

# Weekly News

19TH OCTOBER 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 3:14-21

## CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

### After the service today.

We encourage you to stay for the meeting but there will be a 5 minute break following the service should you wish to leave.

Agenda includes:

Membership transfers

Finances

Building renovation concept plans

All welcome.

## NEXT SUNDAY

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Communion

## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

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

**Community Lunch:** Monday at 12.15pm.

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

**Bowls:** Tuesday at 12.45pm in the hall. This will be the last bowls day for the year.

## 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.

## **New Song**

'We Are Yours Forever'

[Bing Videos](#)

## OFFICE

Gaylene will be on leave on Wednesday and Thursday this week so please contact June if you need help with anything.\_\_\_\_

# BB NEW ZEALAND BIBLE 2025 LAUNCH



## Help Make Hope Happen

BB New Zealand and Girls' Brigade New Zealand are partnering with The Bible Society to launch a bold campaign: to fund and print 3,000 Bibles to be distributed in 2026. Our target is NZD \$50,000 — that covers printing and helps ensure every young person in our movement has access to God's Word.

Will you join us?

Your gift helps place a Bible in a young person's hands and give them hope for the future.

BB New Zealand have committed to under writing the project, however we would welcome support with prayer, donations or help distributing the message of this project. You can download a poster to be circulated or printed and posted in your church, school or workplace. Download the poster here [Bible 2025 Poster](#) or forward this email with the one attached.

You can donate on the website at [BB New Zealand](#) or contact Ross Cochran for more details [ross@chartwellpanel.co.nz](mailto:ross@chartwellpanel.co.nz)



**FAITH,  
FOUNDATION,  
FUTURE**



### Prayer Chain

All prayer chain requests should be emailed to [rose@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz](mailto:rose@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz)



### HELP!

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

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Molly Thetford 20th  
Stuart Beachen 21  
Neville Stevenson 23rd



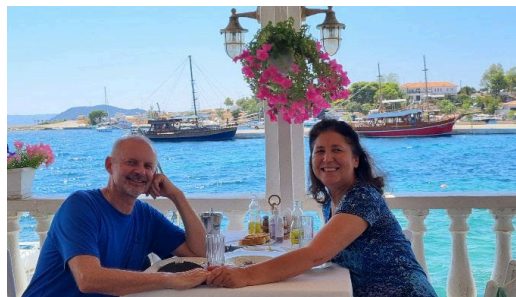
### Giving at Fairfield Baptist Church

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

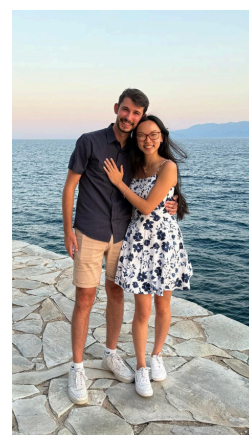
In mid-June, Ross and I attended the Capernwray International staff conference at Capernwray Hall in the UK; a beautiful place. Ross was busy with many leadership meetings and also got to know several national directors he hadn't met before. As I am not a Capernwray staff member, I had no responsibilities, 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>Tuesday 14.10</p> <p>Joy Brown</p>	<p>We were saddened to hear of the passing of Joy Brown on the 2nd of October at Tamahere Home. Joy, alongside her husband Ian, served faithfully in Bangladesh for many years, where she was deeply involved in community life, literacy work, and church ministry. Please pray for her family.</p>
<p>Wednesday 15.10</p> <p>Peter &amp; Leonora (South Asia)</p>	<p>Staff and students at Serampore College were delighted to welcome Peter back. He took on the task of editing a Souvenir featuring passionate writings on the pioneering work of the Serampore Missionaries. The booklet was released on Carey Day—a full day of celebrations. At the morning graveside gathering, Isaiah 54:2 was read in 43 languages &amp; students from across India and neighbouring countries, dressed in their national costumes, made the event especially vibrant.</p>
<p>Thursday 16.10</p> <p>P &amp; D</p>	<p>Please pray for our loose ends - remember us as we continue to tie up various loose ends with moving house. In our context, this involves registering with multiple local authorities, amongst other things.</p>
<p>Friday 17.10</p> <p>Pacific gathering</p>	<p>We warmly invite all who are connected to, or hold a deep love for our Pacific whānau to join us on Friday the 24th of Oct.</p> <p>This is a day to come together with others who hold a deep love for our Pacific whānau — to connect, share stories, and dream about what relationship &amp; collaboration could look like moving forward.</p> <p>Please pray a blessing over this gathering.</p>
<p>Saturday 18.10</p> <p>Jo &amp; Charlie (South Asia)</p>	<p>Please pray for signs of transformation in our communities. Please also pray for friends and community members who are sick, some with long term illnesses, pray for healing.</p>
<p>Sunday 19.10</p> <p>Being Baptist</p>	<p>On Sunday, I was grateful to spend time with the Whanganui Central Baptist community, celebrating "everything Baptist". October carries deep significance— it marks Whanganui Central's first church service, the formation of the Baptist Union, and Arotahi's 140th birthday! Sunday was a chance to remember that from the very beginning, Baptists were brave, God-fearing, and radical people 🧡🔥 - Jazz</p>