

August 30 - September 5

Sunday, August 30, Bible Through the Year: Psalm 129-131; 2 Corinthians 9

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

10:00 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM Missions Involvement Team Meeting

Monday, August 31, Bible Through the Year: Psalm 132-134; 2 Corinthians 10

Tuesday, September 1, Bible Through the Year: Psalm 135-146; 2 Cor 11:1-15

Wednesday, September 2, Bible Through the Year: Ps 137-139; 2 Cor. 11:16-33

5:30 PM Children & Youth Activity Night

6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, September 3, Bible Through the Year: Psalm 140-142; 2 Cor 12

Friday, September 4, Bible Through the Year: Psalm 143-145; 2 Corinthians 13

Saturday, September 5, Bible Through the Year: Psalm 146-147; John 1:1-28

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. Prayer 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 – Contact Pastor Phil.

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August 30, 2026

What is Life? The Search Begins

ECCLESIASTES

*FINDING MEANING IN A
MEANINGLESS WORLD*

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Welcome to Wai'alae Baptist Church!

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

Please check in your child in the foyer. Kids in grades 1–5 stay in service until they're dismissed before the sermon. They'll meet leaders at the back and go downstairs for their Bible lesson. Pick-up is downstairs at the door by the parking lot.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are donated Ann Kasashima in memory of her husband, George Kasashima. If you'd like to donate flowers, please see Nora Galacia. Thank you!

Upcoming Events & Activities

Missions Involvement Team Meeting - Today at 12 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Southern Baptist Disaster Relief efforts and needs, Operation Christmas Child, a fall outreach program, upcoming missions offerings, and continued support for missions to Haiti and Japan. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to stacy@waialaebaptist.com.

First Sunday Fellowship - Sunday, September 6 in the Fellowship Hall. Light snack provided. Contact the church office for more info.

Operations Christmas Child - Please help pay for Operation Christmas Child shipping costs and items for the boxes. Our goal is 200 boxes. Each box costs \$10 to send. We will match donations 1:1 with funds from the Missions & Ministry Designated Fund. 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.

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.

Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief - Visit www.hpbaptist.net/dr/ to donate.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief - Visit www.sendrelief.org to donate.

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

Great Things

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Shout to the Lord

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 12:9-21 (ESV)*

The Heart of Worship

What is Life? The Search Begins, Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Dismissal



**Ecclesiastes:
Finding Meaning in a Meaningless World**



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What is Life? The Search Begins

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

The Expectation

Introducing the Preacher

The Observation of the Cycles in Life

- The Earth Remains: You Don't (v.4)
- Endless Circuits (vv.5-6)
- Never Full, Never Satisfied (vv. 7-8)
- Nothing New Under the Sun (vv. 9-10)
- No Remembrance (v.11)

Our answer lies in the _____ of God, with a _____ who already came, who already rose, and who is already making everything you do for Him count _____.