

Weekly News

15TH MARCH 2026



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 6:10-20

NEXT SUNDAY

Neville Stevenson
Ephesians 6:21-24

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Craft Group: Monday at 10am in the Youth Room

Cafe Connect: Tuesday at 9.45am in the cafe.

HOPE PROJECT 2026

We need your help!

Are you available to help us deliver the latest Hope Project booklet in our neighbourhood? For all those who can help please be available after the service to watch the health and safety video and pick up your maps and booklets. Meet in the youth room at 11.45am sharp...we can not start until everyone is there!

Together

What if our churches were to do all of these things together?

Equipping everyone

Reaching everyone

Praying

Inviting everyone



29th March at 4.00pm

SUNDAY

Palm Sunday
Combined
Service

Dinner will follow the service so please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Bring a palm or punga leaf if you have one.

**Fairfield Baptist Church, 1101 Heaphy
Terrace, Hamilton**

We hope you will join us for the Palm Sunday service.

Please remember to bring a plate of finger food to share after the service.

We will be joined by some of the other churches who use our building as well as some of our neighbouring churches.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Please note that our church building is a Civil Defence outpost and there is now an emergency survival kit in a wheelie bin situated in the hall. Please do not remove this or open it unless an emergency is occurring.

We would encourage you all to have your own personal grab bag ready. You can access information on this from the HCC website.

<https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/guidance-training/consistent-messages/readiness/have-emergency-supplies>

Giving to the Church

Thank you to those in our church family who continue to give generously to the life, vision and mission of FBC. God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7)

A gentle reminder: the tax year ends on 31 March. Therefore, if you would like your offerings to be included in your 2025/26-year charitable giving receipt, please consider depositing them before that date. Thanks so much.

In the event you would like to set up an automatic payment for your giving, here are our bank account details - Westpac Bank (Hamilton), Fairfield Baptist Church General A/C 03 0306 0200267 00. For receipting purposes, please do remember to include your name.

As an alternative for your giving, we do have a locked box in the reception area where you can place any cash gifts you wish to make. In the event you choose to give this way, please place it in a named envelope so we are able to issue you with a giving receipt.

If you wish to give to other areas of ministry and mission in addition to your general offerings, please mark your offering clearly so we are able to honour your giving preferences.

We are continuing to seek donations/gifts towards our leaders and youth attending Easter Camp at Mystery Creek in early April. Iunisi spoke about this recently and thanked us for investing in our youth. We give thanks to the Lord for the donations we have received to date, however more funds are needed.

With the renovations to the church buildings starting soon your help with donations and fundraising is very much needed and appreciated. We appreciate your consideration toward giving and your prayers as we trust God for funds to serve our community and fulfil our vision and ministries.

Note: Church family, do remember that we can receive 1/3rd of our offerings back each year by completing the charitable tax rebate form provided by the Inland Revenue. You then have the option of re-gifting your rebate back to the church towards the building fund. I would encourage you to prayerfully consider this option.

Thank you once again for your generous giving to the life of our church. To God be the glory!

June Evans, Church Administrator

Prayer Chain

All prayer chain requests should be emailed to Sue Frauenstein

prayer@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz



HELP!

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



Ian Stratford 16th
Samina Johnson 16th
Sifiso Cousins 17th
Paul Oni 18th
Chrishma Swami 20th



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/>

PASTORAL VISITS

If anyone would like a pastoral visit please contact Ross - ross@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz

You are invited to our

NEW PEOPLE'S LUNCH

RSVP by 8th April
office@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz
or see Gaylene in the office
(for catering purposes)

12TH APRIL AT 12PM
in the youth room



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.

Grab an invitation and put it on your fridge and don't forget to RSVP.

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.

Our Mission Focus for March is the Pham Family



What is Education for Life? EFL is an effective 2-week training that teaches how to teach from a Biblical world view in order to advance the gospel in our region co-operating with YWAM. This year 4 trainers from our training team will teach in Laos in July/August. We are making plans for teaching EFL in Cambodia, Vietnam and 2 areas in Malaysia.

Lighthouse Training Cambodia

Anthony will head back to Cambodia early in March to teach the next round of Lighthouse Leadership training. Pray that as the pastors, and Christian leaders gather that God would encourage them mightily to move forward to bring the gospel to every corner of this nation.

Prayer and praise items

Pray for the Lighthouse leadership training in Vietnam. Pray that the pastors and Christian leaders participating will be united in their vision and purpose to reach the lost and impact communities for the Lord.

Pray for the EFL (Education for Life) teacher training, to spread out throughout South East Asia training teachers to go to different regions with a vision to reach the next generation of kids for the Lord.

Pray for the migrant workers who have returned to Vietnam. Last Sunday, Anthony gathered together a group of leaders that he worked closely with and trained when they were in Malaysia. Pray that the Lord would encourage them as they get established back in Vietnam and they would be a light to those around them. (Photo below)

We thank God that we had a wonderful family reunion in Vietnam in December. It was such a special occasion to spend time with so many of the family who were able to gather. We travelled all the way to Central Vietnam to Anthony's small hometown. From this tiny place God has raised up many men of God who have effectively preached the gospel in the nation. Today the church is gathering every week, but the local pastor shared that it was a hard ground to sow the gospel in. Pray that God would turn the hearts of the people to Himself, away from the lure of the temples and worship of the Goddess of the Land.

Pray for Daniel and Paul

We thank God that they had a wonderful Christmas with the family of one of Paul's friends in California. Pray for Daniel to cope with the upheaval of losing both his bosses, as they move to new placements at the end of the month. They are a very close knit team, as you can imagine, and are like a little family. We thank God that Paul got his driver's license in November. He has started his 4-month-long student teaching placement at a school just near the University and has had a good first 2 weeks teaching High school maths. Pray that like Samuel the boys will be learning to listen to God's voice 1 Samuel 3:8-9

Pray for John to continue to be a caring friend to the kids in his classes who have their share of struggles in High school. John loves band and drama. He auditioned for the next High school play and got a role that will be a good challenge in a surprisingly serious genre.

Rāpare (Thursday)	To support the work of the Student Hostel Sponsorship, we are looking for someone to fill the Sponsorship Support role. Please pray for this process.
Rāmere (Friday)	Renew Together 2026 is almost underway. This year we're gathering around 1 Corinthians 3:9–11, celebrating the foundation Jesus has laid and the invitation to build with Him. Please pray that RT26 would encourage and challenge faith communities.
Rāhoroi (Saturday)	Mission Council is gathering this weekend. It is a chance for them to reflect, to plan and to prioritise for the coming year. As they do this, they would love your prayers. Please pray for wisdom and clarity. May they sense God leading them.
Rātapu (Sunday)	Today is International Women's Day. Join with us as we pray for and commit to gender justice. Our global people and partners who are working to close this gap through education, advocacy, safe safes for girls, community development projects, and more.
Rāhina (Monday)	Ginny & Tsao are our partners in South Asia. They provide administration and accounts support for non-for-profit organisations. They are currently exploring the South Island as they celebrate their anniversary. Please pray for a relaxing and refreshing visit.
Rātu (Tuesday)	Arotahi Build is a bold new step towards lasting mission sustainability. By investing in social and affordable housing in New Zealand, we're creating a steady stream of income that continues to fund hostel projects. We would appreciate your prayers and support.
Rāapa (Wednesday)	In this season of Lent, please pray for peace for our world. May peace be present in our homes, neighbourhoods and to the ends of the earth.