

Weekly News

8TH FEBRUARY 2026



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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

SEEKING GOD IN THE NEW YEAR

Serving with Intention

Prameeta Sami

Romans 12:1-2

NEXT SUNDAY

PRAYER AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Ross Woodhouse

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Craft Group: Monday at 10am in the Youth Room

Community Lunch: Monday at 12.15pm in the cafe.

Prayer Meeting: Monday at 7pm in the Oasis Room

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 9.15am in the Chapel.

Cafe Connect: Tuesday at 9.45am in the cafe.

Easter Camp

Earlybird Registrations are open for Easter Camp and close on 15th February.

Would you consider donating so our youth can attend this amazing event.

Bank details are:
03 0306 0200267 00

ref: ECamp or see lunisi for more details.

Community Lunch 2026

Monday Fortnightly at 12.15pm

Lunch Dates for Term 1

9th February
23rd February
9th March
23rd March

First one for Term 2
is
20th April



Part time work available

Approximately 10 hours per week, as a Care Assistant to Rebecca Marsh, during term time in 2026.

Rebecca will be starting at Eastwest College this year. She has mild cerebral palsy, and is reasonably independent, but is looking for support to assist her in her daily living activities while she is studying.

Please contact her on 0204-108-5859 or bexyboo.marsh@gmail.com for more information.

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday 6 March 2026 at 10:00AM at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton East.

You are invited to share a cup of tea or coffee with us prior to the service at 9:30AM in the Mary Bryant Commons adjacent to the church.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The builders have a small gap in their current schedule and will be making a start on demolishing the stage on Wednesday this week. This should take about a week and that area will be cordoned off. Before this happens we need to remove everything on the stage and find space to store the things we need to keep. If you have an empty shed or garage we would love to hear from you before Monday.

Contact Ross Cochran
ross.cochran@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz
or ph 021 271 0731.

TUESDAY SMALL GROUP

The Tuesday afternoon small group meets in the Youth Room every Tuesday at 2pm.

We are just finishing the current study of Jeremiah ch 1-6, and will be starting a new study on BIBLE PROPHECY next week. Anyone interested in joining this group at the beginning of this study please get in quick. (Contact Derek G on 0276770896)

Prayer Chain

All prayer chain requests should be emailed to office@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz



HELP!

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



Jenni Newport 9th
Sam Swami 9th
Anthony Beh 10th
Miles Ram 14th



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/>

Our Mission Focus for February is Ross and Roula Georgiou



PRAYER REQUESTS:

· Ross: In the coming days, the Capernwray Bible school would be filled once again with new students and returning ones from the last term. We are excited to see evidence of God's transforming work in their lives. Many come with heavy burdens and the hope to find peace with God and hope in the future. Others come with a deep desire to grow closer to God, get a deeper understanding of His Word, and find foundations for their lives and Christian ministry. Please pray for our students and also for our teaching staff and the leaders to share God's Truth in an impactful way and Christ-centred.

· Roula: Being part of the New Staff Training Team is very exciting. In February, I will start with the training of new missionaries and equipping them to serve in full-time ministry. Please pray for wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit and a good connection with the new staff.

· Ross and Roula: In September 2025, God gave Ross and me (Roula) the vision and then the opportunity to start organizing a Bible Study Tour "Following In Paul's Footsteps" in Greece. It is based on Paul's second missionary journey. Our vision was embraced by the Tandem Ministries Leadership and the Capernwray Board. Now the preparation work has been done, the registrations started coming in, and we pray that God would prepare the hearts of the participants. Please pray that they may come with anticipation to learn and grow in their understanding of the scripture, grow in their faith in God, and get inspired to follow even more closely the One and Only God. He has our lives and the history of the world in His powerful hand. Please pray for the right people to come.

PRAISES:

· Ross has ended the year with a great celebration of Capernwray students getting baptized at the end of the term. We praise God for everyone who decided to get baptized, showing that God is the One they want to love, obey, and follow. We praise God for His healing work in one young man's life, who had come to the school in a bad mental and emotional state due to horrific past experiences. He ended the year giving it all to God and experiencing deep freedom and peace. He decided to get baptized in the river, a symbol of all that darkness flowing away.

· Roula: I will also participate at the first Leadership and HR conference of Tandem Ministries. It is the first time in a very long time that I am part of a local team. I am very excited and thankful that God blessed me with a wonderful, God-loving team.

· Ross and Roula: We are extremely thankful for the opportunity we have been given to work together on the same project once again. We are grateful for the vision God gave us to organize the tour "Following in Paul's Footsteps" and His tremendous help for all the details to come together.

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.

<p>Sam & Jazz South Asia</p>	<p>On the 13th of January, Sam and Jasmine headed off to join the Bangladesh team. This is a huge step and a big prayer moment. Please pray for them as they settle into a new country, begin language learning, and find their rhythm in team and community life.</p>
<p>P & D</p>	<p>We are looking forward to the year ahead, with all the challenges and opportunities it will bring. With the coming of the new year, we also have some great news to share - this year our family will be expanding: a younger brother is on the way for our young Sean, due in May. Please keep D in your prayers as the pregnancy progresses, and remember us all as we look towards this new chapter as a family of four.</p>
<p>Joyya</p>	<p>It's winter in Kolkata. While everyone heads out for small picnics and day trips, elders are usually left behind. This month, we changed that. Elders are often overlooked, quietly carrying a lifetime of stories, resilience, and care, yet rarely being cared for in return. We can't always remove all of the struggles, but we can make sure there are moments of joy and relaxation in our lives.</p>
<p>Peter & Leonora (South Asia)</p>	<p>Last year closed at Serampore College with graduations and a vibrant Christmas programme. Students shared cultural expressions from across India, from bamboo stick dances to the joyful harmonies of the Carey choir. Christmas for us was spent in remote villages, where many are coming to a living and sincere faith. While this journey is not without challenges, the gospel continues to take root 🇮🇳🔥</p>
<p>Blanket Distribution in Bangladesh</p>	<p>This winter has been the coldest Bangladesh has experienced in 45 years. Through Khalishakhali Baptist Church in the Narail District, 300 blankets are being distributed across five locations to elderly and people with physical challenges. We see this as an expression of God's love and are grateful for the mahi of Bangladesh Baptist Aid.</p>
<p>NZ Baptist Leaders Trip</p>	<p>It was a privilege to travel with Chris Chamberlain (our new Baptist National Leader) and Paul Jones (Principal of Carey Baptist College) to see the places we work, the projects we're involved in, and the people we partner with in India and Bangladesh. Flight cancellations meant we didn't reach Tripura, but we still experienced a lot.</p> <p>Spending time in these global contexts—meeting leaders, global workers, and seeing their work firsthand—will help Chris and Paul as they step into their roles. Two weeks together also built trust and allowed us to talk about how we want to work together moving forward. Meeting our leaders was a real encouragement to those we visited, and in Bangladesh, leaders said it was the first visit from a NZ Baptist National Leader—a meaningful moment for strengthening connections.</p>
<p>Prayer for Aotearoa </p>	<p>Finally this week, please pray for our country, coming out of a season of flooding and loss. Pray for those affected, for first responders and communities offering support, and for comfort, resilience, and hope.</p>