

September 7 - September 13

Sunday, September 7, Bible Through the Year: Judges 1-3; John 2

8:30 AM Sunday Bible Studies (more info below)

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, September 8, Bible Through the Year: Judges 4-6; John 3:1-15

Tuesday, September 9, Bible Through the Year: Judges 7-8; John 3:16-36

Wednesday, September 10, Bible Through the Year: Judges 9-10; John 4:1-30

5:30 PM Children Activities (Fellowship Hall)

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

7:30 PM Wednesday Night Prayer

Thursday, September 11, Bible Through the Year: Judges 11-12; John 4:31-54

Friday, September 12, Bible Through the Year: Judges 13-15; John 5:1-24

Saturday, September 13, Bible Through the Year: Judges 16-18; John 5:25-47

9:30 AM Joy Cafe

Sunday in-person Bible studies

Mixed Adults Class (Jennifer Watanabe leading) – 8:30 a.m. Choir room

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

Sunday School for Toddlers to 5th grade – 8:30 a.m. Preschool Classrooms

Childcare for the babies – 8:30 a.m. Nursery

Sunday in-person/online Bible studies

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

Young Adults – Afternoon/evening. Contact Pastor Matt.

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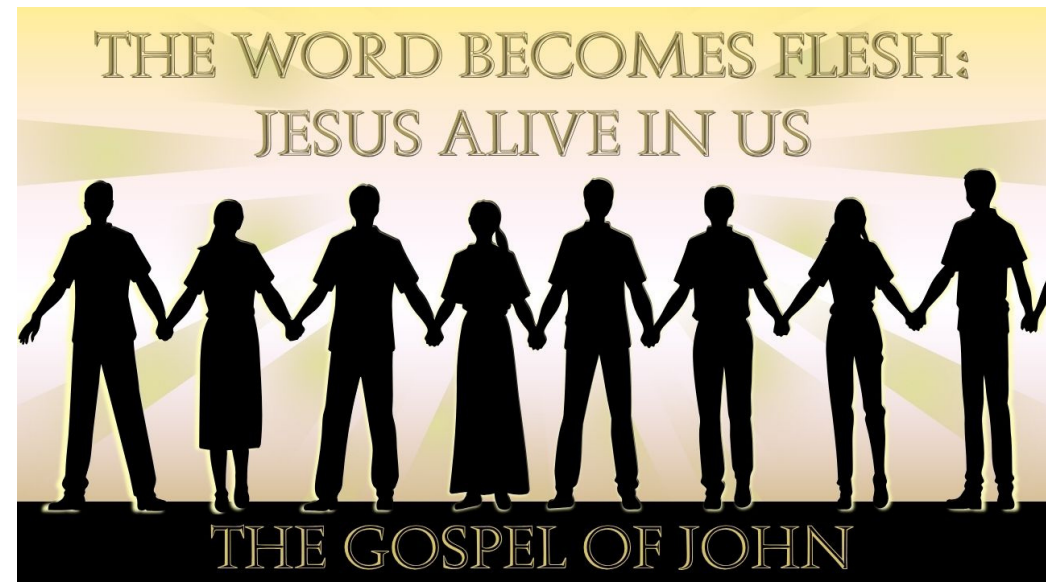
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September 7, 2025

Be a Witness of Jesus



John 3:22-36

Wai'alaie Baptist Church | Sunday, September 7, 2025

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 TO:

Fulfill the Great Commission | Share the gospel

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 fill out a welcome form located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering bowl. You may also fill out our online welcome form by scanning the QR code below. After the worship service, please join us for refreshments in the breezeway. We'd love to get to know you!



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

This week's flowers were donated in memory of our beloved Violet Kobayashi. Thank you!

Upcoming Events & Activities

Operation Christmas Child - Please help pay for Operation Christmas Child shipping costs and items for the boxes. Each box costs \$10 to send. Goal: \$1,500. We will match donations 1:1 with funds from the Missions & Ministry Designated Fund until September 30, 2025. For online giving, use the Missions and Ministry Fund and sub-fund: Operation Christmas Child. For checks, please write "OCC" in the note. For more info, please contact Wayne or Lola Shimogawa.

Sue Nishikawa Offering - The Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions exists to encourage and assist churches in their evangelistic outreach, assist in new kingdom work, establish missions awareness, develop missions training, and strengthen the church body and the work of the Hawaii Pacific Baptists. This year's church goal is \$3,000.

Keauhou Shelter Meal Prep - Sunday, September 14 at 3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. See Bill if you have any questions.

Joy Cafe - Potluck on Saturday, September 13 at 9:30 AM - "POUNDING" for JIMIN! It's a centuries old tradition to welcome new Pastors and their families. Some gifts we suggest bringing - a "pound" of flour, bacon, sugar, a bag of rice, paper towels, or laundry detergent. Grocery or Longs gift cards - you get the idea. All women welcome. Call Carol T @ 808-864-5442 or Char @ 520-404-3567 for details. P.S. No need wrap gifts.

World Religions & the Gospel - Guest speaker, Dean Sieberhagen, will be speaking on September 26 & 27. Lunch provided. Register at waialaebaptist.org/abwls/

Ongoing Opportunities

Children's Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Volunteers are needed to assist with activities and dinner setup/clean up. Contact info@waialaebaptist.com for more info.

Growth Group - Contact Pastor Matt before attending.

Wednesday Night Bible Study & Prayer - Choir room at 6:30 p.m. or online via Zoom, with online/Zoom Prayer at 7:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Matt or info@waialaebaptist.com for more info.

Young Adults - Sundays in the afternoon/evening. Contact Pastor Matt for details.

Help with Los Angeles fire relief efforts thru Send Relief - Visit <https://www.sendrelief.org/projects/los-angeles-fires> for info.

Help with the Maui Relief Effort - Visit waialaebaptist.org for resources.

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.

Surrender ▪ 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 greater hunger to know more about God and His Word

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Call To Worship

God So Loved

Welcome & Opening Prayer

All Creatures of Our God and King

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 4:8-16 (ESV)*

Offering & Prayers

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Be a Witness to Jesus, John 3:22-36

Christ Be Magnified

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Dismissal



The Word Becomes Flesh: Jesus Alive in Us



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Be a Witness of Jesus

John 3:22-36

I. A Witness Knows Their Role

1. John the Baptist had a very specific _____ in life—to prepare the way for Jesus.
2. Ministry is never about _____ ourselves; it's always about _____ Christ.
3. Like the friend of the bridegroom, our greatest _____ comes from seeing Jesus at the _____ of attention.

II. A Witness Testifies of the Truth

1. Jesus is the only one who can make us _____ again because He is from _____.
2. Our testimony is not just based on _____, but on the _____ Word of God.
3. As witnesses, we are called to live by a different set of _____ that reflects the _____ of Christ.

III. A Witness Calls for a Response

1. There are only two responses: we either _____ the truth or _____ it.
2. Eternal life is not just a future hope—it begins _____ through _____, _____, and to the Holy Spirit.
3. Our mission is to invite others to respond to Jesus with _____ and _____.