

**December 17, 2023 — December 23, 2023**



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**Sunday, December 17, Bible Through the Year: Joshua 19-21; Luke 18:1-17**

10:00 AM Worship Service

6:30 PM Young Adults Dinner & Discussion

**Monday, December 18, Bible Through the Year: Joshua 22-24; Luke 18:18-43**

6:30 PM Monday Night Discipleship Class (Choir Room or via Zoom)

**Tuesday, December 19, Bible Through the Year: Nehemiah 1-3; Luke 19:1-27**

10:00 AM Theology Reading Group

**Wednesday, December 20, Bible Through the Year: Nehemiah 4-6; Luke 19:28-48**

6:30 PM Wednesday Night Bible Study (Choir Room or via Zoom)

**Thursday, December 21, Bible Through the Year: Nehemiah 7-9; Luke 20:1-26**

**Friday, December 22, Bible Through the Year: Nehemiah 10-11; Luke 20:27-47**

**Saturday, December 23, Bible Through the Year: Nehemiah 12-13; Luke 21:1-19**

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Eve Service

**Sunday in-person Bible studies**

Median Adults class (Jennifer Watanabe leading) — 8:30 a.m. A206 room

Sunday School for Toddlers to 5th Grade — 8:30 a.m. Preschool room

Middle School & High School Sermon Discussion— 8:30 a.m. Youth room

**Sunday In-person/online Bible studies**

Interactive Adults Class (Eric Dissinger leading) - 8:30 a.m. Choir room

Mixed Adults Class (Pastor Matt leading)- 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

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# The Coming of the Savior



## Matthew 1:18-25

# Welcome!

Wai'alaie Baptist Church | Sunday, December 17, 2023

We believe our church should be a reflection of the love and glory of God that is given to us from God through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is our Savior and Lord, and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who unites as one body in Christ and empowers us to obey God and serve others.

The Mission of our church is:

**Fulfill the Great Commission** | Saving Souls: Making disciples in all nations bringing glory to God (Mt. 28:18-20)

**Obey the Greatest Commandment** | Walk in Love: To love God and to love all people (Mt. 22:37-40)

**Be United in the Spirit** | Change The World: Reveal that Jesus is the Son of God sent by the Father to be the Lord and Savior of the world. (Jn. 17:20-21)

## WELCOME, GUESTS!

Please connect with us by filling out a Welcome form located in the back of the pews. You may place it in the offering bowl or send it to our office. Our contact info is on the back of the bulletin.

## WELCOME TEAM

After the worship service, our welcome team serves refreshments in the foyer area. Please stay and get to know us.

## DEACON OF THE WEEK (Bill Like 808-392-3934)

The deacons assist the pastor in caring for the needs of our church family. Each of our members and regular attendees is included in a deacon family. If you would like to be assigned a deacon, please contact the church office.

## KIDS WORSHIP

Kids in grades 1-5 remain in service until they are excused just before the sermon to meet Kids Worship leaders at the back of the sanctuary. They will go downstairs for a Bible lesson and activities.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

There are no flowers for this week.

## Opportunities

**Shoe Donations**— Palolo Elementary School thanks you for your generous donations. Sylvia and others dropped off a truckload of shoes at the school this week.

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions** - Through the entire month of December.

**Lottie Moon Bake-off**- Thank you to those who donated baked goods and participated in the auction at last night's Christmas Fellowship to support mission efforts.

**Christmas Eve Service - Saturday, December 23, 2023 at 6 PM.** Please join us for worship and the Lord's Supper.

**Church Work Day: Saturday, December 30, 2023 at 9:00 AM.** See Bill for more information.

**Churchwide Mochi Pounding and Potluck Dinner January 6 at 5:00 PM**— We will once again pound in the new year as we make mochi at the church. We will also have a potluck dinner. If you have a New Year's tradition or activity to share, please contact Pastor Matt.

**Translation Ministry**— Please read our recent newsletter for more information about our translation ministry and ways to help. Please contact [pastormatt@waialaebaptist.com](mailto:pastormatt@waialaebaptist.com) if you are interested.

**Ways to Help with the Maui Relief Effort** - Please visit our homepage at [waialaebaptist.org](http://waialaebaptist.org) where you will find links to support the ongoing relief efforts.

**Gospel-Centered Discipleship on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.**— Join us for Phase 2 of our Monday Night study. Videos and handouts from past classes are available. For more information, please scan the QR code or contact Pastor John at [pastorjohn@waialaebaptist.com](mailto:pastorjohn@waialaebaptist.com).



**Growth Group**— If you are interested in joining a small group fellowship (Growth Group) or leading a small group fellowship, please contact Pastor John for more information.

## A Romans 12 Church

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

**Surrendered ♥ Discipling ♥ Humble ♥ Diverse ♥ Serving  
♥ Loving ♥ Fruitful ♥ Relational ♥ Good**

## Why We Listen to Sermons

**To know God who is Trinity more**

*Knowledge that leads to a greater love for the Father, Son, and Spirit, and a deeper worship of God*

**To know more about what God has done and is doing through Jesus**

*Knowledge that leads to a greater understanding of God's kingdom and His church*

**To know more about God's plan to use us**

*Knowledge that leads to a greater understanding of and commitment to do God's will*

**To know our sin and understand the power of God's grace in Christ**

*Knowledge that leads to repentance and a saving faith in Christ.*

**Truly listening to God's Word leads to a greater hunger to know more about God and His Word**

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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Call To Worship

*Joy Has Dawned*

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:39-56

Offering

*The First Noel*

The Coming of the Savior (Matthew 1:18-25)

Prayer & Response

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Dismissal

***Our mission is to fulfill the Great Commission and obey the Great Commandment all for the glory of God.***