

Weekly News

12TH OCTOBER 2025



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

Neville Stevenson
Ephesians 3:1-13

NEXT SUNDAY

Ross Woodhouse
Ephesians 3:14-21
Communion

WHIRIA KIDS

This Sunday is Whiria Kids so parents please remind your children to wear their badges

A Gentle Reminder About Valuables

Following a recent incident of theft on church grounds, we kindly encourage everyone to remain mindful of their personal belongings during services and gatherings. While our community is built on trust and care, it's important to take simple precautions—such as keeping bags close and locking vehicles—to help ensure everyone's safety and peace of mind. Thank you for helping us maintain a secure and welcoming space for all.

**POWER
OUTAGES**



WEL Networks will be shutting off the power to the church premises for maintenance on Thursday 16th October from 8.30am to 3.30pm.
The office will be closed that day and you will receive your newsletter on Wednesday.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

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

Cafe Connect: Tuesday from 9.45am - 11.00am in the cafe.

Bowls: Tuesday at 12.45pm in the hall. The last bowls day for the year is on 21st October



MUSIC TEAM REHEARSAL

Thursday 16th October
at 7.00pm in the Chapel

A reminder that this is a full team practice.

Anyone wishing to join the group is most welcome.



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BUSINESS MEETING

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

There will be a 5 minute break
after the service if you need to
leave and there will be no
morning tea provided that day.



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**

Delphin Matalatala 15th
Ethan Thetford 17th



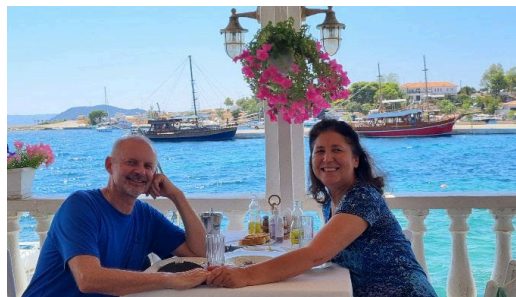
Giving at Fairfield Baptist Church

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/>

Ross and Roula Georgiou are our Mission focus for October



Capernwray International Staff Conference

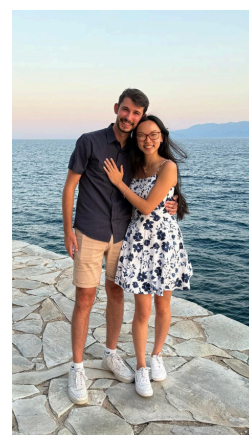
In mid-June, Ross and I attended the Capernwray International staff conference at Capernwray Hall in the UK; a beautiful place. Ross was busy with many leadership meetings and also got to know several national directors he hadn't met before. As I am not a Capernwray staff member, I had no responsibilities, and so I spent my time socializing !

I enjoyed spending time with the NZ delegation, catching up with old friends Theo and Sandra Goutsios, leaders of Capernwray Greece (Kingfisher) and meeting new people who are serving internationally. We shared about God's work in our lives, and prayed for each other.

Stephanos and Abby got engaged!

Our younger son, Stephanos, wanted to introduce Abby to the European side of the family, and they had planned to be in Greece at the same time as us. A few days after arriving in Greece, Stephanos proposed to Abby—and she said "yes!" We are delighted to welcome Abby into our family as Stephanos's fiancée. Her joyful spirit, love for Jesus, caring heart for Stephanos and others, and her beautiful nature are all wonderful qualities. The news was received with great joy by the big Greek family and by our New Zealand family, who already knew her.

A few days ago our immediate family and Abby's family celebrated their engagement with much love, gifts, and our blessing. God has heard our prayers and blessed our sons with Christian women who love Him. We are thankful!



Sports Ministry, Global Sports Chaplaincy and me...

I have worked in sports ministry with Ross for over 30 years, eight of those with GSCA. For most of that time I was Ross's PA, mentored athletes, coached chaplains, facilitated and hosted planning and training meetings, and more. Since we returned to New Zealand in 2022, I also served as the GSCA training facilitator.

In October 2024, the Chair of the Board informed me that structural changes were forthcoming. One change was to offer the GSCA training as a self-study course on an online platform instead of live Zoom sessions with teachers, which I had been facilitating. There was no online-only version of the GSCA Training back then. I was given permission to facilitate the GSCA training on Zoom one more year. I felt blessed to work with amazing international sports chaplaincy teachers who volunteered their time to teach people from around the world.

The online-only version of the GSCA training is almost ready now and will be available on the platform as early as January 2026. My role as training facilitator is therefore no longer needed, and I will not be taking on another role within GSCA. Though I am very sad to leave GSCA and my heart is heavy, I remember that God is sovereign also in this situation. GSCA is God's work, and I pray that He will continue to bless and use it for His glory.

Looking back at my time first with Athletes in Action, then Sports Chaplaincy New Zealand (logo changed since then), and finally with GSCA, I am deeply grateful to my husband Ross. He inspired me to become involved in sports ministry, to love sportspeople and sports chaplaincy. I am grateful to the many colleagues, teachers, international and local support staff, coaches, and mentor coaches who worked alongside me over the years. I also thank God for the relationships with athletes, chaplains, and training participants I have met over the years. I praise God for their passion to serve and for the work they do wherever He has placed them. It has been a privilege..

