



NextFairfield: Discerning God's Next Together

What is this about?

NextFairfield is our church-wide journey of listening to God and to one another, as we fix our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2) and discern His next steps for Fairfield Methodist Church. It is not about our own plans or timelines, but about seeking together what God is calling us to be — a disciple-making church that remains faithful today and ready for tomorrow.

Prayer Guide Introduction

Before you begin, we invite you to pause, pray, and listen. This survey is not just about sharing ideas, but about seeking God's heart together as a church.

Take a few quiet moments to still yourself before the Lord. You may want to:

- Read Hebrews 12:2: 'Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.'
- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart and ears to hear His leading.
- Pray: 'Lord, speak to me about Fairfield. Show me what You desire for your church, for your people, and for the generations to come.'
- Listen in silence, and note what God places on your heart — a word, verse, picture, thought, or burden.

Then, answer the following questions prayerfully. Your responses will be gathered to help our church listen to God together as one body.

Questions

1. What verse or word has God put on your heart for Fairfield this season?
2. Is there something God is asking you personally to do or pray for in Fairfield?
3. Where do you believe God wants to lead or grow Fairfield next?

Small Group Prayer & Listening Guide

Step 1: Center Ourselves (5 mins)

- Begin with prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide the time.
- Read Hebrews 12:1–2 (or any other verses you decide) aloud.
- Take 1–2 minutes of silence to still your hearts before the Lord.

Step 2: Listen to God Personally (10 mins)

- Invite each person to quietly reflect and pray: 'Lord, what is on Your heart for Fairfield in this season?'
- Encourage everyone to jot down what comes to mind.

Step 3: Share & Listen to One Another (20–30 mins)

- Go around and share what God has placed on your heart.
- As each person shares, the group listens without debate or correction.
- Use simple responses like: 'Thank you for sharing' or 'We receive that.'
- Pay attention to repeated themes, scriptures, or impressions.

Step 4: Respond to the Questions (15–20 mins)

- As a group, complete the questions together using the questions above.
- Leaders may also encourage individuals to submit their own responses.
- Please feel free to add on any other responses you may have that may not be related to the questions asked.

Step 5: Close in Prayer (5–10 mins)

- Thank God for speaking through His Word and His people.
- Pray for unity and clarity as Fairfield listens together.
- End with the Lord's Prayer.