>Wednesday 10.9</p> <p>Mark + Bangladesh</p>	<p>Bangladesh is facing a time of serious unrest, particularly in the universities, where violence and instability are affecting students and families. Please pray for peace, safety, and wise leadership to guide the nation toward reconciliation and healing. - Mark</p>
<p>Thursday 11.9</p> <p>Jo & Charlie (South Asia)</p>	<p>We have come back from holiday, visiting Charlie's family. It was a good holiday, and we were able to make lots of good memories. We are thankful we are able to visit them. We are looking forward to our org's global retreat in a month, and preparing for that. There are many pieces of the puzzle - pray they all come together well.</p>
<p>Friday 12.9</p> <p>Peter and Leonora</p>	<p>We are in the process of applying for our annual registration. Pray that we would have the extension that we need. That there won't be too many difficulties to overcome. Thank you for your prayers for our pastor friend following her accident. She is still recovering, but doing a bit better.</p>
<p>Saturday 13.9</p> <p>Joyya</p>	<p>Wohoo! We now have our very first women’s football team! It’s hard to believe it has been almost a year since we kicked off our Saturday football practice in one of our beloved communities. What began with just a handful of girls has grown into a dedicated squad of 10–14 players who show up week after week, eager to learn new skills and grow in confidence.</p> <p>Two of our communities came together for a friendly game filled with excitement, laughter, and genuine sportsmanship. We are so proud to see the transformation in our players, from having no knowledge of the game to playing with skill, strategy, and heart.</p>
<p>Sunday 14.9</p> <p>National Leader</p>	<p>"After a robust recruitment process commencing in October 2024, the search committee, National Council, Mission Council (Arotahi), along with endorsement from Te Whānaki, are collectively pleased to present Chris Chamberlain as their recommendation for National Leader." Please be praying for Chris and Julie—for wisdom, strength, and God’s guidance as they prepare for Chris to step into this role.</p>