

Weekly News

7TH 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

Ross Woodhouse
Ephesians 2:1-10
Communion

NEXT SUNDAY

Iunisi Katoa
Ephesians 2:11-18

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Craft Group: Monday at 10.00am in the Youth room.

Community Lunch: Monday at 12.15pm

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

Bowls: Tuesday at 12.45pm in the hall.

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

Small groups...



Can enrich your
understanding of God's word.

Become a member today!

Baptism Service

5th October

If anyone is interested in baptism
please contact Ross

ross@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz

TUES
9 SEPT 2025

Kirikiri-roa | Hamilton
PRAYER Breakfast

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

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
HAMILTON
NZ CHRISTIAN NETWORK
Kia mahi tahi, kia ora

Christianity EXPLORED



An outer reach Home Group for people interested in exploring the real meaning of Christianity. Bring a friend who is yet to become a Christian and journey with them as together we explore Marks Gospel.

Interested? Talk with Neville or Faye Stevenson.



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.

Emergency grab bag checklist



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

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

David Thetford 9th
Caroline Kells 10th
Chloe & Ben Meyer 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/>



TESOL as SERVICE 5th – 30th January 2026

See Eleanor or the noticeboard for more details

Aim

This course is designed to equip learners to use their theoretical knowledge of current ESOL teaching and assessment methodology, practical skills of lesson and classroom management, and knowledge of online resources for teaching specific groups and programmes, to teach ESOL in a culturally responsive manner to learners in community settings in both NZ and internationally.

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.

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.



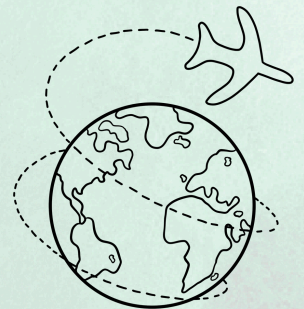


Mark and Faye Griffiths are our Mission Focus for September

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 1.9</p> <p>P & D (South East Asia)</p>	<p>We have been working through the 'difficult-but-important' parts of trying to release an App for young people with special needs in our particular context, with the aim of making it easy for people to access it. Currently we are working through registering trademarks for the app. Our application for one trademark has been in process since January, and may (or may not) move to the next step - we would love some focused prayer for this. There will be many more steps to come too - appreciate your prayer for this process.</p>
<p>Tuesday 2.9</p> <p>Priya</p>	<p>Priya encouraged us with these words: "I know that even if there is no water in the well currently, it is coming. It will come gushing in, and the rivers will overflow—not only for LCA but for everyone. When Jesus says, 'carry your cross and come,' we have to do that and seek Him, and He will be with us. I am optimistic—I know that God is at work." Please pray for Priya, her team, and their communities, and may her faith encourage you today as it did us.</p>
<p>Wednesday 3.9</p> <p>Persecution</p>	<p>It feels like the need for prayer is rising for many of the communities we are connected to around the world. In recent days, some of our global whānau have faced increased pressure and opposition—church gatherings disrupted, believers threatened, and security concerns heightened.</p> <p>Please join us in praying for those experiencing persecution, that they would know courage, protection, and peace. Please also pray for freedom to share the gospel and for the safety of local leaders and those serving alongside them 🧡🔥</p>
<p>Thursday 4.9</p> <p>CCTB</p>	<p>Pray for Richard Smith as he teaches Old Testament at the CCTB (September to October). He will also help in updating the TEE course books.</p>
<p>Friday 5.9</p> <p>Brian and Gay + Hostel Update</p>	<p>"The boys' hostel rebuild is progressing, financed by Arotahi and Rangiora Baptist, but slowed down by the monsoon rains. The boys are currently rooming together in a classroom in crowded conditions. The hostel should be completed before the end of the year. The photos below are of the new boys hostel waiting for some fine weather to pour the second floor, and The old hostel bunk beds in pretty sad condition."</p>
<p>Saturday 6.9</p> <p>Te Whāriki</p>	<p>Personally, it has been a gift to be guided by the wisdom and leadership of Te Whāriki (Māori Leadership) Please join me in praying that God's hand would anoint them as they walk boldly with vision, courage, and faith.</p>
<p>Sunday 7.9</p> <p>Global trip</p>	<p>This week a team will leave on an experience trip. Please pray they will capture the heart of our partners, gain insight into our shared work in India and Bangladesh, and return inspired to be advocates for what God is doing Globally.</p>