

# Weekly News

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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**

### Small Group Series Week 1

Neville Stevenson

We are Known, Loved and Cared For

Romans 12:9-16

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

### Small Group Series Week 2

Ross Woodhouse

Devotion to One Another

Acts 2:42-47

## **NEW PEOPLE'S LUNCH TODAY**

If you are new to the church and haven't been to a lunch before then this is for you. Come and meet the leadership team and find out what we all do. Meet in the youth room at 12pm.

## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**Craft:** Monday at 10.00am in the youth room

**Cafe Connect:** Tuesday at 9.45am in the cafe.

**Bowls:** Tuesday at 12.45pm. All welcome

**LOVE** must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:9-13

We have a family in our midst who have been suffering with sickness and financial hardship over the last few months. We would like to put a care package together for them so if you would like to help with the financial aspect of this please put your contribution in the bank account this week.

A/c 03 0306 0200267 00 ref Care

## **CALLING ALL LADIES OVER 50**

Are you concerned about your balance, leg weakness, pelvic floor issues etc.

Come and join me in the upstairs lounge on Tuesdays at 10.30am and get stronger and fitter.

Gaylene B Ph: 027 213 2292

April Update:

**Always  
Something  
to Celebrate!**



# JOYYA

As the end of the winter season rapidly approaches, we are making the most of it by packing in outings and events, that are all the more enjoyable knowing the summer heat is coming.

For the last few years, we have had the boys annual football tournament (a crowd favourite that has even made the local TV news here) but this month's story on the inaugural girls' football tournament is one we take particular pride in. In communities where girls are often expected to stay close to home, care for siblings, and carry a greater share of household responsibilities, it was something special to see a bus full of these girls heading out to play. Watching them give it their all, laugh together on a Saturday afternoon, and proudly show off the skills they have been learning was pure joy.

Saturday 21 March saw 50 Joyya players, coaches, and supporters from our four communities head up to a rooftop astroturf for the inaugural Joyya girls' football competition.

A round robin of games decided who would make it through to the finals. The passion, dedication and enthusiasm were palpable and there were some legendary goals and saves along the way.



## Prayer Chain

All prayer chain requests should be emailed to Sue Frauenstein

[prayer@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz](mailto:prayer@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz)



## HELP!

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

*Happy Birthday*

No birthdays this week



## 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 April is the Hopkinson Family

The beginning of April heralds Easter, when we remember the amazing sacrifice of God in sending Jesus to us. He is the epitome of life and hope and there are many things to be thankful for.

**Ira** has a new role. He's now leading some of the software developers who were previously his peers. He works with the software product owner, his engineering manager, and the developer team to work out how to build the software and ensure the quality is good. He isn't coding as much as before but he is enjoying working with others and meeting the challenges.

At church, Ira is enjoying leading a group of Y13 (senior) boys on Wednesday nights when the youth group breaks into small groups after the main session. He is also a singer in one of our worship bands. Pray for wisdom as Ira leads both the software team and the youth group boys.

**Katy** has really enjoyed a change of pace over the last three months. She has been at a private language school in the Mount, teaching English as a Second Language to foreign students. She's had many interesting conversations, faced new challenges, and made new friends. This was a temporary summer job and now she's back to relieving at preschools, while searching for something more permanent. She invites your prayers about this.

**Silvia** is in her second year as a nurse at Auckland hospital in the renal and liver transplant ward. Work is challenging as there is a chronic shortage of healthcare workers in NZ.

**Jonathan** has just been promoted to department manager at McDonald's and is enjoying his new e-bike.

**Lucy** is in her second year of midwifery training and is flatting with the friends she made at her hostel last year. She's keeping up with her work and has her practical placement in a month.

**Emily** finished high school last year and is taking a gap year to work, make money, and figure out what's next. Please pray she'll find full-time work soon.

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>Thursday 2.4 Easter Camp</p>	<p>This week reminds us why we do youth ministry: walking with young people through the story of Jesus' love, sacrifice, and victory. We're so excited to gather, serve, and celebrate all that Easter represents.</p> <p>Please pray for young people across the country to encounter Jesus in a real and personal way this Easter.</p> <p>Pray that hearts would be open, faith would be strengthened, and that many would experience the hope, grace, and new life found in Him. Please also pray for our leaders and volunteers as they serve faithfully throughout the week. - Baptist Youth Ministries</p>
<p>Friday 3.4 Joyya</p>	<p>In many communities, once people cross 30, they hesitate to return to education. There is embarrassment, fear of judgment, and for women, the weight of "What will others say?" is even heavier. But Shobha di chose courage. She walked into the classroom with confidence, proving that learning has no age limit and carries no shame. -Joyya</p>
<p>Saturday 4.4 Brian &amp; Gay</p>	<p>"Noeline is a retired teacher and she is coming to help at the Chandpur Mission school for 4-5 months. She is a brave lady. Please pray for her, in case she doesn't realise how brave she is!!!</p>
<p>Sunday 5.4 LCA</p>	<p>New product alert at LCA! This week Priya, who leads LCA has asked for your creative help! "If you have an idea for a product, let me know, we would all love to create it with you!" Please pray for the team, and reply to this email with any ideas</p>
<p>Monday 6.4 P &amp; D</p>	<p>Recently P was able to meet up with a group of business owners from the international weekend meetup, to share stories about doing business in our context, and encourage each other in our work. Pray for this group of people, that we could continue to support each other, with technical knowledge, but also through friendship and sharing. Pray for the businesses we are involved with, that they would go well, and make a positive impact.</p>
<p>Tuesday 7.4 World Health Day</p>	<p>Tuesday the 7th April highlights the reality that where you live shapes your access to, and experience of healthcare. Arotahi supports student hostels throughout Bangladesh. Many of the students who live in these hostels come from rural areas where their access to healthcare would have been more limited. These hostels provide not only access to education, but nutritious food, health-care checkups and a stable environment for them to flourish. This gives the student a healthy foundation to grow from.</p>
<p>Wednesday 8.4 Opportunity</p>	<p>Experienced Pastor wanted for Associate Pastor position in International Christian Church Dhaka. If you have five or more years of pastoral experience and are seeking the chance to serve as Associate Pastor—with the potential to become Lead Pastor—at an international church where English is the shared language and congregants represent nearly 50 different nationalities, this could be the opportunity for you.</p>