

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

Neville Stevenson
Ephesians 6:21-24 (Conclusion)

NEXT SUNDAY 10am

Ross Woodhouse
John 12:12-19

NEXT SUNDAY 4PM

Palm Sunday Combined Service
See notice below.

GOOD FRIDAY - 9.30AM

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Craft Group: Monday at 10am in the Youth Room

Community Lunch: Monday at 12.15pm in the cafe

Cafe Connect: Tuesday at 9.45am in the cafe.

EASTER CAMP

We are looking for people to help with the setting up of Easter Camp at Mystery Creek on Saturday 28th March.

Start time is 9am and covered shoes are required. If you are available please register your interest with lunisi.

We are also looking for 2 more tents that will sleep 6 people. If you have one that you could lend us please contact the office.



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 encourage you to join us for the Palm Sunday service as this will be an amazing opportunity to meet others from our community.

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

Please remember to bring a plate of finger food to share after the service. We will congregate together in the cafe, youth room and garden area after the service for the shared meal.

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. Lunisi 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!

The end of year financial receipts will be emailed to you at the end of April. If you require a printed copy please contact June.

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/>

HOLY DAYS

I'm reaching out to see whether members of your church community might be interested in attending a discounted screening of the kiwi film HOLY DAYS as a group outing in and around Hamilton. We are currently coordinating discounted sessions with the local cinemas: Metro by Hoyts, Te Awa Hoyts, Tivoli Cinema Cambridge and Event Cinemas Chartwell.

If your group may be interested, we would be very happy to help facilitate a group booking and provide further details, including discounted ticket and food pricing and booking options.

HOLY DAYS is a warm, family-friendly film that is funny, heartfelt, and inspired by Christian themes — perfect for audiences looking for something uplifting and entertaining.

Synopsis: A lost boy in search of heaven, three eccentric nuns on a mission, and a car powered by God (and stolen money). This is a road trip like no other — a comedic near-tragedy that just keeps heading south. [Trailer: Holy Days Official Trailer](#)

IS THIS SOMETHING YOUR SMALL GROUP WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DOING TOGETHER?

If so, contact Gaylene in the office for booking details.



PASTORAL VISITS

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

INDOOR BOWLS

Bowls will be starting again after Easter on Tuesday 7th April at 12.45pm. If you haven't played before then come along and join in.

NEW PEOPLE'S LUNCH

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

Update



Lighthouse Training Cambodia

The next Lighthouse Leadership training in Cambodia has been moved towards the end of April as Anthony's partner in the training Paul Loh is undergoing cancer treatment.

Lighthouse Training Penang

In May, Anthony is organising a Lighthouse leadership training in Penang with 10 participants joining us from Vietnam. This is the 2nd round of training for these leaders, building on what they learned during the January training. We pray that the team will forge strong relationships with the pastors, leaders, and Christian businesspeople attending.

Education for Life

Our team of seven finished the complete Education for Life training at the end of February. For Dale teaching the EFL program has been an amazing new pathway forward that God has opened up to be trained to teach teachers. Co-teaching with Kris, an experienced YWAM teacher, has been such a dynamic partnership. I have loved every minute of our collaboration and teaching together. We have now formed a teacher training team with Kris as the leader for the South East Asia region.

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 very excited that Kris will be launching a short 2-day EFL in Cambodia early in April co-operating with a wonderful team of Cambodian leaders, Navy and Jessica.

Prayer Needs

Pray for the next round of Lighthouse leadership training coming up in Cambodia in the third week of April. Anthony has moved the training back a month as one of the trainers, Paul Loh from Singapore is currently undergoing treatment.

Pray that their plans for the training come together smoothly.

Pray for Paul Loh who is undergoing prostate cancer surgery, pray for a good recovery.

Pray for a one week Lighthouse training in May in Malaysia 17-24 with Christian leaders attending from Vietnam and Myanmar.

Pray that all the arrangements for the training to come together well.

Praise God that we completed the EFL (Education for Life) teacher training at the weekend. Seven pastors and teachers completed the training. Pray for our plans for this year to take the EFL training to different regions including Sabah, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and China.

Pray for Dale's procedure to remove skin cancer from her left ear, which is scheduled for this week on Wednesday. Pray that all the cancer is removed cleanly and the ear heals quickly.

Pray for Daniel and Paul

Daniel is nearly finished his Accounting course. He is a very focused, hard working student and consistently gets high marks on his tests. Daniel will graduate at the end of April and then fly home to Penang. Paul has 6 more weeks left of his student teaching placement in a high school. He is enjoying being in the classroom and is processing his application to stay on and teach.

Pray for John as he finishes up assignments and tests for the term.

<p>Student Hostel Sponsorship</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Renew Together</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Mission Council</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>International Women's Day</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Ginny & Tsao</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Arotahi Build</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Lent</p>	<p>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.</p>