

## September 6 - September 12

**Sunday, September 6**, Bible Through the Year: Psalm 148-150; John 1:29-51

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

10:00 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM First Sunday Fellowship

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

**\*Church office closed due to Labor Day.\***

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

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

5:30 PM Children & Youth Activity Night

6:30 PM Bible Study

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

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

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

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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September 6, 2026

# The Emptiness of Having It All

## ECCLESIASTES

*FINDING MEANING IN A  
MEANINGLESS WORLD*

## Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11

## 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 by Joy Cafe. If you'd like to donate flowers, please see Nora Galacia. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events & Activities

**First Sunday Fellowship** - Today in the Fellowship Hall. Light snack provided. Contact the church office for more info.

**Keauhou Shelter Meal Prep** - Sunday, September 13 at 3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. See Bill for more info.

**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 \$3500. Visit <https://www.hpbaptist.net/suenishikawa/> 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.

**Alec & Belle Waterhouse Lecture Series "The Church as a Culture of Care: Biblical Counseling Conference" with Dr. Jon Okinaga and Paula Higuchi** - September 25-26. Scan the QR code or visit [waialaebaptist.org/abwls/](http://waialaebaptist.org/abwls/) to sign up for FREE.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@waialaebaptist.com) for more info.

**Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief** - Visit [www.hpbaptist.net/dr/](http://www.hpbaptist.net/dr/) to donate.

**Southern Baptist Disaster Relief** - Visit [www.sendrelief.org](http://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**

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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Call To Worship

*I Believe (Hometown Edition)*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Come Thou Fount*

Scripture Reading: *Romans 5:1-8 (ESV)*

*Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

***The Emptiness of Having It All, Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11***

*Christ is Mine Forevermore*

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Dismissal



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



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

**The Emptiness of Having It All**

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11

Applying His Heart (1:12-13)

- In Hebrew thought, the heart means the whole \_\_\_\_\_, not just our feelings.
- Wisdom that starts and ends with “\_\_\_\_\_” will always conclude in the same place.

The Test of Wisdom (1:12-18)

The Test of Pleasure (2:1-3)

- Pleasure was never meant to be an \_\_\_\_\_ thing.
- When a good gift is asked to be the ultimate thing, it stops being enjoyment. It becomes an \_\_\_\_\_ wearing enjoyment's clothes.

The Test of Achievement and Wealth (2:4-8)

The Verdict (2:9-11)

- The question is not whether wisdom, pleasure, or achievement are good. The question is who's on the \_\_\_\_\_ while you're doing all of it.
- Who's going to sit on the throne of your life, is it you, or is it \_\_\_\_\_?