Where to from now?

I (Roula) will provide more details as things unfold, but here is a preview of what lies ahead: Tandem Ministries (Campus Crusade For Christ NZ).

Tandem Ministries is an interdenominational Christian ministry that seeks to help people reach their world (Workplace, Sports, Family, and Campus) with the good news of Jesus.

Ross and I have been on staff with Tandem Ministries for over 33 years. For half of these years, we were seconded to Sports Chaplaincy New Zealand and then to Global Sports Chaplaincy Association. In the last few weeks, it became increasingly clear to me that God wants me to serve once again with Tandem Ministries itself.

Justin O'Malley, our Tandem Ministries director, is happy to have me back on board, and we are working on defining my new role within Tandem Ministries. I will provide more details when Justin returns from his overseas trip. In essence, I am grateful for this opportunity to utilize the gifts, skills, and experiences God blessed me with, serving in multicultural settings.

I trust in our Lord's guidance for us and His work, and I praise Him for His love and faithfulness.

Exciting times are ahead! Thank you for supporting us in prayer. We really need it and appreciate it.

Thank you also for your continued financial support. Our account information for donations remains unchanged.

Please join us in Prayer:

We praise God for:

- the valuable time at the Capernwray International Staff Conference.
- the beautiful time we had with family in the UK and Greece and the few days of holidays we had there.
- Stephanos' and Abby's engagement, and the joy the news brought to our whole family.
- the confidence we have that all things work together for good for those who love God, and are called according to his purpose. Even the hardships and disappointments have a purpose.
- the knowledge that our future, our work, our families, and everything we care about is in His hands, and we can trust Him with all of that.
- the gift of new beginnings and being so warmly welcomed to serve once again directly in Tandem Ministries.
- His love and care for our parents and for providing good medical care and support in times of need.

Please pray with us:

- Pray for Ross and the Capernwray NZ staff, who will welcome the new group of international students next week. Pray that God may bless the teachers with wisdom as they teach God's Word, and for the young people to come with hearts seeking to know God better and love Him more deeply.
- Pray for the new season in my life, that I may continue to serve my Master wholeheartedly and be a blessing where He wants me to serve within Tandem Ministries.
- Pray for my heart to not look back and grieve for what I have given up but look positively and confidently into what God has for me in the future. I want to trust Him to help me do my job as well as I possibly can.
- Pray for the complete healing of my eye. I am still struggling, especially with computer tasks.
- Please pray for the health of our parents. Pray that they may be aware of their limitations and for God's complete healing.

Thank you for partnering with us in building God's Kingdom

<p>Monday 6.10</p> <p>P & D (South East Asia)</p>	<p>"Please pray for the a trademark application for the special needs-focused app we are developing. This has been in process for around 9 months, and it would be great to see it move forward."</p>
<p>Tuesday 7.10</p> <p>Peter & Leonora (South Asia)</p>	<p>"The good news is that the Living Hope community has expanded with church plants in two new areas. Two small buildings have now been constructed, and the hope is to bring education alongside the good news into these villages.</p> <p>We're excited about the potential for transformation.</p> <p>With the growth of the Basanti business and ongoing community development work, we would really appreciate your prayers for strength and protection over this important work."</p>
<p>Wednesday 8.10</p> <p>Loyal Workshop</p>	<p>Hand-stitched in Kolkata by women finding freedom through dignified work, this new backpack is the result of some hard Mahi! Joel shared, "This backpack took a year to develop and takes 19 hours to stitch each bag—it's a true labour of love."</p> <p>(And probably a few cups of cha.)</p> <p>Your support makes all the difference, it enables steady hands, consistent work, and long-term freedom for women who have come out of modern slavery. Every purchase helps create safe, meaningful employment, and that changes lives in real, lasting ways.</p>
<p>Thursday 9.10</p> <p>Richard + CCTB</p>	<p>Please pray for Richard as he teaches Old Testament theology to eight students at CCTB. Among them, three women plan to teach and disciple other women. Two senior pastors are seeking to improve their preaching skills, and two students from the Khasia and Tripura communities have a strong passion to train and equip their own people.</p>
<p>Friday 10.10</p> <p>Joyya Conference</p>	<p>As many travel to South Asia for the Joyya Conference, pray that God would reveal Himself through the beauty of South Asia and its people—especially to those visiting for the first time. There's a real need for leadership within the team—pray that this week might spark the right people to step in. Pray that the conference would bring fresh vision & clear direction!</p>
<p>Saturday 11.10</p> <p>LCA</p>	<p>"A highlight of this year was seeing one of the women get baptised—it's been such an encouragement, and we hope this will inspire other women to do the same and grow in their faith."</p>
<p>Sunday 12.10</p> <p>National Hui in Palmerston North</p>	<p>We're preparing for this year's National Hui and Mission night—please pray for smooth planning and meaningful preparations. Pray that many people will come and leave inspired by the stories of what God is doing around the world through our global community.</p>