

Fiji Festival 2018



The Fiji Festival, held October 12-21 at the Coral Coast Christian Centre, with the theme "Celebrating the Love and Goodness of the Triune God", was most enjoyable and successful.

In the opening message, Isei Colati encouraged the members to realise that whatever situations we go through in life, whether good or bad or ugly, all take place in the realm of the love and goodness of the Triune God.

We invited the Fiji Police Department for the afternoon session, themed "Youths of today are our leaders for tomorrow". The Police covered three topics badly affecting youth in Fiji: drugs, unwanted teenage pregnancies, and modern technology/social media. One solution they all pointed to is that the first responsibility is that of the parents, not teachers or police etc.

The second day focused especially on the youth, who led all aspects of the worship, including a message from Epeli Nakautoga encouraging the youth to build their lives on the Rock of Jesus Christ, and a testimony from Charissa Panuve on how she was able to see God's hands providing all her needs during her 5 years' study in China.



Isei Colati again encouraged the youth to remember now their Creator in the days of their youth, and Frank Boyd gave a sermon on loving the Triune God who first loved us.

Guest Speaker David Wong, drawing on his vast experience as a teacher and youth worker, shared many life experiences, and showed how God must be real to us. We must experience Him affecting our lives in

action not only in theory. He also gave a challenging message on "If you were a King", citing the example of King Rehoboam, whose decisions caused the nation of Israel to be divided.

David Wong also took a Men's Ministry session and a Youth Bible Study.

The ladies also had a Bible Study, conducted by Marilyn Wong, encouraging them on how they should know of God's amazing love, immerse it in their lives and be able to extend it in all their relationships.

Once again the members were divided into 4 groups to prepare the Festival meals.

A couple from Australia, Andrew and Debbie, brought Bibles and many gifts for the members, including t-shirts for all the children, and materials so they could do their own tying and dying.



The average daily attendance for the festival was 91 with the low at 77 and highest at 115 on the first day. The final service ended with communion led by Mr. Wong.

A family afternoon was organized by the Panuve and the Boyd Families. The theme of our last evening together was "Island Night" where all traditional foods were prepared and served, and some traditional items were performed by overseas and local members.

Also on a very special high note, we were able to baptize Euka, a young lady from Japan who is a very close friend of the Tora Family.

Festival planning for 2019 is already under way, once again at the Coral Coast Christian Camp, from 11-20 October. All are welcome!

